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The Catholic Courier & Journal publishes to-day the New Year's greetings of a number of its good friends—individuals and firms prominent in the public and business life of the city. We are grateful to them. Joining them, we extend to all our readers our best wishes for a Happy New Year—a year of many blessings, temporal and spiritual; a year of great activity, worth-while accomplishment and blessed contentment and happiness.

The United States Government has adopted this slogan for the New Year:

"Business is Good; Keep it Good."

It is a good slogan. It may not fit all cases, however. But if business is not good, let us help make it good. Let us boost, not lament; let us go ahead, not retreat; let us work for success, not cry out for failure. It is our hope that all our readers, all our friends, all our Advertisers, will have a successful year in every way, and that business will truly be good with them. The Catholic Courier & Journal will do everything in its power to help make business good for its Advertisers and other friends. May it be a good year, as well as a happy one, for all!

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By DR. FREDERIC FUNDER
(Vienna Correspondent, N.C.W.C.
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Vienna, Dec. 27.—News received here from private sources given an

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account of the profound, agonizing and deep humiliation caused among the Christian population of the Russian capital still faithful to their Faith by the act of vandalism recently committed by the Soviet authorities—the demolition of the venerable Iberian Chapel in Moscow.

The demolition of this sanctuary was one in the long series of similar acts of violence by means of which Bolshevism is persecuting Christianity. As the propaganda hitherto made by them has not been sufficient to oust the people from the churches, the churches are being demolished or given up to some other purpose calculated to deride their former sacred character.

The Chapel of the Iberian Madonna was an annex to the Iberian monastery which is in the vicinity of the Kremlin. When the inhabitants of the city recently awoke in the morning they found the gates of the monastery closed and laborers razing the historic chapel.

Image of Mary Removed
The image of Mary, venerated by the people as miraculous, had been removed, together with all its jeweled ornaments. An age-old tradition of the Russian Christian Church, and the age-old veneration of the people, were closely connected with that image.

According to tradition the image was brought to the Russian capital by a monk from Mount Athos in Greece at the time of the invasion of Russia by the Tartars. Dimitri Donskoi, the heroic leader in the defensive battles with the Tartars, carrying the statue in his arms, took it before his disheartened warriors, encouraged them to confidence in the help of the Mother of God, and went to battle carrying the picture along in solemn procession. He succeeded in crushing, in six consecutive battles, the far superior forces of the Tartars, saving Moscow from capture and driving the Tartars back to the borders of Asia.

Picture Greatly Venerated
Ever since that time the picture has enjoyed great veneration on the part of the Russian people. When war menaced the Russian Empire or on other great occasions the picture was used to repair to the chapel of the Iberian Madonna to pray for help, or to give thanks. Also during Bolshevist rule the image was the destination of many pilgrims, who found there consolation and strength in deep and devotional prayer. At whatever hour of the day one might have entered the beautifully decorated sanctuary, always that shrine, from the blue dome of which stars of pure gold sent glittering rays, was found filled with many devotees, among them many laborers. It was obvious that in this image centered the old Christian tradition of the peo-

ple of Moscow and for this very reason the chapel was doomed to destruction and demolition. The image of the Holy Virgin, deprived of its splendid surroundings was removed to the crypt in the chapel of St. Nicholas, a small room difficult of access.

Hospital Prayer
Indulgence Given
By Pope Pius XI.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Wide circulation is expected to be given next year to the Hospital Prayer, composed by the Rev. E. F. Garascho, S.J., General Spiritual Director of the International Catholic Federation of Nurses. To which Pope Pius XI, by a special Brief, has given special indulgences. The text of the prayer follows:
"Lord Jesus Christ, Who, in Thy tender pity dost delight to heal the bodies and the souls of men, pour down upon us all this day, through the intercession of Thy Immaculate and Virgin Mother, and of all the Saints, Thy efficacious grace and blessing. Have mercy, Lord, upon us all within these walls, pardon our sins, inflame us with love for Thee, grant that our every act and thought may be for Thy sake, and so supply for our unskillfulness and weakness, that all our ministrations may be for the speedy healing of the bodies and for the saving and sanctifying of the souls of those committed to our care. Deliver, O Most Merciful Saviour, the souls of all who have died in this hospital, from the flames of Purgatory. Give patience to our sick and help the dying. Grant that all our works and sufferings may be all for Thee, that having served Thee faithfully on earth we may partake together of Thy rewards of everlasting joy. Who livest and reignest one with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end, Amen."

This is the official text of the prayer as given in the Papal Brief. The Holy Father grants an indulgence of 300 days each time it is said by one of the members, and a Plenary Indulgence if said each day for a month.

Jesuit Assails
Anglican Critics
Or Irish People

London, Dec. 27.—Father Martindale, S.J., labelled Bishop Barnes, Dean Inge and Dr. Doudge as "an ill-assorted trio" when he commented on Dr. Barnes' attack on Irish immigration into Great Britain. Bishop Barnes declared at the Anglican Evangelical Congress, held in his diocese, that he viewed "with something like dismay the influence of the Roman Catholic Church in Southern Ireland, Italy and Poland. We cannot in Great Britain definitely bear the burden of Southern Ireland immigration."

He went on to say that if the spirit of a nation died out the body was not likely to survive. "Once you make bodies into gods, you engineer a quicker and more pestilential corruption than by any other method."

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