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Patriotic Talk By Bishop

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What is Patriotism?
Now, what is patriotism and how
does it express itself?

"Patriotism is love of country and
loyalty to its best ideals and tradi-
tions. It is a love as tender and
strong as the affection of child for
mother. It is a loyalty so generous
and disinterested that it shrinks
from no sacrifice in the cause of the
Fatherland, while it seeks no reward
for itself but the country's triumph.

Its Supreme Value

"The human race has always paid
homage to patriotism because of its
supreme value, for the value of patri-
otism to a people is indeed above
that of gold or precious stones, above
commerce or industry, above arsenals
or warships. In every truth, patri-
otism is the vital spark of a nation's
honor, the living fount of the nation's
prosperity, and the strongest
fortress of a nation's safety. We
pay homage to it because of its su-
preme loveliness, its supreme beauty,
which is among all earth's possessions,
the most beautiful—our country,
and its flower express the purest
and noblest sentiments of the hu-
man heart. The sentiments of patri-
otism are innate to man, and an
absence of it would be a perva-
sion of human nature.

America the Crowning Effort

"And so we firmly believe that
America, rising into the family of
nations in this latest century, marks
the highest crest in the waves of hu-
man evolution, the crowning effort
of the ages in the political and social
philosophy of man. Slowly and
laboriously, amid suffering and trial,
humanity had been reaching out
towards a reign of the rights of man
until the Fathers of this Republic
declared: 'That all men are created
equal; that they are endowed by
their Creator with certain inalienable
rights; and among these are Life,
Liberty and the Pursuit of Happi-
ness. For 1800 years the civiliz-
ed world did not put its civil and
political institutions into accord with
its spiritual faith. It is true that the
teaching of the great Aristotle, that
Nature intended some men to be
slaves and chattels, was forever
abolished by the sweet religion of Jesus
Christ, who proclaimed the univers-
al brotherhood of all men. But all
during these centuries the Church
was leaving human society and patri-
otically waiting the blessings of
democratization. It came at last when
America was born. It came in a
first manifestation of the Declaration
of Independence, and again in a
second great epoch through the Eman-
cipation Proclamation of Abraham
Lincoln. And so this divine gift of
liberty which which America's
blessed is God's recognition of man's
greatness and man's dignity. For
in liberty alone lie the sweetness of
life and the power of growth. Nor
is the God-given mission of this re-
public confined to its own people. It
must needs extend its blessings to
all the peoples of the earth to whom
it is the symbol of human rights, of
human liberty, and whose Star-Span-
gled Banner, wherever it waves,
awakens the hopes and aspirations
of human happiness.

Duty of Patriotism

"Now, the duty of patriotism in a
country like this is a duty of justice
and gratitude. How proud we
should be to repeat what Paul of
Tarsus said of old when challenged
by the Jews: 'Civis Romanus Sum'—
'I am a Roman citizen.' How much
more significant throughout the
world today is the privilege of ut-
tering: 'Civis Americanus Sum'—
'I am an American citizen.

The Test of Patriotism

"Nowadays the test of patriotism
in its highest pitch is effected only
through supreme emergencies, and if
it remains dormant for too long a
time it loses its strength and
power. The history of our coun-
try in its supreme emergencies have
been the people of America, and
that manhood was not
lost in times as well as
today.

Loses License to Teach
For Refusal to Hire Teacher
Because She Was a Catholic

Albany, N. Y., May 2.—William J.
Hoffman, principal of the public high
school at Hartman, Orange County,
N. Y., has had his license as a teach-
er revoked by Frank P. Graves,
State Commissioner of Education,
because he refused to employ Miss
Anna Mulholland of Plattsburg, N.
Y., as a teacher because she was a
Catholic, and writes her to that effect
over his signature.

Not only is his license revoked,
but he is denounced in Commissioner
Graves' decision as having no
"adequate comprehension of the
fundamentals of our system of Govern-
ment, which guarantees to our
citizens the free exercise of religious
beliefs" and as being "wholly unfit
to teach the principles of democracy
to the youth of this State."

Start of the Trouble

Miss Mulholland writes to Princi-
pal Hoffman, calling attention to her
position in the high school of which
he was the head. He replied to
her application as follows:
"You did not answer one of my
questions satisfactorily. I was anx-
ious to know whether or not you
were a Protestant or a Catholic. If
you belong to the Protestant reli-
gion, report immediately and send me
a wire letting me know when you
will arrive so that I can make ar-
rangements accordingly. If you are
a Catholic, please wire at my ex-
pense. A contract will be awarded
to you upon your arrival under the
conditions only. I will try and find
a place for you and you can look it
over and decide whether or not it
will be satisfactory."

Miss Mulholland in her reply by
wire and letter told him she was a
Catholic and asked him not to bar
her from employment on that score.
Mr. Hoffman replied as follows:
"Received your telegram and let-
ter and was very sorry that my

that a free people like our American
people can always be relied upon to
defend their country. I have faith in
the powers of our loyal heart of
America, which shines as a star in
which sooner or later it is wrong,
and crushes out evil. But it is not
too much to say that the safety of
the Republic lies in the vigilant and
active patriotism of the American
people. And so with reason, does
our patriotism take alarm at the spread
of evil and seem to be afraid in
our country today. Materialism and
indifference to or denial of a Living
God destroy conscience, sow broad-
cast the seeds of moral death and
spell fatally to liberty and social or-
der. I firmly believe that a people
without belief in God and in a future
life will not long remain free. For
its own protection, the age of democ-
racy should be an age of religion.
For if law be not sacred, free govern-
ment will not endure. Laws
may always be repealed by constitu-
tional means, but while they remain
in force on the statute books of the
land they should and they must be
observed.

In Days of Peace

"And who shall say there is no
work of patriotism in these days of
peace? The evils against which it
has to contend in days of peace are
often more stealthy and more deep-
ly than in time of war. So much
so that we can easily believe that a
patriotism inimicable in war may go
down to the very last in the luxuries
and somnolence of prolonged peace.
" Hence, right here is where the
Knights of Columbus have a great
and mighty work to do to serve their
country in time of peace as they
served it so well in time of war. To
you men of America—many of you
patriots of the Order—does this
Republic look for patriotism and
know that I can bespeak your senti-
ments tonight when to that call of
the nation I answer back: 'America,
we are here! We speak for the
best type of citizenship, for the ver-
ginal soldiers, for all thy sons,
our patriotic men, that have
our noblest Siph of State, our glorious
country, sail thou on through storms
and tempests undaunted, unconquer-
ed, imperishable. Within thy bul-
wark the fair Goddess of Liberty is
enthroned, holding high in her hand
the lighted torch of liberty and the
hopes of humanity. Guard this well
for liberty's sake, have faith and al-
legiance in the God of nations and
then ever guided by Heaven's polar
star, thou wilt still be immortal, im-
perishable. America, Land of Lib-
erty, the home of freedom, we salute
thee!"

Martin H. Carmody

Martin H. Carmody, Supreme
Knight of the Order, was the last
speaker. He received a typical
Rochester greeting, fine and inspir-
ing. His talk was a spreading out
of the pages of fraternalism enriched
by the ideals of the Knights of Co-
lumbus and glorified by the splendid
civil, chaste and patriotic work
of the Order. He paid a sincere
tribute to the Columbus Civic Cen-
ter.
"I have visited a great many frat-
ernal buildings all over the world,"
he said, "but never a building as
complete as this so splendidly equip-
ped, so well designed, and so suitable
not only for Knights but for every-
body, men, women and children. It
is a great work you are doing here,
and the entire community should be
proud of you and helpful to you."

Mr. Carmody told how Catholic

champions of liberty and humanity
stood out at Bunnymede, and how
the Church fostered education, and
built churches, schools and colleges
in America long before the Harvard
University was established, and long
before any other schools were built
in this land. He told how the
Catholic people of America fought
for liberty, died for it and helped
safeguard it in every way, and he
made a plea to the members to live
up to the ideals of their Church and
their order its giving service to their
country and their God.
"God prosper America," he said in
conclusion.
It was a fine talk, and a fine end-
ing to a wonderful event.

Auxiliary Plans
Card Party For
Evening May 8th

Auxiliary No. 123 of the Knights
of St. John will hold a progressive
card party at their meeting rooms
at St. Joseph's Hall, Franklin St.,
on Thursday evening, May 8th, at 8
P. M. Pinoche, bridge, five bun-
dred and pedro will be played.
There will be pretty prizes and a
good lunch served. Everybody is
invited to come. The following will
serve on the committee: Mrs. M.
Williams, chairman, assisted by Mrs.
T. Vogler, Mrs. K. Rogers and Mrs.
M. McKown.

It is prescribed under Section 81
of the Regents' Rules, which reads
as follows:
"School authorities empowered
to employ teachers in the public
schools shall not prescribe a condi-
tion of employment that such
teachers shall or shall not belong
to a specified religious denomination
or political party, or shall not
have any specified religious belief,
creed or political affiliation. If
it be determined by Commissioner
in proceedings duly brought
before him, that a board of educa-
tion, board of trustees or trustee
of a city or school district or a
committee or officer of such board,
has violated this rule, the Commis-
sioner shall withhold the whole
or part of the public money next
payable to such city or district."

Board is Exonerated

"However, there is no evidence be-
fore me connecting the board with
the respondent's acts, but, on the
contrary, the respondent's testimony
is to the effect that he wrote the
foregoing letter without the knowl-
edge of the board and without its
authority. The respondent cannot be
permitted to escape the necessary
consequences of his act. I am at
ways loath to revoke a teacher's
license, but the respondent's conduct
in this case was such as to consti-
tute ample cause for revocation un-
der Section 94 of the Education
Law.

Ignorant of American Principles

"This brief statement of facts
shows, in my opinion, that when the
respondent wrote these letters he
had no adequate comprehension of
the fundamentals of our system of
government which guarantees to its
citizens the free exercise of religious
beliefs. Furthermore, he was will-
ing to resort to falsehood to cover
his own involvement in the matter.
While such attitude of mind pre-
cludes a person is wholly unfit to
teach the principles of democracy to
the youth of this State, or to exemplify
fair dealing and uprightness of con-
duct, which should be among the
first requisites of a qualified teacher
in the public school system.
" On his own admission, he placed
his board of education in a false po-
sition and lied to the teacher who
sought employment. Without com-
plete reformation, such a person can
not inspire his students to high,
straight and upright in their
dealings with their fellows. Now
can be successfully teach the mean-
ing of the Constitution and the un-
derlying principles of our govern-
ment and its history. Had the
board of education been a party to
these acts of the respondent, a pen-

Tenth Annual Banquet
Catholic Bowling League
Was a Delightful Event

The 10th annual banquet of the
Catholic Bowling League, held in
the Knights of St. George Hall on
Wednesday evening, was a most
event. More than 400 bowlers and
their friends were present. The D.D.
Rev. John Francis O'Hern, R.D.
Bishop of Rochester, was a guest of
honor, and other guests were the
Rev. John F. Boppell of St. Boni-
face Church; Rev. P. William Stau-
der of Holy Redeemer; Rev. Ferd-
inand Schold, of St. Michael's; Rev.
George Kolb, assistant rector of St.
Andrew's; Rev. Eugene Golding, of
St. Boniface; Rev. Charles J. Brun-
ton, of St. Margaret of Mary, and
Rev. George J. Schmitt, of St. Ann's
Church.

A fine dinner was served by Leo
J. Hengster of the Riverside Inn,
Scotsville Road, a well known and
dependable caterer, and it was great-
ly enjoyed by the crowd.

At Miller, president of the
League, introduced the Rev. Thoma-
sore J. Winter-both of the Church of
the Annunciation as toastmaster,
and he was a good one.

Bishop O'Hern Talks

Bishop O'Hern gave a happy talk,
and told a number of stories that
kept his audience in great humor.
"I am a firm believer in recrea-
tional and athletic societies of this
kind," he said. "We should have
our parish organizations, and they
should have the happiest kind of so-
cial relations between them."

Favors Baseball League

"I wish we could have a Catho-
lic baseball league," the Bishop said,
and the crowd applauded. "The or-
ganization could start one, or found
one, a lot of future Babe Ruths to do
it."

The Church favors wholesome
recreation, even on the Lord's Day,
after we have performed our re-
ligious duties. The Church is most
thoughtful and kindly in this regard.
The Church teaches temperance, but
you can never see her to say it is
intrinsically evil to take a drink of
any liquor, as long as you take it
in the right way and do not abuse
it.

For Lay Apostolates

Bishop O'Hern urged the men to
study their religion in a practical
way, to use "The Question Box"
and "Faith of Our Fathers." He told
of excellent results obtained from
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ing. I have another lot of them,
and my brother in Buffalo has heaps
of them.
His last sermon preached
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mon," the Bishop told his hearers.
"Instruction is what the people want
short, snappy and to the point.
Happy talks were given by
Fathers Boppell, Stauder, Kolb,
Schmitt and Brunton; by representa-
tives of the various bowling teams,
by Thomas H. O'Connor, editor of
The Echo, William Lang, sporting
editor of The Echo, and M. F. Sam-
mons, of the Catholic Courier &
Journal.
Mr. Lang, on behalf of The Echo,
presented a beautiful silver loving
cup to the St. Boniface team, win-
ner of the championship of the sea-
son. Prizes were distributed to the
winning teams, according to their
standing in the League, by Arnold
Stuehl, winner of the individuals, St.
Ambrose team, for high game, Holy
Redeemer, for high three games,
Louis Schaefer, for high singles,
and Arnold Stuehl, winner of high
three games.
The banquet was a rousing finish
to a successful season, and the
League and its officers and players
are to be commended for their or-
ganization.
Wife of Editor Dies
New York, May 2.—Mrs. Made-
leine Reed O'Sullivan, wife of John
O'Sullivan, news editor of The New York
Times, died Sunday at her home, 259
Eighty-fourth Street, Brooklyn, of
an attack of heart disease that fol-
lowed a ten-day illness of influenza.
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Vatican Radio
Station Opens
On 29th of June

Vatican City, May 2.—The radio
station which Senator Guglielmo
Marconi is constructing for the Pope
will be ready June 29th, when the
Pope, on the feast days of Saints
Peter and Paul, will broadcast a mes-
sage to the world.
Following the Pontiff's brief ad-
dress, messages will be broadcast to
the sovereigns and chiefs of States
who have diplomatic relations with
the Holy See, after which greetings
will be exchanged by radio stations,
directed by missionaries in various
parts of the world. It is believed
that the Pope thus will conclude his
sixth year, which he extended for
six months last December.
The radio apparatus is housed in
a one-story building in the Vatican
City. It will have antennae 180 feet
high, and will broadcast on short
waves. Senator Marconi is person-
ally supervising the construction.

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