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SIXTY YEARS FOR GOD

Sixty years ago, long before some of us were cutting our first teeth, or the grass on the lawn, two Chinese girls entered the congregation of the Sisters' Helpers of the Holy Souls at Shanghai...

When we place our weekly offering on the collection plate of our parish church Sunday, let us remember that while we give just a tithe of our possessions, two Chinese girls gave their lives to God...

IN FAR-OFF MANGALORE

Have you ever heard of Mangalore, India? No, Well, a few weeks ago the Bishop of Mangalore died, the Rt. Rev. Valerian D'Souza, D.D., the first native Bishop of the Diocese. He was only forty-six years of age, and was consecrated Bishop in January, 128. Mangalore has 113,643 Catholics, out of a total population of 1,250,000 people.

THE GLOOMY DEAN

Dean Inge, of the Episcopal Church, London, has been called "the gloomy dean." He sees darkness where there is sunlight; despair where there is joy. He has just written a new book, "Christian Ethics and Modern Problems."

What God hath joined together the Dean would tear apart, desecrate, destroy, make a mockery of. The couples, of course, are to have free choice with the Dean—the trial marriage first, if they wish; life for a while together, a clash of temperaments, the lure of a new face or form, then off with the vows, away with the children, if there are any, to some institution, and on with the new life and the new wife.

The Episcopal Church, to its credit, has never been a stalwart friend of the divorce evil. We doubt if it will ever stand as a champion of the evil trial marriage, the Dean to the contrary. His book will cause a lot of talk, do a lot of harm, then go into the discard of filth and folly.

The Dean frankly admits he wants a new standard of morality. He says the enlightened conscience of the twentieth century does not want to look back to the Gospel of the first century for guidance. It would do the Dean a lot of good if he would read the Ten Commandments and see how the Lord he pretends to serve to give him the light and grace to understand

Omnipresence

Stay with us, Lord, the evening fall, tonight, Abide with us until the glorious Light; Hope, Joy and Love in every soul we see; If our poor hearts are but fast bound to Thee.

THE HOLY NAME PLEDGE

Fifty thousand lighted candles, held aloft by fifty thousand persons, in the great Stadium of Crighton University in Omaha, Neb., on Wednesday evening last week, made an unforgettable spectacle at the National Eucharistic Congress.

This great meeting was in the nature of a Holy Name rally—an army of upstanding Catholic American men enlisted under the banner of love and respect for the Holy Name of Jesus Christ.

In honor of Christ's teaching, I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech. I pledge my loyalty to the flag of my country and to the God-given principles of freedom, justice and happiness for which it stands.

This transcendent scene is respectfully called to the attention of sincere Christians not of our Church who profess not to be able to understand the spirit of Catholic faith.

October, Month of the Rosary
October is dedicated by Holy Mother Church to the Rosary. All the faithful are urged to recite the Rosary at least once a day, and to go to their parish churches for public recitation of the Rosary whenever such services are announced.

SLOW IN WAKING UP

This paper published an article several weeks ago on the establishment of a Radio station in New Jersey for the express purpose of "fighting the Pope." The founders of the station assert it is the first of a national chain of stations dedicated to the same exalted purpose.

The experience of Catholic newspapers in America has not been a heartening one. But we believe there is a growing improvement, and a healthy and stable one. A great many Catholic people find Catholic papers indispensable in their homes.

Every day, a writer tells us, our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, busiest of all busy

Saints and Sinners

The Catholic Church cannot be choicy in its membership; it must accept all who desire salvation; it is not a congregation of saints exclusively. It also contains those whose lives perhaps are not at all edifying. But for them there is hope of salvation, and she urges on them repentance, and does not reject them.

THE LAYING OF THE FIRST ATLANTIC CABLE WAS FIRST PROPOSED BY A CATHOLIC, BISHOP MULLOCK, OF NEWFOUNDLAND

men, with every minute of a long day crowded with innumerable tasks and duties, retires to his room for a few minutes after luncheon to rest and recite the Rosary. He takes up his work again, refreshed and strengthened, mentally and physically.

If you have not a Rosary now, by all means obtain one at once. If you have never recited the Rosary every day, by all means do it now. You will love it, as millions before you have loved it, and you will be grateful beyond expression for the fact that our Holy Mother Church has made October the month of the Rosary.

JAMES P. B. DUFFY

Twenty-five years ago this week James P. B. Duffy, head of the Duffy-Powers Co., became a member of the Rochester Board of Education. From that day to this Mr. Duffy has served as a member of this Board.

Business in an unusual degree with a multitude of business duties, and with many demands made upon his time for social, fraternal and civic affairs, Mr. Duffy nevertheless has continued to serve upon the Board of Education.

"No person in public life has ever been more devoted and sincere in facing his responsibility than has Mr. Duffy," Superintendent Weet of the Rochester schools says.

His spiritual mindedness, his strict fairness, and impartial treatment of all matters, his great desire to have every child in Rochester receive the best possible education, his willingness to make personal sacrifices, the judicial attitude of his mind in considering difficulties that arise, his love for the work and his loyalty to the schools—these are some of the reasons why Superintendent Weet says his service has been superlative service and can be justly spoken of only in superlative terms.

Mr. Duffy has earned not only the congratulations, but the deep appreciation and gratitude of all the people of Rochester. The schools of the city are the pride of the city, well conducted, well managed, well directed and governed. Twenty-five years of loyal and faithful service in helping bring the schools up to their present high standard is a great and noble work, a splendid evidence of citizenship and of kindly Christian interest in the happiness and welfare of the children of the city.

A recent issue of the Osservatore Romano, published in the Vatican City, carries an article warning American Catholics to act quickly in meeting this challenge of bigotry "if they do not wish to arrive too late." Except in Belgium and Holland, says the Vatican City paper, Catholics have been slow in waking up to the possibilities of Catholic newspapers, and this error must not be repeated with the Radio.

The experience of Catholic newspapers in America has not been a heartening one. But we believe there is a growing improvement, and a healthy and stable one. A great many Catholic people find Catholic papers indispensable in their homes.

For instance, brief accounts were given the other day in the daily papers of the laying of a corner stone of a new convent and chapel at Rosary Hill Home, Hawthorne, N. Y., by Cardinal Hayes. Few of the papers told that this home was founded by Rose Hawthorne-Lathrop, a daughter of the great American novelist, Nathaniel Hawthorne, or that she was a

convert to the Faith, or that she became a religious and devoted her life to the care and comfort of destitute men and women afflicted by that terrible disease, cancer. Catholic papers brought out these facts, and it is good to read them. When we lay aside one of Nathaniel Hawthorne's novels in the future, we may well say: He gave us many beautiful and inspiring things in life, but the most beautiful and inspiring of all was his daughter, Rose Hawthorne.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

When we speak of the Propagation of the Faith, many of us have but a hazy idea of what it means. It is, in brief, a society organized by the Church and conducted by the Church to help spread the true Faith throughout the world. The Society maintains a great army of missionaries—Bishops, priests, Sisters, medical workers, lay helpers—in whole or in part, in all lands where mission work is needed in the world.

We who are blessed with the privilege of living in a country where the Church is so progressive, are privileged likewise to help in this great work by contributing to the society for the Propagation of the Faith. Every one of us has that opportunity of helping to make converts and of helping to save souls largely through the sacrifices of men and women who have consecrated their lives to God and who work ceaselessly all through their lives in the mission fields, God's untilled gardens of Faith.

Right here in Rochester is a branch of this great Society, approved by the Vatican and blessed by the Vatican, approved by our Right Reverend Bishop and blessed by him. It is conducted by a zealous and indefatigable priest, the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, and this paper takes great pleasure to-day in publishing a digest of his annual report—a report that shows hard work, good results, progress and great achievement. This report shows that last year the Rochester branch of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith had total receipts of \$199,600.57. Of this amount, \$122,988.52 was obtained through the society's annuity plan.

Perhaps some of us have given little or nothing to this society. It is not too late to start. Father Mooney's office is in the Lincoln-Alliance Bank Building, 183 Main Street, East, Rochester, N. Y., and his telephone number is Stone 1212. He will be glad to talk with any person about the society, its work, its needs, and the numerous and sometimes pitiful appeals which come to him from mission workers. Starving children, sick children, crippled children, souls hungry for the light of Faith, empty hands reaching upwards to God from beds of fever or fields of famine—these can help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For these good mission workers of our Church not only feed the soul spiritual truths, but they build schools, establish asylums, found hospitals, maintain nurses, teach sanitation, provide food for the hungry and medicine for the sick, and do a multitude of other things for needy humanity in the name of God, and for the love of God. You will be proud and happy to help in this work, as you are proud and happy to help in every other work for the good of religion and the glory of God.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

President Hoover did a gracious thing when he sent a telegram to Cardinal Mundelein at the Eucharistic Congress in Omaha, asking the Cardinal to express his cordial greetings to the Congress "and my appreciation of the value of spiritual ideals and of religious observance in the life of the nation which are indispensable foundations of the social order and of enduring political institutions."

The worst enemy to religion is not the ranting bigot. The worst enemy is the so-called Catholic who neglects his Faith.

FOR BETTER THINGS

Four Methodist Episcopal clergymen have preferred charges against Bishop James Cannon, Jr., seeking to have him removed from his episcopal office for acts which they consider harmful to religion and their church. They want better things.

Rev. Charles Stedzie, writing in the Current Review, says: "American Protestantism is not keeping pace with the growth of the nation, and during 1929 about one-third of the Protestant churches did not add a single member to their rolls. Both in country and city, among men and women alike, interest in church is declining, but the real menace to the church is not the program of the religious radicals, rather is it the indifference of the smug, self-satisfied person." He wants better things.

The Protestant world as it is known today, freed from restraint and discipline, is hastening to the chaos of disintegration and doom, the Rev. Thomas H. Wnepley said in his sermon Sunday in the Chelsea Presbyterian Church, New York.

"It is my conclusion," he said, "that if Protestantism is to continue it must speak with authority. And that that one authority is the Scriptures, God's word to men." He wants better things.

Orthodox Protestantism "is nothing short of pathetic in its helplessness to serve this age in a vital way," and its failure "to create the good life in a good world is a challenge to modern man to develop a constructive program to meet the issue," said the Rev. Lon Ray Call in his sermon Sunday in the West-Side Unitarian Church, New York. He wants better things.

There are millions of serious-minded, sincere and excellent non-Catholic people who are not satisfied with existing conditions in their churches, and other millions who have dropped entirely away from these churches because of the lack of a definite, inspiring and helpful religion. They all want better things.

Our clergy, overworked already, are unable to do widespread missionary work among these people. Here is where an efficient Lay Apostolate would be able to accomplish wonders.—Every one of us should be interested in our neighbors, friends, relatives. We are solicitous for their comfort and welfare in things material. How much more important is that we be solicitous for their welfare, for things that will shape and safeguard their eternal happiness.

NOT LEAVING CHINA

The civil war, bandit outrages, murders, robberies and burnings in China are driving Christian missionaries from that country in large numbers, the reliable Associated Press tells us. Every boat leaving for America takes a few more back home, all of them carrying memories of the smoking ruins of mission buildings and of the deaths of associates at the hands of bandits.

In 1927, the dispatches tell us, there were 8,250 Protestant missionaries in China; now there are 5,496, a shrinkage of 2,754. The number of cities with resident missionaries, not including Catholic, was 739 in 1927—now it is 450, a shrinkage of 279.

The decrease in Catholic missionaries, says the Associated Press, has been less marked. There are approximately 1,000 in the country, but when the Catholic Missions Board takes its annual count this fall the number may be 200 or 300 below that total.

This statement, we think, is open to question. The Catholic missionaries are not leaving China. They are not deserting their flocks, except temporarily in a few places that are violently overrun with bandits and murderers. The Fides News Service sent out an item this week from the Vatican City, telling how two American nuns have just gone into a province where three priests were martyred last year, and are "waiting for a chance to slip through the bandits" and reach their field of work. Not watching for boats to take them home, but for a chance to reach their field of work.

Several weeks ago, when the Communist army was sweeping over parts of China, murdering, burning, slaughtering, desecrating and destroying missionaries, a group of C.M. priests, under the Rt. Rev. John A. O'Shea, C.M., all Americans, were trapped in Kanchow, China. The U. S. Government issued a warning to all Americans to flee for their lives from this bandit-infested zone. Pope Pius answered: "No missionary will leave his post of duty." And no missionary did leave. Bishop O'Shea, his priests and Sisters, facing imminent death, remained in Kanchow while the Communist army thundered at the gates and slaughtered thousands all about the city. Martyr after martyr, Bishop and priest, has fallen for the Faith in China. But other zealous soldiers of Christ have taken their places. Every vacancy has been filled. Every post is covered. Every flock is watched and guarded.

Five large missions and colleges, belonging to the Augustinian Fathers, have been demolished; church after church, and chapel after chapel burned; priests hunted, captured, tortured and sometimes killed. But the Cross still stands in China. Christ did not run away from Calvary; His missionaries are not running away from China.

Einstein says space is the most important thing in the universe. A lot of fellows who drive fivvers will agree with him.