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KEEPING THE TORCH LIT

The recent Encyclical of Pope Pius XI
on "Christian Marriage" is not a document to
be read one day and forgotten the next.
It is a staunch and stirring defense of
marriage in keeping with the ideals and
teachings of Christ and His Church. It is
likewise a staunch and stirring champion
of the Christian home, of decent family
life, of virtue and right living, and it is not
the purpose of the authorities of the
Church to let it be forgotten after a few
brief days.

Here in the Diocese of Rochester, and
in other Dioceses all over America, pastors
and Lenten preachers are using the En-
cyclical for their Lenten sermons. Point
by point they are bringing home to all the
people the truths emphasized in the En-
cyclical, the importance of right living, the
necessity of married couples living in keep-
ing with the laws of God and the laws of
God's Church. Much good will surely come
from these discourses. The howling of the
wolves of immorality and of indecency will
be drowned, and the sound of their rasping
voices soon forgotten. Truth lives,
because it is eternal.

NO COMPROMISE

On a great historical occasion, early in
the national life of America, trouble with
France was brewing. The American am-
bassador to France was Charles Pinckney.
Certain French officials hinted to him that
the young American nation might avoid
further trouble with the powerful French
nation by payment of certain tribute.
Whereupon Pinckney arose to his full
height, raised his right hand solemnly
above his head, and thundered: "Millions
for defense, but not one cent for tribute!"

Thus stands the Church to-day in op-
position to modern evils that are sweeping
like a deluge over the world—millions to
fight them, but not one cent of tribute.
The great Cardinal Hayes of New York
City emphasized this in a letter read in all
churches in the Archdiocese of New York
Sunday, calling the attention of the people
to the great importance of the recent En-
cyclical of Pope Pius on "Christian
Marriage," and asking the priests to speak
upon that Encyclical during the Sundays
of Lent.

"No spirit of compromise with the
loose, advanced ideas of the present day
with regard to the marriage state can be
tolerated by Catholic conscience," the
Cardinal said.

The whole power, strength and re-
sources of the Church pledged to fight
these modern evils; not one inch of ground
yielded by retreat, nor one moral principle,
be it ever so small, surrendered to the pe-
dler of indecency and of immorality.
What our Saviour said to the Scribes and
Pharisees long ago in Jerusalem the
Church says today to Judge Lindsey and
his lecherous ilk:

"Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites, because you go round about
the sea and the land to make one pros-
elyte; and when he is made, you make him
the child of hell, twofold more than your-
selves!"

A SPLENDID INSTITUTION

The dedication of the new infirmary
located at St. Ann's Home for the Aged
by Bishop O'Hara on Sunday afternoon
before the work of this institution home to
the aged is beginning. Conducted by the
Sisters of St. Joseph, this home has been
for many years a real and blessed home to
aged men and women. Here the twilight
years are spent. In sickness and in
health they are cared for, and around their
heads the flowers of heaven's beautiful spir-
its are blown. Flowers of prayer and
of love.

The Old Cathedral

Eloquent of the Evermore,
The old cathedral calmly stands
And blesses, as with outstretched hands,
The city plodding past its door.

The furrowed steps, the walls' gray stone,
The arched windows, plain and high,
That snatch white squares of sunlight
Down
From the brimmed bosom of the sky,

Are symbols of the hoary faith
Whose steps lead up a foot worn way,
And through whose misnamed window,
Death,
Their glances the abundant day.

Within, vague whispings of hope
Go trembling by where, echo-trod,
Prayer-crowded incense pathwaya grope
Their dim way upward unto God.

Though priestly chant may backward roll,
Heavy with weight of conscious bass,
The faltered prayer of one faint soul
Mounts the light incense to His face.

Here the mute, quivering heart may test,
However slight its wisdom be,
And beat its cares out on the breast
Of an omniscient Sympathy.

—Arthur W. Upson.

and care. Even an elevator on which they
may ride up and down, with a feeling,
sometimes, that they are on their way to
Heaven.

The work of St. Ann's Home should en-
dear it to all in the Diocese. The good Sis-
ters in charge of this institution are doing
a beautiful work—consecrating their lives
to men and women whose only claim upon
them is that they are brothers and sisters
in Christ, in need of a home, and in need
of loving care. Men and women of means,
when making their wills, would do well to
provide generous bequests for this home.
For if devoted women are glad to give
their lives to the work of the home, surely
there should be some who will gladly give
money, with which to finance the home
and ensure its future progress and safety.
Many an aged man or woman, closing eyes
in death, has exclaimed: "God bless the
good Sisters for their kindness to me!"
Let those of us who are able to do it show
the most generous possible kindness to the
Sisters who are doing such noble work for
the aged, encourage them in their work
and help them in their difficulties. They
are worthy of the best we can do for them
at all times.

WHO WON THE WAR?

The answer to this question can be
found in General Pershing's account of the
sixth session of the Supreme War Council,
held on June first, 1918, just six months
before the World War ended, and pub-
lished in Tuesday's papers this week.

America won the war!
Not by battle so much as by discipline,
stability, power and the amazing growth
of power, while all of the Allies were shat-
tered in morale and broken in spirit. The
Supreme War Council meeting in June,
1918, was a hodge-podge of irritable nerv-
ousness, fright, worry, contention, sus-
picion, and of an apparent conspiracy to
force the Americans into the conflict in larger
numbers, whether they were ready for
battle or not. Lloyd George even went so
far as to suggest that the British be au-
thorized to designate one of their generals
to inspect the American armies and tell
them whether they were fit to do battle or
not. Pershing, his back to the wall,
fought off these contentions, diplomatically
at times, and with stern determination
at others. He was the one man there,
seemingly, who had faith and hope in his
cause, and who did not see black defeat
staring him in the face. Even Foch walked
up and down, wringing his hands and ex-
claiming: "The battle, the battle, every-
thing must give way to the battle!" Thus
do nations and men, in times of great
crises, crumble and collapse unless they
are fortified by something more than hu-
man strength.

Reading General Pershing's account of
this Supreme War Council meeting, one
cannot escape the inevitable conclusion
that the Allied cause was on the verge of
complete collapse; that there was the dis-
union of despair in their thoughts and ac-
tions. The brave words their leaders sent
out to their armies were not reflected in
their own opinions or feelings. Each Allied
leader was grabbing frantically for the
American army, without thought for the
common good, and certainly without
thought for American prestige or in-
dividuality.

It was from this black chaos that faith
and hope grew around the strength and
power of America. In America the Allies
found their last hope, the final spurt of the
speed and strength, and of the courage and
determination, they needed to win success.
It is almost unbelievable that European
nations, facing annihilation and ruin as
these were inevitably at that time, would
ever again want another war; would ever
again want to face such a despairing situ-
ation in their national lives. Better far for
these, and for all other nations, the spirit,
ideals and principles of Christianity, the
justice and love of peace taught by Christ.
Putting these aside, no nation can live, no
people can survive for long, for they who
live by the sword shall perish by it.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Mary, hurrying home from work, met
Jesus on the street and talked with him
for several minutes. A little later she
passed her parish church, started to go in,
then changed her mind and walked rapidly
homewards.

As For Threats of War

As for threats of new wars, while the peoples of the world still so pain-
fully feel the scourge of the last dreadful war, We cannot believe they are real,
because We are unable to believe any civilized State exists which is willing to
become monstrously homicidal and also almost certainly suicidal. If We even
only suspected the existence of such a State We should turn to God with the in-
spired prayer of the prophet-king, who knew both wars and victory, to "scatter
the peoples who wish war," and the prayer of the Church, "Give us peace!"—
Pope Pius XI, in an Address to the Cardinals on Christmas eve, 1930.

THE FIRST HOSPITAL ON THE AMERICAN CONTINENT WAS A CATHO-
LIC HOSPITAL, BUILT IN MEXICO CITY IN 1524.

then changed her mind and walked rapidly
homewards.

"Did you stop in the church and say a
prayer for the souls of the faithful de-
parted?" her mother asked. "Oh, mother,
I didn't have time," she said. Then her
face flushed guiltily, and she remembered
that she had plenty of time for the living,
but none for the dead. And she made a
firm resolution never to do that again.

"Why do Catholics observe Lent," the
sincere non-Catholic asked two young
Catholic friends.

"Because," said one, "our Church tells
us to do it."

The face of the non-Catholic clouded.
Then he looked expectantly towards the
other friend. "Because," said the second
one, "our Saviour prepared for His life
and going into the desert and fasting
forty days and forty nights. We fast and
abstain from food and from luxuries and
pleasures to satisfy God for our sins, and
to prepare ourselves for a fitting celebra-
tion of the great feast of Easter Sunday.
We are imitating our Saviour when we ob-
serve Lent."

"I am glad to know that," said the non-
Catholic, very respectfully.

"Why do you run into your Church
every noon?" the non-Catholic girl asked
her chum.

"To be with God, to pray to Him, to
talk with Him, and to ask Him to help me.
I always feel better and stronger when I
do this, and able to work better and en-
dure troubles without worrying."

"May I come with you to-morrow?"
the non-Catholic friend asked. "Does your
Church permit outsiders to go with their
friends?"

"You are welcome to come with me, or
to go alone at any time. Everybody is wel-
come in our Church. You will see colored
people and white people sitting in the same
pews, and praying side by side. You will
see men and women, poor laborers, in their
working clothes, kneeling by the side of
wealthy men and women. They are all
praying to God, and it is our belief that we
are all alike in the eyes of God—all His
children."

"I could love a church like that," said
the non-Catholic girl.

We are well advanced into Lent. Let
all of us ask ourselves these questions:

Have we said a single special prayer?

Have we made a single real sacrifice?

Have we visited a church once a day
during the week, or even one day a week
—just one lone special call upon God?

Have we attended the special Lenten
services of our parish church?

Are we making preparation to receive
Holy Communion once a week during
Lent?

Have we helped a single poor family,
quietly and without ostentation?

Have we taken our troubles to the foot
of the Cross, or to the shrine of Mary, and
asked for help to bear them as Christ
wants us to bear them?

Have we asked God to keep us just a
little closer to Him, because we try to
show him more love and deeper devotion
during this holy season of Lent?

Have we attended Mass every weekday
morning, or even one morning a week?

If we have done all of these things, or
most of them, we are keeping Lent in the
right spirit; if none of them, then let us
begin now to reach our hands and hearts
towards God, whose love and whose care
we shall need many many times in the
future, and especially in times of great
sadness, and at the hour of our death, or
the deaths of our loved ones.

We get fussed sometimes about the
uncharitable doings and sayings of men
like Bishop Cannon and Tom Heffin. But
in these happy and blessed days we know
little, after all, about the reality of vicious
bigotry in America. In England, where
the Church has made glorious strides in
some ways, it is different. Not long ago
Archbishop Downey of Liverpool went to
the Notre Dame convent for a ceremony.
He found a mob of howling bigots around
the convent, and they notified him he
could not enter. He had to call the police,
and a small riot occurred before the offi-
cers were able to get the Archbishop into
the convent. Then the mob hurled stones
and bricks through the windows and went
away yelling: "Down with Popery!" To
us this sounds a lot like a movie melo-
drama, but in Liverpool, according to
Associated Press dispatches, "such things
are not without precedent." The "Die-
Hards" die hard over there. Here a lot of
them are killed by automobiles, and some
of them by Tom Heffin's speeches.

CURRENT COMMENT

MODERN MARRIAGE

Born of materialism, nurtured by
selfishness, a new type of married couple
has come to be part and parcel of present-
day society. It is the childless couple. The
man plays an equally selfish part with the
woman. But somehow we halo the woman
with a love for motherhood. There is no
sadder sight than to see the woman of the
land grasping at ignoble honor and reject-
ing the noble, abdicating their true throne
to grasp at the kingdom of fashion, ceas-
ing to protest against impurity and giving
it encouragement, turning away from
God's highest mission to pamper self and
feed self's ambitions. Just as long as
women refuse to guide and inspire, as long
as they forget their nature and frustrate
God's commands by bending life into a dis-
tortion of pleasure, as long as they shrink
from the word "mother," in so far can we
expect a morally corrupt society, and a
tendency to flaunt the deeply-implanted
laws of God.—Southwest Courier, Okla-
homa.

THE BALTIMORE FUND

Archbishop Michael J. Curley, D.D., of
Baltimore, addressed last month a very
personal and earnest letter to his people
under the title "Friends of Catholic Educa-
tion." It is simple in its language and
most moving in its message. In it His
Grace tells of the creation of a new
organization to be known as the Catholic
School Association. Membership entails the
annual donation of a dollar or more. In
return the school children and their teach-
ers will make a constant memento of their
benefactors.

The Archbishop pledges the offering of
a Mass every week by himself for those
who thus serve the financial welfare of his
schools. To gather dignity about the
organization, these donations are directed
to be sent to the Archbishop's Secretary.
The nature of the appeal is frankly and
stirringly stated thus: "I am anxious to
give our poorer children every possible op-
portunity to receive a sound Christian
education. Here is your opportunity to be-
come an active partner in this blessed
work."

Undoubtedly many large yearly dona-
tions will swell the fund. Over a range of
years the income should be very satisfac-
tory, growing as the Catholics of the dioc-
ese come into the Archbishop's viewpoint
and see for themselves the imperative
need of giving complete Catholic training
to all, especially the poor. A step in an
excellent direction has thus been taken.
The Catholics outside of Baltimore will re-
member the origin of this educational
association, will wish it well and long to
learn of its progress and of the good works
in the delightful field of child-training
which the fund will finance.—The Brook-
lyn Tablet.

CHRISTIAN TEACHING

That capitalism is in a chastened mood
as a result of world-wide depression is evi-
dent as much in the caution and modera-
tion displayed by financial and business
leaders in forecasts regarding the recovery
of industry and employment, as it is in the
discussions which have been reflected in
the press generally concerning the deeper
factors of depression and the need of
devising permanent remedies against the
recurring hazard of employment.

The fact of the matter appears to be
that society is sick from over-cupidity,
from the unrestrained pursuit of money
and the power that money brings, from
the concentration of wealth in compara-
tively few hands, leaving masses of people
under the incessant and often paralyzing
fear of insecurity and want. The common
good has been lost sight of by lust of in-
dividual gain, through the operation of
fear of insecurity and want. The common
economic fallacies, promulgated under the
guise of atheistic principles, and the
flaunting of the moral law in the practical
affairs of life.

If through the present depression
there should come a searching examina-
tion, which should make itself felt in
practical legislative measures and devices
for minimizing fraud, speculation and un-
fair advantage in the conduct of commer-
cial dealings and in bringing to bear from
within the control of Christian conscience
by the application of the principles of jus-
tice and charity so clearly embodied in
Pope Leo XIII's great Encyclical on the
Condition of Labor, doubtless many of the
evils that now periodically afflict nations

and peoples would be largely eliminated.
There is need of going to the root of
things, of putting into practice the prin-
ciples of Catholic social teaching.—Union &
Times, Buffalo, N. Y.

THE POPE AND MUSSOLINI

The intensive militaristic program for
the youth of Italy instituted by the Fasc-
ist regime is causing anxiety in the
Vatican whose head, Pius XI, speaks in no
uncertain tones of condemnation to the
assembled Lenten preachers of Rome. Un-
der the terms of the Lateran treaty Rome
was to be maintained as a religious center,
said His Holiness, but government institu-
tions were encouraging neglect of the
primary teachings of religion.

This is not the first time since the
establishment of the Vatican State that
the Pope and Mussolini have clashed. It
is not likely to be the last. Among the Fas-
cist institutions which are breaking down
the religious traditions of Rome and all
Italy is the compulsory pre-military train-
ing of youth which includes a Sunday
morning drill. This training precedes by
a year and a half the regular military
service. The Roman Catholic Church is
trying to meet this issue squarely, for it is
one of the most menacing things in
Europe. Those who fear the spirit of Fas-
cism say that it is corrupting the youth of
Italy; sowing seeds of hate and revenge,
aiming to create, in the words of the Pope,
"an aggressive, militant, warlike, conquer-
ing race."

Mussolini is plainly out to make a na-
tion of boy soldiers. Military training now
begins at eighteen, and conscription at
twenty. The purpose of this training of
youth is candidly stated by Farinacci as
the establishment of "a warlike people
ready with every audacity to assure the
future and create history."

The Pope of Rome, as a representative
of the Christian principles of humility and
peace, may well be severe in his con-
demnation of this system whose ultimate
objective is: war.—The Times-Union,
Rochester, N. Y.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

"Big Bill" Thompson of Chicago has
been re-nominated again for Mayor of that
city. This is the stability and dependa-
bility of American buncombe vindicated.

The Legislature of South Carolina
voted the other day to invite Alfred E.
Smith to give an address before it. There
were only six opposing votes. These based
their opposition upon the excuse that the
Legislature was too busy with its own
work to hear Mr. Smith. This is a splendid
indication, we take it, of the growing
popularity of Mr. Smith in the South, and
of the repentance of the better-minded
Southerners for the bigotry that swept
their states during the late Presidential
campaign.

We who occasionally make one con-
vert to the Faith, with all conditions
favorable to us and to our work—we
swell up with pride and show an inclina-
tion to boast about it. But over in China,
where the black skeleton of famine and
the red sword of the bandit-Communist
have taken many thousands of lives—over
there, in the Wuchow mission in South-
west China, thousands of converts were
made last year, adding twenty per cent,
to the total Catholic population of the dis-
trict. The missionaries who carry the
Cross are in very truth the Marines of the
Church, not afraid to march, not afraid to
suffer, and never afraid to die. All honor
to them!

The New York World, founded by Jo-
seph Pulitzer, Sr., many years ago, and for
some years conducted by his three sons,
has been showing a deficit of nearly one
million dollars a year for several years.
Now the end of a big surplus is in sight,
and the sons of the founder have asked
the courts to give them permission to
break the will of their father, which for-
bids them to sell the paper, and directs
them to keep it "as a public institution
from motives higher than mere gain."
Publishing a newspaper, as many a man
has discovered, is a serious financial re-
sponsibility these days. Costs mount and
mount until, oftentimes, financial tragedy
follows. Every newspaper needs good
friends, loyal and faithful subscribers, and
a cash revenue that never seems too large.

The little country village of Williams-
town, N. Y., has a healthy, splendid spirit
when it comes to charity. Word reached
the village that there was a serious short-
age of food in Kentucky. The people didn't
hold a debate, like Congress does, or pass
resolutions of sympathy, or send speeches
to the newspapers. But, with the Ameri-
can Legion Post in charge, they sent a
freight car jammed to the roof to Braden-
burg, Ky. The car contained 624 packages
of onions, carrots, potatoes, turnips, cab-
bages, beans, wheat, apples and canned
applesauce. A second car, filled in like
manner, was then sent to Dixon, Ky. Drought
sufferers will be eating this food
while they are reading eloquent speeches
by Congressmen on the best methods of
relief, and whether it is better to call it a
"dole" or a "donation." The woodchucks
may chase the roosters around the barns
in country villages, but when it comes to
charity and kindness the people know the
best and quickest way to do things at the
right time.