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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

There is expectancy all over America that the New Year will bring an end to the depression that weighs so heavily upon millions of our people all over the land.

With overcast skies, therefore, the American people are lifting hopeful faces toward the New Year. Prayer is in their hearts, and growing confidence in God, His goodness and His power.

The Catholic-Courier & Journal, lifting a hopeful face to its thousands of readers, wishes to each and all—and to their families and other loved ones—a happy and blessed New Year.

A DANGER TO EDUCATION

In keeping with the recommendations recently made by President Hoover's Advisory Committee on Education, urging the creation of a Federal Commissioner of Education, with a place in the President's Cabinet, Congressman Reed of this State has introduced a bill providing for a Federal Department of Education.

There is a small, but powerful clique which is making persistent efforts to swing control of all schools from the States to the Federal government. Some of these persons are actuated by honest motives.

Home Building

I want the rain to wash you, and the sun to kiss you dry. The sighing winds to whisper and caress you, going by.

I hope the flowers will blossom by your windows and your doory. That golden bee will buzz and buzz as they sip the nectar stores.

I want you strong and sturdy, unafraid of storm or heat; And always kind and friendly, with a fragrance mild and sweet.

I hope your little doorways will invite the eager guest. And promise all who enter in a boon of peace and rest.

main thing to remember is that any measure sponsored by notorious professional bigots bodes no good for the Church or her schools.

Secretary of the Interior Wilbur, a member of President Hoover's cabinet, recently made a vigorous attack on this proposed new law.

FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Pope Pius XI, in an Encyclical dated Christmas Day, appeals to all Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches to unite with the Catholic Church and find strength in morals and security in religion.

Beautiful and appealing are the parts of the Encyclical dealing with devotion to the Blessed Mother. The Encyclical, issued in commemoration of the fifteenth centenary of the Council of Ephesus, which affirmed, among other things, the doctrine that the Virgin Mary is the true Mother of God, pays beautiful tribute to Mary and appeals to all Christians, and especially to all mothers, to lift their eyes to her in prayer and veneration.

FOOTBALL FATALITIES Forty-one football players were killed this season, according to reliable records kept by news agencies. The majority of these were in what sports editors are pleased to call "sand lot" games.

The deaths of Sheridan at West Point and of Murphy at Fordham, two of the finest and best-trained players in America, were most spectacular and most startling.

But the deaths of all other football players, whether sand-lot or not, were just as sad and regrettable, and brought as deep sorrow to the hearts of bereaved parents and other relatives.

But we have a strong, powerful, and well-organized Catholic League in the Diocese of Rochester. We have a strong, powerful, and well-organized Catholic League in the Diocese of Rochester.

Why We Are Catholics

We are Catholics because we are Americans, natives of the soil. And Americans more than others, have abundant reasons for being Catholics.

are generous to every worthy cause and glad of opportunity to be of service to humanity. He mentioned a number of generous Catholics, and two Boston men, non-Catholics, recently deceased.

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"PART OF MY DUTY"

Father Patrick Turk, missionary priest in Hankow, China, escaped from Chinese bandits the other day after ten terrible weeks of captivity. He looked gaunt and broken in health, and was weary and foot-sore.

How many of us have Father Patrick Turk's sense of duty? Would we face torture and death, run in a hail of bullets and come home smiling and happy, thankful to God that we did our duty?

"GET OUT OF MY OFFICE"

In a talk to members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society the other day, the great Cardinal O'Connell of Boston told how he had sent one of his priests to a wealthy Catholic in that city to solicit a donation for a deaf and dumb institution in the Archdiocese.

Such men ought to be flogged," said Cardinal O'Connell. "It is the only suitable punishment for them. They are insensible to all appeals: They are thoroughly and completely blind to things about them.

When You Make Your Will

Always, in every Diocese, there are churches and institutions which have heavy financial burdens, and whose work is handicapped by these burdens.

"I give and bequeath to the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, N. Y., or his successor or successors in office, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used at his or their discretion for the work or the institutions of the Diocese."

If you are interested in some particular church, charity or institution a clause like this may be added: "I am interested particularly in \_\_\_\_\_ Requests, large or small, are a great blessing to religion, and it is highly fitting to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one or more such bequests."

RUSSIA, SPAIN, MEXICO

Russia, Spain, Mexico—this is a sort of triangle over which hovers the greatest menace, Pope Pius XI said on Christmas eve, in a talk to a score of Cardinals who visited him in the Vatican to extend Christmas greetings to him.

Mexico, he said, is showing some improvement, though the struggle against the Church is grave and sharp. Russia, trampling upon all religion, is worst of all. The Pontiff thanked God that "in America troubles are not so grave as in other countries."

CURRENT COMMENT

A TAINTED LITERARY FLOOD Out of a total of 800 books for juveniles published last year, a committee of the Child Study Association found only 140 that were fit for children.

Nevertheless, the huge output of children's literature in 1930 must have proved financially profitable. Publisher's lists of books for juveniles covering the first nine months of the present year show an increase of 135 titles over the output for the same period last year.

THE VATICAN LIBRARY

The recent collapse of the roof on one of the wings of the Vatican Library, with the tragic deaths of five persons and the damage or destruction of numerous priceless paintings, art treasures, books and manuscripts, brought world-wide attention to the Vatican and to its great collections of priceless treasures.

At the same time there appears to be a dearth of children's books from the pens of Catholic writers. The Catholic cultural background is an inexhaustible source of children's stories, and every teaching nun knows the child's vital interest in religion.

The December number of the S. O. S. Magazine for the preservation of the Faith, published by the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, at Holy Trinity, Alabama, contains an excellent photograph of the Right Reverend John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, with the Very Reverend Thomas A. Judge, C.M., M.S. F., Custodian General of the Missionary Servants.

a great desire to have the whole world benefit by the treasures of this wonderful Library, and the whole world suffers a loss as a result of the calamity. Priceless though the books and manuscripts are, it is fine to know that the Pontiff was more concerned about the safety of the workmen trapped in the ruins of the building than with the loss of any of the great treasures.