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lay activities in other lands. Reports from distant countries of the activities carried out by the program of Catholic Action as outlined by the Holy Father, are encouraging to the National Council of Catholic Men engaged in the same work in the United States.

The Semaine Sociale de France will hold its convention at Lille in the latter part of July having as its special theme "The Disorder of International Economy and Christian Thought." It is hoped to find some solutions through the application of Christian Principles to the crisis from which the entire world is suffering at present. The subject will be discussed by the best qualified authorities on theology, sociology and law as well as prominent statesmen and lay leaders. His Eminence, Cardinal Lennart, Bishop of Lille, has addressed a letter to all the people of his Diocese asking them to pray for the success of this week of social study.

From Calcutta, India, comes the report of the organization of a young men's association for the purpose of bringing high-caste Hindus in contact with Catholic priests and with their full share to restore Catholic Literature. Sixty young men have offered their services in writing and publishing pamphlets in the Mayan language under the direction of missionaries. This organization will form a branch of one already established at Ernakulam, called the Catholic Yuva Logan which is working with success in the dioceses of Cochin and Travancore.

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Writing Treatise



His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Gasparri, former Papal Secretary of State, who is soon to publish a new edition of his classic Treatise on Marriage. For two years Cardinal Gasparri has been engaged in revising his treatise, bringing it up-to-date with the regulations of the Code of Canon Law (Keystone Photo.)

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. When you make your will, the best way in the world to help these needy ones is to insert a paragraph something like this in the will:

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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 edifying to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one or more such bequests.

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Child Health and Mother's Day Message of the President of the National Council of Catholic Women to All Catholic Women:

National custom has placed, recently, within the embrace of the month long dedicated to the Blessed Mother by the Church, two days of deep significance for the nation. Child Health Day and Mother's Day for Catholics, the apostrophe of care for the child and tribute to the mother with a period consecrated to the Mother who is the pattern and patron of all mothers, whose Divine Child willed with divine will to be Brother to all children, is more than coincidence. It is fundamental and providential.

Looking up to the Mother and Child for inspiration and guidance, we sense a Divine sanction behind the voice of national authority bidding us "preserve and promote the health, physical, mental and spiritual of our children." And hence we feel a most obligation to intensify our Catholic program for the spiritual formation and development of the child and for the scientific care of that body and mind which form the habitation and the instrument of his immortal spirit.

This means renewed consecration to those common projects of the uplifting organizations of N. C. C. W.—Religious Education, Religious Vocation Schools, Parent Teacher activities and studies, etc.

Reverencing the Mother with the Child, we will renew our consecration to our common purpose—the preservation and protection of family unity; the cultivation of the spiritual "gifts" of "Mother to Child and Child to Mother" which reflect the home life of the Divine Child and His Mother. Thus, and above all, we will reestablish the home as the first and greatest school of human character and receptivity for the highest of the Christian mission—education of the child.

Of this parental obligation, and privilege to educate; draw out the latent powers of the child—our Holy Father reminds us in his Encyclical "Christian Education." To stimulate and aid this accomplishment, the National Catholic Welfare Conference has organized the Department of Social Action, to collect and make available for the

All arrangements have been planned for the grand party to be held under the auspices of the Rochester Diocesan Council of the N. C. C. W. at the Columbus Circle Center, Wednesday evening, May 4, at 8:30 o'clock. A handsome floor plan has been donated by Mrs. Charles W. Waldron, Mrs. O. A. Malloy, Mrs. Marie Dewey, Mrs. Richard Kell, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelloran, Mrs. Joseph J. Brown, Mrs. Lillian Brown, Mrs. George Falls, Mrs. Maria Kenna, Mrs. John J. Smith, Mrs. Louise Myers, Mrs. Gerhart Schwarz, Mrs. Hallie Paul, Mrs. John White, Mrs. Pauline W. Brown, Mrs. E. T. Garvey, Mrs. J. C. Connor, Mrs. William McKeown, Mrs. David Dancy, Mrs. Philip J. Dancy, Mrs. George Van Vleet, Mrs. William C. Stallone, Mrs. John O'Connell, Mrs. E. Marie, Mrs. D. M. Van, Mrs. Bernard Fisher, Mrs. Anne M. Ryan, Mrs. Lillian Bennett, Mrs. Joseph A. Schuch.

He who has most humanity will sympathize with the poor who are losing their lives through the loss of his divine company.

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May 8th

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The hearing on the Gillett bill was conducted by a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 13 and 14, 1931. The proponents were represented by Margaret Sanger, Dr. J. Whitridge Williams of Baltimore, Rev. Charles Francis Pothe, founder of the Humane Society, New York; Roswell H. Johnson, teacher of eugenics, University of Pittsburgh; Irving Burch, secretary of the committee on birth regulation; Rabbi Sidney Goldstein, Free Synagogue of New York; Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, and Mrs. Douglas Moffatt, chairman of the Legislation Committee of the Junior League of the City of New York.

Hon. Ralph Burton of Washington was in charge of the hearing, the opposition to the bill. He introduced Hon. William A. Montvorn, assistant executive secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Legal Department. Mr. Montvorn's argument was mostly on the legal phases and aspects of the bill with a fine analysis of State and National Health and Medical Laws which would be brought into direct conflict with the proposed bill. State Laws inflicting severe criminal punishments for certain forms of birth control would be directly in opposition to the bill. Charles F. Dolle, Executive Secretary, N. C. C. M., presented the resolutions of 111 lay organizations affiliated with the N. C. C. M. and representing over 1,000,000 Catholic laymen protesting against the bill. These resolutions were not uniform. Each member so far as given the facts and asked to submit a well considered report of the measure of which he is sponsor, that we request him to incorporate in the record of the hearing on February 13 the above expression of protest.

These resolutions came from every section of the country and were the instantaneous response to the request for expression of opinion and a test of the proper functioning of the N. C. C. M.

In the same way Miss Agnes G. Regan, executive secretary of the N. C. C. W. spoke for the Catholic tremendous influence exerted by women of the United States. These two organizations supplemented by able exposition of the ethical, legal and moral principles involved by John McCormick, Dr. Henry W. Cattell, editor of International Clinics; Dr. George Hermann Derry, president of Marygrove College, Detroit; Edmund F. Kerne, Jr.; and Mrs. Rita McGoldrick, LL.D., International Federation of Catholic Alumnae; Edward F. McGrady, American Federation of Labor; John S. Sumner, secretary N. Y. Society on Suppression of Vice; Judge Alfred J. Talley, Catholic Club of New York; Hon. John J. Douglas, member Congress from Massachusetts; and Hon. Mary T. Norton, member of Congress from New Jersey, contributed to the defeat of the bill.

In all likelihood the result of the so-called Hancock bill will be the same. The N. C. C. M. is all the better prepared because of its past efforts to meet this attempt to forest all on the American public this flood of propaganda that would undermine the very foundation of the nation. The cooperation of the lay societies on this bill will be asked at the time when the date for the hearing is fixed. The response to be effective must be immediate.

K. of C. Council To Confer Third Degree Sunday

Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus will have a third or major degree exemption in Columbus Civic Center, Sunday, May 1, which event is expected to attract third degree knights not only from Rochester but from several surrounding towns.

Preparations for the degree work are being handled by Grand Knight John A. Doyle and a committee of Rochester Council members. This degree is the last step taken by candidates into knighthood in the order and when received makes a Catholic layman a full-fledged member of the order.

Degree work will be in charge of Past District Deputy Harry E. Crowe who is a pioneer in this work. He will be assisted by knights from out of town. Many of the clergy are expected to take the degree and to witness the completion.

District Deputy Timothy V. O'Donnell of Albion, head of the district in which Rochester Council is located, will come to Rochester for the degree and will bring with him a class of candidates. District Deputy Leo Collins of Medina has also accepted an invitation to be present and will bring with him candidates from Medina.

Arrangements are being made by the local knights to have a luncheon following the degree work at which the candidates will be guests of honor.

Knights St. John Baseball League To Start May 13

Following an enthusiastic meeting held last Friday evening in headquarters, Franklin St., the Knights of St. John baseball league has been formed and will start playing Friday evening May 13th at Edgerton Playground, where all league games will be played.

A final organization meeting will be held Friday evening, May 6, because of his success in guiding the duties of the Knights of St. John Bowling League, Lieutenant Colonel William H. Rosenbach was elected president of the baseball league. Alfred Schreiner was named secretary and treasurer.

The Knights will open their baseball season with ceremonies on May 13 when the games will be started by General Joseph H. Wada and Colonel Frank H. Biel throwing out the first ball in each game.

Commanders represented in the league are as follows: SS. Peter and Paul Holy Family, Cathedral, St. Michael's (Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church); St. Bernard's (St. Francis Xavier Church); St. Boniface; St. Louis (Holy Redeemer Church); and St. George's (St. Michael's Church).

The intentions of all who make the pilgrimage, relatives or friends may make the pilgrimage for those who find it impossible to be present.

The first convent of the Poor Clares of Northern Africa has been opened at Casablanca, the principal city of Morocco. The religious are from Bordeaux and belong to the monastery where Sister Collins, whose process of beatification has been introduced at Rome, lived.

On April 4, Mass was offered on a hilltop overlooking the city of San Buenaventura, Cal., commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of San Buenaventura Mission. This was one of the famous chain of 21 missions founded by the early Franciscan missionaries in California.

The SS. Milwaukee which leaves New York on June 12, arriving in Dublin on June 31, will bring 25 members of the Hollywood Chapter of the Knights of Columbus and 125 members of the Springfield diocesan pilgrimage, led by Rt. Rev. James A. Griffin, D.D. The latter party will be under the direction of Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Foley, editor of the diocesan newspaper.

The principal square in the heart of Vatican City will be named Plus XI Square. Building operations in Vatican City in the past three years have created 12 new streets and 7 new squares. The Governor of Vatican City has offered the suggestion to the Holy Father that the streets and squares be named after saints and popes.

Remember that men change easily, and that you cannot place your trust in them; therefore attach yourself to God alone, for He is unchangeable.

The Catholic World Over

(Continued from Page One)

The Rev. Lorenzo M. Spirali, O.S.A., has just arrived in the United States from Havana, Cuba, en route to Rome where he will assume the duties as Provincial General of the Augustinian Order, a post that puts him in charge of the financial administration of the Order throughout the world.

Missionary activities of the Franciscan padres in Texas prior to 1694 form the subject matter of the first volume of the history of the Catholic Church in Texas, which is now being written by the Rev. Dr. Francis Borgia Steck, O.F.M., for the Texas Knights of Columbus Historical Commission.

John S. Conway, assistant supreme secretary of the Knights of Columbus, has received the knighthood of St. Gregory the Great in recognition of his services to the order.

In Hammond, Ind., a costly strike among the union drivers of coal wagons and trucks of that city was averted through the mediatory efforts of the Rev. Edward J. Mongovan, pastor of All Saints' Church.

A record in pamphlet sales in the colleges and universities of the country was believed to have been set recently at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, when 12,000 pamphlets were distributed from the Missionary Society's pamphlet rack within one

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