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of my ring, pectoral cross and mitre, in order to
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formation on religious topics, instruction
in the doctrines of the Catholic Faith,
messages of an official nature from the
authorities of the Diocese, and we would
urge all to be numbered among its sub-
scribers."
MOST REV. JOHN FRANCIS O'HERN, D.D.,
Bishop of Rochester.
March 15, 1929.

TRINITY SUNDAY

"In truth," writes Father Faber, "the
mystery of the Holy Trinity should be
spoken with tears rather than with words.
We believe yet we cannot describe. We
adore yet we never comprehend. Nay it is
just this which makes the Most Holy Trin-
ity a mystery of such tenderness. In the
fact of this august mystery we are chil-
dren, happy, hushed and awe-stricken."

Well may we be children here. The
first mystery taught us by the Holy Ghost
is that of the Blessed Trinity. He tells us
what we poor, weak creatures need first to
know, what we are made for and how we
attain it. In the Garden Our Lord prayed
"that they all may be one, as Thou, Fa-
ther, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also
may be one in us." The work of the Spirit
of love is to give us the whole of happi-
ness, union with God. And He teaches us
the intimate secrets of God; that in the
Godhead there are three Persons, a Father
a Son Who is their mutual Love. Need
we wonder that we are told to become as
little children if we would enter the king-
dom of Heaven? We are made to be the
adopted sons of God and we must resemble
the Only Begotten in our attitude
towards the Father.

Contardo Ferrini, whose cause for canon-
ization has been introduced at Rome and
who was a personal friend of our present
Holy Father, tried to lift his mind to a bet-
ter understanding of God by magnifying
to an infinite degree whatever good qual-
ity he saw in those he met. Consider all
we should demand of a perfect father.
Know that the Father in Heaven has these
attributes infinitely and more deeply and
more fully than our minds can conceive.
How we should trust such a Father! The
Son is the counterpart of this Father.
This same Son is so full of tenderness for
us and so solicitous that our souls should
not be lost to His Father, that He makes
Himself man to die for us. Then there is
the Holy Ghost, Love that makes the
Father and Son one, Who would fain be
our bond of union with Them.

How can we lose courage! When God
is for us, who can snatch us out of His
Hand? We cannot say that we do not
know God. The Blessed Trinity is nearer
and dearer to us than any creature can be.
We should cease to exist did God leave us
for one instant. The Three Divine Persons
are in the souls of the good, pleased with
them and imparting supernatural life.
They are in the souls of the bad, keeping
them in existence and awaiting their re-
pentance. Let the good turn to the Three
within, to think and love Them. Let the
bad turn to Them and beg for forgiveness
and the strength to be true.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Catholic
Courier and Journal is found a schedule
of events at Columbus Civic Center. A
place will show the wide range of activ-
ities taking place in our Catholic com-
munity center.

CATHOLICS IN AMERICA

The 1932 edition of the Official Catho-
lic Directory, just published by P. J. Ken-
nedy & Sons of New York City, gives the
Catholic population of America in 1931 as
20,236,391. This is a gain of 21,293 over
the preceding year. The Directory con-
tains a vast mine of information upon the
work of the Church.

There are 28,297 priests in the United
States, an increase of 448 over 1930. Of
these 8,449 are members of religious or-
ders. There are 109 Cardinals, seventeen
Archbishops including the Cardinals, and
1,000 Bishops. There are 12,494 parishes
and 1,000,000 young men.

studying for the priesthood, an increase of
twenty-seven seminaries over the previous
year, and an increase of 1,827 students.
There are 7,514 free parochial schools,
with an attendance of 2,277,191 children,
an increase of 127 schools for the year, but
a decrease of six thousand pupils. There
are 645 Catholic hospitals, caring for an
average of 110,000 patients per day. Three
of these hospitals were established last
year.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has the
largest Catholic population in America—
1,400,000. The Archdiocese of New York
is next in size, with 1,278,291. The Diocese
of Brooklyn ranks third, with 1,049,861
Catholics. The population of the Diocese
of Rochester is given as 211,041, with 294
priests, 256 students in St. Bernard's
Seminary, 243 in St. Andrew's, and 30,830
young people receiving an education in
Catholic schools.

There were 40,269 converts to the
Faith last year, an increase of 741 over
1930. Deducting these from the total
membership, and the Church shows a net
loss among her own children for the year
of 18,976. There will be the usual wide-
spread discussion over these figures, with-
out any definite conclusions well founded
in facts. It is certain that the figures of
population from many Dioceses are not
correct to date. Old statistics are used,
and have been used for many years, in
the publication of diocesan membership
figures. This is due to the fact that no
new or complete census has been made in
many Dioceses in many years. One thing
is certain, the Church is growing in mem-
bership, in strength, in educational and
charitable works, and in everything that
pertains to vigorous health and durability
of life. Doing this, she is bound to in-
crease in membership, in influence, and in
the Faith that vivifies and glorifies hu-
manity.

A Catholic business man of our ac-
quaintance makes it a practice to make the
stations of the Cross privately every day
and has been doing so for nearly a year.
This is commendable and worthy of
emulation.

THE POPE AND THE WORLD WAR

In the third volume of the Memoirs of
Prince Bernhard von Bulow, ex-Chancellor
of Germany, just published, there is an
account of his mission to Rome in the
fateful early days of the World War, ere
Italy had entered the contest. Von Bulow
was in Rome from December 19, 1914, to
May 24, 1915. His wife was an Italian
lady of influence. He was well connected.
He knew Italy's dreams, aspirations,
hopes, desires. He felt confident he would
be able to swing the Italian nation into
line with the Central Powers.

Von Bulow, in Rome, naturally was in
touch with the efforts of the Vatican to
end the war before it embroiled other na-
tions, all the nations. What he writes
about Pope Benedict, who was accused
during the war of being over-friendly to
the Central Powers, will be read with
amazement by many people. Prince von
Bulow writes:

"The Pope, who loved Italy, his coun-
try, really desired that her aspirations
might be fulfilled, in so far as this was
compatible with the survival of a Catho-
lic dynasty. But to him the supreme duty
of the war was to end the carnage as soon
as possible or, in any case, limit its ex-
tension. He charged Cardinal Piffi, the
Cardinal-Archbishop of Vienna, to speak
in this sense to the old Emperor (Francis
Joseph of Austria). Francis Joseph, then
eighty-four, received the Cardinal, who
modestly and timidly repeated his instruc-
tion of the Holy Father's wishes. The Em-
peror would not even let him finish. His
old face crimson with rage, he seized Piffi's
arm and literally thrust him from the room."

Thus ended the appeal made by Pope
Benedict. Thus, brutally, did one of his
own children receive the emissary of peace
from the Vatican. The flood followed—
Italy, Turkey, Roumania, Bulgaria, the
United States and many other lands in-
volved; civilization crushed, millions of
lives sacrificed, other millions maimed,
cities and villages destroyed—and all be-
cause a violent old man, firm in his belief
of victory, of supremacy, thrust from his
room the Cardinal-ambassador of the
Vatican when the latter was pleading for
humanity and for peace.

Cardinal Hayes recently said that the
spirit of charity has sunk deeply into the
hearts of his Archdiocese. This is not
peculiar to New York City. In time of
need all fair-minded people respond to ap-
peals for assistance. The Community
Chest is making such an appeal.

THE LINDBERGH BABY

The prayers and tears of millions of
people will enfold the poor little body of
the Lindbergh baby, victim, no doubt, of a
maniacal kidnapper. The prayers and
tears of millions of people were with
Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh all through
the heart-breaking search for their child,
a search that is tragically ended now. The
frailty and futility of human power were
pitifully evidenced in this case, and the
interminable days and weeks of mental
anguish and sorrow brought little hope or
comfort to the stricken parents. Now their
Calvary is ended, with a sad little grave
dug deeply in their hearts.

Tragedies like this help lift the soul of
a Nation towards God. Prayer comes in-
stinctively to many lips; prayer, and a
petition for divine aid, divine guidance,
and for comfort, that humanity cannot
give. The heart of every Christian mother
beats in sympathy with the heart of the

What Doth It Profit?

What doth it profit to gain the world,
Or madly to seek as our goal
Its honors and glory, wealth and joy,
If we lose in the seeking our soul?
Whether men my life and my work ignore,
Or acclaim me a hero brave,
What shall I seek when the snow-flakes
Weave
Their jeweled shroud o'er my grave?

What doth it profit to gain the world—
A rank which the world calls proud,
A permanent niche in the temple of fame,
Or the fleeting applause of the crowd?
Not the censure or praise of the world,
I've left,
But of Him Who my life to me gave,
Will matter to me when the snow-flakes
Drop
Their crystal gems o'er my grave.

Oh, the heart cries aloud for an infinite
good,
A cry which the world can never still;
And there's one thing alone that profits in
life.

Doing the Master's will.
If only the years that are mine be spent
In an effort my soul to save,
The rest will be naught when the snow-
flakes weave
Their jeweled shroud o'er my grave.
—Selected.

stricken mother, watching and praying at
home for the sound of the little feet that
would come again nevermore. The heart
of every Christian father throbbed with
hopes and fears akin to those that weighed
down the heart of the stricken father.
"God help them and comfort them" fell in
pearls of prayer from many a lip. Millions
could sense the feelings that overwhelmed
the mother as she knelt by the little
casket, and could say in spirit with her:

With every gentle smile that crost
Your kindling cheek, you lighted home
Some feeling which my heart had lost,
And peace which far had learned to roam.

Twice then, indeed, so sweet to live,
Hope looked so new and love so kind,
That, though I mourn, I felt forgive
The rule they have left behind.

Every mother will hug closer to her
heart her own child because of the Lind-
bergh tragedy. Every father will watch
with deeper, better care his own child.
And if we are concerned so deeply about
their bodily welfare, how much more so
should we be concerned about the welfare
of their souls? Tragical and terrifying
though the kidnapping of a child's body is
to all of us, how much more tragical and
terrible is the kidnapping of a child's soul
—the stealing away of a child's innocence
and purity, the giving of bad examples,
the teaching of bad habits, the implanting
of seeds of sin in an immortal soul. Watch
and pray, all of us should, not only for the
bodily welfare of our children, but for
their spiritual welfare. And if we breathe
a prayer, as we will, for the Lindbergh
baby and his parents, let us not forget to
pray, too, for all fathers and mothers
whose hearts are sad because of their chil-
dren, and for all children who need hu-
man and divine aid in their battles with
the enemies of life.

Catholic men of high ideals, imbued
with the necessity for a virile Catholic
Press are meeting in Buffalo this week
to seek solutions for problems of the Catho-
lic Press. Priests and laymen, they attack
all obstacles besetting the forward
progress of the Catholic Press.

Don't expect others to make all the ad-
vances. Nobody cares to warm up to an
iceberg. Instead of worrying about the
lack of friendliness on the part of others
whose companionship you desire, think of
ways to show your own friendliness.
After all, friendliness must be mutual.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

We talked with a kindly woman the
other day who made forty-six dresses for
forty-six little girls in a first Communion
class in one of the Rochester churches.
The parents of these girls are out of work,
and could not afford to provide the dresses
themselves. Hundreds of women are do-
ing similar work in this city for the
Church and the poor.

Johnnie, working hard over his arith-
metic, was plainly flabbergasted. His Sis-
ter, noticing his mental mystification,
asked him the trouble. "I can't remem-
ber," he said, "whether my mother told me
to bring home a cabbage or some onions."

Next month millions of Irish voices
will be lifted in a heart-warming cad
mille-faith-to hundreds of thousands of
pilgrims to the Eucharistic Congress in
Dublin. No welcome in the world pos-
sesses such warmth as that.

We expect that a lot of carpenters will
soon be employed building party platforms
for the coming Chicago conventions. A lot
of planks, some of them wet and some of
them dry, will be nailed down there.

The Parish Baseball League and scores
of amateur bats are in full swing these
days. "Those boys," said a spectator at a
game the other day, "don't even seem to
know there is a depression on."

We were shocked to read the other day
that Thomas J. Hefflin is running for Jus-
tice of the Peace in Alabama. How can he
keep the peace while the Pope is alive?

The world is quite unanimous in imag-
ining the presence everywhere of the wait-
ing wall of Jerusalem.

CURRENT COMMENT

BISHOP URGES PARISH BRANCHES

In his brief address on the occasion of
the annual mission exercises held recently
at St. Agnes' Church, the Bishop (Most
Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, D.D.) set up an
important object as the goal of the Propa-
gation of the Faith Society for the new
year. He himself styled it "a special and
desirable objective." It has to do with the
"establishment of a unit of this society in
every parish, the enrolment of one or more
members of every family and the steadily
increasing enlistment of the children." It
is a target that is definite and possible of
hitting.

Certainly the long-sustained efforts of
our Diocesan Mission Director to found a
branch of the Propagation of the Faith
Society in every parish have now the full
backing and intense interest of the Bishop.
It is the most natural thing. A parish is
built for the spiritual good of the band of
Catholic people who are called parishion-
ers. However, it has an important duty of
sharing in the spread of the faith. Like
the care of the poor, a concern with the
missions of the Church is an essential ele-
ment in the life of every parish. The full-
ness of God's blessing will not rest upon
any group of Catholics who hem them-
selves in and forget about these pioneers
who are bringing the story and consolation
of Christ to those afar.

Bishop Molloy looks with real confi-
dence to his flock to heed his message. He
would widen the diocesan interest in the
missions. He would have every parish in
the four counties of his diocese possess a
branch of the Pope's society for the mis-
sions. He would have such a branch kept
active with donations and prayers. We
hope that his plans will be realized before
the next mission Sunday rolls along.—The
Brooklyn Tablet.

A SIGNIFICANT OMISSION

A vigorous protest is voiced by
Father John Corbett, S.J., in a letter to
America, against occasional slurs on the
Catholic spirit in the United States.

"When our European brethren wish to
mention Catholics in the United States,
why don't they praise the loving loyalty
of our men or women to the Holy Father?
Or the generosity with which our poorer
people bear the great burden of providing
for all Church needs and for Catholic edu-
cation? Or the zeal of our Religious
Brothers and Sisters in the schools, or
the ready obedience to the decrees on
early and frequent Communion? Or the
innocence and holiness of our young men
as well as our young women, thousands of
whom in our large cities have been to Holy
Communion every Sunday and every first
Friday since they made their first Com-
munion?"

We heartily concur with this state-
ment, but beg to call attention to an omis-
sion in this characterization that was by
no means accidental. Father Corbett says
nothing about our so-called generosity to
the missions. Pleasing evidences of a
zealous missionary spirit are found here
and there, no doubt, but as a country we
can find little pride in the fact that the
Society for the Propagation of the Faith,
the Holy See's community chest for the
support of all missions, collected in 1931
from the 20,000,000 Catholics in the U. S.
A. only \$980,000, less than 5 cents per
capita.—Catholic Mission News.

PRESIDENT DOUMER

The slain President was a native of the
Auvergne, that central rock-ribbed prov-
ince of France hitherto unfamiliar to
American ears until another native son,
M. Laval, on a visit here, gave us a glimpse
of the square-jawed, strong, tenacious sons
that the region produces. These qualities,
which are spoken of as the present vir-
tues in connection with France, but which
we like to think of as traits fostered un-
der our American system of opportunity,
were perfectly represented in M. Doumer.
They explain his long career of laborious
public service. They explain the fortitude
with which he met the unparalleled sor-
rows which the war brought upon him. It
took four of his five sons; and it is sad to
think that the father, in times of perfect
peace and at the age of seventy-five,
should have fallen a victim to the same
murderous tool that robbed him of his
children.—The New York Times.

The Catholic Press Association of the
United States meeting in Buffalo, the lat-
ter part of this week brings together seri-
ous minded men for the purpose of ex-
changing constructive opinions and the
discussing of press problems. Upon this
group rests a heavy responsibility and
each and every member is conscious of it,
hence the sacrifice made by many in
traveling hundreds of miles for new solu-
tions to their problems.

Daniel Webster said of our first Presi-
dent: "Washington! That name was a
power to rally a Nation in the hour of
thick-thronging public disasters and
calamities; that name shone amid the
storm of war, a beacon, a light to cheer
and guide the country's friends; it flamed
like a meteor to repel her foes."

Memorial Day is but a week away.
Plan now to give some thought to pray-
ing for the souls of the brave men who sac-
rificed their all for the honor of their coun-
try.

Back Through the Years

A Glimpse Through the Files of
The Catholic Courier and Journal

February 15, 1890

On Monday, February 11, Division No.
1, A. O. H., held a reception and dance at
the New Osburn House. A large number
of members and friends attended. Com-
mittees in charge consisted of: arrange-
ments, J. E. Burke, Edward Coney, Dr.
J. H. McCort, E. A. Collins, Michael Dunne,
James O'Neil, A. Connelly; reception,
Joseph L. Quigley, J. J. Higgins, M. Claf-
fey, M. O'Connell, P. Cullen, E. McCaffrey,
M. H. Hogan, M. Fitzpatrick; floor, T.
Sheehan, J. Rogers, J. Buckley, J. Nelson,
E. A. Finn and J. Hurley.

February 22, 1890

Rev. William Hughes, the venerable
pastor of St. Bridget's Church, East
Bloomfield, celebrated the seventy-fifth
anniversary of his birth.

"News from Hornellsville, Monday
morning announced the death at that place
of Rev. James M. Early, priest of St.
Ann's parish. Father Early came to this
city in 1862, and was pastor of St. Mary's
in March, 1862. He succeeded the Rev.
Father O'Brien as pastor of the Cathed-
ral. Bishop McQuaid took charge in
Rochester in July, 1868, and from that
time up to the period of Father Early's
departure from this city in 1876, he was
vicar general of this diocese."

The following officers have been elected
by St. Leo's Benevolent Society: Presi-
dent, Joseph Spitznagel; Vice-President,
John Pascalar; Recording Secretary,
F. A. Mueller; Financial Secretary, F. A.
Marshall, J. W. Klinger; Second Marshal,
Anton Scheibly; Third Assistant, Frank
Arnsmeier; Trustees, John Pascalar,
Wedelin Knittel, John Fouquet, August
Klinger and Emil Kern; Physician, Dr. Q.
C. Schuhart.

March 1, 1890

St. Joseph's new parish hall nearing
completion. Announcement made that it
would be opened shortly after Easter
with grand opera to be given by the
Cecilia Singing Society under the direction
of Professor Bauer. Among those sched-
uled to take part were Philip Fried and
Mrs. Meyer-Hamppe.

March 8, 1890

Mr. and Mrs. George Wegman celebrated
their golden wedding anniversary in St.
Michael's Church. Rev. J. H. Stratten
celebrated solemn high Mass.

March 15, 1890

Bishop McQuaid ordained Herbert
Regenbogen to the Holy Priesthood in St.
Patrick's Cathedral.

March 15, 1890

The Young Men's Catholic Association of
the Cathedral is every month adding
new members to its already large list. Un-
der the able leadership of its president, Dr.
James F. Crowley, this organization bids
fair to become a power for good, not only
to the Cathedral parish, but to the city at
large.

March 22, 1890

City Hall was filled to overflowing,
Monday evening at the orphans' concert
given under the auspices of St. Mary's
choir. Those who entertained were: Mrs.
Marcia L. Englehart, Mrs. J. F. Norton,
Miss Anna Wiggins, Lafa Heidl, the
Misses Madge and Marie Keyes; Willie
Sutherland, and Tella Hicks. Director of
the choir was Thomas F. Kearney and
accompanist, Miss Julia Madden.

At Cathedral hall the orphans' bene-
fit concert drew one of the most enthusi-
astic audiences ever assembled in the hall.
Those who took part included: Miss Cec-
ilia Bradford, M. J. O'Brien, Miss Frances
Rogers and Dr. J. Crowley. Professor
Eugene Bonn directed the concert.

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