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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the passing of my temporal cross and fortune, in order to support a Catholic newspaper."—Pope Pius X.

"With prudent counsel from men of good judgment and of experience in business affairs, and with the approval of the Diocesan Board of Consultants, we have constituted The Catholic Courier & Journal as the official Catholic newspaper for the Diocese of Rochester. We ask God's blessing on the undertaking, that it may serve to bring to our people timely information 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 subscribers."

MOST REV. JOHN FRANCIS O'HERN, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, March 15, 1932.

Editorials

THE PRIESTS AND THE IRISH The priest who moves among the Irish people is not merely revered and loved. He is "appropriated," writes the Rev. J. Edward Coffey, S.J., in that splendid publication of the Jowills, "America." Father Coffey continues:

"Ireland is too Catholic ever to deserve the name of 'clerical' or 'anti-clerical.' Her priest has always been to her a father, not a functionary. I spent a serious part of one afternoon lifting ambitious gamblers up to holy water... and barely acquitted out of Bolton Street alive when the proud father of a new pair of mixed twins told me he wanted to name one of them 'Lauri' after the Papal Delegate, and to decide between mother's opinion and his own, did my wren think it should be the girl or the boy?"

"God forgive me the Jesuit wife that suggested 'Lauri' for the boy, 'Loretta' for the girl!"

"In Cole's Lane a dealer in cheap antiques was so proud of his little altar of Saint Francis of Assisi that I suggested it must have cost him a pretty penny to get ready. 'Not too much, Father, I pawned my Sunday trousers, and 'twas easy.'"

"It was easy, indeed, for Ireland to offer her all at the altar in June. She has been doing just that all her life, as the New York delegation aboard the De Grasse was told in a beautiful conference by Father M. Kennedy, S.J.; former editor of 'America.'"

"For those of us who had read Liam O'Flaherty's 'Purlin,' one of this Spring's best sellers in the States, and heard this brutal story of a degenerate Irishman characterized by William Butler Yeats as 'the most significant picture of modern Dublin yet painted,' the vision of a united Ireland, bare of head and bare of heart at her Eucharistic offertory, was antidote and food alike.

"When Archbishop Curley turned round at that mass to say to nearly a million worshippers: 'Orate fratres... pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may find favor with God, our Father Almighty,' one was proud to be an Irish branch of the vine that is Christ, and to answer through Him, with Him and in Him: 'Suscipiat... may the Lord receive our sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and honor of His name, to thy own advantage and to that of all His Holy Church.'"

DEARNING REAL VALUES

"The depression, like all great upheavals in human history, is bound to bring a new spiritual awakening," the Rev. Dr. John O'Grady of Washington, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, and who is known to many in Rochester, recently stated in a sermon given in St. Louis. Dr. O'Grady believes that the depression has thrown the people back on themselves. "It has compelled them to face the realities of life."

This is borne out in the information being received by newspapers throughout the country. Parents who neglected their children, forced to forego domestic help, are taking care of the children themselves. Sickness among children and adults is lessened because of forced abstinence from rich foods. People are returning to the farms or to working the soil because forced to do so. An increased interest in reading and studying is reported. Turning to God to aid them in their difficulties, the people are attending novenas and special prayers.

Consideration of neighbors' difficulties has come about through the change in economic conditions. Dr. Grady said in his sermon that one of the most hopeful aspects of this depression is the new spirit of charity to which it has given birth. "Catholics all over the world have followed the tenacity of their supreme shepherd, Pope Pius XI, in a great crusade of charity," Dr. Grady stated. "There has been a great revival of charity in family life."

The brakes have been applied to the pell mill race of things. When the strain becomes easier in the struggle for existence, it is to be hoped that the real values of life learned in trying times will not be forgotten.

There are two reasons for which thou mayest disdainfully lift up thine eyes, namely, either because thou wouldst seek help, or because thou wouldst give it. David lifted up his eyes to the mountains to seek help: the Lord looked upon the multitude in order that he might give help; the former pitiable, the latter arrogantly both blindfolded.—St. Bernard.

BALLYING TO SUPPORT

"The New World," official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Chicago, which has been making notable progress despite the conditions being faced these days, in a recent editorial discussed frankly the Catholic weekly newspaper and its position in the diocese it serves. The editorial states:

"Catholic papers, like other ventures, have felt the pressure of hard time. * * * In more prosperous times they were generous with their space. They refused no items that were meant to further Catholic activities; nor was there any thought of compensation for these insertions. Bad times, unfortunately, mean decreased advertising, and advertising, as everyone should know, is the backbone of the financial structure of any newspaper. Fortunately, if these considerations have not been formulated they have, nevertheless, been acted upon by a large and growing number of pastors. They have been using The New World as an advertising medium for their special devotions, and for their entertainments. This is real gratitude, and is fully appreciated. There is consolation in the fact that not a single Catholic paper has gone out of existence due to depression. * * * Catholic schools have been alert to the condition of the Catholic press and have rallied to its support by their generous advertising. Even though this is as it should be, because there is no greater defender of their institution, thanks are no less generously given to them. Catholic parishes and, for that matter, all Catholic institutions have something to sell. Even though this be spiritual merchandise, salesmanship is not unbecomingly it. At the present time, if they use the Catholic press for their advertising, pastors will be guaranteeing for their continuity if not their prosperity. This surely is genuine Catholic action."

Current Comment

PRaiseworthy CONDUCT It is a cause for rejoicing that the tendency for ultra shock ing attitude which has attracted the youth of America has not, as yet, influenced the Catholic girl to any great extent. While there are some few instances of girls who, for the sake of aping their neighbors, indulge in risqué conduct, yet the statement can be made without fear of much contradiction that such conduct has not become general.

The Catholic girl who is scrupulous in observing the rules of her faith cannot but refrain from indulging in the antics which are so common. Eloquent recognition of the sacraments is always a sure protection against the temptation to indulge in this conduct.

Many may think that the question of young woman smoking or indulging in drinking is a debatable one, yet to the mind of the Catholic girl such is not the case. Practices of this kind may not be immoral per se, but they are likely to lead to what, without doubt is improper conduct.

Youth, today, may think that it is more sophisticated than their elders were in the days of their youth, but it overlooks the fact that while everything else may change, human nature yesterday, today, and tomorrow, is ever the same. Vice has been the same detestable monster and sin the same reprehensible thing in the long ago that it is today. It never was attractive and its disciples of the present cannot make it so.

The leadership among our Catholic young women who is pointing out to them always the highest ideals and the most strict method of living is worthy of all the praise that can be given to it.—The Catholic Light (Scranton).

NOT GOOD COMPANY

We are offered many spectacles these days when juries from the literary and theatrical world get together to tell us what is the best book and the best play of the year. But the most deplorable judgment in a long time was when "Shadows on the Rock," a truly beautiful book, was made to keep company with "The Good Earth" in a recent estimate.

When persons who are supposed to be skilled and expert in their field make a judgment like that, it is high time that people who have a respect for decency and the fine things of life make protest. The two books do not belong in the same room. The story of "The Good Earth" is interesting enough, but so many disgusting, revolting and shameless things are hung on to the telling of it that the book, because of these, may fairly be called outrageous. The authors who gave it the Pulitzer prize referred to its epic character. It has that, but it has so much of the shocking about it that it becomes forbidding for decent Christian people.

There is another thing that may be said in this connection. Most of us depend upon the book reviewers of our leading magazines and newspapers for direction in our quest for entertaining and profitable reading. Sad to relate, this cannot always be trusted. "The Good Earth" received notices week after week of the highest praise; but a reading of the book proved that judgment to be utterly unfounded. It is more, here, than a question of taste. It is a simple question of right and wrong.—The Evangelist (Albany).

Archbishop Beckman, in a recent address delivered before a group of 600 Knights of Columbus at Cascade, declared that the real heroes of the depression were the common people who had suffered the most.

The Archbishop pointed out that the beginning of the winter just past intense fear was manifested on the part of capitalists that the working man would revolt. Many prophesied that before the end of the winter the common people would arise in their desperation and go over to the side of Communism.

But the working man turned out to be the real hero after all. He bore his trials with a fortitude and a patience that amazed the country. On the other hand, the capitalist turned craven. Case after case is reported of men of great wealth turning to suicide as the only way out. They could face life without the thing they considered most essential for happiness—money. They made money their God, and when it failed them, life was empty indeed.

What a contrast to these cowardly suicides do the legions of unemployed labor present in the heroic patience with which they have borne the brunt of depression for, lo! now these three long dreadful years. Such virtue deserves a reward.

But there is a limit even to the heroic patience of labor. Everybody should unite and bend all energies to relieve the distressed condition of labor before it is too late.—The Witness (Dubuque).

Diocesan Recordings

Derey has set in among the row of poplar trees, bordering the diocesan property on Dewey Avenue adjoining Holy Sepulchre cemetery and the trees are being chopped down. Planted by Bishop McQuaid about 1887, these trees furnished stately adornment to the new part of the cemetery when it was opened. They were only planned for 25 or 30 years and now that they have served their usefulness, they are being removed as a part of the program of the Rochester diocese to furnish work during these days of unemployment. Eventually a new entrance to the cemetery on Dewey Avenue will be made. The work being done now is to maintain the regular staff of the cemetery without layoffs.

Killed while at work on top of a 40-foot tower, Charles Harned was buried Saturday with the full ritual of the church. He was not prominent nor wealthy, but was in our opinion one of "God's noblemen." A convert to the faith, he was exemplary in his life and a source of good example at all times. In his own way he brought to all around him the happy spirit of a man who was always doing the right thing. Though his death was exceedingly quick, there is consolation for his family in the life he led. His death is just one more of those reminders that there is no foretelling when death will strike and everyday activities must prepare for the final call.

It is interesting to discuss Catholic newspapers, first with one who makes a habit of reading them, and then with one who still believes our Catholic press is keeping pace with more and busier days. Those who have the habit are informed on questions current in the life of the Church today and likewise have a grasp of the historical background. Those who fail to read the Catholic newspapers are not so well informed and little realize their lack of information that affects their lives and those of their children. Readers of Catholic newspapers can help this situation by picking out articles of lively interest, marking such articles and giving them to friends to read.

The report of the police of a pocketbook stolen in Church should warn Catholic women to watch their valuables in church. The doors of a Catholic Church are open to all and unfortunately one without a conscience can enter as well as one with a conscience.

There are various ways for Catholic lay organizations to be active in assisting others. Allegheny Council, Pittsburgh, recently undertook in the name of the Council to arrange transportation to Mass for Catholic children attending a nonsectarian camp. Louisville Council has given its home to the Xavierian Brothers of the American Province for a high school. Such items are constantly being received in the budget of Catholic news received from various parts of the country. Each organization has problems in its own community and can do its share to assist in solving them.

Back Through the Years

A Glimpse Through the Files of The Catholic Courier and Journal

December 13, 1890. Lyons Council, C. B. L. elected the following officers: President, H. F. Meyers; Vice-President, Victor Knittel; Secretary, M. T. Bradley; Editor, J. P. Boyle; Collector, E. P. Boyle; Treasurer, M. J. Keane; Chaplain, Rev. D. W. Kavanagh; Marshal, Aldice Lewis; Guard, John Walsh; Trustees, Daniel Moran, Stephen Maekin and I. A. Whitman.

The Sodality of the Children of Mary, of St. Mary's Church, received five new members.

Joseph O'Connor, editor of the Post-Express, read a paper on "Christopher Marlowe, Poet and Dramatist" at the meeting of the Literary and Eloquatory Club.

December 20, 1890 The Auburn Orphan Asylum received many donations and the Sisters in charge expressed themselves as very grateful for the generous manner in which the orphans were being remembered.

The vulgar and obscene lithographs used in advertising theatrical shows were called to the attention of Mayor Carroll in an endeavor to have them removed.

December 27, 1890. Christmas music at the various churches was furnished under the following directors: St. Joseph's Church, Prof. F. J. Bauer; Holy Family, Rudolph Vay; St. Francis Xavier, J. E. Mock; Our Lady of Victory, F. S. Mingen; and St. Michael's, George F. Memmer.

Dramatic Moments in Catholic Life and History

"How Joseph Calasanctius Contracted the Marriage of His Choice"

By CLETIS J. KUBEK



He gathered together the homeless and neglected children of Rome.

"It is my will that you marry!" and sorrowful dismay. As Joseph bowed his head in grief, he inquired in a tone which indicated he neither anticipated nor would brook any opposition to his plans for his son Joseph. Grief over the recent deaths of his wife and an older son lent an even more forbidding sternness to his habitually haughty features.

Joseph, when summoned by his father to this interview, had wondered what lay behind Don Pedro's request. Now a look of amazed unbelief crept slowly over his features, and his eyes regarded his father in mute opposition.

"But, my father," he exclaimed towards which his training has been directed. There is my theological course, that hope of mine which you have never opposed, that some day I might be honored with the privilege of serving God as a priest. You cannot mean what you say. Say you do not!"

What Joseph had said about his hopes and training was true. Born in the castle of Calasanza near Petralia de la Sal in Aragon, Spain, on Sept. 11, 1556, of the proud and noble Don Pedro and his wife, Donna Maria Gastonia, he had been given a good education both at home and at the school in Petralia. He had then made his classical studies at Estadilla and finally, having taken up philosophy and jurisprudence at Lerida, had been awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws. From Lerida Joseph had gone to Valencia and Alcalá de Henares for his theological course which he had completed with high honor. Ordination to the priesthood was but a step away when the family had suffered the double loss of mother and brother.

Now, without warning, his plans came crashing down about him. His father said nothing. He knew how well-founded was his son's surprised

indecision of his former speech was gone. He was again haughty grandee with the traditions of centuries behind him and with that blind devotion to the idea that the family name must be perpetuated, even at the cost of a young life's ruin. "I have told you of my desires with regard to your future," Don Pedro snapped. "I expect to be obeyed." And with that he turned from his son and left the room. Joseph, heart-broken, yet protesting, was left alone.

Upon the huge, canopied bed in his room in the castle of Calasanza lay the emaciated form of Joseph, seion of the house.

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The Catholic Paper

I AM the Catholic paper. I gather the news of the world and bring it to your library table; I speak to the home in the evening light of the vine-clad porch or the glow of the reading room. I tell of the altar boy and Pope, of curate and Bishop, of those whose fingers are fresh with holy oils and those whose years are golden with priestly administration.

My congregation is larger than any reached by voice from pulpit or limited by parish confines. To the young I bring inspiration for their coming years; to the old, comfort, solace and stimulation. I chronicle the news of the world's greatest institution and inspire further love for it in the breasts of my readers.

I bring back erring feet into the fold; I answer those whose hearts are yearning to grasp the truths of religion and enter the true portals. I narrate tales of hardship of nun and priest, relate stories of new temples to our God, and tell of sacrifices in far-off lands. With the world before me I gather the news of the Church and bring it to your study.

I live only a week but I speak to thousands of the things that have come to pass in an institution that has outlasted the frailties of the world. No greater mission has any Apostle, for my field grows larger every year, my history richer, my opportunities for good greater.

Receive me into your home and I repay a hundredfold for your willing sacrifice. I am the courier of the world's greatest mother—The Church—for I am the Catholic paper.

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