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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the paying of my own personal taxes and tithes, 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 Censors, we have constituted the Catholic Courier and 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'HORN, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, March 15, 1929.

Editorials

TRAIN FOR A GOOD LIFE
Had anyone prophesied before the economic crash in 1929 that within a few months business will be demoralized, factories, mills and shops will be shut down, railroads will be deserted, the number of unemployed will be unbelievable, breadlines will be without beginning or end, misery and suffering will be almost indescribable and many people will be without hope, such a prophet would have been laughed to scorn. What! Here in our country of education, enlightenment, and progress? Impossible! The prophet would have been accused by almost everyone of having a "pessimism-complex," of having a perverse zeal for destroying the happiness of the people. Well, complex or no complex, it all came and it is still here, although there are a few psychologists who say that the depression is merely in the minds of the people.

TO AID THE MISSIONS
Numerous letters are received in this country, both by mission-aid societies and individual Catholics, from missionary priests and sisters holding aloft the standard of Christ in mission lands. As often as not these letters state that the workers are insufficiently provided with material means and that greater results could be obtained with more generous support. Of their own lack of comfort, if not of the essentials of life, the writers seldom make mention, but the wise can read plenty between the lines.

INJURY IN THE HOME
The actuary of one of our large insurance companies shows that during the past year nearly as many people lost their lives in the home as were killed by automobiles. Fully as many people were injured under the domestic roof as in industrial accidents. To properly appreciate these figures one must bear in mind that there is a great mathematical chance of injury in the home. The home, or what passes for it, is the one risk which every single individual runs. There is hardly an hour of the day in which some member of the family does not take a chance that he will fall down stairs.

PRAY FOR KATEBY
An special significance at this time attaches itself to Auriesville, KATEBY, N. Y., where is located the shrine of the North American Martyrs, in the fact that it is the birthplace of Catherine Tekakwitha for whom the process leading to beatification and canonization was opened by the Congregation of Rites in Rome on July 1.

DEATHS DURING THE WEEK
Deaths during the week included: Hugh O'Reilly, corner East Main and Union Streets; Joseph F. Schleyer, 350 North Clinton St.; Mrs. Joseph Hans, 501 North Clinton St.; and James O'Neil, Greece.

AN ENJOYABLE RECEPTION
An enjoyable reception was held St. Patrick's Night at the rooms of the Union Club, corner East Main St. and South St. Paul St. An impromptu entertainment was given in which W. Foster Kelly, James Murray, Charles Lane and James O. O'Rourke took part. Speeches were made by City Attorney Ernest J. Dockery and John Franey, of Philadelphia.

Catherine Tekakwitha
The cause of Catherine was discussed at the Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884, and she was associated with the Jesuit martyrs in the petition which was forwarded to Rome in connection with the cause of the missionaries. While the latter cause took precedence, that of the Indian maiden was kept in mind. When the Jesuit martyrs were finally declared saints, the work of preparing the cause of Catherine was immediately begun.

Current Comment
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Every Catholic owes a duty to our press. That duty should show itself in two ways—honest support of honest criticism. To be indifferent in the matter is to be neither hot nor cold; the most pitiful state for all people of flesh and blood.

Members of Court St. Rita, 137 Elmira, Catholic Daughters of America, of which Mrs. Charles D. O'Donnell is Grand Regent, make it a practice to put clippings from the CATHOLIC COURIER AND JOURNAL on the Bulletin Board of the Court. These include clippings of stories about their own organization and editorial items. At the September meeting, the Catholic Daughters of Elmira will read quotations from various issues which appeared during the summer. This is most encouraging to the editors of this paper. It is evidence that our efforts in trying to improve the diocesan newspaper are being appreciated.

Back Through the Years
A Glimpse Through the Files of The Catholic Courier and Journal
February 28, 1891
The total amount received in contributions to the fund presented to the Rev. Mother Hieronymo on the occasion of her golden jubilee amounted to \$2,752.80.

The Children of Mary of St. Mary's Church donated the month's dues and quite an additional sum besides to St. Mary's Hospital.

At the last meeting of the Catholic Literary Club, the following program was presented: Church History, Second Ecumenical Council, Mrs. T. J. Devine; Co-Education, Essay, Miss R. Gleason; Instrumental, Nocturne, Chopin, Miss McManis; Vocal, Solo, Miss Cooper.

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Diocesan Recordings

Next door to Corpus Christi Church on Main Street East, there is a Catholic institution, that, not so many know about. It is the St. Agnes Institute of Music and Art and is in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph. It is a private boarding and day school for girls with many features not offered by any other Catholic school. Parents with daughters, especially parents who cannot look after the little girls during the day will find at St. Agnes Institute, just the school in which they will want to place the youngsters. Individual instruction is one of the many features offered.

Within the past week two interesting items of news came to our attention. One told of the amicable relations being established by a representative of the Soviet government with our American business men; the other stated that Soviet Russia was to close Catholic Churches, allowing only 20 churches for more than 2,000,000 Catholics. Will the material progress in Russia encouraged by business men in this country cooperate in retarding the spiritual progress in a land the government of which is already pledged to the wiping out of religion?

From our editorial window we have a view of a complete Catholic parish plant, Church, Rectory, school and convent. It is that of Our Lady of Victory parish. Occasionally when we get time to glance out of the window we can see worshippers going into "the little church around the corner" or "the French Church" as it is called, or we note one of the good priests walking up and down reading his Divine office, or watch the good Sisters when school time is here, looking after their charges at play. Sometimes we can hear the children's voices raised in prayer. Situated in the heart of the commercial life of the city, the atmosphere of this school and church is inspiring to us who are occupied in an enterprise which has its spiritual as well as its commercial side.

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Dramatic Moments in Catholic Life and History
Saturninus and the Oracles of Toulouse



Scowling priests from the pagan temple situated upon a little prominence in the center of the city of Toulouse in southern France stood at its ornate entrance murmuring angrily among themselves as a white-robed figure passed majestically along the road below.
It was a few days later. Once more the pagan priests, surrounded by their followers, watched the approach of Saturninus.
Soon the Bishop was below them. The chief priest raised his hand and the group dashed towards the prelate who, aroused from his meditations by the hoarse and bloodthirsty shouts, stopped, raised his head and calmly watched the approach of the fanatic.
"Seize the Christian profaner," cried the priests and with that the mob quickly surrounded Saturninus. The priests roughly laid hold of the Bishop and dragged him protesting, up the long flight of steps to the temple whose ceremonies he had so strangely interfered with.
"Saturninus," said the chief priest, approaching the Bishop, whose hands by this time had been bound, "your presence in the vicinity of the temple has made our gods angry. It has dis-

The people sought to injure the bull more.

planned them sorely that we, their servants, should allow one who mocks them and their power, to pass so closely to their sacred precincts. There is but one way in which to appease their wrath and that is that you sacrifice to them in this temple. Do as I say and you live."
The Bishop's face darkened with a look of angry indignation as the pagan chief priest went on with his demand that Saturninus satisfy the pagan gods with sacrifice.
"Vain fools," he finally exclaimed, "first you worship things of stone and metal which you call gods and then you ask me, a Christian Bishop, to follow you in your iniquity by offering sacrifices to these 'idols'!"
Again and again the priests made their demand and just as often the stalwart defender of the faith laughed it to scorn.

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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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