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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the pouring of my blood, for the Catholic cause, 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 Censorship, 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'HERN, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, March 15, 1929.

Editorials

In commending and urging the establishment of Credit Unions, especially among Catholics in parishes and societies, as well as the promotion of such organizations in post offices, industrial and commercial establishments, schools, etc., the Central Verein has for a long time been conscious of both their fundamental and practical value. A resolution adopted at the National Convention of the Catholic Central Verein held in St. Louis, states: "We regard Credit Unions as co-operative thrift and credit associations, conforming in character and purpose to the requirements of an ideal social order, as advocated and demanded by Christian sociology and prominently by His Holiness Pope Pius XI."

The Credit Union is intended to be truly co-operative; it reflects in its principles and practices the Christian attitude toward the dignity and worth of the individual as superior to that of money; it recognizes the importance of self-help and mutual help, besides inculcating and fostering the virtues of habitual thrift and providence, while discountenancing greed; it is a training school in social solidarity.

That it may conform constantly to its ideal character and develop into a strong force for social and economic betterment, the Credit Union must be kept faithful to the norms of true co-operative societies. Its practices must conform in all instances to these norms. To the attainment of this end, Catholics may contribute greatly. But they must themselves be intelligently conscious of their possible contribution. Indications of a determination to observe Catholic principles in practice are found in the conduct of those Catholic Parish Credit Unions which, for instance, have agreed to limit the so-called dividends of the members for the purpose of possibly lowering the interest-rate exorbitance, thus really serving needy members, rather than those who may still hold profit on investment higher than mutual helpfulness.

A further promising development is the Catholic Parish Credit Union Conference established in Missouri, facilitating frequent exchange of Catholic Credit Union experiences, the discussion of Catholic principles respecting profit-seeking and other money operations, and the promotion of wholesome Credit Union and other social legislation. We trust this movement will experience steady and sturdy growth. But we insist there can be no progress toward this desirable goal, unless Catholics establish, as they should, sanely conducted Credit Unions in a far greater number of parishes and societies. The needs of the people demand such efforts; and they who promote Credit Unions engage in a most helpful work of social reconstruction.

Information on the establishment of Credit Unions will be cheerfully granted by the Central Bureau of the Central Verein, 3235 Westminister Place, St. Louis, Mo.

The fact that the ceremonies in which the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., third Bishop of Rochester, was consecrated, were broadcast over Station WHAM, Rochester, on March 22, 1929, seems to have been entirely overlooked by the editor of "The Church World," official diocesan newspaper of Portland, Maine, in checking up the widely-known Walter Winchell, on a recent misstatement.

Under the heading "Was He Listening?" the September 14 issue of the "Church World" states in an editorial:

"In his columns for release September 11, thus wrote Mr. Walter Winchell: 'WCSH in Portland stole a beat on the major drama when they broadcast for the first time on radio the induction ceremonies of a Roman Catholic Bishop.'"

A nice boost for WCSH and a tribute to the foresight and enterprise of the Very Reverend George P. Johnson, then Administrator of the Diocese of Portland, who arranged for the broadcast.

When Mr. Winchell says "induction," however, he is mistaken. For the induction or installation of the Most Reverend John B. Peterson as Bishop of Portland was broadcast from that Cathedral City on the night of June 10, 1929, before the consecration of the Most Reverend Joseph E. McElroy, Bishop of Portland. The induction ceremony in the English

tongue would put it, it is very satisfying to those who enjoyed the efficient and kindly co-operation of WCSH—to see them so widely credited with a "scoop."

It might be of interest to the editor of "The Church World" to know that the broadcast of the ceremonies of the consecration of Bishop O'Hern from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, of which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay is rector, was but the beginning of such broadcasts, numbered among which was a ceremony in which the elevation of four Monsignori and five Knights of St. Gregory took place, on March 19, 1931.

The possibility of reaching with its aid simultaneously a widely scattered public in the shortest possible time is an outstanding advancement of the Radio. Though a new means to provide publicity, it is today, part and parcel of our daily life.

In a resolution adopted in St. Louis, the Catholic Central Verein of America declares:

"We appreciate the 'Catholic Hour' and other Catholic broadcasts and wish them continued success. Now and then in general broadcasting, our Church, its institutions and religious teachings are touched upon, and usually the statements made are quite fair. Whenever that is the case Catholics should send a line of appreciation, to the respective radio station. On the other hand, they should not hesitate to correct misstatements pertaining to things Catholic by writing or telephoning to the station guilty of broadcasting erroneous opinions."

"We likewise urge all affiliated societies to make the fullest use of radio service, especially by broadcasting, as far as possible, lectures and addresses delivered at their state and district conventions."

Current Comment

O'Brien Atkinson, advertising author, recently delivered before the Catholic Evidence Guild of New York an address on how to interest people in religion, a discourse which all engaged in the work of eliminating religious prejudices should read and study.

Many zealous people are under the impression that any activity with this objective is commendable and effective. Mail literature to non-Catholics, write letters to the newspapers, tell the world about the Catholic Church and what it stands for and the ignorance which is the basis of prejudice will disappear!

We have seen literature mailed to non-Catholics resulting in nothing better than resentment, and letters to newspapers which deepened a bitterness which unfortunately already existed, and it does no good to tell the world about the Church unless the world listens.

Non-do things from certain motives. Mr. Atkinson says: "For convenience they may be reduced to four: The desire for self-preservation, the desire for power, the desire for esteem and the sense of devotion." Peter lived from motives of self-preservation. Judas betrayed our Lord for the power thirty pieces of silver would give him. The Pharisees played the hypocrite that their fellow men might hold them in high esteem. Men take out insurance out of devotion to their family.

A man may care nothing about the philosophic arguments for the existence of God. But show him that the Constitution of the United States and the protection given by the law rest on that belief and he will care. Many Georgians cared nothing about the intrinsic evil of intolerance. But they did care about intolerance when shown that it was a brake on the progress of the state, and that it was making the state ridiculous before the world. We know by experience that Mr. Atkinson is right.—The Bulletin of Catholic Laymen's League (August, Ga.)

"THE AIMLESS ARMY"

A shocking phase of this prolonged period of unemployment is the growing stream of wandering boys and young men seen along the highways and railroads. They come from every direction, each town, village and hamlet adding its quota to this idle "aimless army." Thousands of American youth, who once knew good homes and wholesome surroundings have taken to the road because there was nothing else to do. They are not the hobo type nor the criminal vagrant. But only the Lord knows how soon or how many will permanently become such. A glimpse at some published figures gives an estimate of the surprising extent of this army. In eight months ending last April, the Southern Pacific Railroad reported 418,913 trespassers ejected from its properties and many of them under twenty one years of age.

The entire influence of the "open road" is harmful to these homeless, jobless youths. The chance of picking up an odd job is practically nil. Communities reserve occasional work for the local unemployed. The non-resident is told by the police to "move on." Their sustenance must be obtained by begging, an occasional breadline hand-out or by stealing. Criminals, professional hoboes, fugitives from justice, degenerates are their companions. The squalid condition in which they are forced to live is bound to have an undermining effect upon the strongest constitution. The moral hazards with which they are surrounded are sufficient to break down the safeguards of the most sterling character.

What remedy may be offered is not obvious. A word of encouragement to idle boys at home about to become victims of restlessness may save some from joining the ranks of this vagrant horde. While local relief resources are for the most part inadequate even to care for local demands, social workers should endeavor to stretch a point to aid stranded boys. Private persons when called upon should extend a helping hand to the fullest measure of their means. Concerted action in every community should be extended to get these boys back to their homes if possible or to make as tolerable as convenient the condition of these homeless transients.—The Evangelist (Albany).

The law of the Church reprobates cremation because it is looked upon as an abomination in the sight of God, being a violent and unnatural destruction of the human body, as Boniface VIII declares. Canon law is very strict regarding cremation. It is not lawful for a Catholic to carry out the order of anyone who directs that his body be cremated. Those who order their body to be cremated, unless they retract this order before death, are deprived of ecclesiastical burial. Those who dare to compel competent authorities to give Christian burial to such as have their bodies cremated incur the sentence of excommunication. Of course there is no question of fundamental doctrine involved.—The Catholic Transcript.

Diocesan Recordings

Some years ago a motion picture was shown in Rochester in the action of which, the work of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd was touched upon briefly. At that time those Sisters who devote their lives to the care of young girls were but slightly known here. For two years now these same Sisters have been in Rochester carrying on their work in their customary quiet manner, but doing it effectively. They have become established here now and will soon enter the enclosure for which the rule of their Order calls. Before that time they invited all people of this vicinity to visit Holy Angels Home, Winton Road North, on Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1 and 2, from 2 to 3:30 p. m. The complete story of what these good Sisters are doing in our community will be told. The convent is located opposite Hurstbourne Road on Winton Road North.

He is not in the sports department of the daily newspaper on which he works. His daily stint has to do with fires, accidents, and the thousand and other happenings which a daily newspaper records. In his spare time, however, he gives freely of his energy, time and money to advancing clean sports among our Catholic young men. This activity may not come strictly under the heading of Catholic Action, but the work done by William A. Lang in founding the Catholic Indoor Baseball League, in assisting in the Catholic semi-pro basketball tournament, in keeping alive interest in the Catholic bowling league and for many years aiding in the athletic program of St. George's quarters, has resulted in a record of promoting clean athletic competition among our Catholic boys that is well worthy of commendation.

Maybe mentioning sports in this department is somewhat out of place, but it is not the athletic side of Catholic young men's participation in sport that we are trying to bring out, but the development of spare time play properly supervised among our boys. Police Chief Kavanaugh at the dinner of the Catholic Baseball League the other evening said it was far better to have boys occupied with a baseball than with dice, or getting into mischief. In promoting the Catholic Indoor League, Bill Lang has taken the initiative and deserves support and cooperation. He has not been alone for he has had much assistance from men like Edward L. Hanna, Paul Braccia and August Maler, and priests of the various parishes having teams in the league. It is hoped that the example set by these men will be followed by others and that athletics on a proper basis will continue to be encouraged.

St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum of this city and the Order of Franciscan Monks, of Cincinnati, received \$200 each under the terms of the will of Mrs. Elizabeth Leininger, 266 Sansee street, recently admitted to probate in Surrogate's Court. Another legacy that will be rightfully used and bring blessings upon the giver.

Back Through the Years

A Glimpse Through the Files of The Catholic Courier and Journal

June 20, 1891 Children of the Immaculate Conception School, Ithaca, gave an entertainment in honor of the 15th anniversary of their pastor, the Rev. Father Evans.

Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, held its annual meeting and election of officers, as follows: President, Timothy Sullivan; recording secretary, J. H. Rogers; financial secretary, P. J. Mohan, and treasurer, J. H. Shaughnessy.

June 27, 1891 It was announced at the commencement exercises of Nazareth Academy that every member of the teachers' training class passed the uniform state teachers' examination.

July 4, 1891 Bishop McQuaid issued a letter to the laity, inviting them to subscribe to St. Bernard's Seminary.

Recitations at Nazareth Hall closing exercises were given by J. Duffy, M. Keegan, W. Marshall, J. Feely, J. Cunningham, J. C. O'Brien, C. Martin, T. Joyce, T. Groves, J. Flannigan, J. E. Holland, L. Lee and E. Feely.

July 11, 1891 Miles O'Reilly was delegate and John F. Kinney alternate from Rochester Council, C. B. E. to the New York State Convention held in Buffalo.

Dramatic Moments in Catholic Life and History

"How an Archbishop Was Kept with His Flock"

By CLETUS J. KOUBEK



"You Would Abandon the Church," said Peter, Accusingly

Upon the face of Lawrence, second Archbishop of Canterbury, England, there was a look of utter defeat. He arose from the chair in which he had been seated as he listened to the earnest exhortations of Mellitus and Justus, Bishops of the newly founded sees of London and Rochester, who had come to him at Canterbury for refuge from the persecution of the heathen priests. The Church and he encouraged fashion he made his way to a window which looked out upon the hills and meadows of the country side.

The reaction took the form of an intense persecution of the Christians, and the leaders of the flock were seized out for death. Today Mellitus and Justus had arrived at Canterbury with distressing news. Conditions as they existed made any attempt to halt the persecution hopeless. The people were being harassed by the heathen priests, the Church and he priests were persecuted about it was only a question of hours before the people would be sufficiently worked up to start their bloody work and they would start it confidently, knowing that no opposition to their designs was to be encountered from their King.

"and we urge you to come with us." "To Gaul?" queried Lawrence dubiously and he thought of the heroic labors that were about to go for naught. "Things are hopeless here, Lawrence," continued Justus. "We must leave and when peace comes again begin anew." Slowly Lawrence nodded his head in agreement. "Go you then," he advised, "and I will follow as soon as I have attended to certain pressing matters." So the two Bishops set out for Gaul and Lawrence himself went about his task of preparing to follow them. Lawrence tossed fitfully upon his

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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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