

Prelate Rallies After Severe Heart Attack

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the Bishop. Holy Mass will be offered in petition to God that renewed health may be given to the shepherd of the flock...

When word was received by the Bishop's brother, the Rev. Thomas J. O'Hern, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church, Buffalo, the latter hurried to his bedside, Thursday...

Followers of other faiths offered prayers for the Bishop's recovery on Sunday including the Rev. Justin W. Nixon, D.D., pastor, Brick Presbyterian Church...

Since his consecration, March 19, 1929, the Bishop, who is 68 years of age, has been an indefatigable worker...

During the three and a half years of his episcopacy, the Bishop has manifested a keen sympathy in every phase of diocesan activity...

Monignor Hart requests that prayers be continued for the complete recovery of the beloved head of the Diocese of Rochester.

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Plan Calls For Naming Central Rally Church

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simultaneously in all the rally-center churches and the services will be identical in all. Thus, we shall have upwards of 20,000 men commemorating simultaneously in some seven or eight churches of the city, the foundation of the Society and doing honor to the Founders.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Union expects to announce in the next few days the list of churches which will serve as rally centers. The name of speakers will also be announced shortly.

Devotion of The Holy Name dates from 1274, but the Society as it is known today, was not established until 1433. During the year 1432, the plague attacked the City of Lisbon. Bishop Diaz, a saintly Dominican, urged the people to seek help in the Holy Name and band themselves together under protection of the Holy Name.

It is interesting to note that many of the rules of that first Society survive even until today. Thus, the second Sunday of the month was selected as the Communion Sunday and is so generally observed today by the Society all over the world.

A meeting of delegates to the Diocesan Union will be held next Tuesday night, December 20, at Columbus Club Center to discuss further plans for the rally.

N. C. C. W. Council Spreads Faith In Reno Diocese

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Guides for Captains.—Winneconne. "Kindly send suggestions for the formation of a study club."—Elko.

Kindly send copies of "How to Conduct a Study Club" and "The Mass and the Catholic Action." Would appreciate additional bibliography in addition to your outline for a study of the Mass.—Carson City.

Please send immediate information on "How to Form a Study Club."—Winneconne.

Kindly send booklets necessary to start a Study Club in our Altar Society. We wish to start with the study of the Mass.—Battle Mountain.

These and many similar requests on reaching the headquarters of the N. C. C. W. have been promptly filled. The Reno Diocesan Council is deeply interested in and is giving active support to the work of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine which has been formed in many of the cities throughout the diocese. It did effective service in aiding in the program of religious vacation schools which were organized in every parish during the last summer.

Nuns Build Their Own Convent

Scene at Bayerleichen Wald, Germany, showing Dominican Sisters at work converting an old and disused castle into a convent for their own use. One of the Sisters acted as architect, others mixed cement and performed all the necessary labor.



"The Church and Miracles"

Radio Talk Given by The Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, Vice Chancellor of the Diocese, over Station WHAM During Rochester Catholic Hour—Sunday, Dec. 11.

The supreme problem of all things, including miracles, from the beginning that in the course of time whether Jesus Christ was God or only man. In settling this problem, His plans consequently a miracle of nature's law. It is not a violation of nature's law. It is not a miracle produced without the application of natural forces at a specified time. To the Author today, the possibility of miracles is a possibility of nature's law. An example of the application of natural forces in a way possible to God.

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If then, nature's laws are uniform and follow the course laid down by the Creator, how can miracles occur? Miracles as everyone knows, are extraordinary events which involve a change in the central order of things. Are not miracles then a violation of nature's laws and therefore impossible? To answer this question we must understand the laws He has established simply orders the lower physical to yield to the higher moral order of things.

All is Present The reason why many fail to understand the miraculous is simply this. They look upon God with merely human eyes. Their vision is clouded. They can see only the immediate present. They forget that with God there is no past or future, but a single eternal now.

In some such way, God sees from eternity to eternity. Foreseeing our actions, He reveals Himself to us, instructs us, warns us, saves us and assist us, without using what seem to us supernatural means. We know only "natural" means.

If we believe in answers to our prayers, we ought to have no difficulty in believing properly attested miracles. It is true, the Rationalist sneers at prayer; but he does so in defiance of the fact that the soul of every spiritual man, consciously or unconsciously, longs for communion with his Maker. In fact, the want of such communion is the cause of that impatient restlessness and discontent which make material, irreligious lives so full of boredom and disillusionment.

Prayer Spontaneous Prayer arises spontaneously, alike upon young lips that scarce can help the name of God, and on experienced lips that have hardly strength enough to pronounce it. Among every people celebrated or obscure, civilized or barbarian, acts and formulae of invocation meet us at every step. Everywhere, where there are living men, under certain circumstances at certain hours, under certain impressions of the soul, eyes are raised, hands are clasped, and knees are bent, to implore or to thank, to adore or to appease. With joy or with terror, publicly or in the secrecy of his own heart, it is to pray that man turns as a last resource, to fill the void places of his soul, or to bear the burdens of his life. It is in prayer that he seeks when all else fails him, a support for his weakness, comfort in his sorrow, and hope for his virtue. This universal and natural act of prayer witnesses to a natural and universal faith in the abiding and ever-free action of God upon man and his destiny.

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Hence man instinctively desires to go to Him in prayer. The historian cannot but have said, "Alone, of all things, miracles have been most precious to pronounce it. Among every people celebrated or obscure, civilized or barbarian, acts and formulae of invocation meet us at every step. Everywhere, where there are living men, under certain circumstances at certain hours, under certain impressions of the soul, eyes are raised, hands are clasped, and knees are bent, to implore or to thank, to adore or to appease. With joy or with terror, publicly or in the secrecy of his own heart, it is to pray that man turns as a last resource, to fill the void places of his soul, or to bear the burdens of his life. It is in prayer that he seeks when all else fails him, a support for his weakness, comfort in his sorrow, and hope for his virtue. This universal and natural act of prayer witnesses to a natural and universal faith in the abiding and ever-free action of God upon man and his destiny."

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In conclusion, let us remember that the Catholic Church, in not being aware that the great objection to the possibility of miracles comes from only one thing, the assumption that every thing is material and that there can be no such thing as the spiritual and supernatural. Those who maintain this objection are not free to acknowledge a miracle if and when one happens. They are bound by the principles of their own philosophy which begins by refusing to believe the supernatural. And so having made a false beginning, they come finally to that state of mind so aptly described by John Ruskin. "The moment that, in our pride of heart, we refuse to accept the condescension of the Almighty and desire Him, in every thing is material and that there

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