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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the giving
of my ring, pectoral cross and soutane, 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 & Journal as the official Catholic news-
paper 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 Re-
ligious 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.

Editorials

**When a group of people assem-
ble, these days, to form an organ-
ization for a common purpose, one
of the inevitable first acts is to
consider the establishment of a medium for fostering
interest in the organization and for interchanging
ideas, information and opinions among the newly or-
ganized group. Dependent upon the resources of this
newly formed body, the medium comes forth in the
form of a newspaper, magazine, pamphlet or other
printed form. Wise heads at the helm of the organ-
ization procure competent, informed control and man-
agement of the medium.**

Such a medium becoming established, is at once
the basis for the progressive activity of the organized
group. It serves as a protection against forces that
would retard or even destroy the group. It keeps
alive member interest in the program of the organ-
ization it serves. Compelling with countless other forces
presenting themselves for attention, the medium en-
counters occasional lapses of interest which those re-
sponsible for it find means to overcome. Action is
taken by the guiding heads of the organization to pro-
vide renewed interest in their medium.

No one, well informed, will question the value and
importance of the Catholic Press as a medium for fos-
tering interest in the Holy Father's program of Catho-
lic Action. Certainly the stamp of approval placed
upon the Catholic Press by previous Pontiffs and the
now, gloriously reigning, Pope Pius XI assures the
importance of the Catholic Press in the mind of the
Church.

Here in the United States the constant efforts of
the Hierarchy through the Press Department of the
National Catholic Welfare Conference has established
the Catholic Press as a vital force in the Church's
program in this country. His Excellency, Bishop
O'Hern firmly believes in the necessity for a credible
diocesan medium.

February has been designated by the Bishops of
the United States, Catholic Press Month. The Catho-
lic Press Association of this country co-operating with
the Bishops in the latter's crusade to amend the cor-
rupting influence of indecent literature by advancing
capable edited Catholic publications has organized a
campaign to bring home forcibly the value of reading
Catholic papers and especially the organ of the dioc-
ese.

The Church is no new organization, nor is interest
in a medium for fostering Catholic practices new, but
present leaders in the Church from the Holy Father
down, alert to the invaluable service rendered by a
vigorous Catholic Press take every opportunity to in-
crease the effectiveness of the "medium."

During Catholic Press month, Catholic people are
being urged to read more thoroughly their Catholic
publications. They are being urged to call attention
of others to specific articles that may increase inter-
est. They are urged to begin during Catholic Press
Month a habit of reading the diocesan paper so that
it will fulfill to the utmost the purpose for which it
is being published.

Science and scientists—Let us not
A SHARP LINE confuse the two. Science is the
OF DISTINCTION gold; the scientist is the one who
digs for it. Science is truth; a
scientist is liable to error. The real facts of science
can never be contrary to religion; scientists may be
misled. Science is neutral; it does not interpret
life. Scientists interpret these facts according to
their own way of thinking, or what we call a philoso-
phy of life. Therefore, always say that the facts of
science do not oppose Christianity, but scientists may.
There is a sharp line or distinction here that many
overlook. Some scientist reads the facts of science
into his own way of thinking; but that does make
science hostile to his enemy. The question is: Did
the scientist read the facts correctly? or did he make
a mistake due to his eagerness to bolster up his own
philosophy of life?

Science is a part of truth; and truth is of God.
The only way to get to the truth in two ways: either
through the Church or through nature. The Church
tells us that God made us for Himself; nature points
to the same truth only in a different way. Yet God
speaks to us through both the Church and the na-
ture. Therefore, Theology and Science then are sisters

of one Parent-God. Both take their dignity from
Truth, which is of God. The liturgy for this season
phrases this beautifully: 'to mount to the invisible
through the visible things of this world.' All roads
lead to God.

Current Comment

St. Francis de Sales, designated
by His Holiness, Pope Pius XI,
PATRON OF
CATHOLIC PRESS
Patron of the Catholic Press,
were he living today doubtless
would be concerned with Catholic Journalism. A man
of his solid piety, keen foresight, unerring judgment
and clear appreciation of opportunities to spread the
Faith would not fail to see the possibilities of further
developing the Catholic press. He would be one of the
first to encourage youth to explain the Church with
the pen, nor would he fail to suggest to the young
apologists a method of approach. If thrusts must be
used "Sheathe them in velvet," he would suggest,
and "More insects are caught with a spoonful of honey
than a barrel of vinegar."

This great saint of Geneva knew no compromise
with principle but he realized that the application of
a principle was a thing apart from the principle it-
self; consequently, he accommodated himself to cir-
cumstances with admirable comeliness, and a deli-
cious liberty of spirit. Small wonder he was, and is,
everybody's saint.

St. Francis de Sales became bishop of Geneva in
1602 and it was while there that he did his outstand-
ing work. He threw his energy into the arduous un-
dertaking of reclaiming Le Chablais for the Church
and he made use of the press to further the plan,
having distributed leaflets he had composed. It is
estimated that the number of souls in whose return
to Catholicism he factored, was 72,000.

The Bishop of Geneva was a tremendously busy
person, with a very poor diocese on his hands, and
thousands of heretics to bring back to the fold; the
author of "Treatise on the Love of God," spiritual
director of numerous souls, founder of a religious
order of nuns, the Visitandines; missionary traveler
and correspondent to laity and religious; and with all
this he still found time to write his immortal book
ushering souls into the way of perfection, his "Devout
Life."

In his literary works not only a master psychol-
ogist is evident, but a master in the spiritual realm as
well. His "Conferences," addressed to the Visitan-
dines, shows how well he understood the religious
life and his "Devout Life" is a tribute to his keen in-
sight and sympathetic understanding of the difficulties
of the laity. On one occasion he was asked whether
he would ever write another book, since, according to
the inquirer, other literary works would not be so
well written. His reply was "As God blessed this
work, He will bless the following books, too." In
"Rerum Omnium" the second Encyclical (1923) of
Pope Pius XI the Holy Father declares "This book is
the most perfect of its kind ever written and should
be possessed by all Christians."

The latest title accorded the saint is "Patron of
Catholic Writers," which distinction was accorded
him Jan. 26, 1923 when His Holiness Pius XI de-
clared, " . . . In as much as St. Francis de Sales has
not been given as Patron to Catholic writers in formal
and solemn document of this Apostolic See, we seize
this happy occasion, and of our certain knowledge
and after mature deliberation, by Our Apostolic au-
thority We give, confirm, and declare by this En-
cyclical Letter St. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva
and Doctor of the Church, Celestial Patron to them
all, all things to the contrary notwithstanding."—
The Catholic School Editor.

AN OUTSIDE VIEWPOINT

We are often critical of our Catho-
lic Press. Sometimes we criti-
cize it from the viewpoint of
literary standards, sometimes be-
cause it fails to be an adequate purveyor of news and
sometimes, too, because it does not command the sup-
port of Catholic people. In view of these criticisms it
is well to know how we are looked upon from with-
out. The Methodist organ, The Christian Advocate,
points out, for example, "the loyal support of the
Church press" among Catholics. It states that five
Catholic newspapers in the United States have a
weekly circulation in excess of 50,000 each. It refers
to the splendid news agency conducted by the Na-
tional Catholic Welfare Conference. On the other
hand, it laments the lack of support and interest for
their papers among Protestants, saying: "There is
scarcely a denomination in America that has a flourish-
ing journalism." All of which should encourage
us in our efforts to improve the Catholic Press and to
give it even more abundant support.

The same journal, The Christian Advocate, gives
as an incentive to its readers the following account of
a piece of Catholic apostleship: "Ten years ago an
unknown Catholic layman of Chicago, believing that
reading matter would be read if put within reach of
people who wanted to read, began to collect sys-
tematically remainders and used copies of Catholic
periodicals and to put them in hospitals, reforma-
tories, hotels, railroad stations and sometimes on
trains. He has been doing some figuring recently on
his decade of distribution, and finds that he has given
out 750,000 copies of various papers and tracts. Now
he has three helpers. The work began when Mr. Con-
nelly tried the experiment of sending a few back num-
bers of a parish paper to a reformatory. The letter
which he received from a grateful inmate encouraged
him to go on."—The Missionary.

In the hue and cry about cutting the salaries of
State employees, people should distinguish between
the highly paid official and meagerly recompensed
rank and file. A recent survey reveals that many are
actually underpaid. If reductions are to be made they
should be confined to the higher brackets. It is no
economy to put the already poorly paid on a starva-
tion wage basis.—The Evangelist (Albany).

When the Great Artist gave the final touch to the
portrait of Calvin Coolidge last week, the likeness
was not only complete—it was perfect. "For he died
as he had lived, without fuss or ostentation. It was
as though he said, 'I'll slip away quietly before the
reporters and the cameramen arrive.' And he did."
and was quietly laid away to rest on a misty hillside
in the mountain country that nurtured him. He loved
peace here. May we know forevermore the peace that
surrounds understanding.—Brooklyn Tablet.

Diocesan Recordings

Crime and religion, the social
question, the Mexican question, re-
ligious education; the motion pic-
ture, a blessing or an evil, Church
history, the economic situation, and
so forth. Do these subjects call for
study if we are to view them prop-
erly in the light of Christian prin-
ciples? Evidently a growing number
of our people realize that to be in-
formed they must seek the informa-
tion. The latest study club group
we have heard is in existence is that
of Court St. Michael, Catholic
Daughters of America, Penn. Yan.
We wish the group success in their
particular chosen field of Catholic
Action. May others follow their ex-
ample.

The death of Miss Elisabeth Mar-
bury, outstanding Catholic laywoman
in New York City, Sunday brought
sorrow to many in the diocese who
knew her. The achievements of Miss
Marbury in many fields made her a
success. Despite her many honors,
Miss Marbury's views on success for
women were expressed several years
ago in an interview as follows:
"There is only one real success for
women; that is to marry happily and
have children and a home. I have
never yet seen any eminence a
woman can reach that excels a suc-
cessful marriage and the bringing
into the world of a family of chil-
dren. In other words, to bring
forth life as God intended that a
woman should is her greatest suc-
cess."

Miss Marbury added in the inter-
view given to the New York Times, a
warning to girls not to be "too lofty
about offers of marriage," and con-
tinued:

"Some time ago the Lucy Stone
League people wrote to me asking
me if they might enroll me as a
member. I wrote back and said that
as I had been trying hard for fifty
years to change my name without
success I saw no reason why I should
encourage the movement."

"If a woman has not been blessed
with such a union as I have in mind,
and with motherhood, then it is bet-
ter for her. If she has talent and
qualifications, to go out into the
world and find some occupation that
will prevent her from becoming nar-
row, introspective and unhappy."

Mayor John P. O'Brien of New
York said of Miss Marbury: "She
had the widest vision in life gener-
ally in many fields other than her
own."

There is wide discussion taking
place on the merits and demerits of
current motion pictures. The reason
that our Catholic people and par-
ticularly the young people are ad-
vised to forego witnessing pic-
tures is that those who view cur-
rent pictures are effected by various
scenes with the ease but disastrous
effects of carbon-monoxide gas.
Death to the soul may result from
the "fumes inhaled" unknowingly.

Requests being received for the
Rev. Dr. Gregory Feige's talks over
Station WHAM during the Rochester
Catholic Hour on "The Need of a
Revealed Religion" indicate growing
interest in this learned radio dis-
course. Those desiring copies con-
taining the entire series of talks may
have them by writing to the Catho-
lic Courier, 237 Andrews Street,
Rochester, N. Y. Doctor Feige will
again be on the air Sunday after-
noon, January 29, at 1:30 o'clock.

Combine the timely information on
purchases in this paper, with the ef-
ficient service of a merchant who
recognizes a Catholic Courier reader
and the result is complete satisfac-
tion.

Merchants know that advertising
in The Catholic Courier adds to their
prestige—and prestige means in-
creased business.

What Price a Thwarted Vocation

A STORY BASED ON FACTS
By "FATHER ROBINSON"

Mary was the only daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. John Gilchrist. They
doted upon her from the morn when
her clear, blue eyes looked into
theirs for the first time and she
smiled a baby recognition. What-
ever Mary wished or did was just the
proper thing with them. They
could not be censured for this atti-
tude since they loved their only born
in an intensive manner. To Mary's
credit be it said that she manifested
always the spirit of unselfishness.
She was a little flower whom God
planted in His garden of earth to
bloom, be plucked by His hand and
displayed to suit His choice.

I abbreviate the early years of
Mary's education in the parochial
and academic schools. She was in-
telligent and beloved by the sisters
of St. Ann's, Catskill, where she
matured. Mary reciprocated their
fondness. So intensive was her
devotion that the seed of a reli-
gious vocation was rooted. Her
ambition in a few years was to wear
the garb of a Nun with the beads and
crucifix dangling at her side. "But
what price a thwarted vocation?"

"Mother," said Mary on her eight-
teenth birthday, "I feel as if I had
been lifted to the seventh heav-
en and my namesake, Mary, Help
of Christians, had revealed my place in
her procession of consecrated vir-
gins."

"Mary," spoke her startled
mother, "what has come over you?
I have never heard you express a
wish before to become a Nun. Have
some of the Sisters been talking to
you? Would you leave your good
father and mother and take the sun-
shine out of our home?"

"I never gave it such a thought,"
replied Mary. "Indeed it would ill
become me to do anything which
would cause pain to anyone's heart,
particularly my parents. I felt that
the mere mention of a religious vo-
cation would surcharge you with the
identical joy which I experience."

"Oh! don't misunderstand me,"
daughter. I would love to have you
a Nun, but at present I think it a
childish thought. Give another year
to reconsideration. Go, enjoy your
school and let the notion rest a little
while."

Mary respected her mother, be-
cause she had been a real mother.
The sudden, lonesome look which
replaced her usually smiling features
was inexplicable.

"Don't be sad, mother," as she
caressed her cheeks lovingly; "per-
haps another year's delay will be bet-
ter. Things may have changed
then."

What a change even one year can
make! What a change it made in
Mary! Not in her desire, but in her
physical makeup. Rosy cheeks faded
into a sallow complexion. Sleep-
less nights plowed furrows "neath
those beautiful, blue eyes. A light-
some disposition yielded to a languid
spirit. The masked face of Mary
fifteen was quite different from the
open countenance of Mary eighteen.

"Are you ill?" asked her mother
in the month of May; "you act so
strangely. You do not eat as you
formerly did. A visit to our physi-
cian, Dr. Kelly, this afternoon would
relieve my mind."

"Quiet your fears, mother. I will
improve within a few days. To sat-
isfy you, however, I shall go with you
to Dr. Kelly. Perhaps his advice and
treatment might work wonders."

They visited the Doctor's office
that afternoon. He was pleased to
greet them. Surely he would exam-
ine Mary, the little girl whom he de-
livered into the world. How did
Mary feel? Did she have a cough?
The stethoscope was applied to the
lungs. The sudden blanched fea-
tures of the old Doctor told the tale.
"I think a change of climate and

surroundings would be good. A va-
cation would work charms. Con-
siderable rest, nourishment and ton-
ics should produce a marked im-
provement within a short time."
And with a final admonition to Mary
of "remember complete rest," and a
word on the quiet to the mother,
they returned home.

Mary sensed the verdict but said
nothing. That night John Gilchrist
was informed of the Doctor's
diagnosis.

John was a quiet man. It required
considerable to disturb him. This in-
formation ruffled his equilibrium
somehow.

"Well, there you are. Why didn't
you let her go to the Sisters in the
beginning, since she had her mind
made up?"

"Oh, she can go if she wishes,"
sobbed Mrs. Gilchrist.

"Go now is a condition. Why
woman, you act crazy. The Sisters
wouldn't accept it. It could be an im-
position."

Imagine the torture of mind for
those two that night and for many
a night to come.

Mary would follow the Doctor's
advice strictly. Two Sisters were
invited to accompany her on a trip
down the St. Lawrence River to Que-
bec and pay a visit to the famous
shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre. They
would pray for her speedy recovery
and the fulfillment of her vocation.
Alas! man proposes but God dis-
poses.

Mary appeared in better spirits
upon her return. Appearances, how-
ever, were deceptive. The pulmon-
ary ravager had secured his work.
She seemed to dissolve gradually be-
fore her parents' eyes. Everything
which medical science could advance
was employed. The process of
emaciation continued until the dawn
of a late October morn discovered
her an alternate between a bed and
a rocking-chair.

Alarmed at the sudden change
Mrs. Gilchrist summoned the parish
priest. One look at Mary upon his
arrival told Father Robinson what
course he should pursue.

"Mary, I shall bring you Holy
Communion and anoint you tomor-
row morning. The Sacraments will
help you. You have been regular in
your approach to the rail in health.
You must not discontinue because
you are sick."

"As you say, Father, I am sure
that they will give me that strength
which I need—especially to resume
my work and—my mother listening?"

"No, Mary," as he took a cursory
glance.

"Carry out my belated vocation to
the Sisterhood," as tears streamed
down either cheek.

"Be courageous, Mary," counseled
sympathetic Father Robinson, "our
Blessed Mother will encircle the
folds of her mantle about you and
secrete you away to her divine Son."

Folded indeed was the mantle of
Mary then about her. In a short
time she would hear the call of
her Son. This call she could
have answered in health; this call
she must answer in death.

Three months later the bells in
the belfry of St. Ann's Church tolled.
The tiny clad couch upon which re-
sting the mortal remains of Mary Gil-
christ was lifted tenderly and car-
ried out of the Gilchrist home. She
had the appearance of a bride in
death. But a brief interval before
and she would have willingly walked
in another procession although it
was typical of this earthly death.
She would have had Christ as her
groom. He would have stripped her
of mortality, even as now; but she
would have returned instantly, gar-
bed in the vesture of a Nun of
Mary, Help of Christians, immortally

endowed. Tears of joy would have
streamed from glad parents' eyes,
but today Mary goes forth, dressed
as a bride, to return nevermore.

In the corner of an upper room
there stood a vacant bed and chair.
Like one petrified with fear knelt a
forlorn woman staring into space.
"Oh! John," she gasped, "I see
it now. It's too late—that little
squeaked face in Calvary Cemetery's
earth will haunt me overmore."
The Don Bosco Messenger.

Let Us Awaken

Perhaps the time never was a time in
history when the Church Militant
needed more vigorous, wide-awake Catho-
lics more urgently than today. She
is not getting them, not in the num-
bers required. Think of the out-
standing men and women in those
professions which are not addressed
exclusively to money-getting. Few,
pathetically few, are Catholics. Dare
we blame the Church? Not when
Western civilization is the product
and the present of Catholicism, and
when every list of significant artists
and scientists, philosophers and so-
cial reformers you care to prepare is
lapped by Catholics. Why are so few
of them now living, now when it
would seem they are most needed?
Why, to mention literature alone, is
there only one first class American
writer whose viewpoint can be con-
sidered Catholic? And why, oh
why, must that person—we refer to
Willis Cather—be a Protestant? Let
us awaken from our lethargy and
start laying the foundation for a
Catholic Renaissance.—The Brown
and Gold.

Innocence alone can bestow dig-
nity. Only he can carry his head
gracefully, who can walk erect and
look the whole world in the face and
fear no rebuke to his integrity from
eyes fixed on his.

Let us remember that he who, as
far as possible, constantly dwells in
God, and has God dwelling in him,
lives a happy life—Catholic Union
and Times

On the feasts of the saints con-
sider their virtues and beseech God
to adorn you with them.

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