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MOST REV. JOHN FRANCIS O'HERN, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, March 15, 1929.

Editorials

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Since the beginning of the early Church Lent has been observed as a season of penance and prayer in commemoration of the fast and prayer of Jesus for forty days in the desert.

The period beginning with Ash Wednesday to noon of Holy Saturday, the Eve of Easter, has been set aside by the Church for fasting and penance, because it was during this period preceding the Pasch or Easter, that Christ was pleased to suffer the ignominious death of the Cross to accomplish the Redemption of immortal souls.

Lent then has been set aside by Holy Mother Church as a special time of penance and sorrow for our sins, a few ideas as to how we may comply with the earnest wishes of Mother Church will not be out of place.

worldly and risky literature and read spiritual, devotional books and stories.

8. Correct bad habits, especially, profanities and excess in eating and drinking.

9. Use the money you can save by abstaining from little luxuries, from some questionable pleasure, for some charitable purpose, to aid the poor, the unemployed.

10. Abstain from dancing theaters and worldly amusements. Remember the purpose of Lent is to commemorate the bitter Passion and Death of Christ.

A good Catholic, who realizes that the Son of God gave His life for the salvation of his immortal soul, will be more attentive to the salvation of his own soul during this holy season.

ATHEISM: A DESTITUTION

The speaker on last Sunday's Catholic Hour over WHAM spoke a profound truth when he said that, "Atheism is not an institution, it is a destitution."

What do you see? Revolution, hate, oppression, lust for power, greed for wealth, and violence. Note the last note particularly. It is the red finger of doom; it writes the end of democracy and liberty.

CONFIDENCE IS NEEDED

On a speaking tour taking him to key cities throughout the country, Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody of the Knights of Columbus is bringing the message to all knights of the importance of getting out and doing things in the beginning of the second fifty years of the Order's existence.

"Let us not talk in terms of the fictitious wealth of 1928-1929," he said in an address in the twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. "Real wealth comes only from two sources: from labor, physical or mental, and the resources of the earth; and it should not be confused with paper wealth."

"We need confidence. There should be a moratorium on self-pity, on thinking and talking the blues. Let's not take the responsibility of the whole world on our shoulders; we have a personal obligation to go ahead for ourselves and our families. It's easy to quit, but it takes courage, confidence, and a reservoir of faith, to say things can be done."

With this spirit of leadership, the Supreme Knight is heading a campaign in the Order for every member to get a member. The Knights of Columbus are doing things as they have in the past.

They can do more with increased numbers. In this campaign to double the membership, every Catholic layman worthy of the name should be invited to consider the Order and to become a member, not only in name, but in deed, after being accepted.

Current Comment

CATHOLIC TEACHING and SOCIALISM

We have been informed that some Socialists have taken advantage of the recent Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems to approach Catholic men with the argument that the Catholic Church is no longer unfavorable to the tenets of Socialism.

The propaganda of the Socialists among Catholics would be entirely futile if the social teaching of the Church were generally understood. The assumption which is inherent in Socialist propaganda, that there is only one avenue of escape from the abuses of the present industrial system would be recognized as false.

While we need to emphasize the truth that Catholic social teaching is to be in no way identified with real Socialism, we should be even more concerned to point out the positive benefits of Catholic principles and show how they may be applied to industrial problems.

Diocesan Recordings

Almost every noon we go to the Columbus Civic Center dining room and lunch with a group meeting there known as the "Round Table Group." Topics of various kinds are discussed, some serious, some facetious.

We extend a hearty good wishes to Joseph J. McMahon of 228 Ruby Avenue who has been announced by the Rev. Walter A. Foery, director of the Columbus Civic Center as house manager of the Center.

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

Illustration of a man in clerical attire with a calendar and text: POPE PIUS X WAS A CHAPLAIN FOR 6000 YEARS AN ARCHPRIEST FOR 9000 YEARS A CANON FOR 9000 YEARS A BISHOP FOR 9000 YEARS & PATRIARCH OF VENICE FOR 9 YRS BEFORE HE WAS ELECTED POPE

Back Through the Years

November 5, 1892 Two beautiful stained-glass windows were installed in the nave of St. Michael's Church. They were manufactured at Innsbruck, Tyrol.

November 12, 1892 Announcement was made that the Rev. J. H. Conroy of Oudenburg would lecture in Moravia, November 23, on "Rome"

November 26, 1892 A sum of \$23,000 which was raised for the new St. Patrick's Girls' Orphan Asylum building at the fair conducted by various organizations of the city. Among amounts turned into the fund were: Cathedral parish, \$10,000; Immaculate Conception, \$5,000; St. Mary's, \$2,000; St. Bridget's, several hundred dollars above amount assessed, Holy Rosary, \$400; Corpus Christi, \$1,000; and the French Church and Holy Apostles turned in sizeable sums.

The two candidates, Chief Bemish and Captain McCormick who lent

A. Doyle, director of the Doyle Detective Bureau will be sent to Auburn prison where they are much in demand says Warden Joseph Brophy of the prison.

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