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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the pausing of my mind, for the cross and sustenance, 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 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 18, 1933.

Editorials

Man never learns. Long ago the Tower of Babel was built to the very heavens. The builders rejected God and substituted human reason. Reason stood the strain for some time and then collapsed and so did the Tower.

A few years ago we were evolving rapidly, reaching for the stars to steady our progress. Suddenly a war laid bare the poverty of our hearts and minds.

Does not one understand? Can not one direct us? Where lies sanity? There is someone who knows where sanity lies. There is a body, a society, a corporate person who understands both the ailment and the cure of the strange malady of the modern world.

Christian principles as applied to agriculture are being given full consideration in a program instituted by the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, D.D., Bishop of Omaha, in his diocese.

Among other things discussed was Christian Solidarity which was clearly explained by the Rev. W. J. Engelen, S.J., of St. Louis University. Speaking on the situation in which the farmers find themselves, Father Engelen declared that Solidarity is a social system that is a "radical remedy within the limits of Christian ethics."

Denying the term, Father Engelen said, "In the light of the immutable ethical standards, Solidarity is the name after European writers will be found to be the sound middle way between Liberalism and Socialism."

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although defined by the Church are not applicable only to the Catholic but to every man who seeks a satisfactory solution to the problems presenting themselves.

FOUNDER LORD Religious orders of men and women throughout the country find their novitates filled with well prepared generous young people. It is not a case of vocations coming from hard and blank environments where the struggle of life is discouraging.

Current Comment

SEVENTY-FIVE years ago Blessed Bernadette saw the first of her visions of the Blessed Virgin and the miracles of Lourdes began. Bernadette became a nun, died 54 years ago, and her body now reposing at Nevers, France, is as incorrupt as on the day she died.

We are in too much of a rush about things that need not be hurried. The rosary will settle our nerves. We dash out to work without breakfast to arrive 10 minutes late; we dash out to lunch and after an hour and a half return, again a few minutes late, and in a rush; we dash to the street car or bus as if our lives depended upon catching that particular conveyance at quitting time, and arrive home half an hour before dinner is ready; we reach Mass at 11 o'clock, just as the priest is returning to the altar after blessing the congregation, and we hurry into the aisle as soon as the first altar boy faces the sacristy, in a rush to get home for dinner that will be ready two hours hence.

NOT SERVING THE DIOCESE Catholic papers. High speed presses are grinding out editions with no pretense at local news coverage but with an eye to picking up local news. The outside Catholic paper is displacing the diocesan organ in Catholic homes on the strength of a few pennies.

The outside paper has no interest in your diocese except to build its circulation. It doesn't give work to our own people, doesn't promote diocesan affairs, doesn't pay bills in Oklahoma, frankly, doesn't care for Oklahoma except to sell bundles of copies. It spends no money on local pictures, sends no staff correspondent to cover important ceremonies, puts nothing in your State and takes everything out of it. It is a competitor in price alone.

Your diocesan paper was established, and is maintained, for the purpose of serving the Catholic family of this State. It harbors no ambition to reach every Catholic family in the United States. It wants to serve faithfully, and as well as possible, you and you alone.

"There is no denying that the stage is set today for a positive influence in a right constructive direction, as Americans and not as 'racial groups' from other countries," declares William Franklin Sands, noted Catholic writer, diplomat and authority on international affairs, in a special article appearing in The Monitor, of San Francisco, Cal.

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Diocesan Recordings

The Solemn Pontifical Benediction on March 19 marking the fourth anniversary of Bishop O'Hern's consecration will not only be the first service of its kind in the Rochester diocese, but we have learned, is perhaps the second to take place in the United States.

Another precedent-breaking affair to be held in the diocese will be the concert to be given in Columbus Civic Center auditorium on Sunday evening, March 12, in which two parishes, the Church of the Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary Church parishes will co-operate in sponsoring.

The Baltimore Catholic Review recently called attention to its readers to the proper manner of referring to priests in news items. The item states that news items are received in which priests are referred to as the Rev. "Jones," "James" or "Brown."

Today we received a notice of a mission to be conducted in St. Mary's Church, Rochester, next week. Other pastors planning missions, retreats, novenas or other services will find their notices of such given full consideration in the columns of the official newspaper when mailed or phoned to this office.

As this is written, Former Governor Alfred E. Smith has advocated recognition of the Russian Government according to a secular newspaper account. He undoubtedly has his reasons for so doing but in the light of opposition being expressed in the Catholic Press throughout the country, it is rather startling to find one of our outstanding Catholic laymen expressing such a view.

On Good Friday, this year, April 14, 1932, we observed the 1900th anniversary of the passion and death of Our Lord. Special observance of the day, this year, therefore is indicated.

In several cities, Providence, Cleveland and others, the motion picture, "The Sign of the Cross," was only allowed to be shown after suitable deletion of objectionable parts.

Let us serve God; He will most assuredly take care of us and we shall be in want for nothing.—The Catholic News.

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

Illustration of a church building with text: "This little Church on CALDEY ISLAND whose origins have been traced to the fourth century is the OLDEST CHURCH in Great Britain in which MASS is now celebrated." Includes a portrait of a man and text: "The first time a Bishop appeared on a postage stamp was the commemoration by Paraguay of the elevation of 'Mr. Bogary's' diocese..."

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