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"I should make any sacrifice, even to the point of giving up my life, for the sake of my fellow Catholics."—Pope Pius X.

## Protests and Hitlerism

The Catholic Community of Rochester, through its ecclesiastical head, the Most Reverend Bishop O'Hern, lent the full weight of its prestige and influence to the protesting voice of local public opinion which condemned in a civic meeting, held Wednesday of last week the anti-Semitic campaign of inflamed Hitlerites. It is one of the most heartening signs of an awakened moral conscience of mankind when injustice and oppression is so spontaneously and universally denounced.

For the Catholic the position was not unusual. Many events in our own times have accustomed him to take his stand squarely on the principles of Justice, Charity and Liberty. Indeed, there is a distinct note of surprise among many members of our community regarding the prevailing silence which members of other faiths and individual and corporate Jews have adopted towards other forms of religious or racial discrimination and prejudice. The religious persecutions of Christians in general and Catholics in particular in Russia, Mexico and Spain are far more serious in their extent and intensity than the reported molestations of Jews in Germany. To protest against the one and keep silent about the other may raise a doubt as to sincerity of motive and principle. Long before Hitler attained power in Germany his program and philosophy was not only denounced and opposed by Catholic politicians and statesmen but the Catholic bishops of Germany went to the extreme length of outlawing the party to all Catholics. And it was only over the corpse of a (Catholic centrist) Brüning Government that the path to any possible Hitler regime lay.

The same eternal principles of Justice and Truth compel us likewise to beware of pitfalls in voicing our public protest against wrongdoing. It would ill serve the end of Truth and Justice should we lose our sense of proportion, our fairness and non-partisanship. However much we may deplore and condemn individual acts of oppression and injustice, these are not the primary object of our protest. Rather is it the false philosophy which causes it and the racial pride which motivates it. Of much greater potential harm and a really serious menace is the unjust attitude of mind which dares to justify and even to sanctify intolerance, bigotry, racial discrimination and class-hatred.

"We must not, as has been done in some instances, indict a whole nation for acts of oppression to which the bulk of the people has always been and will always be opposed. The strange and rapid rise of National Socialism with its attendant anti-Semitism in Germany cannot be understood apart from the unjust and unfortunate Peace Treaties following the late War. Nor should we fail to overlook the evil influence of the teachings of well-known Jews like Karl Marx, Lassalle and Bebel, the class-hated inspiring leadership of Liebknecht, Kurt Eisner and Clara Zetkin, the revolting scandals of Barmat, Sikiarski and Katzenellenbogen, most of whom were immigrant Jews from the East. We neither excuse nor condone the present disgraceful campaign of oppression of the Hitlerites against the Jews in Germany, but we also wish to be dispassionate in our temper and fair in our judgment towards the German people.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the obvious fact that no nation can at any time harbor the disintegrating and destructive forces of injustice in all forms, of intolerance, double-dealing, racial pride and class-distinctions, without paying a tremendous price for it. Sowing the wind, man will inevitably and always reap the whirlwind.

## The Passion of Christ

We are fast approaching that time of the Ecclesiastical year when the Church brings the Passion of the Savior before the minds of her children in a special manner. Because of the deep value of the sacred Passion to mankind, the Church never fails to remember it—indeed the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a constant remembrance of it. It is the mystical re-enactment of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. But during the closing days of Holy Week every detail of that awful tragedy is brought out in clear outline to make us remember the infinite degree of love Jesus Christ had for us. Well did he exclaim in His own words: "Greater love than this no man hath, that he lay down his life for his friends."

The Passion of Christ was not absolutely necessary in order that mankind be saved from the effects of original and actual sin. Because Christ was God, any act that He chose to do to redeem man in the favor and grace of God would have sufficed for man's redemption. Therefore He did not have to suffer the sorrow of soul in the Agony of the Garden when His anguish was so great that it made His Precious Blood ooze from His pores; He did not feel the cutting scorn of His people nor the insults of King Herod; He did not feel the whips and scourges of Roman soldiers; He did not have to feel the agony of the journey to Calvary with His heavy cross; He did not have to feel the mental anguish when He was crucified and heard Simon relieve

to help in carrying the cross were freely permitted by Christ to show us sinners how to walk the pathway of life in full resignation to the Will of God. And what created mind can measure that degree of Divine love that Christ displayed to the world when the nails were driven home and He was raised on the Cross to suffer and die in agony for the sins of men?

Because of chronological difficulties the exact date and year of Christ's death are disputed. The Holy Father and the theologians are pleased to accept the opinion that this year is the nineteenth century of Christ's death.

What an incentive this should be to inspire us to learn more about the Passion, to meditate on its value to mankind and to each individual soul. Let us not leave this year go by without feeling a deeper love of the Passion of Christ grow within our hearts.

## America Turns To God

In the early 15th century, France lay buried under the invading forces of a foreign power. Her treasury was bankrupt, her soldiers disheartened and routed, the spirit of her people grew cold, indeed all courage was dead. It was destined that all should be changed. Joan of Arc was the instrument chosen by God to effect the change. When this child of Domremy foretold the glories of the new France to an incredulous playmate she was asked who would accomplish the seemingly impossible task. Her simple answer was "God." And God did not fail France.

Today the whole world lies buried under the cruel power of economic depression. Many clarion calls have been sounded to install a new courage and confidence in the minds and hearts of the people. This must be so if we are to get back to a more stable prosperity. But of all such calls not one has had such a true ring as had that which came from Vatican City through the lips of the Vicar of Christ. Pius XI has called to all peoples to turn to God in prayer during this Jubilee year extraordinary to settle the difficulties of the world. His watch words are "Peace—Justice—Humanity."

What a ready reception that invitation has received here in America! History was made last Sunday morning in Radio City when representatives of all religions, Catholic, Jew and Protestant, met to give external approbation to the Pope's program of prayer. Even the President himself sent his representative.

Without surrendering personal religious convictions, our Jewish and non-Catholic brethren have acknowledged that the Holy Father is a leader in Christian civilization, and one whose policy of turning to Almighty God for the solution of our economic problems can well be followed by members of all creeds.

To those hearing that broadcast with its beautiful music and stirring speeches there must have come a great stimulation. To Catholics especially, must have come the conviction that they cannot lag in their obligation to pray earnestly for our beloved country and the countries of the world. Let our prayers rise daily, hourly, to the God of Nations to send His benedictions upon all.

If this be done, God will not fail America, nor will He fail the World.

## The Equal Rights Amendment

The National Woman's Party has sponsored and proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to read as follows: "Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction."

There is an evident danger in this amendment for the women workers in America. And it lies in the fact that it would no longer be possible to enact legislative restrictions upon the liberty of women in industry, as well as other fields of activity.

Woman labor is now by law restricted as to hours, night work and certain occupations. Also conditions under which women work are well controlled by law—to the advantage, we believe, of the women workers.

Facts hardly support the contention of the National Woman's Party that such legal restriction on women prevent them from getting education. As to their other contention that working women do not constitute a special class, but being equal to men, should be treated by law as being their equals in every respect, is nonsense. Genuine leaders of the working women are in accord with the Catholic viewpoint on this matter. The latter is duly expressed by Leo XIII in his Encyclical on the Condition of Labor.

We hope to see this proposed amendment defeated.

## On Being a Catholic

Being a Catholic will always mean that one is committed to active service as a soldier of Christ. The field may be small; the conflict, to human eyes, may not be spectacular. But conflict it is, and the hidden manna will be given, not to him who compromises, but to him who conquers.

The Church established by the Son of God is no safety zone for a man's worldly interests, nor a fraternal society for placid pursuits in leisure hours. It is not just a Sunday Morning Club that it is both respectable and consoling to belong to; not just an institution that drapes one's entrance into the world and one's departure with the dignity of ceremonies.

No; to be a real Catholic is to be desperately in earnest, to embrace something with ardor as a matter of life and death. It is joy and contentment, but it is also a sharp cutting of mean and worldly attachments; it is challenge and combat; it is marching and vigils; it is wounds; it is thirst; it is the cross; it is the following of Christ—The Far East.

"If one who is once or twice admonished refuse to hearken, strive not with him, but commit all to God, that His will may be done and His honor be shown in His servants, for He knoweth well how to convert the evil unto good."

—Thomas à Kempis, on Patience.

"I seized, opened, and in silence read... 'Not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy; but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ... No further would I read; nor needed I... By a light as if were of serenity infused into my heart, all the darkness of doubt vanished away... St. Augustine, opening the Scriptures in prayer, to the voice of a child...

## Diocesan Recordings

This week, the Catholic Courier greets you in a new dress, counting out a week ahead of Easter time WITH it, but planning to be even better dressed for Easter. If you like the improvements, please write us a note about them. If you have suggestions and criticisms, send those in, too. It is our desire and ambition to please our many readers to the utmost.

Opportunities will be offered all to witness two excellent Passion Plays, next week. The Catholic Women's Club is sponsoring "The Upper Room" production in Columbus Civic Center on Palm Sunday evening and the Blessed Sacrament players will give "Calvary" on Monday and Tuesday evening and Good Friday night. Getting into the spirit of Holy Week will be increased by witnessing either or both of these sacred dramas.

In Fra Juniper's column in the Universe, Catholic weekly newspaper published in London appears the following item: "In relating the following true incident, the Universe offers its compliments to the Sunday Express. Customer to newsgather: 'You can stop my Sunday Express and send the Universe instead. You can stop the Universe when Lent's over...'"

Discussion everywhere is heard about Father Coughlin, whose radio talks are being listened to with avid interest in not only Catholic homes, but a great many non-Catholic homes as well. It is interesting to note at this time what the Hon. Alfred E. Smith wrote in the foreword to "Father Coughlin of the Shrine of the Little Flower." Governor Smith said among other things: "Too often do we make the mistake of thinking that men of the cloth belong only to the altar. Father Coughlin, for whom I have the greatest admiration, has demonstrated that the clergy can play its part in the fast moving spectacle of humanity, modified by the various incidents with which the cleric must necessarily be intimately concerned."

An inspiring sight on Holy Thursday night will be afforded all who go to St. Patrick's Cathedral in Rochester and to the other churches in the diocese where the Nocturnal Adoration Society will keep the customary all-night vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. The Nocturnal Adoration Society is composed of Catholics men who once a month spend an hour before the Blessed Eucharist in groups of eight. The men conduct their own services divided into reading of the Little Office and meditation. There is no fanfare and bugles, no publicity. These men quietly leave their homes during the night for their appointed hour, commune with their Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and return home. The Society has made great progress during the past year and the spiritual blessings its members have brought upon themselves and upon the diocese cannot be fully estimated.

Our congratulations to The Brooklyn Tablet, diocesan newspaper, on the completion of twenty-five years in existence. During that quarter of a century, the Tablet has been a vital force in the progress of the diocese. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, D.D., Bishop of Brooklyn in commenting upon the achievements of the Tablet concluded with "It is in proud and grateful recognition of the fact that the Tablet has always endeavored to realize these honorable and useful purposes of Catholic journalism that we pause on this significant anniversary of its institution to congratulate its business management, its editorial and reporter staff; to thank its loyal, generous sponsors and supporters and to voice the fervent wish that our Diocesan paper will continue for many years in its worthy and successful career in our midst."

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# STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known

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**A BRIDGE OVER A ROAD**

Now one of ENGLAND'S NATIONAL MONUMENTS this bridge in the main street of Crowland was built by the monks to give access to their Abbey. Triangular in form, it is symbolic of the Trinity.

**ANSWER to last week's Question: CRYPT**  
is derived from the Greek word to hide and comes to us from the days when churches were built over the tombs of the martyrs formerly hidden in the catacombs.

**THE LENTEN MEAL "COLLATION" IS A COROLLATION OF THE LATIN COLLABORATIONS (CONFERENCES) WHICH WAS THE TIME IN MONASTERIES WHEN THIS MEAL WAS TAKEN**

**Young Swiss Catholics**  
in imitation of St. Francis de Sales, print and distribute free some hundreds of thousands of religious pamphlets each year. This society, Silvania, started as a holiday hostel and now its members spend their holidays at their printing press and in distribution work. by Neuenkirch, Lucerne.

**CARDINAL NEWMAN'S ROOM AT THE ORATORY BIRMINGHAM IS STILL PRESERVED AS HE LEFT IT 40 YEARS AGO...**

## Back Through the Years

April 20, 1893  
Members of St. Patrick's Church, Danville, engaged in a campaign to earn a dollar apiece to reduce the church debt.

The graduating Mass of '93 of the Phelps Union and Classical School included: Misses Margaret Lidwith, Alice Brophy, Helen Nelder, Anna Neldard and James Brophy and Frank J. Ryan. Officers were: President, Frank Salisbury; vice-president, Miss Suso Fritchard; secretary, Frank J. Ryan; treasurer, James T. Brophy; Salutatorian, Miss Anne Needham; Valdictorian, Miss Suso Fritchard; class prophet, Frank J. Ryan.

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viewed by Col. H. N. Schlick and staff.  
A reception into the Young Ladies' Sodality, the Children of Mary, the Angel Guardian Sodality and the Infant Jesus Society was held at St. Mary's Church, Auburn. The Rev. Father Mulheron assisted by the Rev. Father McGrath, conducted the ceremony.

May 27, 1893  
Announcement was made by the Rev. Father O'Hare of the Church of the Immaculate Conception of plans for a new school and parish hall to cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000.  
A new statue of St. Paul was blessed by the Rev. Dr. Sinclair in St. Peter and Paul's Church.

Transfers and appointments among the Redemptorist Fathers were announced. The Rev. Joseph Wirth, C.S.S.R., for six years rector of St. Joseph's Church was transferred to St. Michael's Church, Baltimore; the Rev. August Pingel, C.S.S.R., was made rector of St. Boniface Church, Philadelphia. Father Wirth was succeeded by the Rev. F. W. Way-Jacob Wahl was presented with a rich, C.S.S.R., and Father Pingel by the Rev. Sebastian Briehof, C.S.S.R. During the stay of Fathers Wirth and Pingel at St. Joseph's, the parish hall was built and both showed a keen and sympathetic interest in the Catholic lay societies.

Clerical transfers in the Rochester diocese announced included the Rev. James Dougherty, Stanley to pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Danville; the Rev. John Hopkins, chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital to pastor, Stanley; the Rev. Thomas Rosster, Immaculate Conception to St. Mary's Hospital; the Rev. James E. Hartley, Holy Rosary and Cathedral, to pastor, St. Ann's Church, Palmyra.

In the Knights of St. Eustace entertainment at Germania Hall, the following took part: Fred Minges, Jr.; Mrs. J. D. Vogt, Miss Amella Vogt, John Kuberlana, C. O'Brien, F. M. Young, George W. Gaeb and Joseph Stadler. The committee in charge was M. Voellinger, Alphonse Groh, J. J. Nunnold, A. J. Heinsale and John Klster.

When the devil suggests to us discouraging thoughts, we must seek strength in the remembrance of the numerous benefits which we have received from God.


An English schoolboy wrote an essay on "The Stormy Petrol." When the pastor, a gentleman with a refreshing humor, saw it he wrote on the margin, "Hail to thee, blithe spirit! Bird thou never wert." — Boston Transcript.

A little patient waiting will often set right a tangle which seemed for the moment hopeless; a brave heart will breast the storm until it has spent its fury.

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