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## Editorials

### THIS YEAR'S EASTER

Another spring is again with us, and again in our hearts we feel the lightness that every spring seems to bring. The blustering storms of winter with all the cold and cutting winds are gone. Robins and violets, blue skies, to be washed so freely by April showers, are with us again and our hearts are glad.

With spring comes Easter, the greatest feast in the Catholic calendar. It is a feast symbolic of renewed hope in the heart of man in the power and mercy of God. For it marks the resurrection of Christ from the dead. That was an event of great importance. So great that the Apostle Paul says of it "And if Christ be not risen again, then is our preaching vain, and your Faith is also vain."

The importance of the Resurrection lies in the fact that by it Christ proved His divine power of prophecy, since He foretold it. Then too He demonstrated His power over life and death, a power that lies only in the hands of God. Thus He proved Himself to be what He claimed for Himself, namely, that He was the Divine Son of God, equal in all things to the Father and the Holy Spirit, Who had power to lay down His life and take it up.

Easter this year holds more hope for the children of a forlorn America than it has for a number of years back. So many of our people have learned a sad lesson of the change of things in a material order. This has only emphasized the stability of things spiritual and eternal. We are turning more confidently this year to the risen Saviour and begging Him to renew within us the life and grace which is His to give. And having sought rest in Him the Kingdom of God, we are likewise asking that He add the material things that are necessary for our earthly existence.

### SATAN GOETH ABOUT

It is a far cry from the days when Christ worked His miracles in favor of children. We remember that He raised the daughter of Jairus and the son of the widow of Naim to life, and healed the daughter of the woman of Canaan. Many years have passed since the gentle Christ gathered the little children around Him, took them in His arms and blessed them. His disciples had protested, but He became indignant and ordered them to be allowed to come to Him, "for such is the kingdom of heaven." Though years have passed, His warning against scandalizing little ones stands today, and terrible as it did on the day on which He uttered it "He that shall scandalize one of these little ones that believe in Me, it were better for him that a mill-stone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be drowned in the depth of the sea."

There are those today who seem to have forgotten Christ's forceful words. They are deliberately placing in the hands of children pictures and literature that is an abomination. We would not dare to describe the filthy stuff, so rotten and immoral as it is. Suffice it is to say that it is of such a disgusting nature that it burns itself into the memories of those who view or read it, adolescent and adult alike, and becomes a constant source of temptation. It caters to the mere animal in a human being and will destroy all idea of chaste matrimonial relations in the mind of our youth.

Would that something could be done to make those who are commercializing human passion for their own material gain see the evil of their way and the eternal damnation they are reaping for themselves in their rotten business of sowing scandal.

The Police Departments of our communities that are doing their best to clean up this situation deserve loyal co-operation from all. The Police Department of Rochester have our sincere congratulations on the fine piece of work they have recently done to save our children from the inroads of the devil.

We appeal to parents to learn, during this Easter Vacation, if their children have come into contact with this exciting evil. We know that they will use all the prudence prompted by a parental heart to safeguard their children from this damnable scandal.

### SHOWING RESULTS

From the words of his allocution delivered at the secret consistory held in Vatican City last month, it is quite evident that Pope Pius is pleased with the results thus far produced by Catholic Action.

The fruits of Catholic Action as specifically enumerated by the Holy Father are as follows: Efficient religious instruction, increased Eucharistic piety and life, greater practice of spiritual exercises by clergy and laity especially among students and working people; and last but not least the multiplication of charitable enterprises.

Catholic Action on the collaborating of the laity with the Bishops and clergy in the works of the Apostolate, is not a new thing in our diocese. The lay societies of our parishes that have affiliated with the National Councils of Men and Women are doing their part to promote and maintain a national organization that is ever vigilant for the welfare of the Church and her children. The importance in maintaining and supporting

such an organization is clear to all upon a brief reflection. Catholics must evidence a solid front and a strong voice when a defense of principle is required. This being done by our national organization, the National Catholic Welfare Council of which our Catholic lay organizations form a vital part.

The good results of these lay organizations are also becoming apparent in parish life. The study clubs organized under their supervision are educating our people in a fuller knowledge of their religion and offering an opportunity for Catholics to learn the mind of the Church on everyday problems. And, being the mind of the Church it is the right attitude of mind for every Catholic.

The organization of Nocturnal Adoration Societies, likewise, is a means of grace to individual souls that cannot be praised too highly. Such societies proclaim to the world that Catholics are keeping the faith of their fathers and will sacrifice much for it.

Catholic Action in the Rochester diocese must be kept in the foreground. May our enthusiastic support of our good Bishop and Clergy never wane!

## Current Comment

### WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

"I resolve to inform myself on Catholic doctrine on social justice, to conform my life to its requirements and to do everything in my power, in my home and religious life, in my social and business contacts to promote its principles."

"Realizing that I cannot keep this resolution faithfully without divine help, I further resolve, as nearly as possible, to hear Holy Mass twice a week (once besides Sunday) and daily if possible, and to receive Holy Communion at least once a month and weekly if possible, to attain social justice in the United States."

This is the resolution taken by men and women desiring membership in the Catholic League for Social Justice, a movement started recently in New York and now spreading to many parts of the country. The purpose of the league is the carrying on of a militant crusade to attain the ideals of social justice expounded by our Holy Father in his encyclical, "Quadragesimo Anno."

As Columbus, the national monthly of the Knights of Columbus remarks, "It is the answer to the question of the bewildered multitude. 'What can I do about it?' I know that our social, financial and industrial conditions can be bettered only by conforming our human relations to our spiritual ideals. I know that—but what can I do about it?"

Prayer is a prerequisite of needed governmental and industrial reforms, for without God's guidance men will continue to muddle and bungle.

—The Michigan Catholic

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND TAXES

Even with their increased financial resources, Catholics find that the supporting of their schools, while at the same time they pay taxes for the support of the public schools is a heavy burden. Resolved though they are that the Catholic school system must not and shall not fail, there are some Catholics, whose conditions render Catholic schools impossible and other who feel that the burden is too great.

The Rome, Ga., News-Fribune and other newspapers carried recently, for instance, an Associated Press story stating that the Catholics of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg in Canada have found it impossible to continue to support their schools, and as a result they closed just before the Christmas holidays. They 2,000 children in the city of Winnipeg presented themselves to the public authorities for educational facilities. Facilities are already limited in the city treasury is nearly empty.

Incidents like this may make our communities realize just what they owe to the Catholic school system. There are 200,000 pupils in the Catholic schools of New York City. To accommodate them in the public schools of that city would require \$27,000,000 additional annually for operating expense, and an outlay of \$40,000,000 for building and equipment. That is something for New York to think about. In Georgia, where Catholics are fewer in proportion than in nearly any state in the Union, there are 4,822 children in Catholic schools. The state, the various communities and the taxpayers ought to appreciate the work these schools are doing in caring for the education of these future citizens—without expense to the state, while those who support them also contribute more than their share, from the standpoint of numbers, to the support of the public schools of Georgia. This is no less true of other states.—The Bulletin, (Augusta, Ga.)

### PLAN TO STEM EVIL

Pointing to the godless "no children" clause in the letting of houses which operates especially against the Catholic poor, a writer in the Southwark (England) Record—the official bulletin of the Diocese—suggests that if 200,000 London Catholics banded themselves together they could do much to stem the evil. If this number of Catholics contributed threepence per week for a year to a central fund this would provide a nucleus of 130,000 pounds, an amount sufficient to purchase land and build perhaps a block of flats. It is further suggested that possibly there are a number of Catholics who would lend money to the movement, at a fair rate of interest, knowing that they would be helping a good cause, and feeling confident of the security of the scheme.—The Sign.

The Catholic press is the very life blood of Catholic Action. Mindful of this the hierarchy of the United States under the leadership of the Holy Father have done everything not only to give the United States the finest religious press in the world but to impress also upon the faithful the necessity of supporting it.—The Tidings, Los Angeles.

God loves you; love Him in return. His delight is to be with you; let it be yours to be with Him; and endeavor, as far as possible, to enjoy in time that sweet companionship which will be yours for a blessed eternity. Accustom yourself to speak to Him with familiarity and confidence as a friend. It is a great mistake and a weakness of our shortsighted nature not to be at ease in His presence.

Let us work for the salvation of souls; we have but the one day of this life to save them, and so give to Our Lord a proof of our love. Tomorrow will be eternity, then Jesus will reward you a hundred fold for the sweet joys you have given up for Him.—The Little Flower.

## Diocesan Recordings

Many commendations reached us about the new dress of the CATHOLIC COURIER, official diocesan newspaper. His excellency, Bishop O'Hern expresses his approval in a statement to be published next week. One of the most inspiring letters we received, which unfortunately could not be released for publication, because of the writer's desire to stay in the background, came from the original editor of the Catholic Journal who, in 1889 saw the first Catholic journalistic enterprise launched in the Rochester diocese and has manifested a keen interest in its progress since. If we cannot get permission to print this letter, we are going to get an article on the early struggles of the Catholic press for our readers. This letter describes the changes in secular and Catholic journalism and comments on the present day Catholic newspaper. "No longer," states the letter, "is there one valid excuse why any Catholic should not be a subscriber to a Catholic paper."

Thomas Gamble, a former Philadelphia newspaper man, has been elected mayor of Savannah and will, of all things, conduct a drive against gambling.

Backed up by full support from several of our Catholic lay organizations, Senator Cosmo A. Cileno of Rochester, furnished strong opposition to a bill in the State Legislature which would have resulted in raising the compulsory grammar school age from 14 to 15 and the bill was defeated. Taking the floor against the bill, Senator Cileno argued that it would increase the cost of grammar school education by 12.2 per cent by reason of the increased number of teachers, larger class rooms and additional number of teachers and equipment that would be required. This would be a useless waste of money under present conditions, he held, declaring that boys and girls who desire to continue their education after 14 can do so by entering the high schools. Proposed legislation of this kind must be constantly watched, thoroughly studied and vigorously opposed. The organizations which are doing this deserve commendation.

In the April issue of "The Fraternal Leader," official organ of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association, an invitation is extended by Mrs. Cora McFarlin, of Rochester, Supreme Trustee to every Branch, wherever located to attend the opening dinner of the annual convention of the L. C. B. A. in Columbus Civic Center on July 10. This convention of the L. C. B. A. will bring to Rochester an organization of Catholic women that in 43 years has grown from 1,000 members in 1890 to 91,000 adult members and 5,233 juveniles in 1933, from the first claim of \$1,000 paid in 1890 to 17,100 claims amounting to \$79,943,198.91 in 1933; from faith in the future, no reserve, no low rates in 1890 to confidence in the future, adequate rates, legal reserves and funds amounting to \$19,607,818.62 in 1933. Rochester will be proud to welcome such an organization of capable business women as well as staunch Catholic laywomen when they come here in July.

A non-Catholic friend in a conversation this week told us that he had recently asked a Catholic friend of his why he tipped his hat when passing a priest. The Catholic could only answer "out of respect." He could give no other reason. The non-Catholic then told the Catholic the reason which was not quite complete but at least showed greater knowledge than that displayed by the Catholic.

God's gift to us is Jesus; Our gift to God is What?

# STRANGE BUT TRUE

## Catholic Facts But Little Known

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By M. J. MURRAY

Almost THIRTY YEARS were given by Ghiberti to fashioning the wonderful doors of the Church of San Giovanni, Florence. Scenes from the Old Testament are depicted on them.

The Abbey of Montecassino, Italy, was founded over FOURTEEN CENTURIES ago, & is the cradle of the Benedictine Order.

THE EASTER SEPULCHRE IN A HERTFORD CHURCH REMINDS US OF THE MEDIEVAL PRACTICE OF RESERVING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM MALINDY THURSDAY UNTIL EASTER, A CUSTOM ANALOGOUS TO, BUT NOT IDENTICAL WITH, THAT OF THE PRESENT ALTAR OF REPOSE ON HOLY THURSDAY.

We owe the word NOON to the Lenten Fast, as the chief meal of the day was taken in the monasteries at None, after Vespers, which in Lent was brought as near as possible to MIDDAY.

## Back Through the Years

June 8, 1893

The Rev. William V. ... of St. Mary's ...

St. Mary's ...

Members of Our Lady of Victory ...

At the annual meeting of the ...

The Rev. Andrew ... of the Rochester students at the North American College in Rome ...

New Cathedral ...

June 10, 1893

Sister M. Materna of the Order of ...

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