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CHRISTIAN ETHICS

There is a Science of Right Living

Radio Talk Given by The Rev. William J. Mahoney, C. M. J. C. D., Over Station WHAM, Sunday, April 30

In launching this series of talks on the Fundamental Princis "the accumulated and accepted knowledge systematized and formuples of Ethics, it is our purpose to show you how your moral lated with reference to the disintuitions and thoughts of right living are firmly fixed upon a reasonable basis. There was a time when the Catholic Church was accused of being opposed to the valid conclusions of reason. It was said She clung desperately to the remnants of a scienceblasted faith.

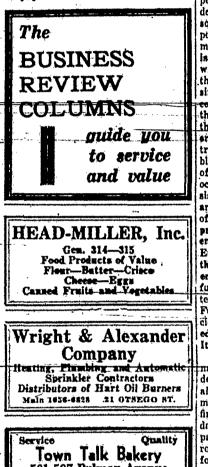
Today is would appear the pen- Ethics we will have recourse neither number of general principles, and dulum has swung to the other side. to the infallible teachings of the lending a certain intellectual power The Glurch now stands convicted of Church nor the revealed word of God, and ease in seeing facts in principles being too intellectualistic, too relent- but will depend upon the findings of and principles in facts. And in similess in the pursuit of scientific con-Scholastic Philosophy, which to our lar strain ethics is a science. It colclusions. We do not intend to re- mind is but common sense refined in lects a systematically arranged body vamp the age-old controversy between the crucible of penetrating reason. of data which relate to the morality science and religion. It is not to our Thus, possibly, we may gain the open of human conduct.

But it may be conveniently minds of those who, reluctant to be-It presents the reasons or princistated here that that period of his-lieve as we Catholics believe, are ples which demonstrate this data to tory known as the Age of Faith nevertheless willing to pay the tribute be true. Finally it affords intellectual might well be called the Age of Rea- of approval to the inevitable prompt- acuteness in recognizing facts in prinson, an age marked by such scho- ings of their own-common-sense and

Defines Term

lastic philosophers as Thomas and the invincible, conclusions of their Abelard who made daring attempts own good reason. to demonstrate the cold reason of the warming faith within them. " As Bishop Turner remarks in his History of Philosophy:

"The day has long gone by when an historian could, without fear of contradiction and protest, represent Scholastic Philosophy as the subjugation of reason to sufficiely." Ethics is a part of Scholastic phil osophy. And in our treatment of



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of chemistry or physics. But in its true and primary meaning it is not so narrow and provincial. According to the standard dictionary science is

scope. Yet withal, it is the truth.

ETHICS IS A SCIENCE. The word 'science' in the popular mind is gen-

erally cabined, cribbed and confined

to the limits of a Missouri laboratory.

covery of general truths or the opcration of general laws." The science of algebra, botany or

geology consists in gathering a number of accurate facts, formulating a

ciples and prniciples in facts. Our Code of ethics glories in the fact of its scientific exactitude and completeness, We are unaware of any other code that can prove a sim-ETHICS. What is ETHICS? Everyilar hoast. Our code is rooted in the

body knows the nature of this science. general self-evident principles of Everybody realizes that certain acmorality. Our code grows with logitions are morally right and that others are morally wrong. Everybody cal consistency and spreads, its clearcut implications over every conceivknows moreover that the rightness or able human activity. Our code does, wrongness of an action depends not so much upon the nature of the act not content itself with the dry preachitself as upon the way in which it is ments of general platitudes, such as performed-i. e., as it is willfully and the golden rule, but makes bold to deliberately posited by the agent. And apply scientifically these general prin-

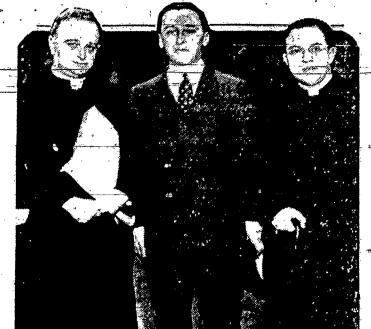
so in our own rough unanalyzed ex- ciples to every problem of human perience we may discover the subject conduct and to state fearlessly a dematter of this science of ethics. It tailed and docisive answer. Our code, matter of this science of ethics. It is the knowledge of the righteous or wrongness of a human act. We use the words "human act" designedly, since not every act done by man is considered a human act, but only of the othical questions of man, first as the ethical questions of man, first as an individual in his triune relation-whip to God, himself and his neighbor. those acts over which man exercises and secondly as a member of society, the supreme sway of his own delib- conjugal, domestic, ecclesiastical, civil and international. Our code is a state free will. -- Such actions as nutrition, breathing, circulation of the complete answor to a God-given, Godblood are regarded technically as acts destined life. There is no problem of man rather than human acts. These be it ever so small or special which a occur automatically, under the irrea specific answer consistent with the sistible pressure of physical nature and independent of the free choice general laws of morality. The out-

precisely as he is a man, a creature Rome, mark the ends of the earth. It i may enter for good or evil. Its embraces the life of man as an inendowed with a free rational nature. dividual and as a member of society. Ethics embraces in its, scope only It pursues him in his special vocathose actions over which man ex- it pursues him in his special voca-ercises a conscious control. In a tion of life, be it of the legal, medical, nursing or any other profession. future talk we will discuss more ex-Our code remains not with vapid gen- ethics models itself directly on the tensively the nature of a human act. For the time being it would be suffi-

tism and as much scientific research studies the moral concepts of man to. static God.

first principles but borrow their fun- human activity of all men. part of philosophy othics must bur- ing," Dr. Alfred Adlor writes in the tions. Ethics informs the mind. not a science of right living? row beneath the surface to find the opening words of his first chapter: Ethics pursuades the will. Ethics foundations of moral order. As a! where other special subjects leave off osopher -Wm. James, is really a term-God, -Ethics-therefore-is-a science. It might also be said that and thus give lasting and fundamen-

in a science which is directly re- ing right. lated to life theory and practice be-



MSGR. BERNARDINI OFF FOR ROME

CATHOLIC COURIER, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1933

The Right Rev. Msgr. Filippo Bernardini (left), recently named Apostohe Delegate to Australasia, photographed as he left Washington en route to Rome to be consecrated titular Archbishop of Antioch of Pisidia. Monsignor Bernardini was formerly head of the faculty of canon laws at the Catholic University of America. Among the persons who hid bon voyage to Msgr. Bernardini were the Hon. Augusto Rosso (center), Ambassador of Italy to the U.S., and the Very Rev. Magr. Paul Marella, Charge d'Affaires of the Apostolic Delegation at Washington. ' (Reni photo.)

every conceivable act and relation-

does not hesitate to call it life itself. In his own words: "It is not mere organized knowledge-it is above all a practical power for the controlling of the human will for good or evil in posts of ethics, like those of ancient all matters where the human will will have served our purpose if we judgments or to make good artistic products but to make good men.

dands. Our code through whose detailed multiple phases runs a single To use the words of Dr. Adler pattern of design. Our code elastic eralizations on human conduct but movements of life. To use a thought enough to be adjusted to every newly strikes out boldly with detailed appli- possibly not intended by such words, recurring human situation yet firmly edge of the morality of a human act. action to every phase of human traf- Christian ethics models itself directly anchored to the everlasting principles it is the science of human conduct. action to every phase of human traf- Christian ethics models itself directly anchored to the everlasting principles its in the movement of rational life of a changeless God of morality. Our Ethics is distinguished from other method it presents no more dogma- towards its ultimate end-God. It code for a progressing man yet of a

dence and political economy, which as does civil law-which is dogmatic gether with the inborn sense of con-We are here to irve. - We will he also deal with the moral conduct of in principle and detailed in applica- scious obligation, and in turn presents ask the question: why do we not live man. These latter do not descend to tion. Ethics is a science of every to the intellect a clear exposition of fright?, since the answer is well known these concepts and to the will the and as old as fallen man himself. damental notions from ethics. As a in this book "The Science of Liv- sanction of its deeply sensed obliga- But we may ask the question: Is there

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ITHACA ITEMS

By LOUISE PATRICIA PAUL One hundred members of Court Santa Maria, 240, Catholic Baughters of America, and guests from Etmira and Waverly, attended the annual initiation of the Court on Sunday afternoon in Parish Hall. Miss Mary Malone was general chairman

in charge of arrangements. The six initiates inducted into the turned to the Church. organization, Mrs. J. E. Dunphy, Mrs. George B. Fabey, Muss Catherine E. Leary, Miss Lena Knight, that time jeered at the reported ap-Miss Virginia Carlin and Mary Hal- paritions at Beauraing 1 ler, were welcomed by Mrs. Edith. Gostahus, grand regent. The Rev. cording to Mariette's account, the William Byrne, chaplain, gave a little girl was peering through the short talk, as did Miss Elizabeth window of her home when, she says, Harmon of Auburn, district deputy ishe saw a light approach the cottage A congratulatory message to the and then stop within a few fact of the courts-from Mrs Margaret Tynan of house. Soon, the girl relates, the Poughkeepsle, state regent, was en light cleared and took the form of a tended by Mrs. James Carlin, dis. woman clad in white and wearing a trict deputy.

membership in the Central New York; out of the bouse and followed the District, Knights of Columbus, were apparition. Her father, together with filed at the recent meeting of the as- some neighbors, watched the child sociation held in this city. One hundred delegates guests of the local chapter at a along ' Marlette says when the apmeeting in the Eiks Lodge at the af. parition reached a well it vanished. ternoon session and a dinner at the She become frightened in the dark Knights of Columbus home in the and ran for home. vening

Daniel A. Tobin, Brooklyn, ad that the well in which she was vised members of their duties as and that on that occasion, the woman knights and asked for full co-opera- in white spoke, designating herself as tion in fraternal activities. Mr. To. "Our Lady of the Poor." hin also discussed plans for the na ? that the well inwhich which she was tional convention to be held in Chi- wont to vanish he dedicated to her cago, 111., this summer. The applications received were later apparition, the girl says, she from Rochester, Binghamton and En- asked that a chapel be built there in dicott. These will be acted on at the her honor.

next quarterly meeting scheduled in f July at Elmira. The Ithaca Knights were also invited to attend the state the woman announced that she had convention in Rochester next month + appeared "to alleviate the burden of

PERSONAL Mr. and Mrs. Leo B. Costello of entrusted to Mariette a "secret," say-Port Washington, L. I., announce ing, "Believe in me and I will believe hip of man. But in accordance with the arrival of a baby girl. Mr. Cos- in you." There then followed two our previously announced purpose, we tello who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. more apparitions, the girl says, will attempt to explain some of the Mark Costello of Lorimer Street was. The Most Rev. Louis Kerkhofs, undamental principles of our science, a noted athlete at Aquinas Institute, Bishop of Liege, has designated the We will make some practical appli- and St. Lawrence University and has Rev. Fr. de Grotte to investigate the cations of these principles merely by many friends in Rochester.



(Continued from Page 1) and several of his relatives have re-

Mariette under the influences of her family and associates had, until

One Sunday evening at dusk, ac blue girdle. The next day at the same time the girl says she again

Applications, of three cities for saw the vision and that time rushed pursuing her vision and saw her were kneel twice in the road as she walked

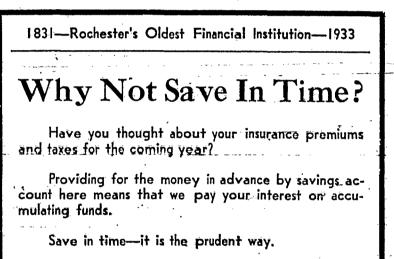
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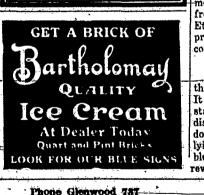
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bad, just or unjust; what is virtue,

law, conscience; what obligations are

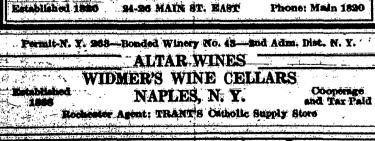
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to the eternal principles of the God reakfast, served to the kiddles free-The Executive Committee of the y, used for making punches and oth. of truth and goodness. There is good Diocesan Union comprising Father er refreshing drinks. A refreshing reason to obey the laws of hygiene Stauder, Mr. Shlesinger, Rev. A. F. drink can be made by mixing with for the sake of bodily health. There Florack, William G. Wynn, Charles ginger ale or even with cold water. must be equally good reason to fol- I. Knapp, Roy W. Crissy, Norman Widmer's grape juice is inexpensive low the rules of ethics for the sake A. O'Brien, Andrew Wuest, Joseph of our moral welfare unless we are Antolina and John W. Diringer, all as prices are lower than ever.

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way of illustration. But we feel we

succeed in showing you the solid basis

f reason upon which our code

rules for living well physically. Ethics is a science and as a science (Continued from Page 1) guides and impels us to live well mor- Mr. Giles, the President of the Roch-47 Main St. W. lated to life, its theory and practice ally. Any man who aspires to the cater Club about the park, we were so inseparable, that Father McNab full perfection of his human person- informed that he would be glad to Open Saturday Evening-5 to 9-For New Accounts and Deposits Only

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duct through life man stands in need Sunday dates. We were nonof an ethical code. We speak of a plussed. The 11 is the second Sunhealth builder, grape juice, when code bejewelled with the gem of day in June, the communion Sunday of the Holy Name society and the We speak of a codn that can guide logical date for the rally and the

man in his every day action in accord ball-park is ideally suited for it. contain only the readily assimilated with some definite objective norm of When Dr. Max Morris, head of the morahty. A Zeitgist policy of ethics lacrosse club heard of our problem, grape sugar derived from the fruit that is built upon shifting sands, that however, he was quick to reassure itself, without the addition of cane would allow man to judge the moral us. Don't worry, he said, I am only statement may appear to you in the sugar, preservatives, coloring mat- worth of his own or the actions of too glad to release my claim on the disconcerting masquerade of a parahumor or the fashion of the time is too glad to cooperate in helping you both unscientific and dangerous. It arrange an affair of this nature.

may be expedient but scarcely right. These two great sportsmen have But a man who prizes a principle of proved real sportsmen indeed." -Last year's rally. Elid first of its fact above a puppet of feeling, who is willing to slough off the flesh of per-type ever held in western New York sonal, present and local prejudice and to accept rigorously self-evident prin-"This year." said Mr. Shlesinger. to accept rigorously self-evident prin- ["we expect thousands more. We now ciples and their undeniable conclusions, must have for his support a have organized deanery Holy Name their recommendation to patients by definite code of ethics, otherwise his unions in the Geneva, Auburn, Corn-doctors as blood-building, healthlife and opinions will be a broken ing and Elmira deaneries of the dio-

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