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Editorials
MOTHER'S DAY

On Sunday the eyes of the nation will be turned in reverence and love to that dearest in all the world "My Mother." For this nation has set aside the fourteenth of May as "Mother's Day" and every citizen is called upon to do homage to his own mother and to all mothers.
Who could hope to tell by the power of mere words, the love that burns in a person's heart for his mother? What need is there to put down in cold language the reasons for this love? So much a part of our very selves, is this love for our mother, that it needs no analysis or explanation.
With what instinctive trust does the new born baby turn to the loving arms of its mother. How quickly the sorrows and hurts of childhood days vanished under the spell of her tender kisses. And now when manhood cares and worries give us an appreciation of the weight of parental responsibilities, what a comfort it is to spend a fleeting hour or two at the side of her who always understands and always loves.
We are reminded by the Church that we have a spiritual mother too, in Heaven. The Saturday before Mother's Day is "Mary's Day." The Church would remind us that we must not forget our Mother in Heaven. Of all mothers, she holds the highest place, since she is the Mother of God. And what a Mother! Her love for the little Saviour was the only bright thing in the world for him the night she gave Him to the world. And again when He was dying the last things He saw was her loving eyes, two dark pools of unshed tears, looking steadily upward to give Him all her love when there was no love for Him, that day in all the world.
And with true maternal love for us her children, she now stands before God's throne, begging grace for Him for us.
To her we go, asking for the grace to love and appreciate our own dear mother. Do we appreciate her, without whom we would not have been? We poor creatures of experience seem to learn our lessons all too late, but please God, we will learn early the lesson of the worth of our mother and the value of her love in our lives and not wait until God takes her to Himself before we show our appreciation.
The constant affection bestowed on us by our mother, like all things too close to us, is apt to go undervalued and unappreciated. The fact that we cannot thank her enough for all that she has done for us, should be no discouragement to us in trying to show our gratitude to her. And this is precisely why Mother's Day was instituted: that we take one day to give special honor to mother and to remember that her constant love for us deserves our constant gratitude.
If circumstances have cooled the demonstration of the love you once gave to your mother, please consider anew on this Mother's Day all that your mother means to you. Once you consider, nothing will keep you from giving her proof that you still are her loving child. And if you have grown cold in your devotion to your Mother Mary, pause and reflect what she has meant in your life. If you do once more the forgotten devotions to her will have their place in your life.

ALL HONOR TO MARY

The great minds of the centuries past in the Church and out of it,—poets, painters, philosophers, and theologians—have employed their talents in expressing their admiration of the Mother of God. Among the latter the great St. Thomas of Aquinas pays her this tribute: "The Creator, for the more complete manifestation of His power, made a mirror, the brightest of the bright, more polished and more pure than the Seraphim, and of so great purity that there cannot be imagined one more pure, except it were God,—and this mirror is the person of the Most Glorious Virgin."
It cannot be doubted that God made her fit for her exalted dignity and, therefore, it is safe to say that she is the highest possible manifestation of God's creative power. Above all created intelligence is the comprehension of her wondrous perfection. In her creation all God's attributes co-operated and found satisfaction.
How intimately and inseparably associated with the plans and councils of the Blessed Trinity from eternity to Mary! The Incarnation of the Son of God—decreed from eternity—includes and presupposes the existence of Mary. In the mind of God she "was set up from eternity, and of old before the earth was made." (Prov. VIII. 22).
As her divine maternity is the cause of all her perfections, it is the reason of all the honor which she receives. The honor due to her Son requires that she should be honored. Indeed it is not possible to honor Him and refuse to honor her. The greatness, dignity and worth of the child, always bring glory to the parents. Jesus and Mary are inseparable. "To love and honor the one is to love and honor the other, and they that serve her shall be servants to the Holy One; and God loveth them that serve her." (Ecc. IV. 15).
The Holy Ghost, Mary herself, and all generations would honor her who have been fulfilled. Indeed accord-

ing to that prophecy, honor to Mary must ever be a "mark" of the true Church; its absence is an inseparable characteristic of religious error.
In prophesying her honors, Mary gave, also, the reason why she should be honored. "Behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed, because He that is mighty hath done great things to me." (Luke I. 48-49). It is on account of the "great things" which God did to her that the Church honors her. How awful, how incomprehensible the end for which she was created!
That end was that she might co-operate with the Holy Trinity in giving to the Eternal Son that Sacred Humanity which, at the right hand of the Father, is the Adored of angels and of men. So that Mary alone with the Eternal Father, may turn to Jesus and say: "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten Thee."
"Honor is he worthy of whom the King hath a mind to honor." The King of Kings has honored Mary by choosing her, above all the human race, to be the mother of His Son. Shall we not honor her whom God has so signally honored!

GOOD WILL ESTABLISHED

It is gratifying to the interested public who have followed the news reports from Washington to know that an evident good will has been established between our President and the representatives of the foreign nations who came to America to confer with him.
It seems to us that good will is the foundation which is most necessary in establishing any common ground for the solution of the world's difficulties. After all, it has been demonstrated most strikingly during the last few years that the nations of the world are not so independent and self sufficient that they can afford to ignore the rest of the world. Since the citizens of each nation are only a part of the great human family, it is fitting that they be interested in the issues that effect the whole of mankind.
Nationalism is far from being the ideal attitude for any nation to assume. It is kindred to the feeling of social pride and when it gains control of the minds of a citizenry something must go. And the thing that goes is that feeling of Charity and Good Will toward men. No amount of egotism in the individual or in a nation can be successfully substituted for the great law of Charity that was taught the world by Jesus Christ. From the moment that the angel chorus announcing the Saviour's birth, sang the beautiful anthem "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth—men of good will" there was chronicled in the records of the world's history, an example of Charity that was unsurpassed. It was the Charity of the God-man toward His children. All during His life, Christ preached Charity to a people who hugged their social pride to their breasts despite the yoke of slavery placed upon them by a foreign power. In fact that last command that Christ gave to His Apostles was to love one another. As He had loved them and His love was greater than any ever experienced in the souls of men, for it was divine. Hence, Christian Civilization has as its foundation stone the great law of Charity. Today as two thousand years ago, that law still stands as the rock on which the present civilization must continue to build or have itself washed to pieces under the battering waves of hatred and suspicion.
Is it too much to hope that this new feeling of a greater Good Will between the Nations will last? All too often in years past, Good Will, seemingly so promising has been withered under the frost of Nationalism. Perhaps such sad experiences are at last bearing their fruit, and perhaps under the blessing of God, the new feeling of Good Will will not be blighted but bloom so that the problems of the world will be solved and a new prosperity, more stable, more certain and more real than any before will be established for the Glory of God and the Happiness of Man on earth.
It seems to us that every Catholic should be interested in the welfare of the nations to the extent that daily his or her prayers will raise to God to bless with success the efforts that are to be made to bring back international prosperity.

"KEEP ON CARING"

Such is the appeal that comes from hundreds of destitute Catholics through the medium of the Rochester Community Chest to you Catholics now reading these words. It is but the echo of that plea that came to Christ so long ago "Save us Lord, we perish." To you Catholics who have been blessed with more of this world's goods than you need, your less fortunate fellow Catholics are making this plea "Keep on Caring—Save us, else we perish." It is up to you as followers of Christ to answer that plea in the way He answered it when He walked the pathways of human suffering and need.
Before the days of our Community Chest, our Catholics who were not blessed with enough material wealth to meet the necessities of life were taken care of by funds raised by an inadequate system. When the Community Chest was created in Rochester, our Catholic needy shared in its funds and the modernized system of collecting funds eliminated our old system.
Without a doubt, Catholic institutions and Catholics who need Community Chest help have benefited greatly by the change.
It must be said of our Community Chest that it distributes its moneys most fairly. It does not question or change the policy or management of any institution, but asks only for an accurate account of funds expended and an honest handling of all funds to insure the accomplishment of the greatest amount of good.
The Chest is meeting the needs of our Catholics in a splendid manner. It is helping to divert the terrible poverty of the depression, caring for destitute family groups, sending the sick to clinics and hospitals, caring for neglected children, insuring nursing care for those who need it, and maintaining character building in institutions that serve a great purpose in these days of too much leisure time.
We Catholics must realize that if our Catholic institutions and Catholic needy did not have the Community Chest on which to rely for help, it is questionable that we, of ourselves and among ourselves, could raise funds that would adequately meet Catholic needs.
Therefore it is most fitting that we Catholics do not lose sight of the fact that our subscriptions to the Community Chest are most important this year. Give generously, and at the same time realize that much of your donation is going to support our Catholic institutions and will take care of many a needy Catholic family. "Keep on Caring!"

Diocesan Recordings

This week there has come into existence a Mothers' Auxillary of the Knights of Columbus Boy Scout Troop, No. 141. This has happened at an appropriate time for Sunday is "Mothers' Day." The Scouts are going to have not only the interest of their mothers at home but also in the Scout activities.
"Mothers' Day," said to have started with the idea of florists to sell more flowers, can be made Catholic according to Thomas F. Coakley, D.D., writing in a recent issue of AMERICA, Jesuit weekly review. Commenting upon the Church's ability to absorb human things and make them instruments of the Divine the article stresses the importance of the spiritual side of "Mothers' Day." The writer believes there is not the slightest objection to selling all the flowers on Mothers' Day; rather that it is a thing to be encouraged because flowers are among the rarest and fairest of God's Creatures.
Quoting from the article: "The Catholic solemnization of Mothers' Day need not interfere with its business side. Man is composed of body and soul. Let him buy flowers to adorn his body, but what is he to do with his soul on Mothers' Day? The Catholic Church can supernaturalize a beautiful natural custom that may otherwise remain on the low level of sentiment, or the still lower level of crass commercialism. In other words, the Catholic observance of Mothers' Day furnishes an additional and quite admirable argument for the flexibility and the adaptability of the Church that is ever ancient and ever new."
As one suggestion, the author of the article urges all to receive the Sacraments on Mothers' Day, especially in family groups for the example such a practice gives and to bring spiritual blessings upon the mothers, living and dead.
Once again the call has gone forth throughout the diocese for a meeting of representatives of all Catholic laymen's societies. This year the gathering will be in the city of Auburn and will again be sponsored by the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Men, the all-embracing organization of all laymen's societies. While it is ever an inspiring sight to see Catholic men performing their duties in church, it is also inspiring to watch and hear them gathered in session in the cause of Catholic action. In the diocese of Rochester are many laymen equipped with natural abilities, training and knowledge to enter into discussions of the many problems, the solutions of which are pointed out in the various Encyclicals of the Popes. Individual knowledge is good and necessary, but when brought into discussion by a representative group the effect on a community is far reaching. All Catholic men whether delegated or not should attend the sessions in Holy Family Hall not alone from a sense of duty but from a desire to be better informed on matters that effect not only the spiritual but temporal welfare of Catholics as such and as citizens.
Following the diocesan gathering of Catholic men will come a state-wide convocation of the 38th annual convention of the New York State Knights of Columbus. Here again will be Catholic men discussing a Catholic Action program and a welfare program for which the Knights of Columbus are noted. Keeping Catholic men reminded of their duties is of course, embodied in the program of the Knights, but they do much more in guidance, education, and welfare. In New York State the hospital at Gabrielle in which members are afflicted with tubercular troubles are aided in their fight to regain health has brought commendation upon the knights from far and near.

STRANGE BUT TRUE
Catholic Facts But Little Known
By M. J. MURRAY
LEONARDO DA VINCI (1452-1519)
was not alone one of the world's greatest painters but excelled in
ANATOMY BOTANY GEOLOGY ENGINEERING MECHANICS
ARCHITECTURE LITERATURE MUSIC PHILOSOPHY AND SCULPTURE
AND FORECAST THE HEAVIER THAN-AIR FLYING MACHINE!
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GREEK WAS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE CHURCH, EVEN IN ROME FOR THE FIRST THREE CENTURIES OF CHRISTIANITY.
During the HOLY YEAR of 1450 nearly 300 people were trampled to death in a panic on the bridge of Saint Angelo Rome. Thereafter the thoroughfare was widened and chapels were erected at the bridge entrance where Mass was celebrated daily for the victims.

Back Through the Years

September 16 1893
The following officers of the Knights of St. George were elected: President, Dominick Kraft; Vice-President, William Keller; Recording Secretary, Joseph P. Schneider; Financial Secretary, M. H. Weismiller; Treasurer, Louis Heindl; Commander, Henry P. Wegman; Physician, Dr. Q. C. Schuhardt. The commandery was planning to celebrate its twentieth anniversary on October 9, 1893.
September 23, 1893
Sister M. Helena who taught in St. Bridget's School from its organization, eighteen years before and was principal for six years was transferred to Dansville.
September 30, 1893
The Rev. Father Phelan of Ireland celebrated Mass in St. Mary's Church. He was a brother of Sister Aloysius who had been a teacher in St. Mary's School at that time for 23 years. Father Phelan was from Ardara in the diocese of Waterford, Ireland. He was on his way home from the World's Fair in Chicago.

burgh left for the World's Fair in Chicago.

A few weeks before the opening of school in Ithaca, an article in a general of the papers stated that no child would be permitted to enter school until he or she was vaccinated. The doctors of the city were kept busy and many sore arms resulted.

Special services were held at St. Januarius Church, Naples, in honor of the church's Patron Saint. High Mass was sung by Father Miller of Holy Family Church, Rochester. During the Mass all the young boys and girls of the parish received Holy Communion in honor of their patron saint. (The Rev. Edward J. Scheid is now pastor at St. Januarius Church.)

Dr. James H. Finessy went to the World's Fair to be present at the ceremonies on Irish Day, September 30.

Spiritual Thoughts

When Joseph Haydn met with a difficulty in composing he rose from his instrument and began to recite his rosary. This invariably smoothed away the trouble so that he was able to resume his work. As an old man Haydn gave to the choir boys of Vienna this advice: "Be good and industrious and serve God continually."—The Young Catholic Messenger.

The Rev. John F. Hogan of Dakota visited his home on Hudson Street, Rochester.

Holy Redeemer Church was broken into and the sum of \$25 was stolen from the collection box and some silverware was stolen. The theft was reported to the police by the Rev. F. C. Oberholzer, pastor.

It will be a great consolation for us at the hour of death to see that we are to be judged by Him, Whom we have loved above all things during life.

Simplicity and humility alone dispose and open hearts for the operations of grace.—St. Vincent de Paul.

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