

CHRISTIAN ETHICS

Human Acts The Extent of Responsibility

Radio Talk Given By the Rev. William J. Mahoney, C. M., J. C. D. Over Station WHAM, Sunday, May 21

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What is a human act? Man is made of body and soul. He possesses all the perfections of creatures low or than himself; likewise he shares the angelic perfection of reason. He lives upon earth. He aspires to heaven.

Two Elements Analyzing this notion we perceive that an act in order to be a human act must be composed of two elements. First knowledge; a man must know what he is doing.

Violence or physical coercion has a bearing upon man's act. While it does not influence the internal act of his choice, it may determine the external act. If this physical pressure is irresistible the act which follows is not reputed as voluntary.

It is unquestionable that insanity removes from man the burden of responsibility. No insane man is capable of a human act. But the question by our mind is: "Who are the insane?"

Human Acts Imputable A human act is also an imputable act. It takes its source not in the blind forces of nature but rather in the free exercise of man's enlightened will.

Impediments Ignorance affects the morality of an act. One is not held accountable for an act, the moral nature of which is unknown to him. This, however, is to be understood only in the case where the ignorance is unavoidable.

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Editorial Expressions of Rochester Newspapers On Bishop O'Hern Death

DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE Grief at the death of the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern must transcend far beyond the confines of the Rochester Diocese of the Catholic Church.

The complex and arduous task required in the administration of his bishopric had left his public countenance undimmed, and to many civic problems he brought rare judgment, kindly counsel, and broad vision.

The Golden Rule must have been one of the dominating precepts of his daily conduct. His willing presence at conferences of men of all creeds called in the interest of community life very appreciably contributed to the lowering of sectarian walls.

ROCHESTER JOURNAL The Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, Catholic bishop of Rochester, has joined the immortals. A city that knew him intimately and loved him well bows in the shadows of sorrow because he is gone.

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Many Exhibits At World's Fair Work Of Catholics Shown

(Continued from Page 1) chemists and other forerunners of modern drug producers. In this collection, in the medieval group, are a number of vessels which resemble in a general way the small holy water fonts attached to the walls of church vestibules, having crucifixes and other religious symbols or ornaments.

Includes Gutenberg Press One of the exhibits which is likely to be visited by every one who realizes the importance of printing to the advancement of civilization will be the original press devised by Johann Gutenberg, the inventor of printing by movable type, who was such a devout Catholic that he spent his declining years in the care of the Archbishop of Nassau.

Christopher Columbus will be commemorated not only by a bronze permanent statue in Grant Park, but also by a large mural painting in the Columbus Memorial Lithograph.

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K. C. Boy Scouts Mothers To Conduct Card Party The newly organized Mothers' Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, Boy Scout Troop No. 141, will conduct a card party for the benefit of the troop at Wekman's Hall, East Main Street, on Thursday evening, June 1, at 8 p. m.

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Holy Name Rally Will Be Held As Scheduled June 11

The Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Rally will be held at scheduled Sunday, June 11. This announcement was made to-day in response to inquiries.

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