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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the pouring of my blood, for the sake of a Catholic newspaper."—Pope Pius X.

Editorials

CATHOLIC EVIDENCE

Practically foremost among the manifold interests of Rochester's lately-deceased Bishop was the cause of the propagation of the Faith. On the very day before his death, a representative group of Catholic laity of the Rochester diocese heard an address on Catholic Evidence by one of its most prominent promoters, the Rev. Francis P. LeBuffe, S. J. The proximity of this event to the Bishop's death throws into high prominence a characteristic and energetic phase of his short but crowded career as Bishop of Rochester.

Even the most cursory retrospect over those four congested years cannot fail to note the impetus which Bishop O'Hern gave to the work of diffusing light and understanding upon the doctrines and functions of the Church. His revival and persevering sponsorship of the Catholic Courier as a diocesan newspaper; his approval of, and participation in, the broadcasts of the Rochester Catholic Hour over Station WHAM; his initiative in affiliating the various diocesan societies of men and women with the National Catholic Welfare Conference; his endorsement vigorously in the two years of its existence, his zeal that accomplished the formation of a Diocesan Holy Name Union; his collaboration with the Eastman Kodak Company in producing the educational film on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass—all these bear eloquent witness to his zeal for the maintenance and propagation of the Faith.

"No work begun shall ever pause for death." Bishop O'Hern knew he was building for a future he would never see; he would be the first to wish that his death should suspend its progress. The works he has fostered; and the groups he has organized in the interests of Catholic truth, are still in existence, and will be pledged to loyal service for his successor in the See of Rochester. Catholic Evidence is but one form of that Catholic Action whose name is being shouted today from pillar to post. There can be danger that we will spend most of the energies of our Catholic Action in shouting too much about it, and doing too little of it. Those engaged in Catholic Evidence can fall into no such snare. Their efforts demand work—stimulating and provocative, it may be—but still work.

We draw the attention of our readers to a reprint which this issue makes of a recent article in "America" by Father LeBuffe, entitled "What Is a Catholic Evidence Guild?" (see page 3). He attempts therein to dispel the mistakes of those who suppose that an American Catholic Evidence Guild is devoted to street-preaching alone, or to the dissemination of Catholic doctrine to non-Catholics only. Such a limitation may have been deliberately set by the English Catholic Evidence Guilds for themselves, because of special circumstances in what is after all only a small island with proportionately fewer Catholics per hundred of the population, but it cannot suffice for the undeniably different environment and needs of our own country. In America, then, according to Father LeBuffe, a Catholic Evidence Guild may operate, not alone on street-corner platforms, but also by radio, by newspaper, by pamphlet, but by Catholic circulating library, by study-club, by any one of ten or twenty other means which the special needs of a community or locality may suggest as appropriate, not only for the benefit of non-Catholics, but also for the instruction of those thousands of Catholics whose knowledge and appreciation of their Faith is uncomfortably and dangerously anemic.

Father LeBuffe's article ends on a note of warning. It will not be enough to expect that the good will of volunteer workers for Catholic Evidence will be a sole and sufficient diploma of their readiness to accept the commission of presenting Catholic truth. Far from it. There must be study, constant and adequate, to ensure a competent presentation of Catholic doctrines. As for a layman or laywoman learning theology, there is no law of the Church forbidding it; rather, there are many precedents of the past encouraging it. A group of professional men in New York City have taken periodical time off during the last five or six years to acquire, under the instruction of a priest, a knowledge of theology adequate enough to have made them ready for Holy Orders had they been called to that vocation; and they did it that they might be fit apostles of Catholic Evidence, living as laymen in the world. It is this laborious phase of the Evidence Guild work which will save this form of Catholic Action from dawdling along on a stream of rhetorical or sentimental jargon. It means work—study; the results will tell their own story.

We look forward confidently to the continuance of the progress of Catholic Evidence work in the Rochester diocese, with the help of that group of men who have this cause so deeply at heart. The future will bring new records of achievement, and it will not be forgotten that the

impetus which will enable these new goals to be reached came from the far-seeing inspiration of Bishop O'Hern.

PENTECOST

This coming Sunday will see the celebration of one of the great feasts of the Catholic Church. This feast of Pentecost is observed with much solemnity as the "Birthday of the Catholic Church." The feast commemorates the visible descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles as they were gathered in prayer in the Upper Room anticipating His coming, as they were told to do by Christ.

This feast holds great significance in Catholic History. It marks the completion of the stupendous work of Redemption of Mankind. Before Christ had ascended into heaven he had founded His Church of Peter, instituted the seven Sacraments as the means whereby men might be saved and opened heaven's gates to men by His death on the Cross. Only one thing was left to be done, according to the Divine Plan, for the completion of the establishment of God's Church on earth, namely, that the Church be endowed with the power of the Spirit of God.

This coming of the Holy Spirit was accompanied by visible signs: The sound from heaven, as if a mighty wind, filling the whole house; parted tongues, as it were, of fire, sitting upon every one of the Apostles. The effect of this descent of the Holy Spirit was at once discernible. The Apostles received a special gift and were empowered to speak and be understood by men of different nationality and language. More astounding was the effect marked by the Holy Spirit within the Apostles themselves. No longer were they the fearful fishermen hiding for their lives, but the valiant, heroic Apostles, who dared to preach Christ and pay for this preaching with their lives.

The Holy Spirit has continued His protection of the Church, founded upon the Apostles by Christ. He has preserved the principles of faith and morals, as defined and taught by that Church, from all error. And His loving care has sanctified men and will continue to do so until Time is no more.

It is to be hoped that on the grand feast of Pentecost, Catholics will increase their love for the Spirit of God. Too often the Holy Ghost seems to be a forgotten God, so seldom do Catholics in their private prayers take cognizance of the fact that He is truly God and is the Spirit of Love and Truth that makes their souls holy by His Presence in them.

THE PROBLEM OF TARIFF

At the coming World-Conference, there will be discussed many problems that must be solved before the world can recover from its economic ills. One of these will be the problem of tariff.

World trade reached its peak in 1929 and since then has decreased until today it is paralyzed. In America, foreign trade amounted to only 10 per cent of our entire business. Yet we cannot close our eyes to the fact that this relatively small percentage included 54 per cent of the tobacco, 36 per cent of the copper, 33 per cent of the lead, 28 per cent of the sewing machines, and 21 to 40 per cent of the agricultural machinery, printing machinery, locomotives, typewriters, automobiles, oils and kerosene. This foreign trade was an indispensable factor in our prosperity before 1930.

When this trade ceased, it meant the collapse of those industries serving foreign markets. Home consumption could not absorb the goods that formerly went to foreign markets. Nor could other industries employ the workers left without employment because of the collapse of factories making goods for export.

Just what part our high tariffs played in cutting the percentage of our foreign trade is debatable. In fact the causes of our loss of foreign trade are judged to be many, nor can a single remedy for its recovery be prescribed.

Not alone America, but all the important nations of the world have put up high tariff barriers. If these could be lowered, it seems that all world trade would most likely be increased and this would help to restore prosperity to the nations.

In theory, those who contend that tariff is unethical because of the hardships it puts on the people of the nation that imposes it and those against whom the tariff is levied, have very convincing arguments. Even these economists, however, grant exceptions to their contention and set down conditions which make a tariff moral and just. However, that not any of these conditions can be applied to America today, is their claim.

Opposed to this last contention, is a group who hold that to apply the principles of ethics in regard to tariff would be comparatively easy if every nation acted on the same principles and on the same system of ethics. Unfortunately they do not. Countries with high standards of living for their proletariat could hardly afford to have their home markets flooded with goods produced by a proletariat who were but virtual slaves of a despotic government and victims of poor standards of living.

It is expected that America will lower her tariffs. This perhaps will be done soon, since we must take the lead in using all means to aid a world-recovery. Just to what extent they will be lowered must be determined by a careful consideration of conditions as they actually exist. From this will come a greatly increased good will and America will be setting an example to the world. Recent events have proved that American policy is being recognized as sound by our foreign neighbors and we can hope that they will follow where we choose to lead.

Current Comment

BEING A CATHOLIC

Someone has said that Catholicism is not a body of beliefs but a life. To be a Catholic is not to be learned in its doctrine but faithful in applying its principles. So many Catholic lives have been tainted by the indifference of the age. Measured by modern standards they stand toe to toe with other types, who claim no distinction of creed. They are not different, but their religion is. Half the failure of the Gospel to bring the "other sheep" into the fold is the failure of so-called Catholics to practice what they profess.

Cardinal Gibbons once said, if all the Catholics in the world would be Catholic for one day, the rest of the world would become Catholic.

—The Evangelist.

Diocesan Recordings

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

From the Redemptorist Fathers mission in Frederiksted, Virgin Islands, we have received a welcome letter from the Rev. Edward J. Crotty, C. S. S. R., formerly attached to St. Joseph's Church, this city and while here known for his intense interest in the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Father Crotty has ordered the Catholic Courier to be sent to him so that he may keep in touch with happenings in the Rochester Diocese. In his letter he writes:

"Father Superior, the Rev. Edward Baumann, C. S. S. R., has given me charge of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help devotions. Tomorrow evening I make my first trial bow. In our parish there are only 1,200 people, but there are plenty of non-Catholics from which to draw. I have been here only a week, so I don't know much about the Catholics as yet, but they impress me as being religious-minded.

Although warm the climate is delightful, and if the fleas and mosquitos would only leave me alone, I might enjoy living the life of a Crucian, and be able to do something for Our Mother of Perpetual Help devotions. But it is consoling to know that the fleas and other bitting things will turn their attention to the next arrival who is expected some time in June."

Father Crotty closes his letter with best wishes to the editors and "for a very successful Congress." To him we extend best wishes for continued progress in the cause in which he is engaged in the far away Virgin Islands.

Although the coming State Convention of the Knights of Columbus will not be the same without the presence of Bishop O'Hern whose long years of friendly interest and ardent concern in the affairs of the Order was always an inspiration, yet the memory of our beloved Bishop will continue to inspire the knights and will increase their determination to accomplish those things which they know. His Excellency, Bishop O'Hern had always desired for Catholic laymen to accomplish

In the hurried review of Bishop O'Hern's multitudinous activities taken from the files of the Catholic Courier and printed last week, it was impossible to record accurately each and every important happening in such a busy and useful career. One item that was unavoidably missed was the ordination by Bishop O'Hern of the following priests for the Rochester diocese in June 1931: the Rev. John J. Healy, the Rev. John S. ...

... the Rev. Eugene B. Hadson, the Rev. Joseph T. Maloney, the Rev. Joseph E. Vogt, the Rev. Charles Mahoney and the Rev. Ralph F. Nangle.

In addition to giving of their services as guards of honor, last week, two Catholic fraternal bodies in which Bishop O'Hern was greatly interested, the

Knights of Columbus and the Knights of St. John further showed their appreciation and devotion to the deceased head of the diocese by having present for the funeral national and state officers of the societies. The Knights of St. John were represented by Supreme President Henry A. Leusch of Cleveland and Supreme Secretary Leo T. Schu of Evansville, Ind. Headed by State Deputy William J. Armstrong of Albany, the Knights of Columbus were represented by a delegation including Supreme Director Daniel A. Tobin of New York; State Secretary William H. Rooney, New York; State Treasurer, Ed-

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

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'OLD FATHER NILE' was discovered buried in Rome over 300 years ago and is an ancient 'God' of the Egyptians typifying the beneficence of the River Nile

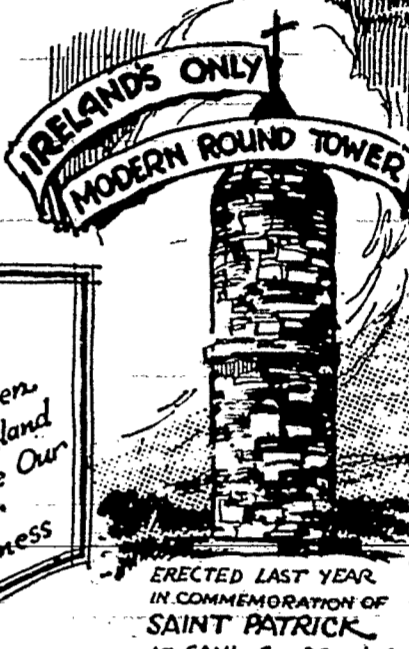
Answer to last week's question - RERUM NOVARUM are the first words - in Latin - of Pope Leo XIII's famous encyclical and literally mean "Of New Things"



This beautiful church and convent near Bethlehem, occupies the site of SOLOMON'S SLUMBER PALACE, long since scattered over Palestine soil



Of the eighteen dioceses of England Seventeen have Our Lady as their Patroness



ERECTED LAST YEAR IN COMMEMORATION OF SAINT PATRICK AT SAUL, CO. DOWN.

Back Through the Years

(A Glimpse through the files of the Catholic Courier and Journal) December 9, 1893

The first issue of the Catholic Courier and Journal was published in 1893. It was a small paper, but it was the beginning of a long and successful career.

Course No. 27 of the Catholic Beneficiary Association was organized at the residence of Dr. P. C. Guinan, 1 Cadogan Street. Officers elected were: President, John Keenan, Vice President, Miss Mary A. McKeon, Recording Secretary, Miss Sarah M. Garvey, Financial Secretary, Elizabeth McCusker.

Gar A. Sharp of Lathrop and State Warden Michael H. Gillespie, Rockaway Beach. These state and national leaders came not alone to pay their respects to a Bishop of a diocese, but to one whose intense interest in the affairs of the two laymen's societies was manifested at all times and to whom the progress of each society in the diocese is largely due.

Treasurer, Sarah Gooney, Medical Examiner, Dr. Guinan.

December 16, 1893

St. Francis Society elected the following officers: President, Louis W. Major, First Vice President, Henry J. ...

An aid society was formed in St. Mary's Parish to assist members of St. Mary's Church and to aid the destitute who lived within the boundaries of the parish irrecording of denomination. Officers elected were: President, P. Sweeney; Vice-President, Miss Margaret Triant; Secretary, Miss Anna Carey; Treasurer, James Kennedy.

Miss Louise Meyers, was appointed a Supreme Deputy of the Ladies Catholic Beneficent Association.

December 30, 1893

Officers elected by the Catholic Young Men's Association of St. John's Church were: President, Charles L. Gerstner; Vice-President, John Meyer; Financial Secretary, John Wolff; Recording Secretary, Joseph T. Otto; Treasurer, Frank J. Stupp; Board of Directors, William Pisher, Philip Hartmann, Roman Wolff, Cornelius Combach, Frank Otto and William Meyer.

Spiritual Thoughts

It is no common honor that is conferred on the mouth that receives the Body of the Lord.— St. John Chrysostom.

We must not fear that an inspiration which comes from God can ill succeed, provided we courageously meet difficulties, for, after all, God can do anything.

We are but instruments in the hands of God, and must never act as if we were more.

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June 1, 1933

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Rochester:

The Catholic Courier in the death of His Excellency, the Most Reverend John Francis O'Hern, Bishop of Rochester, has suffered the loss of one who was deeply interested in having an outstanding Catholic paper in the Diocese of Rochester. By direction of Bishop O'Hern, the reorganization of the Catholic Courier was mapped out only a few months before his death and his plans have been consistently carried forward.

We have accordingly ordered the staff of the Catholic Courier to continue the program of reorganization as sponsored by our late Bishop, and we have pledged ourselves to continue the "new deal" for our own Catholic Courier as the official diocesan paper.

More than ever do we need at this time, for the information and the protection of our people, an alert and enterprising diocesan paper. If the words of the Holy Father are to be accepted in their full meaning, then, "in vain will we build churches, found schools, and hold missions if we do not wield the offensive and defensive weapon of a loyal Catholic Press." The Catholic Courier should be read in every Catholic home.

Assuring you of our sincere interest in this project so dear to the heart of our departed leader, and looking to clergy and laity to promote the welfare of Bishop O'Hern's paper, the Catholic Courier, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ, WM. M. HART, Vicar Capitular, Diocese of Rochester.