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of my ring, fectoral cross and soutane, in order to
support a Catholic newspaper."—Pope Pius X.

Editorials

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Next Sunday the Church will commemorate the greatest of all the mysteries of our religion, the most sublime truth of Revelation: the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity—the One God in Three Divine Persons, The Father, The Son and the Holy Ghost. The mystery of the Holy Trinity is one of those wonderful truths of our holy faith which form the foundation of the Christian religion. He who does not believe in the Trinity cannot call himself a Christian; neither can any one be a Christian unless he is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. We make a profession of faith in this mystery every time we make the Sign of the Cross.

All other mysteries of our religion relate to some work of one of the Divine Persons; but this is the mystery of God's Being—of the very Essence of the Deity. In considering it we are "within the Veil"—face to face with God. But what can we His creatures, shut up in bodies of clay, know about the essence of God? Nothing except what He Himself has been pleased to make known to us; and that must be little, of necessity, since the Infinite is incomprehensible to limited intelligence. All we can know is the fact of His Unity and Trinity. Reason can investigate the proofs of that fact, but it can go no further—it cannot understand it.

Our holy faith teaches us that God, the Father is the Divine Person who created all things and thus we recite in the Creed: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth." Furthermore, our faith teaches us that God the Son is the Divine Person who redeemed us by becoming man and dying for us on the Cross. And again faith teaches us that God the Holy Ghost is the Divine Person who sanctifies us and is the Source and Giver of all grace.

How there can be more than one person in one and the same being is a mystery to us, because we have no knowledge of any other being but God who has more than one person. And yet it is so strange that this doctrine should be so deep a mystery? Are we not surrounded on all sides by mysteries? There is not a department of human knowledge into which we may delve where we are not confronted by facts which we cannot understand. Nature is full of things incomprehensible to our intelligence. Who can explain how, from the seed that rots in the earth, there springs the multiplied harvest of the autumn? Medical men have been dissecting the human organism for centuries, yet how many things within it remain mysteries to them to the present day? Why, then, should we expect to understand the Invisible, the Infinite Creator?

It is not for us, with our poor, feeble intellects, to ask the how or why, but simply to bow down in humble adoration before the truth of God as He Himself has revealed it to us. The chief merit in faith is in accepting God's authority that which is beyond our own reason. The full light that we are capable of receiving will not come until we stand before His Throne. Now we see, as it were, through a glass, in an obscure manner; now we know but in part, then we shall know even as we are known.

It is not by science that we know the Trinity to be true, but by divine faith. "There are three that give testimony in heaven, The Father, The Son and the Holy Ghost, and these Three are ONE." (John V. 7.) These words alone prove the whole doctrine of the Unity and Trinity of God. Thus is the Most Blessed Trinity revealed to us. Let us not question, but praise, adore and love.

CALIFORNIA'S SCHOOL WAR

On June 27th the citizens of California will go to the polls to vote on the proposed amendment to relieve private non-profit schools from taxation. Under the existing law, these private non-profit schools are being taxed by the state of California, despite the fact that these institutions are saving that state the enormous sum of twelve million, five hundred thousand dollars. The amount of tax paid by the schools is two-hundred-sixty thousand dollars. This sum is paid by these schools for the privilege of saving the state twenty-five times that amount yearly.

The private schools thus affected are not only Catholic parochial schools, but schools run by Jews and many non-Catholic denominations which are educating one hundred thousand children. If these children were dependent on the state for education, tax payers would have to raise twenty million dollars just to build school buildings in which to house them.

This situation is reviewed by an un-
biased and easy to understand why the
schools of this burden of
Assembly unanimously and

the Senate by a vote of 34 to 2. It is now before the people of the State for ballot.

The Catholic Press in the four dioceses of California have been waging a brilliant battle for the lifting of the taxation. Secular dailies have also recognized the seriousness of the situation, since four private non-profit schools have closed their doors, and are advocating the repeal of the tax to enable these schools to carry on their educational programs.

We sincerely hope that the people of California will be convinced by the arguments against such taxation. These are derived from the principle that the State may only levy a tax to defray cost of government service rendered. If the State levies a greater tax than necessary to defray these expenses, or levies a tax where no service is given, the tax is evidently unjust. In regard to private non-profit schools, it is the school itself and not the State that gives the service and at no cost to the government. On the contrary, the State is saved money by the very school it is unjustly taxing.

The people of California should recognize the injustice of this taxation and abolish it. Indeed it should have been abolished long ago before an economic crisis forced the issue.

WELCOME, KNIGHTS!

From various points in the Empire State there will come to Rochester this week, representatives of Knights of Columbus Councils to gather here in conferences of the 38th annual convention of the New York State Council of this great Catholic laymen's organization.

Guided by the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, this organization of Catholic men has existed for over fifty years and has accomplished much for Church and country. The Order's deliberations here, based upon experience gained in the advancement of practical Catholicity, in the work of human welfare, Christian education and practical fraternity as embodied in the justness feature, will be conducive to increased Catholic action.

State Deputy William J. Armstrong, on a previous visit to Rochester Council on the occasion of the late Bishop O'Hern's fourth anniversary in speaking on "Columbianism," said: "Service has ever been the watch word of the order and our achievements are written large in the history of the world. We have some higher, some nobler mission than the mere conferring of degrees and have taken a stand for the causes of country and humanity from which there can be no retreat."

With noble aim and high purpose, with the age old principles for which the Order stands, the convention cannot help but be inspiring and beneficial to the Knights, themselves, and to the community. Intensive preparations have been made for affording the visiting knights and ladies a full measure of hospitality. To the Knights of Columbus of New York State we extend a most hearty welcome and hope that their brief stay in Rochester will well repay them for coming.

OUR NEW PRIESTS

Our diocese is this week to be blessed with the ordination of thirteen new priests. It is indeed with a hearty welcome that these young priests will be received by the whole diocese. The Catholic Courier could not be less generous in its welcome to them, and, because it is the official press organ of the diocese and is used to fill the important place of "supplementing the pulpit," its welcome is very sincere.

The long hard years of Seminary life, with its intensive study, strict discipline and whole hearted response to the Call of Christ, on the part of these new priests, will now bear the desired fruit that will be reaped by the faithful of our diocese. The laity will have the prayers and labor, zeal and encouragement of thirteen more who will be true spiritual Fathers. And who on earth can measure the blessings that will come to the souls of our people as the result of their advent to us?

We wish these new priests well in the great work that they will be sent to do. There is no need to tell them that the diocese realizes well the heroism of the grand act of unselfish sacrifice of their lives that they are making for the pure purpose of saving souls for God. Nor is there need to tell them the diocese will prayerfully watch their work and will trust God to bless abundantly, not alone their souls but the souls of others through them, for the generosity with which they have consecrated their lives to the Church.

It is our ardent prayer too, that they who now, for the first time, at the Altar of God, offer the Great Sacrifice, will become more and more like the Christ Whom they represent. As the years go on, may they grow more closely to Him so that they, in return, may bring Him more closely to us by reflecting His virtues in their lives and helping us to become virtuous.

We extend our congratulations to the parents of the new priests. We too are happy in their joy on this eventful occasion in their lives. For all the encouragement that they have given their boys, for the many prayers they said for them, for all the splendid sacrifices they have made, all of us now say a sincere "Thank you." And we say it with good reason, for now we, too, through the administration of these new priests, are to become partakers in all that their parents did for them that they might reach their goal.

God bless you, Priests of God, and may His Mother keep you always close to Him.

Not only in solitude, but even in the company of others we can preserve solitude of hearts and familiarly converse with God.—The Catholic News.

This country needs the courage to spend its cash, states one of these business economists. All right, mister—if you'll put up the cash, we'll put up the courage.—Exchange.

We must not neglect a good inspiration through feat of difficulty; for the greater the difficulty, the greater the reward, if we have generously surmounted the first.

If we did but know how to use God's grace we should profit by everything.

Diocesan Recordings

Two opportunities for Catholic laymen to make a public demonstration of their Faith will be given on Friday of this week and on Sunday. With Knights of Columbus from all points in New York State, Catholic men may join in a procession from Columbus Civic Center, Friday, to St. Patrick's Cathedral to attend Holy Mass. At Baseball Park, Sunday evening, Catholic men may join with the Holy Name Societies of the diocese at solemn religious ceremonies closing with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. If either of these manifestations have the effect of leading one soul into consideration of embracing the Faith, the efforts of all participating will have been worthwhile.

In the release issued by the N. C. W. C. News Service we find articles from various places throughout the world announcing laymen's retreats. The Reverend Editor of the Notre Dame Religious Bulletin has commented upon the annual retreat of Notre Dame Clubs in several of the cities of the country. The latter states that the Lay Retreat Movement is one of the most hopeful signs of the virility of Catholic life in America. Here in the Rochester diocese, the movement has been gradually gaining headway over the last dozen or years and on June 23 the annual laymen's retreat will start at St. Bernard's Seminary. During this retreat men in all walks of life, physical class, lawyers, judges, business directors, clerks, skilled workers and laborers leave the daily bustle of life for a week-end of spiritual meditation and practice. The Friday to Monday period is not arduous but on the contrary is helpful physically as well as spiritually and men come away completely satisfied with their attendance. During the Holy Year the retreat this year should attract a record attendance from all over the diocese. Secretary William T. Nolan in Columbus Civic Center is receiving applications for the 1933 retreat.

On the day this paper goes to press, St. Bonaventure College will confer on Don C. Manning, chief parole agent of the State Agricultural and Industrial School at Industry, the honorary degree of doctor of literature. In announcing the honor, Very Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., president of St. Bonaventure college said: "The honorary degree of doctor of literature is being conferred on Mr. Manning because of his splendid activities in social work and in welfare work, for the manner in which he has set forth the principles of his work. Mr. Manning's activities have been particularly praiseworthy because of his bringing in the element of religion with so much success." We congratulate him on this splendid recognition.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known

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By M. J. MURRAY

THE CATACOMBS IN HOLLAND
VALKENBURG HOLLAND, POSSESSES A REPRODUCTION TO THE SMALLEST DETAIL, BUILT UNDERGROUND OF THE ROMAN CATACOMBS

WHIT SUNDAY.
THE FEAST OF PENTECOST, WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED WHITE SUNDAY, FROM THE WHITE ROBES OF THE CATECHUMENS WHO USED TO BE BAPTIZED ON THE VIGIL.

A Pulpit OUTSIDE.
It was at one time popularly believed that Saint Joseph was a WIDOWER at the time of his MARRIAGE TO OUR LADY BUT THE WRITINGS WHICH MAKE THIS STATEMENT LACK AUTHORITY.

The church in the VILLAGE of Musta, Malta, has the third largest dome in the world.

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Spiritual Thoughts

A musician takes a flute, which has nothing in it and of itself produces no sound. He breathes in to it, and the sound which issues he modifies by the keys he presses.

This is an imperfect image of the way God uses us; the inspirations He gives us, and the impressions He produces on our senses God sometimes tries our faith by letting us see our undertakings exposed to every peril. His power is manifested when He produces strength from weakness.

This is the way He founded His Church. God cannot fail us, nor can we ever think so without forgetting that God is what He is. But we can fail ourselves; and it is only when we rely too much upon ourselves that we become anxious. Let us, therefore, always take our anxiety as a warning that we esteem ourselves too much, and God too little.—(Mother Mary of the Cross.)

The Soviet officials who could not translate the cable sent to Jimmy Matter, the round-the-world aviator, by his friends in Texas stating "Attaboy Jimmy!" would find it difficult to understand many things for which America stands.

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To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Rochester:

June 1, 1933

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.