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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the burning of my ring, pectoral cross and sash, in order to support a Catholic newspaper."—Pope Pius X.

Editorials

READ OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS

One of the subjects discussed at the recent Catholic Press Convention held in Chicago, was the necessity of putting before the reading public the great Papal Encyclicals for their thoughtful consideration.

More especially at this time, when the President's Recovery Plan is being hailed by Catholic Economists as the first practical application of the principles embodied in the Encyclicals of Leo and Pius on Labor and Capital, it is highly important that our Catholic people should acquaint themselves with these pronouncements.

Our Catholic people would do well also to read and study the Statement on the Present Crisis by the Bishops of the N. C. W. C. Administrative Committee. So complete a study of the crisis in this document, that the Papal Delegate himself was pleased to send a copy to the Holy Father.

These documents give the mind of the Church on the many problems facing us today. All Catholics should strive to think with the Church on these problems and try to co-operate with the suggested plans for the solution of the difficulties.

THE CHURCH IS APOSTOLIC

How often is the mind of man confused in the search for the true Church of Christ. The difference in the teachings of the various denominations serve only to cause a doubt about the validity of their teaching authority.

How unfortunate this would be when the cold, unbiased facts of history can settle, once and for all, the claims of the Catholic Church to the divine mission of teaching the revealed Word of God to all men and to the divine commission to sanctify their souls through the Sacraments entrusted to her by Christ.

History can prove and does prove to those who take the time to turn back its pages, that the Catholic Church is the only church in existence that can trace its line of popes and bishops and its religious dogmas back to the Apostles on whom Christ founded His Church.

The Apostolicity of the dogmas of the Church is clearly demonstrated when, as a proof of a dogma, the Church offers the words of the New Testament to show that the dogma in question was taught by the Apostles as they had received it from Christ.

There is no question that Christ wished His Church to live through the years and attain the end He had in founding it. Hence He could not have failed in instituting that the authority He had given to the Apostles would be transmitted by them to their lawful successors.

ing them to guard the deposit of Faith and to perpetuate their ministry by appointing other pastors.

Pope Pius, who today sits upon the chair of Peter, can trace his line in unbroken succession back to the Apostle Peter. He does this, not by the process of revelation, not by the teaching of religion, but by the science of History.

AN UNJUST MEANS

On July twenty-sixth, the German Government promulgated a far reaching law that it has long considered as being a great means to improve the German race.

The new law makes no distinction between the sexes. Physicians are required to name patients liable to sterilization. The law provides that a subject may ask for the operation of, if he be a minor, his legal guardian may do so in his behalf.

Such a law is at variance with the very fundamentals of Christian Ethics. It is not moral and we are far from pleased to hear that the German people must suffer such an abuse of their innate rights.

The principle violated by this new Nazi law is that sterility must never be used either for its own sake or as a means to an end no matter how good that end may be.

The German Government has violated Divine dominion over human beings. It has usurped the Divine right of ownership over the human body, which is a right so sacred that not even the individual himself can violate it without sin.

Current Comment

FAMOUS INVENTORS

A writer in the Baltimore Review has drawn up a partial list of famous Catholic inventors. Among the names mentioned are these: Berthold Schwartz, an Augustinian monk, invented gunpowder in the Twelfth Century.

EVIL COMPANIONS

There will be a silver thread in every life-web when finished, woven into the fabric by the pure friendship of many days.

FREE WHEELING

The old-fashioned girl who had one by on her brain now has a daughter with several on the running board.

It is the man of action who gets things done. And it is sometimes the man of action who undoes things. Action is essential to progress, but it must be action in the right direction.

Catholic action consists not merely of the pursuit of personal Christian perfection, which is, however, before all others its first and greatest end, but it also consists of a true apostolate in which Catholics of every social class participate.

Diocesan Recordings

The response to the Catholic Courier's effort to increase its friends and readers has been beyond the hopes and expectations of those in charge of the diocesan newspaper.

Where is the man who said: "We never seem to have any sunshine in the Rochester area?"

Back from Camp Stella Maris, as brown as a Filipino and proudly displaying his Red Cross swimmer's button denoting progress made as a beginner came our oldest son, this week.

A bathing beauty contest manager has been quoted as saying recently that character is an essential quality in a beauty contest entrant.

Rochester diocese friends of the Rev. Albert Reagenberger, S.T.D., O.M.C., of Syracuse extended congratulations recently to him on the occasion of his completion of fifty years in the Franciscan order.

That the Catholic people of Oklahoma realize the unique opportunity afforded the Catholic press now to put across Catholic principles to help solve problems facing the world is evidenced from the success, the Southwest Courier, official paper of the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa is having in gaining subscriptions.

Readers interested in the accounts of early Jesuit missionaries in New York State as recorded by Alexander M. Stewart writing on Rena Menard in this newspaper will also be interested in the announcement that on August 16, the Jesuit Will in the new Lake Parkway, Syracuse, will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies at which Bishop Duffy of Syracuse will be a speaker.

People in the news: Edward F. Burke of the police identification bureau spoke in Chicago Tuesday at the joint convention of the International Association for Identification and the International Association of Chiefs of Police at the Sherman Hotel on "Photography in the Field of Identification."

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

Illustration of a church with text: 'A CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE MOST MODERN STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE... Cardinal Mezzofanti (1774-1849) spoke 38 languages perfectly, including Arabic and Chinese, thirty other languages less perfectly and fifty accents of those he knew best. Pope Gregory XVI called him a living Pentecost.'

New Books

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REVOLT AGAINST HEAVEN. By Daniel A. Lord, S.J. Queen's Work, \$1.0. A magnificent historical outline of evil. The rising in Heaven, the atonement on the cross and the continuation of evil in our day.

EXPLORING THE TIMES. A series of five booklets by eminent economists. The American Library Association, \$25 each, set of five \$1.00. Good guides to the study of present day economic questions.

ETERNAL TESTAMENT. By Rev. John A. Elbert. Bruce \$1.00. Excellent doctrinal devotional conferences on the Holy Eucharist.

WHISTLES OF SILVER AND OTHER STORIES. By Helen Parry Eden. Science and Culture Series. Bruce, \$2.00. Delightful short stories, depicting unflinching humor, the whimsicalities of life.

BERNADETTE, A Child of Mary. By Rev. L. L. McReavy. Herder, 1933. \$1.25.

The present Holy Year, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the great apparitions of Mary Immaculate at Lourdes, seems a most propitious time for the canonization of the humble, lovable Bernadette, so human in her heroic virtues, so safe and acceptable a model for our young people to imitate.

The present little biography by the plous author of the charming life story of Guy de Fortgalland has the unique merit of uniting a complete and authentic history of the apparitions at Lourdes and an interesting study of the spirit of Bernadette, her virtues and her trials, her hidden life of retirement as a religious, her practice of the deepest humility and admirable patience under afflictions and misunderstandings.

former association and Police Chief Andrew J. Kavanaugh will be elected third vice-president of the latter association. John A. Doyle is also in Chicago attending the convention of the International Secret Service Association of which he is a member of the Board of Directors.

THE HOLY BIBLE

It is officially estimated that more copies of the Bible are sold in the world today than of any other book, nor does any book derive to be so widely known.

Since many divinely guided hands contributed to the composition of this Book of books, we cannot expect to find in it the fluent coherence of form and ideas that should distinguish the work of one author.

The supernatural character of the Bible has made it the object of universal and careful observation to each and every generation—thereby insuring its safe transmission. That its authorship is divine, is forced upon every serious reader.

To be sure their arise, from time to time, shallow—even if brilliant and blatant—infidels, who attack the Sacred Volume with the cheap weapon of ridicule. But ridicule is not argument—it does not appeal to reason.

But lifted it on its bosom into greater light and prominence. Through all the centuries the Bible has held its exalted place, and its power and influence today is as great as at any time in the ages past.

Back Through the Years

(A Glimpse through the files of the Catholic Courier and Journal)

July 14, 1894 County Delegate P. H. Murphy was re-elected by the county board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The title of the office was changed to "county president."

Division No. 7, Ancient Order of Hibernians elected the following officers: President, Frank C. Ward; First Vice President, Daniel Driscoll; Recording Secretary, W. J. Quinn; Financial Secretary, Edward Ward; Treasurer, L. G. McGreal.

Officers of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in Ithaca were elected as follows: President, Martin Cleary; Vice-President, Patrick J. Cavanaugh; Marshal, Patrick Kane; Financial Secretary, David Powers; Recording Secretary, Patrick Leary; Treasurer, Michael McAlister.

The Rev. Father Gleason celebrated solemn high Mass in St. John's Church, Clyde, in commemoration of his twelfth anniversary of ordination.

The Rev. J. P. Kiernan reported to Police Chief Hayden that the tabernacle at the Cathedral was broken open and two silver chalices stolen.

Fire broke out in St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum and caused damage amounting to \$2,000 which was covered by insurance.

July 21, 1894 The Knights of St. Maurinus celebrated their 21st anniversary by attendance at Mass at St. Joseph's Church.

The Rev. F. W. Wayrich, C. S. R., rector of St. Joseph's Church, was announced as one of the lecturers at the Catholic Summer School at Plattsburg. Among those leaving Rochester for the Summer School were: Misses Gaffney, Riney, Joyce, Redmond, Goodyear, Burke, Mahon, Connell, Mr. Charles Hoff, Louise and Julia O'Connor; Mrs. A. J. Murphy, Mary and Anna Hahn, Miss Theresa McMahon and Dr. N. K. Kiefer.

The Holy Redeemer Church choir of Rochester furnished the music for the Mass at the cornerstone laying ceremonies of the new \$80,000 hospices of the Carmelite Fathers of Niagara Falls, Ontario.