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

Editorials

INVEST IN HEALTH

With the words "Invest in Health" as their slogan, an army of enthusiastic supporters of the Columbus Civic Centre have started their drive to enlist two thousand new members. These workers are out to sell something very worthwhile. In no way can an enrollment in the Columbus Club be considered a donation. It is an actual investment for the member.

People now-a-days are learning to take better and better care of that precious gift—health. Perhaps this is due to the important educational programs that have been undertaken by those in the medical and nursing fields. Public health lecturers have been touring our schools instructing our children in the simple health aid that cannot with impunity be ignored. Play, healthful exercise and relaxation hold their own place in any health program. Any community is fortunate in having facilities where play and exercise can be taken under the supervision of trained directors.

The Columbus Club offers splendid facilities to its members for exercise and recreation. It is on the basis of the value of these facilities which make the Club's gym and pool a ventilated indoor playhouse that the campaigners are approaching people for membership. Everyone, from the business men to the school boy, will enjoy and benefit by a membership in the Columbus Club. We would like to see this campaign go over the top one hundred percent. Why not get a membership for yourself and "Invest in Health?"

MUSIC IN OUR CHURCHES

On the twenty-second of this month the Church celebrates the feast of St. Cecilia, patroness of church music. The feast this year marks the thirtieth year since Pius X of sacred memory issued his famous Motu Proprio on church music.

So classic an article is the Motu Proprio that everyone connected with church choir work would do well to carefully read it. It is in reality a "Juridical Code of Sacred Music." The Holy Father wrote it to give the mind of the Church on the types of music that can be fittingly used and those that have no place at the liturgical functions of our religion.

As our present Pontiff has said, Catholics go to Church "in order to derive piety from its chief source, by taking an active part in the venerated mysteries and the public solemn prayers of the Church." It is of the utmost importance, therefore, that anything that is used to adore the liturgy should be controlled by the church, so that the arts may take their proper place as most noble ministers in sacred worship.

Church music has but one function: to be a most noble minister in sacred worship. It is proper church music worthy to be used, only inasmuch as it reaches this ideal. It sins against the ideal if, instead of aiding and glorifying the liturgy or sacred functions, it usurps their place by turning the attention of the people to itself. Its purpose is to grace the words of the sacred texts with an added dignity. It fails when it confuses the text beyond understanding.

Although modern music can reach the ideal for church use and can be fittingly used at church services, the Gregorian Chant is the Church's own music. In our opinion church choirs would do well to lay aside much of the music they are now using and concentrate their efforts on the plain chant that has always been regarded as the supreme model for sacred music.

Once our people learned to interpret correctly the beautiful Gregorian melodies that have come down from the early Christian centuries, the weak, sentimental and theatrical music, so much in evidence in our churches today, would never again satisfy them. Gregorian has a beauty all its own, rising and falling in its free rhythm, typical of our prayers that ascend to God and bring down to us His Grace.

We feel it is most opportune to call attention to the anniversary of the Motu Proprio. Church music is now being brought into its own high place in the parochial schools of our diocese due to a timely revision of the music course for our children.

We are confident that within a few short years the good effects of such a music course will be evidenced in a better selection of church music. We hope that those who are working on this program will receive the hearty co-operation that such a program merits.

THE RED CROSS ROLL CALL

From Armistice Day to Thanksgiving the American Red Cross is conducting a drive for money. This is a grand roll call "to keep our boys and girls in the line and in the hospital, and among the sick, the veterans, the

victims of disaster, and the needy that cannot be estimated in its value to American life.

As for the war time service given by the American Red Cross, it suffices to say that there are 31,000 Red Cross Nurses ready to take their places in base hospitals or first line dressing stations to care for our wounded soldiers. These women, trained to render a vital service, are the reserve of our wartime agencies.

The peace time program of this splendid organization is one built on constructive lines. The Red Cross has a staff of hundreds of nurses who are carrying into our schools and homes the gospel of health and sanitation.

Through this public health service many physical defects are discovered and corrected which, if allowed to remain, would develop and become serious handicaps in our race to win a livelihood.

During these days of hardships, the Red Cross has proved of utmost benefit to our veterans. Due to the just but drastic reduction in Federal benefits for veterans, no doubt a heavier pressure will be brought to bear upon the Red Cross.

Ex-service men go to the Red Cross for assistance in preparing and presenting their claims for compensation. The service is free. At no time since the Armistice were so many chapters and branches of the Red Cross engaged in home service work for the World War veterans and their families.

When disaster strikes, what is the instantaneous reaction of its victims and the world at large? The American Red Cross. It may be a great explosion or a devastating tornado, a shipwreck, a flood or a paralyzing blizzard. But instinctively, whatever the nature of the catastrophe, it is to the Red Cross that people have learned to turn for help and rehabilitation.

One of the most stirring accounts of the help given by the Red Cross comes from the pen of Msgr. William Hughes, who is in charge of Catholic Indian Missions. He pays a glowing tribute to the "impartial and all embracing humanitarian activity of the American Red Cross" for its relief work among our Catholic Indian school children.

The Red Cross is appealing to you for your membership. The Catholic Courier could do no less than to encourage our Catholic people to heed the plea of our greatest civic leaders who urge membership in this government-authorized national disaster-relief agency.

Current Comment

THE HOLY-NAME MAN

The Holy Name Society is by far the largest organization of Catholic laymen in this country, and it is particularly well established in this diocese. Practically every parish now has its Society and in nearly every one it is an active, interested group of men, doing their best to lead good Catholic lives themselves, and setting a powerfully good example to the other members of the parish. Holy Name men don't undertake to follow any rigorous religious rule, or to perform any remarkable acts of piety or devotion. Their pledge really obligates them to do only what as conscientious Catholics they should do anyhow, but it does ask them to perform certain of their religious duties in a body, with the other men of the parish society.

It is to this matter of uniting with the other men, especially in the monthly reception of Holy Communion, that some—comparatively few in the Diocese of Pittsburgh—object, on the ground that so solemn and sacred an act should not be made part of a public demonstration, and that it savors, too, of ostentation. These seem weak objections in the face of the unquestionable power for good that lies in this monthly, impressive, public act of faith. The strength of the man "Who doesn't need to be marched to the altar rail" will, when he joins those not so strong, encourage and support them; the man who, because of weakness, human respect, bad company, finds the practice of his religion difficult, has little trouble in overcoming such dangers when he identifies himself regularly with the group which is following out the mind of the Church. And such a group, observed month after month by the young of the parish, is the most convincing antidote that could be devised for the pagan influence that surrounds us all today.

Finally, confession and Communion remain the most individual acts that can be performed. The Holy Name Society, or any other organization, can do no more than create a good disposition in its members and then bring them to the door of the confessional. Inside that door a man ceases to be a part of any group and must stand alone.—The Pittsburgh Catholic.

LEADERSHIP OF N. C. W. C.

A comprehensive program of Catholic Action has been before the Catholics of this country for more than a decade of years in the departments of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Through it the Hierarchy have endeavored to guide, direct and organize all the forces of the Church in America towards one common end. Thank God much has been achieved, much harm has been prevented; but how much more could have been accomplished had the efforts towards unified organization met with universal response! All honor to our Catholic women, who are more generally organized and more enthusiastically active than other groups! And rightly so, for the paganizing movement centers largely around that sex which owes to Christianity the exaltation of its eminent dignity.—Bishop Rummel.

"Invest in Health."—Join the Columbus Club of the Columbus Civic Centre.

A dime may be a trifle to some people but think of what F. W. Woodworth did by looking after the trifle.

If gossips would try to circulate facts that are to the credit of others, as freely and as eagerly as they spread facts that are to their discredit, what an improvement would take place in human relations and how much better people would get along with one another.—The Catholic.

Diocesan Recordings

The playing card business, these days, should not be in the red, but trying to get all the card party notices into this newspaper is making us see you finish it.

Debating clubs seeking a timely question to discuss are referred to one recently debated by the Council of Deans at Fordham University worded "Resolved, That the Modern Press is detrimental to Democracy." The affirmative advocated the formation of a Free Press with a strict ethical code; and decried the tactics of "yellow journals, who, they maintained, were subversive of the ideals of a truly representative government. In addition to the moral health of the country as a whole. The negative side charged that the invisible powers behind the present day newspapers are the large advertisers who might be termed the "editorial ghost writers." Quoting from editors in support of their statements, the Negative contended that the function of the press was to serve as a mirror of life, and concluded that if the affirmative objected to the matter contained in the modern press their attacks should be first leveled at the conditions described. The Affirmative won. With the freedom of the press such a live issue at the present time in view of the interpretation of the N.R.A., ruling this subject should be an enlightening one for any debating group whether in school or college or around "the hot stove," this winter.

Ever alert to be of service, Harry P. Somerville, managing director of The Willard, one of Washington's leading hotels, set up a temporary altar in the hotel at the time of the consecration ceremony of the Most Rev. James Hugh Ryan, rector of the Catholic University of America, as Bishop. The altar was set up in the Senatorial Suite of The Willard so that Archbishops and Bishops, numbering 12 in all, who were staying at The Willard could say Mass each morning conveniently. As far as is known this is the first time such a thing has been done in a Washington hotel.

Getting the whole family together at a social event during the winter is rather new. During the summer, picnics bring the whole family together, but it required the enterprise of District Deputy John A. Doyle and members of Rochester Council Knights of Columbus to arrange an affair for the whole family in the winter months. To assure a special attraction for this event which the Knights hope to make an annual affair, the services of Penrod and Sam, nationally known juvenile radio stars have been procured. The entertainment will be for the youngsters on the night of the affair, Tuesday, November 2, but what parent is there who cannot be a youngster with his kiddies. Putting emphasis on the importance of family life, if only in a social way, is a step in the right direction in these days through which we are passing.

Nazareth College is one college planning a football game in which there cannot take place the customary "rouser" for none of the students will participate in the game planned, the players to be furnished by Notre Dame University and St. Bonaventure's College. The only thing we can suggest is that the Nazareth College girls divide into two groups, one to cheer Notre Dame and the other St. Bonaventure's, on Thanksgiving Day.

When asked how she would spend her birthday, Sister Nathalie Monnet, a beloved old nun at the convent in Varennes, France, replied: "I don't know; I've never been a centenarian before."

If the reader of this newspaper, name unnamed, who wrote in concerning the item, "The Modern Doctorate," in the November 2 issue will read that item, he or she will read that it is commendatory of former Governor Alfred E. Smith and not, as a hasty reading must have revealed, at all disparaging of the new trustees of the Catholic University of America. It is regrettable, but some readers of a Catholic newspaper seem to be seeking to find wherein the Catholic paper errs in commenting upon our foremost Catholics and to be in a hurry to tell us about it, but seldom do we get commended for the good things we say about them. Not that we expect such commendation and neither do we expect to be criticized when the fault lies in hasty reading.

This week we are starting a column or two for the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union in which will be carried the news of the doings of various Holy Name Societies. The column is being prepared by the Union officers and news to be included should be sent through Secretary Roy Crissy, 77 Allegheny Street, Rochester, N. Y.

Growing interest is being manifested in the Catholic Evidence Library in Columbus Civic Center.

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

Illustration featuring a calendar for October, a picture of St. Peter, and text discussing the Julian calendar and the Gregorian calendar. Text includes: "SAINT PETER IS NOT amongst the statues of the Apostles on the facade of Saint Peter's, Rome. His place is given to St. John the Baptist. That of Our Lord, in the centre makes up thirteen statues." "KEEP THEIR HATS ON IN CHURCH, AS A MARK OF RESPECT." "PICTURES OF OUR LORD'S PERSONAL APPEARANCE WERE NOT DESIGNED BY CHRISTIANS UNTIL THE FOURTH CENTURY. The earliest natural representation of Christ has been traced to the heathen Emperor Alexander Severus (AD 226-35) who included a figure of Our Lord amongst his household gods!" "What is the MILLENIUM? ANSWER, NEXT WEEK"

Co-operation, Its Power and Value

From "Catholic Action" The government of the United States is pointing a way for a new social order where the bond of co-operation shall replace the spur of competition. Such a program demands faith in the integrity of mutual interests, hope based on the honor of contracting parties and such large measure of Christian charity as looks first to the common good and last to personal advantage. It rests upon the fundamental principle of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Fidelity to the underlying principle was forcefully presented at the thirteenth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women as an inseparable obligation for outwearing consideration of defects of human frailty or faulty method incident to human endeavor. The message and appeal were peculiarly fitted to an assembly which was in its very being, a demonstration of the power and value of co-operation, a triumph of unity over isolation. And to no other body might one look more confidently for a rich contribution to the new social order, based on spiritual bonds of mutual faith, hope and charity. Here were women drawn together by a common magnet from most of the states and more than half of the dioceses in the country. Many came at the cost of personal effort and pecuniary sacrifice rather than have their diocesan council or their particular organization missing from this convention of the National Council of Catholic Women. Groups that thirteen years ago were almost as competitors in the wide ranges of Catholic activity, without point of contact, now appeared welded together in Catholic solidarity, to give and to receive service. Each drew, according to its need, from a program enriched by the contributions of many in every major field of Catholic lay endeavor. All responded, as one, to the call and the charge to the apostolate of Catholic Action delivered by the Apostolic Delegate of our Holy Father and to the apprehensions and directions of their own archbishops and bishops. One sensed an arm of the Church militant forming in orderly and compact alignment, conscious of power because of united strength and the spiritual leadership of divinely constituted authority and ready to exert its power in the service of "God and Country."

It would be difficult to overestimate the value to Church and Country of this evident achievement in unity of sentiment and federation of endeavor among organized Catholic women in more than half of the episcopal jurisdictions throughout our nation. What powerful impetus and stability of standard may be expected in programs for adult education; the extension of religious education; constructive use of youth's leisure; the control of commercialized recreation; co-operation in character building between home and school; and concerted action all along the line to protect family integrity. These are fields peculiarly fitted to the exercise of feminine function and genius. How immeasurably the influence and fair name of Catholics will be increased through orderly and compact alignment of programs and procedure accepted by common consent of even a portion of the organized Catholic womanhood of the country. Today the test of society's survival is co-operation. There is a solidarity in the human race that will not be gained—competition, the excess of individualism, is the life of the jungle. That which lifts man above the animal in his immortal spirit, it links him with the Godhead—Three in One—and binds in a common brotherhood every member of the human race, each of whom reflects the image of the Living God. The debacle of modern civilization has somewhat "given pause" to faith in competition and the "survival of the fittest." The spiritual principle underlying human solidarity and co-operation holds firm and drawing men grasp at it in their hour of need. For Catholics, no new statement of the principle is required. It stands as it has always stood, apart of the invincible teaching of the Church, applicable not only to dogmatic unity but to every aspect of human relations. It gives, as it has always given, light to guide in Christian living. Will bitter experience now turn the wheel full circle to this light? Catholics have a rare opportunity today to lead the way in co-operation. The National Council of Catholic Women at St. Paul rises to the opportunity and sound-ed a note of hope that must echo from coast to coast. It was more than a note of hope—a clarion call to participation in a national demonstration of what Christian co-operation is and what it may mean to the world. The archbishops and bishops in the National Catholic Welfare Conference blazed a trail and invited the laity to follow it up. Their presence in great numbers at the thirteenth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women testified to their satisfaction in the progress of its federated efforts. The advantages they have gained through conference and co-operation they hold out to the laity as an incentive and a program. The response noted betokens a great day, not too distant, when the majority of Catholic organizations, without loss of identity or autonomy, may speak as one voice and act as one body in matters touching the spiritual integrity and moral welfare of our people and our nation. In that day Catholics

Spiritual Thoughts

Be not chameleonic, but remain steadfast in the way of virtue; for not he who begins well, but he who endures to the end, shall be saved. It is difficult to say who is guilty, he who retails scandal or he who listens to it. If we courageously face suffering, difficulties vanish and even pain becomes delightful. The heart that unites itself to the heart of God cannot prevent itself from loving and meekly accepting the arrows launched against it by the hand of God.—St. Francis de Sales. When you are at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, or in fact any day, imagine you are standing at the foot of the Cross with the Blessed Virgin and St. John. Open your heart to receive the graces which are streaming from the Cross. Do not act like the enemies of Christ, who insulted their Savior as He hung, dying for them on the Cross. Religion—Cause or Effect In defense of Protestantism, a writer in a well-known magazine shows the very vague and weak idea of religion in his mind. For he makes all religion secondary to something that he calls "human evolution." To place religion in an inferior position is to acknowledge that it is not formative of, but formed by accidentals. The Protestantism he advocates is not "Protestantism" but something new. The writer, it seems to us, is just one more of those who are willing to sacrifice anything and everything to new economic and social conditions, making them the arbiters of religion itself. It is a case of putting the cart before the horse. will lead, as Catholics should, in a cooperation that seeks first the common good and last and least personal or corporate pride and advantage. They will bear testimony to that mutual faith and trust and that large measure of Christian charity which rests firmly on the principle of human solidarity despite all defect of human personality and method. This is the goal set for the laity by the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The National Council of Catholic Women at its thirteenth millenary gave heartening evidence of vision and determination in Catholic Action.