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*"I would make any sacrifice, even to the pouring of my blood, to see the Catholic religion flourish in our country."—Pope Pius X.*

## Editorials

### MRS. SANGER'S "PIERCE BILL"

Washington last week again heard the never ending cry of Margaret Sanger and her cohorts: "Give us the salvation of legalized birth control." These Sangerites certainly keep up with the times. At least they have seized upon the unsettled condition of the times and have incorporated it into an argument to use like a whip to make the Federal Government jump in line with their views.

Listen to the argument taken from the resolution of the birth control advocates and placed before the President urging him to "advise Congress of the importance" of amending the criminal code to permit dissemination of birth control information.

It reads in part: "Solution of the problem of unemployment requires a limitation of workers in accordance with the job supply. The Federal Government is urged to authorize and instruct all workers dealing with families under the Relief and Recovery Programs to encourage and facilitate the use by such families of birth control clinics."

It used to be the argument of birth control advocates that without a limitation of population we could never, with every man on a job, produce enough food to feed ourselves. Of course, that argument has been abandoned. It could never impress anyone nowadays when wheat has been burned as fuel and cotton is plowed under and farmers get paid to cease their planting.

But, of course, to have actual historical facts like these upstaged the argumentation would not discourage a Mrs. Sanger. To her mind, birth control is the cure-all for many ills and she can seize upon any existing or non-existing condition of human affairs and bolster them into an argument for the cause.

The birth control delegation tried to tell Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, leader in the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, that birth control would eliminate war by removing the cause of war, namely over-population.

Mrs. Catt, however, has views of her own on that subject and refused to consider the viewpoint of Mrs. Sanger or to present it to the 500 women attending her conference. These women can thank Mrs. Catt for respecting their intelligence more than Mrs. Sanger respects their morals or their intelligence either for that matter.

We feel that the birth control delegation gave their true purpose away and have defeated themselves when they sponsored a "private" exhibition of contraceptives. These devices bore the name of the manufacturer in unnecessarily large print. The reason is quite obvious. Their whole show smacked of commercialism despite their protest that their interest is in downtrodden mothers.

All that we can do now is to wait and see how effective the solid arguments of the delegations opposed to the birth control advocates will prove to be on the House Judiciary Committee. We know they have not impressed Mrs. Sanger but they may succeed in killing the Pierce Bill in committee.

### WILL STATE AID COME?

The burden placed upon our Catholic people of supporting parochial schools as well as paying taxes to support the public schools is not an easy one to carry.

We Catholics are realizing this fact more and more as the days of a prolonged depression are upon us. Due to the undying glory of American Catholicism that burden has been met with a hearty response.

But from many quarters the query is coming and growing in volume, why should this system of double taxation be allowed to continue. Why, it is asked, cannot the State supply funds to our parochial schools to help them carry on the work of education.

The answer to this question is beyond the question of a doubt, a civic service. More than that it is a civic service that is regulated by standards set by the State's own Board of Education.

In view of these facts why should not the State Treasury supply the necessary funds to support or help to support this civic educational project?

The only answer is that bigotry and religious prejudice have for years prevented justice being done to our parochial schools. We would like to see how much longer the American people are willing to allow such a condition to exist.

But if State aid for our schools is refused, the State will interfere with our religious education our parochial

schools. Following facts such as a fear of the State's power over our schools and the fact that the State has paid for the education of many Catholics in

the education given to the orphans in them. Yet no serious difficulty has arisen to embarrass the right of religious education within these institutions.

The State pays the salaries of the chaplains of various denominations for their administrations to the people in the various State institutions. Their services are looked upon as a truly civic service that is beneficial in its results to the State at large. In this instance the State is not interfering with religious freedom, it is actually promoting and maintaining it.

Again, when a Catholic hospital cares for a patient too poor to pay the cost of hospitalization and treatment, the State, in many instances, pays the bill. Such payment is made because of the civic service rendered by the religious institution.

State funds are forthcoming for all of these projects, but when our overburdened parochial schools ask for State aid for the civic service rendered no funds are found in the budget for them.

Such, at least, has been the story up to the present. Perhaps if we Catholics raise our voices loud and long enough we may eliminate the unjust system of double taxation we are now carrying so cheerfully for supernatural motives. Let's remember it's the squeaking axle that gets the grease!

### FOREIGN TRADE WITH RUSSIA

Before we actually recognized Soviet Russia, those favoring recognition claimed that recognition would solve some of our economic difficulties. They claimed that our trade relations with that nation would thereby be increased to a great degree.

It was known at the time that Russia could not pay in cash for whatever goods we might export to her. To solve this difficulty it was calmly suggested that the U. S. should make loans to the Soviet to pay for the goods that we exported to her shores.

It is interesting to note what Mr. Bullitt now has to say of such a system of financing Russian trade. He is recorded in the press as being opposed to the making of any such loans.

Evidently he has concluded that if such loans were made we would find ourselves within a few years in exactly the same position as we now are with our European war debtors—their position of an unpaid creditor who has small hope of ever collecting the debt. That position has certainly not made our relations with the debtor nations any happier nor would it improve our relations with Russia. However, Mr. Bullitt does favor our trading with Russia. He claims that they need and will use our goods but we must accept their goods in return.

Now the question arises, just what goods could we take from the Soviet in payment for our exports to them? The principal ones that we would be willing to take have been listed as follows: lumber of certain kinds, furs, caviar and manganese.

We were told before recognition that Russia would take half a billion dollars worth of our manufactured goods a year. But if we follow Mr. Bullitt's advice and take our payment in the above listed imports from Russia, all of them that we could possibly absorb would amount to only a small fraction of a half a billion dollars.

We feel that for many a long day to come our trade with Russia will be on a negligible scale. It appears very much that we will have to stress economic self-sufficiency in order to correct our economic situation rather than improve that situation by foreign trade, especially Russian, foreign trade.

In doing this we will be doing what the other great nations are doing. In fact, we are forced to it, since our opportunities for foreign trade have been greatly reduced by the method adopted by foreign nations, nor are they likely to become greater in the near future.

## Current Comment

### IS IT SOCIALISM?

One of the strangest aspects of the prevalent confusion of mind in the world today is that there are so many people who would be terribly hurt at being called Socialists and yet are feverently in favor of public ownership and control of credit, the nationalization of banks and all that.

It seems pretty obvious that today Credit is the "whole works", to put it in vulgar terms. Ours is a Credit economy. Credit is the lifeblood of the economic system. Credit is the means of production.

So, if you are asking for public ownership of Credit, aren't you asking for public, social ownership of the means of production? And wouldn't such public ownership of the means of production be Socialism?—The Providence Visitor.

No matter what his rank or position may be, the lover of good books is the richest and the happiest of the children of men.—Young Catholic Messenger.

No nation can be destroyed while it possesses a good home life.—J. G. Holland.

"Without work," said Cardinal Gibbons, "no amount of talent, no amount of influence will carry a man very far in this world."—The Providence Visitor.

### "BUGS"

The Catholic Information Society of North Berth, Pa., says that when the late Samuel Stehman Haldeman, professor of natural science at the University of Pennsylvania, became a convert to the Catholic Church, he was often asked why, and always replied: "Bugs." Then he exclaimed: "No matter how tiny the insect, I have found that God who made it provided one organization that controlled all parts and kept them working together, I believe that when He was making so big a thing as the Church, He would do the same for it. There is only one Church with such a single controlling organism. That is why I am a Catholic."—Brooklyn Tablet.

When things go wrong, people are prompt enough with their censure. When things go right they seldom take the trouble to speak an encouraging word.

## Diocesan Recordings

The necessity for united strength to oppose unwanted legislation was evidenced last week in Washington when the Congressional Hearings on the proposed birth control measure were held.

An idea of what may be expected should any of the Catholic schools be forced to close may be had from the experience of nearly all the boys of 11 and over who were forced to leave the Sacred Heart School in Leicester, England, and voted to walk two miles a day to Holy Cross School rather than attend a non-Catholic school nearby.

Everyone who can will attend President Roosevelt's birthday party on January 30. The affair in Rochester will be held at the Armory and District Deputy John A. Doyle is handling tickets for the Knights of Columbus cooperating with other fraternal bodies to stage this community affair. Proceeds will go to an endowment for the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The complete address given by the Rev. Aloysius M. Fihlitts, S.J., Director of Phippsburg, Aurlsville Shrine given on October 29, 1933 at the dedication by Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra of the monument to early Jesuit Missionaries at Dann's Corners, appears in the January issue of The Aurlsville Pilgrim, published at the Shrine in Aurlsville, N. Y.

Mention was made last week of the celebration of Masses in St. Patrick's Cathedral by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay and in Corpus Christi Church by the Rt. Rev. William M. Hart, V.G., on Thursday in memory of the late Bishop McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester. The Masses were for the repose of the soul of the great churchman, his memory is perpetuated in a large manner by his deeds during his life time.

We wonder if the W.C.T.U. leader in Denver who was left five shares of stock in a brewing company will use the dividends to help put the brewery out of business.

During the same week that the advocates of Birth Control were using every possible means to put across their obnoxious legislation, a photograph appeared in The True Voice, diocesan organ of Omaha, Nebraska, showing the fifteen children of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McGulter assembled with their parents to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the couple. It was a happy group picture and somehow or other we cannot believe that this family has suffered from a lack of knowledge such as the Birth Controllers seek to impart.

While others sit around bewailing conditions, a former theatrical couple, we note in the daily newspaper, have bought a dilapidated 100-year old farm, have plied in to work and after a year have proved that they can run the farm so well that they have won prizes at various fairs. We do not know the couple, their names are Mr. and Mrs. Patrick S. Rafferty and their farm is near Utica, but we do think they have shown a courageous spirit that may well be emulated by all of us when we think we cannot do something that seems well nigh impossible.

It is interesting to note this week that two of our Catholic high schools in the diocese are to meet in an athletic event for the first time. The basketball game, Friday evening, will bring Elmira Catholic High School five to play the team representing Aquinas Institute. There are now three Catholic high schools in the diocese represented on the basketball court: Holy Family High of Auburn also having a creditable court five. Someday we may have a Catholic High School Basketball League here in Rochester diocese.

Critics of the New York State seem to be having a difficult time, appreciating Eugene O'Neill's newest play, "Days Without End." Materialistic and sex themes of most of the shows have dulled perception of spiritual values.

Speaking of Eugene O'Neill, the Rev. Daniel Lord, S.J., in a syndicated column he writes for a number of Catholic papers has just made the announcement that Effie Hennessey, the novelist is a Catholic. Maybe he too, will find the treasury of literary material in the Catholic faith, that O'Neill seems to have discovered of dramatic material.

Valentine Day this year will be an excellent time to meditate on the love of God. It happens to be also the beginning of the Lenten period.

Our Catholic people and the Catholic Courier more interested as they learn more of the Catholic Action program being carried on throughout the diocese.

"You shall will you build Churches, formal schools, give millions, all your works will be fruitless, call your works will be empty, build a house for you are able to give the greatest witness of offense and dispraise—the Catholic Press."—Pope Pius X.

# STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

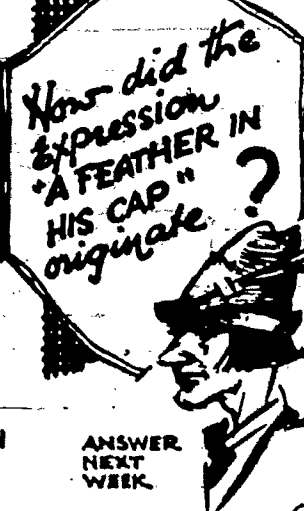


**Outside RAVENNA, ITALY,**  
dates from 534 AD—exactly  
fourteen centuries ago. It still  
possesses a wooden roof!

The organ in Sir Neville  
Wilkinson's "TITANIAS  
PALACE" is only a foot high but  
it can be played. The "Music" shown  
on the rest is a postage stamp!



**OVER THREE HUNDRED YEARS**  
ELAPSED BETWEEN THE  
BEATIFICATION (1622)  
OF ALBERT THE GREAT  
AND HIS CANONIZATION  
WHICH TOOK PLACE IN  
1931. HE WAS A  
SCIENTIST, PHILOSOPHER  
AND THEOLOGIAN.



**THE MOST REVEREND  
JAMES J. HARTLEY**  
BISHOP OF COLUMBUS,  
OHIO WAS BORN, BAPTIZED  
ORDAINED AND  
CONSECRATED WITHIN  
THE LIMITS OF HIS  
OWN DIOCESE.  
CONFIRMED BY THE  
FIRST BISHOP, ORDAINED  
BY THE SECOND BISHOP  
AND CONSECRATED  
BY THE THIRD BISHOP  
SURELY THE APOSTOLIC  
LINK IS IN AMPLE  
EVIDENCE.

## Age's Greatest Institution

Declaring that the Catholic Church stands "like a rock" not only to maintain "the homely virtues, but also to uphold human rights," an article just published in the Montreal Star, leading English language daily newspaper in Montreal praises the Catholic Church as the unshakable "Rock-Peter."

"The Roman Catholic Church entered 1934 upon the knees, celebrating the 1900th anniversary of the death of Jesus Christ upon the Cross," the article, signed by "A Cleric," begins. "The Holy Year began last Easter, when the Holy Father, Pius XI, called the faithful, numbering 334,647,921, to multiply their prayers and good works with firm confidence that they will bring the blessings of peace and good will, and greater love to God and our neighbor, of which the world so much stands in need."

"The Visible Catholic Church therefore enters another year as the greatest institution on earth." The article continues. "One in every five of human beings have been baptized by her priests. Her churches, schools and hospitals, great and small, hold up the Cross of Calvary to the world. All eyes turn in piety to Rome, blood-stained by the noblest of martyrs, and to St. Peter's where the Chief Pastor feeds the Catholic flock. The hope of seeing the 'Eternal City' is born in the hearts of the members, many of whom are realizing it in the pilgrimages which have been converging thither and never becomes dimmed, though Cardinals and Bishops make the regular homage at the foot of the papal throne. It is not only the architect, embellished with every costly and delicate art, but the inspiring scene of visible history. There is found the Sacred College, when complete having its seventy 'Princes of the Church' consulting with the Pope, who is the 266th successor, officially designated as: His Holiness the Pope, Bishop of Rome and Vicar of Christ. Successor of Peter, Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of Universal Church, Patriarch of the West, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province, Sovereign of the Temporal Dominions of the Holy Roman Church, Pius XI, Achille Ratti, now Gloriously Reigning.

"But holiness is invisible and the Catholic Church invisible is the even at Rome. Riches and pomp in her worship are never necessary, the essentials are the same whether at the gorgeous altar of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican or in an Indian Mission on the Mackenzie River. A crucifix and six candles are sufficient for a service according to the Latin rite. Daily poverty is never felt to be unworthy of the House of God."

"Nothing finer, more clearly than the 'Rock-Peter,' maintains its place unshaken in this changing world than the fact that the Catholic Church holds to the old-fashioned Christian virtues and human rights. By Encyclical and Pastoral these are proclaimed. Marriage, the Family, and the School on the one hand and Charity, Fair-play and Brotherhood on the other are the fundamentals. More important than all the magnificence of the Visible Church is her inner life. Not only is it possible for a peasant lad, a shopkeeper's son, or a poor widow's child to rise to the throne of St. Peter, but is taking place. Achille Ratti, now Pius XI, is the son of a factory manager, Archbishop Curley of Baltimore more made a practice of visiting his mother in Ireland, in a humble home where he was one of ten children. Matt. Talbot, who before his death with a laborer in a lumber yard in Dublin is now under process of beatification as a saint of the Church.

Delighted His Holiness "And a beautiful feature in the magnificence of the enthronement of Cardinal Villeneuve at Quebec was the place reserved for his simply dressed parents. Pius XI follows strict etiquette to pass when emotion plays the better part. It was in the Vatican when Archbishop Redwood of Wellington, N.Z., was paying his homage to the Head of the Church, that the Pope did not allow him to kneel but put his arms around him saying: 'Unico,' the only one. He is ninety-four years of age and in February will reach the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination. He was the first priest, the first bishop and the first archbishop of New Zealand, and has knelt before four of the predecessors of Pius XI. He is beloved in his own country, a native of England, and educated in France. He was a conspicuous figure at the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin, and in private delighted his hosts by playing several old French airs on the violin.

"Not only does the Church of Rome stand like a rock to maintain the homely virtues, but also to uphold human rights. She defends them in revolutionary Russia, Mexico, Spain and Germany. Or if we turn to the clash of the oracles which men are proclaiming to relieve the world of perplexity and distress, without adopting this or that, the appeal is made for decency, charity and fair-play as between master and servant, the rich and the poor. She does not call in vain. Pierce and many have been the storms which have blown against that Rock, and these will pass. The secret has always been the same, whether it is the mighty Society of Jesus vowed to gain back lost prestige or the latest league of bumble, devout lives, 'Ad Majorum Del Gloriam' is the best description of a true Catholic, and the secret of rocklike existence of the Church in 1934. In English it means 'What can I do for the greater glory of God?'

The path of duty lies in what is near at hand, yet most men seek for it in what is remote.

## Back Through the Years

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

May 18, 1895

Bishop McQuaid attended the ceremonies in Boston marking the golden sacerdotal jubilee of the Most Rev. John J. Williams, Archbishop of Boston. Present for the occasion were Monsignor Satolli, Apostolic Delegate; Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia and Corrigan of New York and many Bishops and priests from all parts of the United States.

Thomas J. Devine presented a beautiful American flag to the pupils of Cathedral School.

The annual inspection, review and parade of the Roman Catholic Uniformed Union took place in the State Armory. Officers in charge were: Colonel Henry N. Schlick; Lieutenant Colonel John Ranber; Major, P. Cooper; and Junior Major, Joseph Hesslinger.

May 25, 1895

The first number of the "Catholic Monthly Review" a magazine for the Catholic Reading Circle made its appearance. James O'Hea, Love was the editor with J. J. Mc-Nerney, associate editor.

June 1, 1895

An interesting address was delivered by the Rev. A. P. Doyle of New York City at St. Francis de Sales Church in Geneva.

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