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

Editorials

A SILVER JUBILEE

Next Tuesday, April 10th, will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of Archbishop Mooney's ordination to the priesthood. It is probably little that the newly-ordained priest from the diocese of Cleveland thought that twenty-five years from that day would find him Bishop of the neighboring diocese of Rochester, after having served the Church practically all over the world. And it was probably less that he cared in the happiness that was his on the occasion.

Besides being endowed with the fulness of the priesthood, Archbishop Mooney's career has been endowed with a fulness of experience that is seldom given to a priest. His has been the experience of training novices for the priesthood in a seminary, of dealing with youth in a high school, of pastor of a parish, of forming young priests to the spiritual life in the very center of Christianity, of the diplomatic service of the Church coupled with that of missionary experience in two different foreign fields, and finally that of ordinary of this diocese. Surely a rich training! And of all these experiences it is safe to say that the one of April 10th, 1909, is not surpassed in joy for him.

Ad Multos Annos, Archbishop Mooney!

ST. PAUL'S GUILD

The new St. Paul's Guild takes its name from the great convert, St. Paul the Apostle of the Gentiles. Formerly it was known as the National Catholic Convert's League. One of the objectives of the St. Paul's Guild is to render material aid to convert ministers and others whose coming into the Church has cost them their only means of livelihood.

At first this will seem to be a rather superfluous undertaking. The old complaint is apt to come from the hardpressed Catholic, why not such an organization for poor Catholics? Some will say that charity begins at home. Against the possible charge of proselytizing, the answer is made, that the guild is not a funding organization to pay people for coming into the Church and supporting them after they have done so, but merely one to help ease the burden of converts, making their submission, and help them from feeling too bitterly the social hardships that will be theirs because of such a step.

It is no secret that many Catholics doubt the sincerity of converts. To the Catholic, many practices of devotion and of necessity, and all the doctrines of the Church are matters so commonplace as to require no special notice or comment. To a convert these are often matters of great wonder. There is a difference of attitude between the oldtimer and the fledgling in the Faith. A new light is dawning upon the eyes of the newcomer and his eyes have not yet become accustomed to it. But for the veteran, his eyes have been adjusted to the same light for so long that he is hardly aware that there is such a light. It is all very much the same as the difference between never having been blind, and suddenly acquiring sight, after congenital blindness. The enthusiasm of the recent convert is seldom contagious, even though he thinks it should be; Catholicism is not yet a habit of life for him. Nor must it be forgotten that Catholicism is not only a religion and a faith; it is also a culture. This means that very often a convert must come into the Church under the greatest of mental pain. One has only to read any good biography of Cardinal Newman to realize in part what actual pain and anguish it cost him to make his submission to the Church. A little jealousy may cause us to look unkindly upon many converts and their seeming desire to capitalize their conversion either for money or for human respect. But an unbiased consideration of their cases and a little common sense will tell us plainly that their conversions are often heroic with a heroism that the battle field does not know.

Father C. C. Martindale, S. J., himself a convert, has this to say among other things: "I can remember my feeling of down-right sea-sickness when I began to perceive that the 'lie' (Catholic Church) was Truth. You have no idea of what people go through mentally, if they have acquired a new way of thinking and feeling about things and how they have to turn their whole soul inside out to accept their world."

One of the Church, those most apt to study are those who by reason of their conversion are concerned with matters religious, and are ministers and preachers. There has been cultural. Naturally they are apt to be of work and occupation, and mentally. Conversion can mean financial ruin. Who can say how many conversions have been thwarted

for this very reason alone? It is alright to accuse them of moral cowardice; maybe they are guilty! But let us not forget that many Catholics have apostatized for less. Look at the numbers lost by marriage alone, before there was ever any question of financial ruin, marriages where the Catholic party deliberately surrenders faith for earthly happiness. For many converts, Catholicism has actually meant dire poverty! As Father Martindale again says, (speaking of parsons) "they have to confront a perfectly blank future, and what about their wife, whom they love, and their children, for whose very existence they are responsible? Only tonight I have met a man, ecstatic with delight because after weeks of practical starvation he has found a job."

After he thinks it over leisurely and seriously, the almost naive charity that is his by Baptism will convince the old-time Catholic that the St. Paul's Guild not only is a useful undertaking, but a necessary one, long overdue. And he will do more than think about it; he will join it heartily and enthusiastically.

ARCHBISHOP HICKEY

Not very often is it given to a priest to live for fifty years in the priesthood. Hence it is always an event, when such an occasion does occur, for great rejoicing. And although Archbishop Hickey in his humility refused to be entertained in any public fashion on this memorable day of his life, the members of his former flock, refuse also to let the occasion pass altogether without notice.

Fifty years in the priesthood! How many memories must be recalled! How many joys they must have seen! And almost thirty of those years have been passed as a bishop of the Church.

Archbishop Hickey has been the city of Rochester grow to be one of the more important cities of the country and to become the seat of a flourishing portion of the Lord's Vineyard. He has seen the changes that have taken place in the conditions under which a priest must work. It was his privilege not only to be closely associated with one of America's outstanding churchmen, but actually to become his successor, and to carry on the great traditions for which this diocese is noted. All these memories must surely be a greater joy to him at this happy time than any outward celebration. His is the joy of a work well done, of a priesthood worthily spent.

The Catholic Courier extends its congratulations and best wishes to Archbishop Hickey on the fiftieth anniversary of his priesthood.

INTER-FAITH DINNER

Last week the citizens of the State of Maryland celebrated the three hundredth anniversary of religious freedom and toleration. It was the first of the American Colonies to grant full religious freedom and it must be remembered that the first settlers of Maryland were Catholics. Toleration then is the Catholic contribution to American democracy.

Next Monday night, Catholic, Protestant, and Jew will attend a good-will banquet at the Chamber of Commerce. The occasion of this dinner is the celebration of Rochester's one hundredth birthday. Rochester Catholics therefore are only expressing their ancient tolerance and are participating in a civic affair that helps to maintain good will.

Fortunately for Rochester, intolerance is not one of the characteristics of her social and civic life. That the forthcoming dinner will not be an occasion for inaugurating some phase of civic virtue but rather a gesture towards the maintenance of a condition that now prevails and which is not even threatened.

Tolerance, as generally understood, is a state of mind which prevents people from dealing reasonably with those who differ from them. It manifests itself especially in racial, political and religious matters. The intolerant person is one who judges or discriminates against others unreasonably or without justification. For the most part, intolerance comes from ignorance or environment which leads persons to take certain things for granted which have no existence in fact or which have been distorted.

The Catholic Church has always maintained, as she maintains today, that "it is sinful to force people to join her communion." She has always put into practice the word of St. Paul, "What have I to do with judging them that are outside? Them that are outside God will judge." (1 Cor. V 12, 13).

Tolerance, on the other hand, enables a Catholic to practice the social virtues that reflect his holy religion. By it he is able to mingle with those outside the Faith, and by his good example exert a powerful influence in promoting church unity. An intelligent Catholic knows that Faith is a gift of God.

Toleration, does not mean however, the same thing as recognition of truth. Rather it means that it recognizes the lack of truth and has a kind of forbearance in the matter. To be a good neighbor does not mean that you have to identify yourself with your neighbor in all his interests or approve of all he does or says. In matters of your neighbor's religion, it does not mean that you have to approve of it in order to be friendly. Toleration means making allowances for those who do not fully understand; a wise parent always makes allowances for a small child. The same is true in matters of religion. This always makes for a better feeling, and paves the way for the exercise of that zealous charity, the gift of God, which lights the way for so many into the Church of God.

By all means let us uphold truth and oppose error. But let us also leave the individual conscience to the judgment of God. That is what Christ did. That is what we must do to be His true followers.

Character without intellectual development is more to be desired than intellectual development without character.

Remember that men change easily, and that you cannot place your trust in them, therefore attach yourself to God alone, for He is unchangeable.

Diocesan Recordings

Money isn't everything says the New York Sun. It isn't even half of what we used to think it was.

Former Governor Alfred E. Smith recently elected to the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America at Washington D. C., extends a message to the Senior Class through their year book. The Cardinal, which has just gone to press. Of course, we have not as yet read the message but we doubt that the distinguished seniors to become distinguished Catholic laymen has editors.

A thrill we hope to see more often, a woman reading the CATHOLIC COURIER in the street car. Not only was she benefitting from the contents of the diocesan paper but she was holding the newspaper high enough for all in back of her to see it. We have been waiting ten years to see someone besides ourself reading the Catholic newspaper in the street car.

The Father Rector of Gonzaga College, the new school of the California Jesuits in Shanghai who came from Ontario, N. Y., the Rev. Leo P. McGreal, S. J., had his sleep rudely broken recently by the clamor of a machine-load of policemen and firemen in Shanghai trying to force their way into the chapel of the college. Told that there was a fire in the chapel, and that the reflection of the flames was shining through the windows, Father McGreal breathed a sigh of relief on discovering the "fire" was nothing more than the glow from the sanctuary lamp. Opening the doors he showed the fire-fighters their mistake and calm and peace soon reigned again.

Although the Southwest Courier, official diocesan newspaper of Oklahoma City, Tulsa diocese does not say so we assume that "An editor of the Oklahoma Times, the editor of the Jewish Chronicle and the editor of the southwest Courier live side by side in the same block," in harmony and with love will exist or it would not have been mentioned in Joe Quinn's admirable paper.

If it is true as Queen's Work states that rumor has it that Evelyn Venable, motion picture star, has a contract by which she will never be required to play off color or sexy scenes, the picture is this courageous young woman plays in should be well patronized.

A casual count of the parishes in the Diocese of Rochester has shown that there are 142 units of our Catholic people who have the privilege of seeing local news in the diocesan newspaper not to mention missions, organizations, schools, and other divisions of the diocese. It is our intent and purpose in the reorganized diocesan paper to give everyone consideration and on the other hand we ask consideration for our problem. Every parish and organization sends us in local news the amount of international and national news must necessarily be shortened to assure a well-balanced paper and to assure publication of local items from all points in the diocese we again urge that this news reach the CATHOLIC COURIER office by Tuesday of the week of publication.

Occasionally it is said that when the priest condemns an evil from the pulpit it only serves to make people want to become interested in the evil. Here is the real viewpoint on what is a priest's duty and the result it is liable to have. In a recent Southern edition of "Box Office," an organ of the motion picture industry theater owners generally that they are "not privileged to avoid objectionable films and that they must pay certain undesirable pictures or pay for them."

"The Catholic Church," the article states, "is convinced that appeal to the producers is useless, previous appeals having had little or no effect, and is determined to strike the trade where it will hurt most, the box office."

"When one considers the close association of the Catholic Church with the daily lives of its members one understands the import of a church edict. Protestant ministers may rave and rant and condemn a picture and thereby drive their brethren into the theater by the score. When the Catholic Church, however, decrees a certain action is a sin, its members usually listen and, in the main, avoid that action."

Those who do not listen and avoid the action, therefore are few and the results of the priest's teaching are far greater than those few realize.

At Mass last Sunday, we could not help but notice that during the important parts of the Mass, a woman to the right was busy putting on gloves and taking them off, the girl to the left was engaged in picking and tearing the blessed palm, the children in back carried on a conversation. It is not for us to judge but it does seem that hearing Mass in either of those manners is not productive of much spiritual benefit.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known

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By M. J. MURRAY

The Round Chapel at Ludlow is one of four remaining in England which are believed to have been built by the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, reproducing the distinctive outlines of the church of HOLY SEPULCHRE in JERUSALEM.

Les Baux in France
AT ONE TIME A GREAT CITY WITH OVER 30,000 INHABITANTS, IS NOW REDUCED TO ONE STREET, ONE ROOM CHURCH—BUILT FROM THE TENTH CENTURY—AND FIFTY PEOPLE.
The Princes of Les Baux claimed direct descent from Belshazzar, one of the Wise Men.

The manufacture of WINE is almost as ancient as recorded history. THE NINTH CHAPTER OF THE BOOK OF GENESIS TELLS US THAT NOAH PLANTED A VINEYARD.

A CURIOUS WEDDING CUSTOM
revived in parts of GERMANY is that by which the newly married couple have to saw through a stout log of wood, before they are acclaimed man and wife! THE SIGNIFICANCE IS THAT THEY ARE THUS PROVED CAPABLE OF THEIR DOMESTIC DUTIES.

The OLDEST BELL IN ROME
IS AT THE SAME TIME THE SMALLEST, THAT OF THE CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT IN THE FISHERIES.

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Stay with us, we are going towards eternity, and the day is now far spent. This did the two disciples construe the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. The Church, by these words, would be recalled frequently in the Easter liturgy.

We have had of this comforting page, we have seen less than an observer of modern trends than Nicholas Berdayev, tell us in his disturbing book "The End of Our Time," that we are passing into the "eventuality of history." He says:

"Contemporary spiritual principles and forces are used up, the rationalist day of a past history declines, its sun sets and night is upon us. Men of intuition perceive, all the signs and proofs show, that we have passed from an era of light to an era of darkness. Yet, (lest we become despairing) 'night' is not less wonderful than day. It is equally the work of God. It is lit by the splendor of the stars and it reveals to us things that the day does not know."

Catholics, for our hope pray the risen Savior to "stay with us, for it is towards evening, and the day is now far spent."

Economics, sociology and history students of the University of Rochester. We recommend to you Berdayev's "The End of Our Time" for a fearless and masterly analysis of the trend of the years between the Renaissance and Bolshevism. Newman Club members could make it the text-book for a year of study-group discussions on Communism. It is in the C. E. Library.

The solemnity of Easter in St. Peter's was enhanced this year by the pageantry of a canonization ceremony. Though the new Saint will be officially called St. John Bosco, the familiar and quaint title of Don will be affectionately remembered by our generation.

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Back Through the Years

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

Bishop McQuaid announced in the June 22, 1895 issue, the following clerical transfers: the Rev. C. F. O'Leary to Westcott during Father O'Donnell's absence in Europe, the Rev. P. A. Neville to pastor, Holy Family Church, Auburn; the Rev. John P. Brophy to St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Charity is the "form of all the virtues"—Elyan.

Cowardice is the least attractive of the vices and probably the most rare.—Jarrett.

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