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JOHN MOODY RECALLS STUDY MADE LEADING UP TO HIS CONVERSION

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gan years ago when I first dropped the subjective notion that all religions were equally good. For in becoming an agnostic I lost all of my inherent Protestant prejudices against Catholicism. I no longer viewed the Catholic Church as a menace to society, but merely as one of the greatest of the religious follies; something to smile tolerantly upon as one might smile upon the Holy Rollers.

Decided to Seek Facts

Pointing out that it was an objective and not a subjective experience which turned his thoughts toward the Catholic Church, Mr. Moody said: "I decided to dig into this seemingly fantastic religion by the same objective methods that had made me 'fat with facts' in Wall Street. And this is why I sometimes say that Wall Street led me in to the Catholic Church."

"Now if we dig seriously," he said, "we dig to the bottom. And I decided that until I got to the bottom of this thing called Catholicism, I would lay on one side all those dogmas of the Catholic Church which had ever repelled and puzzled me—such as the Virgin Birth, the existence of Hell and Purgatory, the mystery of the Trinity, and so on. I would first try to find and examine the foundations of this strange objective religion; it would be time enough to pass judgment on the details after I had ascertained the strength or weakness of the base."

His investigations, Mr. Moody

said, demonstrated to him that Catholic Christianity, unlike all other faiths, is built on a foundation of concrete, provable facts. The first of these, he said, is that the existence of God is not a mere assumption or postulate of "faith" or "hope," but can be demonstrated and proved by human reason. The second fact he referred to is the Catholic contention that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. The Catholic interpretation of the Saviour's life on earth and of His teachings is completely and wholly true, Mr. Moody said, pointing out that it is supported by a weight of objective evidence which "has not been dislodged one iota after nineteen centuries of controversy."

"We may say that we believe in the Divinity of Christ," Mr. Moody told his audience, "but as long as we deny any of his teachings, we are eating our own words."

"I, for one, could not get away from this line of reasoning. And by the same token I could not deny the fact that Christ had founded a visible Church and made Peter its head; that he had promised to be with this Church to the end of time and to guard it from teaching error. And this being so, then this Church must be in existence still, its head must be the successor of Peter, and as a teacher of faith and morals, it must necessarily possess infallibility. This Church must be one Church and not several; it must teach what Christ taught, and nothing else. And the only living Church which met these requirements was the Catholic Church. There was no other."

Acceptance of dogmas

Returning to the dogmas of the Catholic Church, Mr. Moody told how he came to accept them. "I too," he said, "was sure I could never accept them all. How, then, did I come to accept them. Only because I dug through the wall of the city to see for myself what was really within. What I found inside were several things which fascinated me—among them being something called the doctrine of the Supernatural, to which is joined the doctrine of Grace, and also something called the Communion of Saints. And for me at least, these doctrines turned out to be the key to everything else."

The Catholic, he said, knows that what is called Supernatural has its genesis in the teachings of Christ and the Apostles, and is the one thing which makes these teachings completely understandable. Non-Catholic Christianity, he asserted, seems quite completely to have lost the meaning of God-given Grace, but the Catholic regards it as a specific supernatural gift from God to His creatures.

"And as for that beautiful dogma of the Communion of Saints," Mr. Moody said, "it seems to me that only the Catholic grasps its essential meaning, for only as a part of the Supernatural Life can it have any significance at all. Not only does it explain the particular veneration which Catholics give to the Blessed Virgin as the greatest of all the Saints, and why they ever seek her intercession and prayers; but it also explains the invoking of all the Saints to pray to God for us."

Mercy High School Notes

A symposium of five girls with the highest honors in the senior class will be held at Our Lady of Mercy High School early next week. The title of the discussion will be "What Literature Can Do For Me."

Muriel Ackroyd will be chairman of the discussion. Dorothy Hall will speak on "It Can Give You A Better Knowledge of Human Nature"; Marjorie Murr, "It Can Restore the Past to You"; Mary Elizabeth Leinen, "It Can Show You the Glory of the Communionplace"; and Marcelle Grusenmeyer, "It Can Give You the Mastery of Your Own Language."

The Rev. Robert J. Fox, director of the Rochester Parish Sodality Union, will address the Sodality at its regular meeting next Tuesday on parish sodalities.

The student body was addressed in the respective religion classes by two Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament of Cornwall Heights, Pa., on Tuesday, May 8.

The talks included the life work of Reverend Mother Katharine Broxel and a plea for the furtherance of religious vocations.

Nazareth Sodality Will Give 'Mansions' May 22

Nazareth Academy Sodality play, "Mansions," to be presented in the academy auditorium, Tuesday evening, May 22, is in charge of Norma Ransom, chairman. The cast includes: Margaret Larkin, Margaret Grant, Rita Reh, Dorothy Bannon, Lillian Le Roy, Margaret Habalon, Margaret Murphy, Ruth Raynor, Jane Fischer, Claire Sigl, Dorothy Long, Hannah Silberstein, Betty Mahoney, Bernice Welch, Mary Catherine Duffy, and Catherine Bank.

Weekly Calendar of Feast Days

Sunday, May 13—St. John the Baptist.
Monday, May 14—St. Paschasius.
Tuesday, May 15—St. Peter, Martyr.
Wednesday, May 16—St. John Nepomucen.
Thursday, May 17—St. Paschal Baylon.
Friday, May 18—St. Venantius.

ACTION WEEK EVENTS DRAW FROM 20 STATES

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the storms of the past and endured and conquered in spite of another civilization that is un-Christian. Today the great Christian church, as in the past, is helping to stabilize communities. Its aim and its teaching, as voiced by Pope Pius XI, is to bring all the industrial and financial relations once more under the control of moral law.

Bishop Lucy spoke on "Conflict and Immorality in Industry." "Capital and Labor," he said, "have been drawn up in two opposite camps and battles are frequent between them. They quarrel over wages and working conditions."

"Then there is another conflict in the employing class. What has been known as 'free competition' has degenerated into cut-throat competition and in the last analysis this means survival of the fittest."

"The Pontiff, Pope Pius XI, in his Encyclical of 1931, points out that the fittest usually are those with the most power and the least conscience. Conflict in this group has taken on the shape of unfair trade practices and dishonesty in general."

"Again we have conflict among the workers themselves. They never have been well organized and for the most part they have been quite thoroughly disorganized. Now that they have every right to organize for their own good the workers should be encouraged to do so."

"The remedy for all this disunity and immorality in our social life is to be found in the Encyclical of Pope Pius XI, and all that we need to do now is to look into that document for guidance that will lead us out of these troublesome times."

Encyclopedia and the NRA

Father Mcowan, speaking on "The Encyclical and the NRA," praised the recovery program for having brought "a dignity and respectability to labor organizations and collective bargaining." "But I would advise," he said, "that we go farther than that, if ultimate peace and success from the plan is to come. Labor should have a co-operative place in the councils of the employers."

Miss Hooley spoke on "Catholic Action." She urged her hearers to participate fully in the work of the lay apostolate.

Archbishop Hanna, was accorded an ovation when he delivered an address on Christian Charity. "We must understand the value of humankind if we are to be truly charitable," the Archbishop said. "We must remember that every man to whom we are offering human aid is a human being. The poor are our brothers. Especially

Auburn Committee Plan Coming of General Haller

Auburn—The general committee in charge of arrangements for the reception to General Joseph Haller of Poland, are holding meetings under the direction of Rev. Julius Kowalski, O. M. C., chairman of the Reception Committee, at the St. Hyacinth Parish Hall in Pulaski Street. Committees have been drafted to assure satisfactory arrangements.

Stanley Noga, President of the local post, No. 131, Polish War Veterans of America, has announced that the members already prepared to act as honorary escorts, in uniform, in the reception of General Haller, the main object of General Haller's speaking tour in the United States is to help the Polish veterans to rebuild the shattered Invalid Fund, of which they are chief beneficiaries.

Nazareth Mission Day Is Scheduled On June 7

Nazareth Academy annual Mission Day is scheduled this year for Thursday June 7. Miss Julia Gottry, chairman announces the following committees: Decorations, Rita Putnam and Catherine Wassenko; Refreshments, Catherine Long and Rosemary Burke; Amusement, Dorothy Breslin and Helen Hendricks; Booths, Dorothy Rice and Dorothy Nash; Publicity, Catherine Outman and Miriam Yahn.

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At the Regional Conference of the Council of Catholic Women a resolution was adopted calling for united action in the nation-wide campaign being waged to abolish indecency in motion pictures. The resolution urged individuals to sign the pledge of the "League of Decency" to refrain from attending movies not of proper moral standard.

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Nazareth College

Arrangements have been completed for the annual Nazareth College Mission Day to be held at the Nazareth campus, Friday evening, May 11, commencing at 8:00 p.m. The Rev. Father Charles Hilbert, M. M., and former Rochesterian, now laboring in the mission field of China.

The Social Service Group of Nazareth College with Sister M. Fawcett were guests at a luncheon at the State Industrial School at Industry, Tuesday, May 10. They have also visited Nazareth County Home and a few of the students recently graduated at Queen's College, Kingston, Jamaica. Hospital accompanied by Sister Teresa MacNeil and Sister Pauline.

China Jesuit Mission School Is Ranked High

Shanghai. (N.C.W.C. File).—Auburn University, a Jesuit institution, ranked as one of the best among the 17 medical schools of China.

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