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CORPUS CHRISTI

Next Thursday, May 31st, will be the feast of Corpus Christi. It is the feast which commemmonies - in a special and detached manner the Bles-Secrament and in instaution. While Hoty Thursday, commemority the establishment of the Blessed Sacrament, its occurrence in Holy Week, amid the recollections of the sorrows and pains of Our Saviour's Passion necessarily detions form the richness of devotion that should tancterise the greatest locan tomatikind. Filling-Hites Holy Mother Church during the thirteenth century elevated this special Eucharistic devotions to an official place in her liturgy. The feat is so arranged that we can give full flow to our Catholic devotion par excellence. As time passes, this devotion to the Blessed

Whole wellgious communities have sprang up where sole purpose it is to worship Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The number of people to receive Holy Communion -ingreases each world congresses of those who love the Eucliar-Such demonstrations of our sacred faith cannot but have a telling effectiupon a distressed world. This coming I'all, there will be are inter-filigial -Eucharistic Congress. in Buenos Aires. Argentissa

should not be asking too much for all Catholics able to do so to receive Holy Communion on the feast of Corpus Christi, There are so many things that the world needs. Might it not be a good and effective move towards world peace to receive for that intention the Prince of Peace, if not on the feast proper, then at least sometime during the week of the Octave?

The is a matter of pride for this diocese that

making for a better understanding among non-Catholics.

The simple matter of fact is that the Catholic Hour is a great missionary enterprise. Due to the lack of furids necessary to send missionaries directly to bring the word of God personally to many, the radio is the next best thing in the way of a substitute. The N. C. C. M. has done a no-table piece of work in undertaking to sponsor a program on the air, particularly a program of such great excellence. They are in need of funds. as any good missionary enterprise always is. Let us hope that there will be enough generous Catholics to send a dollar or two to keep the good work going.

A FEEBLE HAND STRIKES.

Clarence Darrow, the champion of lost causes has spoken for socialized industry against the NRA. He has as much right as anyone; of course, to strike at and criticize the NRA. It remains for posterity to say whether or not he is a great man. In our age of sensational figures it is better to withhold judgment.

There are two things which must occur to any thoughtful citizen; one of them is the ques-"Why should a man who has been a noted tion, criminal lawyer, and a specialist in criminal law, be selected as weighty authority in economics?" Possibly Mr. Darrow has been a great student of economics without the public knowing it. It seems as though everybody making the front pages of the newspapers at some time or other has to be considered an authority on everything and anything.

The other thing occurring to a thoughtful citizen is why a man like Mr. Darrow should be let offer his name to what is really the work of another. According to Paul Mallon, Charles Edward Russell is really the man who thought for Mr. Darrow, and Russell is a pronounced Socialist. General Johnson is quite incensed at Darrow.

Darrow is an old man. Literally his hand is not as strong as it used to be; neither is it figuratively. And when somebody else holds it up to strikes, that is not going to make the blow much harder, regardless of whether or not the thing at which he is striking deserves the blow, But why go through the farce of it?

HYSTERICAL IVES BILL VETOED.

Governor Lehman has wisely vetoed the lves Bill. This bill demanded that an oath be required of all teachers and instructors in educational work. It applied to parochial and private school teachers as well as to college and university protessors.

Governor Lehman can not see that an oath of allegiance to our country is necessary in the case of private and parochial schools. (1) is good to note incidentally, that our parochial schools are receiving wider recognition than that of merely private schools). However the case may be, one thing is certain: our parochial school and college and university teachers could take such an oath in all-consciousness because they believe in Goct and because they are whole-heartedly patriotic. The only condition that would be lacking, possibly, nay probably, is a sufficient reason: it is hard to see where the good of our neighbor would require an oath.

In practice, the exaction of such an oath from educators could be productive of rauch harm. It seems that within the past few years almost every enthusiast for some cause or other sooner or later gets so fanatic or hysterical as to demand either are oath of allegiance to his respective cause or ideal, or a constitutional arriendment. It would be a very easy matter for a small group of men and women to get arbitrary control of education and to give a narrow, arbitrary definition of what constitutes Americanism. And then, woe belide those who thought differently! Such an oatli ought to be taken seriously. But if so many thousands were to take it, how could it be considered any more than a mere formality? Human mature being what it is, the oath would become just a mere incident of red tape. There ought to be serious grounds for taking an oath at any time. In the case of our Catholic educators we are certain that they are teaching American ideals, and hence, there are no grounds for such a practice. When public school teachso generally that immoral things are not "American," we can also be quite certain that there are no serious grounds for such an oath. But if there are unscrupulous persons teaching unpatriotic doctrines, they would not be hampered by an oath in their malicious purposes: their methods would be too subtle for detection and they could easily escape conviction.

Diocesan Recordings

Darrow has taken time out from attacking God to give his full time and talents to opposing the administration.

* * * A line in the newspapers startled us. It react: "Father Coughlin at Liberty." Closer scrutiny showed It to mean that a motion picture of the famed radio priest was being showed at the Liberty Theater.

Every member of the Elmira third degree team which came to Rochester Sunday to confer the major degree of the Knights of Columbus received Holy Communion that morning. The success of the degree was thus assured.

Last Sunday an elderly woman came to our door and left a pamphlet. The writer did not answer the ring of the bell, but found the pamphlet Inter and learned that the Judge Rutherford forces are still carrying on their house to house canvass calling attention to the Watch Tower Broadcasts which the pamphlet indicates are comining over stations in Buffalo and Auburn. Listed in the pamphlet are Station WMBO, Auburn, and WGR, Buffalo.

The pamphlet states: "The Enemies of Truth and the practicers of intolerance continue to cry out 'Take Judge Rutherford off the air." However, the tide of trath sweeps irresistibly on and the cir-culation of Judge Rutherlord's books and booklets keeps on increasing beyond the record of 150,-000,000 copies already reached in 1933. But in spite of their unfair pressure on radio stations, and in keeping with a petition to Congress signed by millions of Ameri-cans, the popular 15 minute programs of the Watchtower, featuring the Bible loctures by Judge Rutherford, may be heard in the northeastern section of the United States from the following list of stations and at the time stated."

There is listed mearly seventy stations. As our readers will recall, the February 1 issue of the Catholic Courier carried an account of the failure of the Rutherford petition to make any great impress upon Congress. One Congressman said that the petition carried an attack upon the Catholic. hierarchy in this country and since he saw so many Catholic names on the petition he believed they had been placed there through misropresontation and that signers had not understood what it was all about.

The Rutherford broadcasts corcern us solely in their unwarranted ridiculing of the Catholic Church. We have not heard them lately and do not know whether the practice is being kept up. If it is, we want to know it so that this newspaper can defend the Church from an attack that is insidious and may be harmful among many of our non-Catholic friends.

To make a promise for a favor



most acceptable to Missal users i giving them a deeper apreciation hast granted to Thy servants, in the confession of the true faith, to of the richness of the Church's iitacknowledge the glory of the eterurgical prayers. nal Trinity, and, in the power of

A new altar was dedicated in the chapel of the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy in St. Mary's parish, is reported in the August 3. 1895 issue. The Rev. J. P. Stewart, pastor of St. Mary's opened the chapel with solemn high Mass assisted by the Rev. John Nelligan of Union Springs and the Rev. Felix O'Hanlon of Clifton Springs.

Libis so, well established the Nocturnal Adorauon Socaety. There are, at least, over filleen hundred men in seven different branches throwhout the diocese, who gather at least once 1 month to recite the office of the Blessed Sacrament and watch throughout the night at least one hour with their Euclaristic Saviour. This is , record for our American dioceses and one for which we can all be giate ful to Almighty God. The personal sacrifice of these men cannot but be-productive of much blessing from Almighty God upon the diocese and upon the communities in which they live. It is certainly indicative of a very richt spiritual life May it soon happen that every community of the least considerable size may have its Nocturnal Actoration Society.

A DESERVING ENTERPRISE.

Word comes from the National Council of Catholic Men in Washington that they are having a hard time financially in continuing their radio program. This is the nation-wide broadcast on Sunday evenings known as The Catholic Hour. The sporasors endeavor to, and succeed, in presenting very entertaining and useful service by bringing to a large radio andience out-standing Catholic personages. Through this arrangement the country has had the opportunity of Fullon Sheen. At present Magr. Ryan, the noted economist and sociologist is giving a course of talks during fune the speaker will be Father Lord one of the country's best known priests, while Father Reter J. Bergen, C. S. P., will be on the air during the months of July and August. Thus it can be seen that the Catholic Hour offers the best in Catholic culture and scholarships.

There is a matticular advantage in offering religious programs on the air. While we know that the spoken word of the pulpit is the rneans established by Christ to bring the Gospel to mankind it mevertheless remains true that the radio comes nearest to this of any means of communi-cation of which we know. The message of the Gospels is an inspiring one ; and when, it comes Since is animated by it, the is a cosch of personality that breathes con-version and annearity. It is this personal touch, the matters he radio so of feetive as a means of represent. whose very voice is animated by it,

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Mr. Ives was quite chagrined about the veto and promises further action at the next legislature. We shall watch for this particular proposal.

Current Comments

STERILIZATION

Sterilization, in a few words, is a mechanical process by which humans are rendered incapable of producing their kind. It's one of many ways of saving the world that involve tampering with the decrees of mother nature. Hitler has majestically waved his hand and decreed that 400,000 men and women considered unfit to produce their own kind shall be rendered sterile by an army of 1,700 sterilizers. What voice has any of all of the 400,000 victims. No voice at all. And yet we have heard that Europeans criticized our prohibition laws! It all sounds like an echo of the old superman delusion that transformed a nation of musicians, farmers, mechanics. and sentimentalists into the invading army of 1914

What right has a state to mutilate any man's body. Pope Pius XI in a recent message and several letters asks the question and answers: "No right at all." In his datest expression the Holy Father refers to "a far-away country." This, of course, means Germany. Hiller has downed the Latheran church, forced the Catholies to give up the Centerist party for what seems a men of pourse. German Catholics carnot take this threat of

the invasion of individual rights lying down.

and to have that favor granted and then fulfill the promise requires strong faith and will. In Rouen. a solemn wartime vow was made in 1914, after the outbreak of the World War, that a Norman pilgrimage to Notre Dame de Bonsecours would be made twenty times, if France and the Allies were victorious. The twentieth and final pilgrimage is to be made today, May 24. It is somotimes easy to make a promise under stress of tragic events but to weep that promise when the danger has massed indicates true faith. The Bonsecours pilgrims have set an example well worthy of emulation.

When children reach the college stage they are not so interested in motion pictures as would be believed if a recent survey made by the Catholic Press Apostolate at Villanova College is an indication. Under the heading of recreation, sports are listed as the most popular, both at home and at college, according to the investigation. "Movies" are eighth on the list as a recreation for students both at home and at college. Much more popular than the motion pictures, the survey shows reading, walking and dancing. The survey made here in Rochester by the teachers of our various schools shows that it is in the early years of life that the movies have their greatest inflizence, and It is found to be a harmful one, on the children. It is fervently hoped and prayed for that worthwhile substitutes for the 'movies" will be discovered to bring the children through the impressionable years. When they get older they can then realize the importance of selecting those pictures which are recommended for their enteriainment.

It occurs to us that in condemning birth control, there should be equal emphasis put upon the need for self control; that in condemning capital's Taults, there should be equal condemnation of labors errors and the duties of both pointed out; that in protesting against the bad movies, equal com-Against the back movies, equal com-mendation should be made of the worthwhile once. In all of these questions of the day it is not menter to protest and condemn that which is wrong, we must exert ourselve strongly in promoting the right.

Virtue doin not need to preach; this sermon. Thy majesty, to adore the Unity; grant that, by steadfastmess in the same faith, we may ever be defended from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord." (Prayer from the Mass of Trinify

Sunday.)

Trinity Sunday practically closes the great cycle of feasts and observances in which the Church commemorates the solemn events that brought the supernatural reclemption of man. From the Advent season which prepares for Christmas, through the Nativity feasts, through the Lenten season and Holy Week, through the Easter solernnity and its forty-day complement, through the feast of the Ascension and its octave, up to the splemdors of Pentecost and its octave, the Church unfolds for her children the mighty drama of salvation. Ever old, ever new, the splendid ritual of the Catholic ceremonial is as inevitable and as elemental as the recurrence of Nature's seasons. To those whose hearts are in tune, it grows no more stale or tedious than the beauties and harmonies of the Spring which we all have by heart but invariably welcome none the less.

The long cycle of Sundays from Trinity feast to Advent are devoted by the Church to stressing man's participation in, and co-operation with, the work of Redemption. The color of the vestments is usrially green to symbolize the hope which is so essential in man's super-natural efforts.

These last few weeks innocent young faces have been appealizigly lifted up and fragile mouths hungrily opened for their first taste of the sweetness of the Lord at His holy Table. They are the little doves of the Lord, and their hurager is the hunger of birds for the mother's beak. As the ministering priest passes slowly from child to child and places the sacred Food on each expectant tongue, his soul is held in a forward glance over the long years and their heavy toll of grief and pain for every tennous joy. He summons the whole strength of his devotion into the prayer over each poised face: "May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul into life everimating."

Father Martindale's two- popular books, "The Mind of the Missaal" and "The Words of the Missaal," may be found in the Cathelie Evi-dence Library. They have preven

Last week's Signpost carried a Protestant poetic tribute to Mary from the late sixteenth or early seventeenth century. Before we bid farewell to May, I would like to post one other, this time the famous sonnet by Wordsworth. "Mother whose virgin bosom was

uncrost With the least shade of thought

to sin allied; Woman above all women glorified,

Our tainted nature's solitary boast;

Purer than foam on central ocean tost:

Brighter than eastern skies at davbreak strewn

With fancied roses, than the unblemished moon

Before her wane begins on heaven's blue coast;

Thy Image falls to earth. Yet some, I ween,

Not unforgiven the suppliant knee might bend, As to a visible Power, in which

did Blend

All that was mixed and reconciled in Thee

Of mother's love with maiden purity,

Of high with low, celestial with _terrene."

Did you know that the offerings of Catholic people to the Holy Father on Pentecost are called Peter's Pence from the fact that, in the Middle Ages, a tax of a penny was levied on every household for the support of the Pope? The money is used to meet the expenses of the Holy See and is administered by a special commission of cardinals.

If you are interested in freshening your thanksgiving after Holy Communion, Father Lord's new pamphlet "Thanksgiving after Holy Communion" ought to prove a godsend. It gives a variety of methods, and anyone who studies it con-scientiously ought to find the per-

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NEEDED TO SAVE

By the advancement of science man seems to be destroying himself. He builds great machines to cause unemployment; great guns to kill other men; poison gas to wipe out fellow-beings; airplanes to bomb citics beyond the battle-fields. ruthlessly snuffing out even the lifeof the infant in its mother's arms. Only the Gospel teachings of Christ can save man from himself. -The Guardian, Little Rock.

INNOCENCE

To preserve innocence, dangerous thoughts must be shaken off at once as so many thirsty, red-hot sparks of hell-fire. Slackness is fatal, because, during every moment of its slackness and delay, the power of resistance grows perceptibly wesker.

Mary is the model for every devout receiver of communion .--Rev. D. A. Lord, S. J.



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