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Editorial
History
What Henry Ford's statement
means to the Catholic Church
and to the world at large
is a question that has been
discussed in many quarters
since his statement was
published. The Catholic
Church has always been
opposed to the idea of
the separation of Church
and State.

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These questions are pertinent, and they have a bearing on today. They have been suggested by a short review by "The Pill" in America, November 9, of Pierre Teilhard de La Motte's "The Future of Christendom." We are told that at the end of the 19th century, there was "a genuine renewal of faith and piety, and the period produced its religious writings." But what was the character of these religious writings?

Of twenty-four works published or reprinted between 1470 and 1490 by William Caxton, twenty-nine, at least, are works of piety or devotion. Between 1491 and 1500, Winkyn de Worde, Caxton's successor, published thirty religious works—a total of fifty-four. Edition followed edition, but there was practically no doctrinal work; at best a scant place, as compared with Germany and France.

In France, from 1487 to 1621, the Bible de Jean de Dely was reprinted seven times. Nothing like that in England. Apocryphal legends, lives of the Saints, unimpeachable pious Guides, and lives of the Holy and "Pillgrimages," and "Mirror of Perfection" circulated among the great as well as the small. There was a shunting of practical Catholicism in the support of the Church by aims—prayer, devotion, etc.

When the Lutherans marched in upon the Protestant flanks of the mighty Holy Defender of the Faith, and his successors, battling with arguments and Bible texts, they found English Catholicism unprepared.

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Discussion Study Club

PREPARATION OF STUDY CLUB LEADERS
By Rev. James J. Dancy

These are, of course, certain qualities of mind and heart to be developed in the men and women who are to lead our Study Clubs.

One point that should be insisted on for the leader is that he is chairman of a study club, not a mere discussion leader. Since it is a study club, there is a natural need for study on the part of all the members.

We should see to it that our leaders know the mechanics of the Study Club well. For that purpose I know of no better outlet than the one last issued from Washington.

But my main theme this afternoon is the thought that we must look to the preparation of the leader, not to the preparation of the members.

What are the conditions of the future of the Catholic Church in this country, may take on a new and definitely different direction within the next few years.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE
Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

THE CHAPEL of the PRINCES
In the Cathedral of Santa Laurencia, Florence, contains two of MICHELANGELO'S greatest sculptures: THE MONUMENTAL TOMBS OF THE DUCES OF LORENZO AND THE DUCHESS OF MEDICIS.
The remains of FATHER DAMIEN, Apostle of the Lepers of Molokai, buried at his request near the little church at Kalawao, may be removed to his native Belgium at the court order of his Superiors, incident to his cause for beatification.
What is the meaning of the word Eucharist? Answer next week.

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

The second anniversary of the Catholic Evidence Library passed quietly last week. Its leaders are an impressive testimony of the amount of service it has given to hundreds of people in and around Rochester.

Catholic literature, too, has an occasional "fifty-cent" word for which a dictionary is needed. Patrons at the Library now have a Webster's Collegiate at their disposal.

When religion is true and sincere, it is not an idle dream; it is a reality. It may not bring its office of leading men to stately but, at the same time, it

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY RECOMMENDS
THE SPIRIT OF SERRA. By Thomas F. Cullen. The pioneer Padre of the Spanish missions in Mexico and California still challenges the interest of American historical scholarship and of Catholic admiration.

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY
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PLACE—Lobby of Columbus Civic Centre Building, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y.
DAILY RENTAL—One cent for each book.

Diocesan Recordings

Now if those who lament unjust wars will take a trip 14 miles into the stratosphere and stay there, it will be even better news.

Invited as a representative of this newspaper to attend the annual scouters dinner of Rochester Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, held in Bausch and Lomb Optical Company dining hall, Tuesday, we found the dinner and excellent program of special interest because our oldest boy became a Boy Scout last month.

There are still some whose knowledge of boy scouts hardly goes beyond the wisecracks of misguided funsters who ridicule "the one good turn a day." These alleged jokes, however, have not harmed, but have helped scouting.

A bulwark against the destruction of our democratic form of government and the only mass movement of our time to insure an intelligent, capable, ready to act independently for shown to be the reasons for supporting the Boy Scout Work.

On my soul sigh heartily desire, earnestly that thou mayest come to the City above whereof so glorious things are spoken and wherein is the Home of all that rejoice St. Augustine.

There are seasons of trial in every life; they must be lived through and later the flowers and fruits of virtue will flourish more luxuriantly in the soil enriched by these sufferings. St. Madeleine Sophie Barad.

When you are read, dear non-Catholic neighbor, your soul will go directly either to Heaven or to Hell, according to Protestant teaching—a rather worrisome thought when one considers how free a soul should be, not only from sin, but from the scars of sin, to be worthy to reside in perfect harmony with the all-powerful God in Heaven.

When you are read and I am dead, I believe we shall meet in Purgatory, suffering but confident of our final salvation. Then, if the 1900-year-old Catholic teaching is correct, you will know that my loved one can reach us besieging Heaven with their prayers that all-merciful God may take me sooner to Him.

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