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New Lenten Study Program Arouses Interest of Laity

Catholic Press Defends Catholic Doctrine

By JOSEPH J. QUINN

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At no time in the history of the United States has there been a greater need for the [illegible] absorption and influence of Catholic teaching. National unrest and social maladjustment are corroding the pillars of our country and causing men to turn away from God's commandments to search for seemingly new and concocted schemes and fantastic religious theories. The followers of these glowing will-o-the-wisps are an ever-growing group listening to the panaceas of quack saviors and becoming the share-croppers of easy ways and sin.

Under the banner of modernism there has been born a new desire to read and see what has transpired overnight 3,000 miles away. The magic wand of invention waves and the world grows small. There are no horizons left, for they have been pierced by newspaper wires and flashes. Today we read of last night's history. We keep abreast not of the times but of the hours. Yes, the newspaper brings the world into our homes, but what a world most papers bring. Seldom do they speak of the soul, simply the world with its fictions and fallacies, fads and fancies, a scarlet trail of men and women stumbling down into the ditches of sordidness. Why speak of godless Russians, of mad Nazis, of plundering persecutors in Mexico, when elemental Christian morality in our homeland is held aloft on the spears of jeering journalists?

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[illegible] protest against those of his Faith who permit the secular press to mold the philosophy of their lives. That this is the natural outcome of reading the secular press exclusively cannot be denied. Seeing only the secular side of everything results in soul disaster. But if Catholics persist in reading only the worldly press, if they shun their own papers and magazines, they will quickly march into the ranks of Caesar, forgetting their Church and even God.

Let it be said in behalf of the secular press that it does not pretend to interpret Catholic doctrine. Yet some of our members make it appear so by spurning their own press and groping with the blind leaders whose highest purpose is to find some brilliant economic scheme. Unconsciously they are influenced by the shallow arguments supporting dangerous social practices. Tutored by the yellow press, they make up that torpid group of weak-kneed Catholics who leak away into apostasy.

[illegible] Church paper and magazines from [illegible] current Catholic activities and problems as [illegible]

ADULT STUDY GROUPS FORM IN DIOCESE

Discussion Plan Outlined By National Leader Meets With Favor Here

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR
News Editor

[illegible] The goal sought in the diocesan-wide Discussion Study Club movement launched Sunday evening in Columbus Civic Center Building at the first of a series of deanery meetings sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The opening meeting held in Parlor A of the Columbus Building drew an overflow attendance. Pastors, priests and lay people were [illegible] to learn what this Discussion Study Club is all about and how to organize such a group.

Prayer in the manner of a discussion study club meeting opened the session with the Rev. John M. Duffy, diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine presiding.

Most Possess Faith

Quoting from a prominent Catholic [illegible], Father Duffy said [illegible] [illegible] upon the learning and [illegible] to be not ignorant of his [illegible] hold to it by heredity only, but to possess it as a subject [illegible] and understood, so that [illegible] to himself and to others.

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is a parish society established according to the laws of the Church and the plan of the Order [illegible] in each diocese. Several Sovereign Pontiffs have richly endowed it with spiritual benefits. It invites all adults of every parish to band together in small informal groups, not over 12 in number, to acquire the habit of talking about their religion intelligently and convincingly.

This is done under the guidance of the pastors through the discussion study club which is for busy men and women and therefore eliminates the preparation and reading of papers and addresses but engages its members in an enthusiastic study and discussion of their faith.

Method of organizing study clubs [illegible] by Miss Miriam Marks, field secretary, National Center of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. She came from Washington headquarters to conduct similar [illegible] throughout the diocese.

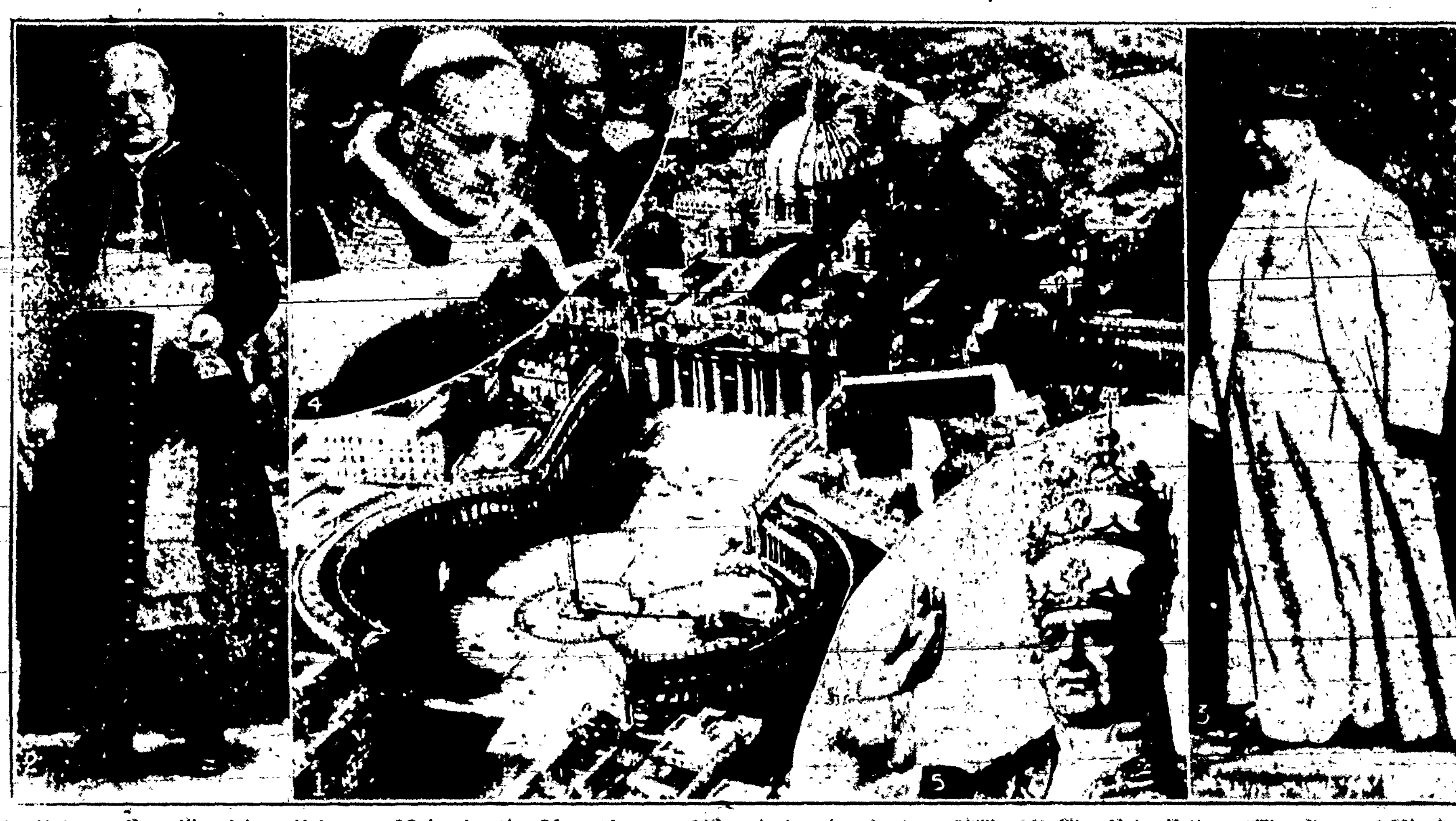
Quotes Papal Delegate

Miss Marks declared that the Apostolic Delegate has asked that [illegible] study group because [illegible] urgently necessary [illegible] under the guidance of [illegible] priests [illegible] for the Church.

Announcing that "The Ceremonies of the Mass" by the Rev. C. C. Smith had been selected for the Lenten discussion study club work, Miss Marks asked those present to open the little pamphlet at the first lesson.

The pamphlet [illegible] in size [illegible] contains only 48 [illegible]

Pius XI Begins 15th Year of His Pontificate



His Holiness Pope Pius XI, on February 12, begins the fifteenth year of his Pontificate, gloriously reigning in Vatican City. (1) the Papal State revived by the signing of the Lateran Treaty, February 11, 1929; (2) Photo taken in late January, 1922, of the Archbishop of Milan, Achilles Ratti, one week before his election to the Papacy; (3) Pope Pius XI, "The Pope of Science," photographed in the garden at the inauguration of the Vatican's hydraulic plant, in 1933; (4) The Holy Father, "The Pope of Missions," absorbed in prayer, in the chapel of the new home of Propaganda Fide, which he consecrated, in 1929; (5) The Sovereign Pontiff, "The Pope of Catholic Action," wearing the triple tiara, raising his hand in blessing, a scene which occurred often during the Holy Year of Jubilee and on the many pompous occasions of Beatification, Canonizations and the elevation of new Cardinals.

CAMPAIGNERS EAGER TO WIN, REPORTS SHOW

Students of Diocese Push on for Courier; Nuns Cooperate

At The Front With The Crusaders, Feb. 6—Battling along a 100-mile front in the Rochester diocese, the 15,000 troops in the Students' Catholic Press Crusade captured hundreds of subscriptions in the first big offensive launched in the CATHOLIC COURIER'S sixteen day drive.

The first charge, fixed by the Crusaders from eighty-four schools in the diocese Monday morning, brought immediate results. Not a single retreat was reported to mar the general advance in practically every sector from Rochester to Elmira.

With the close of the third day of battle last night, more than half of the Rochester schools reported substantial subscription tolls. Reports to Crusade headquarters tomorrow and next Tuesday are expected to bring every school in the diocese into line.

OTHER CRUSADE NEWS AND PHOTO APPEAR ON PAGES 9, 11, AND 12 OF THIS ISSUE.

The first call for additional subscription blanks came from Auburn. The Crusaders from St. John The Evangelist and SS. Peter's and Paul's were the first Rochester schools to signal for more subscription-getting supplies.

Steady progress is reported from Ithaca, Corning, Geneva and Canandaigua.

From the Columbus Civic Center headquarters of the Crusade, CATHOLIC COURIER editors have asked this correspondent to report that the office has been swamped with telephone calls regarding the Crusade. Prospective subscribers have called inquiring about the rates, thus indicating that many subscriptions still remain to be gathered in.

Even the youngsters in the first,

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MOVIE INDUSTRY AIDED BY LEGION OF DECENCY AVERS NEW SECRETARY

New York (NC) The Legion of Decency has not only succeeded in stemming the flood of obscenity on the screen but has actually assisted the motion picture industry financially declared the Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Daly, executive secretary of the National Legion of Decency in an address delivered Sunday over the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air" period.

Speaking on the subject, "What the Legion of Decency Means to America," Dr. Daly asserted that strangely enough, the Legion has succeeded in what would appear to be an impossible task namely to bring to a reasonably satisfactory solution the problems which face three separate bodies striving for three different ends." These ends, he added, "may be summarized in three words: Returns, Recreation, Respectability."

"The motion picture industry," he went on, "being business minded seeks Returns. The public [illegible] seeks Recreation. The Church or [illegible] moral-minded seeks Respectability."

Suffering Financial Anemia

"In the first place," Dr. Daly said, "when the Legion began its work the moving picture industry was suffering from financial anemia. There were parents, for example, within my acquaintance and doubtless within the acquaintance of my listeners who were unwilling to permit their children to go to the pictures until they themselves had first witnessed the productions.

"It is not my purpose to picture the present situation as entirely saturated with sweetness and light; nevertheless, on the authority of responsible representatives of the industry itself since the inauguration of the Legion's Campaign, the great mass of the American people formerly alienated by films which substituted vulgarity for vision and wisecracks for workmanship have found their way back to the orchestras and balconies of the picture theatres."

"Moreover," Dr. Daly went on, "the two stars who head the list of box office attractions, as judged by the votes of independent theatre owners are the little girl Shirley Temple and the late beloved Will Rogers. In other words Decency means Dollars."

"The American people," he declared, "demand from the motion picture recreation or entertainment. He said that no pre-Legion days many producers and writers were quite content to take moth-eaten plots for them with [illegible] of double-meaning paprika and expect the unpalatable dish to be bolted wholesale by the American public."

FATHER GILLIS WILL TALK AT CORNELL

Ithaca. "The Forgotten Beatitude" is the title of a public lecture to be given by the Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., of New York City at Cornell University, Ithaca, Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 8 p. m. Father Gillis who is being brought to Cornell under the auspices of the Newman Club will speak in Myron Taylor Hall, one of the principal buildings on the Cornell Campus.

Editor of The Catholic World and author of a number of books, Father Gillis is well known in [illegible] circles. He has frequently been heard over the Catholic Hour.

Arrangements for Father Gillis' lecture at Cornell are being taken care of by the following officers of the Newman Club: President, Francis M Rogers; Vice President, Miss Frances Spano; Secretary, Miss Clare McCann; Treasurer, George G. Hoechwost.

POPE'S DESIRE ALL JOIN SANCTIFICATION MISSION URGED ON ANNIVERSARY

By the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani
Apostolic Delegate to the United States

[illegible] His Holiness Pope Pius XI on February 12 begins the fifteenth year of his Pontificate. In the following article written especially for this occasion, [illegible] the United States reviews the great services [illegible] and urges all the faithful to [illegible] the mission of sanctification to which the Pope has called us.

This anniversary of the election and coronation of His Holiness Pope Pius XI marks the opening of the fifteenth year of a glorious pontificate which has conferred favors and blessings upon the whole world. In this country we remember in a special way the voice of the Holy Father speaking directly and personally to the clergy and faithful of the United States during the National Eucharistic Congress at Cleveland. His words were the words of a father and a shepherd of souls, his voice, the voice of the Vicar of Christ who has but one aim, the sanctification of the individual, of the family, of society.

In his Allocution at the last Consistory the Common Father of the faithful reviewing the events of the year expressed with sadness the deep suffering and the great harm caused by those who act as if God did not exist, as if it were possible to eradicate religion from conscience.

Harvest of Faith, Charity

But at the same time, the Holy Father spoke with joy of how his heart was consoled by the far-extended harvest of religious faith and charity manifested by the people of many nations. He called to mind as preeminent among these the National Eucharistic Congress of Cleveland. On this anniversary his paternal words re-echo in the hearts of all the Catholic faithful for nothing is more needful today than the promotion of the sanctification of the faithful and the extension of that sanctification into society as a whole.

From the beginning of his pontificate the one aim of Pius XI, his whole program, has been to make

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CATHOLIC PHARMACISTS FIRM IN REFUSAL TO AID BIRTH CONTROL

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Liberal Divorce Bill Is Introduced In N.Y.

Albany, N. Y. (NC) A bill introduced into the New York Assembly by Assemblywoman Jane Todd [illegible] the state's divorce laws so as to permit a decree after three years' desertion.

A bill introduced three years ago sought to make desertion a ground for divorce in this state. The measure was overwhelmingly defeated.

Priests' Right To Air Views In Election Campaign Upheld

[illegible] (NC) Priests [illegible] from exercising [illegible]

But he made clear that the law shows no restriction of civil rights affecting the priest in the matter of electoral suffrage and it would be unjustifiable to talk of undue influence the moment the influence proceeded from a cleric.

An inquiry into the facts led Cardinal Villeneuve to write that all the accusations against the clergy were exaggerated to say the least, not to say "false from all standpoints."

Attacks against himself personally did not cause him to lose his peace-of-mind or affect his charity toward anyone, Cardinal Villeneuve declared.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

STUDY CLUB MEETINGS

Deanery Schedule

AUBURN—Holy Family School

[illegible] 7.45 P. M.—General
[illegible] 7.45 P. M.—For Leaders Only

ITHACA—Immaculate Conception School

[illegible] 7.45 P. M.—For Leaders Only

ELMIRA—SS. Peter and Paul's School

[illegible] 7.45 P. M.—General
[illegible] Monday, 7.45 P. M.—For Leaders Only

CORNING—St. Mary's School.

February [illegible] Tuesday, 7.45 P. M.—General
February [illegible] Wednesday, 7.45 P. M.—For Leaders Only

DANSVILLE—St. Mary's School

February [illegible] Thursday, 7.45 P. M.—General
February 14th Friday, 7.45 P. M.—For Leaders Only

Miss Miriam Marks, Executive Secretary of the National Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, will conduct meetings at the several centers throughout the diocese according to the above schedule. Miss Marks will remain about two days at each center and will be glad to consult with those who wish to obtain more information regarding study club leadership. Meetings marked "General" are open to all interested in Discussion Study Clubs. Other meetings are for study club leaders only.

(Signed) REV. JOHN M. DUFFY
Diocesan Director

Issue New Movie List

First release of the National Legion of Decency list issued from the New York Headquarters of the Legion of Decency through the N.C.W.C. News Service appears on Page 5 of this issue. The preparation and issuance of the National Legion of Decency List is in accordance with the request addressed by the Bishops of the United States at their annual meeting, in November, in Washington to His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York.

Remains Of Fr. Damien Due At San Francisco On Transport, Feb. 11

San Francisco (NC) En route to the Panama Canal for transfer to the Belgian ship Mercator, the remains of Father Damien, apostle to the lepers on the Island of Molokai, will arrive in this city on the United States Army Transport Republic February 11.

The remains will be taken to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem will be sung at 10 o'clock Friday morning, February 14.

The Very Rev. Thomas F. Burke, C.S.P., of Old St. Mary's Church, will preach the sermon.

Attendance Increase At Religious Services By Navy Men Is Noted

Washington (NC) A survey of the attendance of naval personnel at religious services has been completed by Capt. Edward A. Duff, in charge of the Chaplain Division, Bureau of Navigation. Reports received by Father Duff show that a substantial increase was made in the last year in the number of divine services held in the fleet and at naval shore stations, with a corresponding increased attendance.

In 1935 more than 5000 services held by naval chaplains were attended by almost 1,700,000 members of the service.

Number of Catholics In Japan on Increase, New Statistics Show

Tokyo (NC)—According to statistics just prepared the number of Catholics in Japan proper has increased from 87,581 in 1927 to 105,660 in 1935. The population figure is 66,869,723. In Chosen (Korea), Formosa and the Mandate Islands there are 155,948 Catholics, out of a total population of 26,164,095. The increase for Japan proper in 1935 was 2,389.

The statistics were prepared, at the direction of the Commission for the Catholic Press, by Father P. C. Oertle, of the Society of the Divine Word, stationed in the Niigata mission.

In Japan proper there are 12 Bishops, 339 priests, 221 Brothers, 834 Sisters, 439 stations and 343 sacred edifices. Of the total clergy and Religious, 82 are native priests, 118 native Brothers and 405 native women religious, including novices.

Pope Well, Reported Illness Denied In Vatican Quarters

Vatican City (NC-Cable) Secular press reports that His Holiness Pope Pius XI is ill and that he cancelled all audiences toward the end of last week are declared at the Vatican to be without foundation.

Pope Pius granted many audiences on both Friday and Saturday, the latter day being the one on which word of his illness was spread abroad, it is pointed out. Among those whom His Holiness received on Saturday were Salesian representatives who had come from many points to be presented at the inauguration of the statue of St. John Bosco, their Founder, in the Vatican Basilica on Friday.

Sunday, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, all the ecclesiastical bodies in Rome presented the Holy Father with blessed candles. Among the representatives of Roman ecclesiastical institutions participating in this ceremony were: the Most Rev. Bishop Ralph L. Hayes, Rector of the North American College in Rome, accompanied by Joseph Sullivan of Providence and Paul Keeshan of Albany, pupils at the College; the Rev. Thomas Lantry O'Neill, C.S.P., Rector of the American Church of Santa Susanna, and the Rev. Edward McGurkin, [illegible] Rector of the Maryknoll [illegible].

Pope Pius XI [illegible] and imparted his blessing [illegible] end of the long ceremony.