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I earnestly bespeak for the CATHOLIC COURIER the united and generous support of our priests and people, and I fervently hope that it may carry into every home in the diocese the salutary influence of the Catholic Press. If Pope Pius XI could say for the whole church: "anything that you do for the Good Press, I will consider as having been done for me personally", I feel that for this diocese I can and should say "Anything that you do for the Catholic Courier, I will consider as having been done for me personally".

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Editorials

20,000 CATHOLIC WOMEN

"Give to Religion the best service of your citizenship: Give to your country the best service of your Religion."

Such is the motto of over 20,000 Catholic women in the diocese of Rochester, members of the Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women, now engaged in a drive for sustaining members to help maintain the local Council office.

The local Council was organized to provide a medium through which the Catholic women of the Diocese might speak and act as a unit when the welfare of the Church or country demands such expression. It is a unit of the N.C.C.W. which extends its scope and influence through representation in national conferences.

The N.C.C.W. is not, as some suppose, a rival organization. It is a federation of all affiliated societies which in no way claims the credit of their work but merely seeks to give them the help of federation and the stimulus of closer association and mutual example.

The power, influence and effectiveness of this group of Catholic women of the diocese is deserving of the highest praise. Under the able leadership of Miss Cecilia M. Yawman, its members, working against great odds, have built up the best organized Council in the State of New York. Its work during the past year will come as a distinct surprise to many.

During the past year, the Council registered 9 new affiliations, bringing the total to 60. The Council protested against Birth Control and Equal Rights bills to representatives in Congress, State Senators and other members of the Judiciary Committee. It supported a bill against block booking and blind selling: also the Immigration bill sponsored by the U. S. Dept. of Labor; endorsed the Borah resolution regarding Mexican affairs; protested to the President of Mexico and President Roosevelt against the Religious persecution in Mexico.

And this in the name of 20,000 Catholic women.

The Council's headquarters has been established in the Columbus Civic Centre on the same floor as the CATHOLIC COURIER offices to render assistance to all local Catholic Women's organizations. Through advice and direction of competent leaders and the donation of literature, the Council is ever ready to serve local organizations.

Through its weekly column in the CATHOLIC COURIER, it endeavors to keep the Catholic women of the diocese informed as to its activities.

It has done a noble work in stimulating existing organizations of Catholic women to greater efficiency and usefulness; through its co-operation with civic and social agencies; the formation of study clubs; the holding of deanery meetings; the issuance of bulletins.

The spirit of one of the members of the Rochester group exemplifies well the spirit of the entire organization. Despite the inclement weather, and without the facilities afforded by the use of an automobile, this woman trudged about the city in the recent campaign drive and to date has secured 48 members. And she is still working hard.

This spirit of perseverance and the happy faculty of being able to laugh off discouragements has marked the Council's work since its inception. That is why it has succeeded.

The CATHOLIC COURIER takes great pleasure in commending the work the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has accomplished. In particular does it [illegible] the Council for having [illegible] efficient, powerful and [illegible] of Catholic Women in [illegible]

COMMUNISM vs. CIVILIZATION

There is nothing men think of and speak of and seek for more consistently than happiness. This is a self-evident truth.

Civilization itself is the fruit of man's hunger for happiness. The home is its crowning glory. A happy, well-regulated home is the first step in the making of a happy, well-regulated State. For the State basically is but a group of homes organized for a definite purpose.

Civilization and culture are not mere abstractions. They are concrete,—measurable by the prevailing conditions found in the average home and in the organization of government.

Measured according to objective standards, Nazi civilization is in a low, almost barbarous state. Wielding the sword with the right hand and the left, ruthlessly suppressing all opposition to its pagan doctrines, all liberty of the press and of speech, the Nazi State deprives its citizens of their fundamental rights and liberties. It even goes so far as to claim the child as the property of the State.

The individual has no rights. He is nothing, merely a cog in the machine. The State is above and beyond good and evil. It has no moral responsibility. It is a law unto itself. The State is supreme, absolute.

Thus the flavor and odor of Hitlerism and Communism are the same. Both are brewed in the same pot. Each deliberately sets out to destroy the basis of civilization and culture, the Christian home.

Under the iron hand of Hitler, the Nazi party is destroying the progress of centuries. It is repudiating the vast contributions Germany has made to civilization. It is forcing the German people back to the days when the blond Teutonic barbarians roamed the forests of what now is Germany.

Why should Americans evince an interest in Naziism? Because they have grave reason to fear the growth and power of National Socialism in Germany. The cause of civilization and the Christian Church versus Nazilsm today is the cause of the whole civilized and Christian world. Naziism is but one of the many influences in the world today working hard to destroy our civilization, to bring about a reversal to barbarian days.

In Germany, Russia, Mexico, and to a certain extent in Japan (and perhaps soon in France and Spain) the totalitarian State reigns supreme. These countries are flooding the world with their insidious propaganda and pernicious philosophy. Agents are working today throughout the United States to gain adherents to their cause. The cause of Communism. Germany today is as communistic as Russia in its philosophy of the totalitarian State and its hatred of Christianity. But Germany hides its incubus under the title Naziism.

To the student of the Reformation, the French Revolution and Bolshevism in Russia, the complete absence of opposition to Hitler and his party in Germany does not appear strange. Individuals and minorities become helpless once the mass has succumbed to the influence of a political epidemic. The Nazi films, particularly "Hans Westmar" explains as no book could just why the Nazi idea got hold of the German people, how it took over the whole Communist propaganda outfit, adding the one thing the Communists in Germany lacked,—discipline and a real leadership.

We Americans are by no means immune to a like fate. The late Huey Long very effectively demonstrated this. And now with growing difficulties of a economic and social nature, imposing upon public authorities extraordinary obligations, there is a very real danger of false leaders arising who will tempt us, as Huey Long tempted the Louisianians, to bow the knee to a totalitarian State. And then the bed is made for Communism to lie in, as in the case in Germany today.

Any national movement that attacks the home, man's fundamental rights, the freedom of the press and of speech, is by its very nature of great concern to Americans. For the day is coming when this country must face the issue of Communism versus Christian civilization.

The reply of President Lincoln to a caller during the Civil War is worthy of frequent remembrance. The caller said: "I hope that God will be on our side." No, my friend, said President Lincoln, "the great anxiety is to be on God's side."

Maybe we're being fooled. Who can tell whether or not Annette's name is under a photo of Yvonne?

It's better to be a Senator's wife than the President's wife. If the President dies his wife can't take over the office.

General Johnson is due to break into the news any day. Vesuvius and other volcanos show no sign of an eruption.

Whatever goes up must come down applies to everything but the gasoline tax.

Make the forests safe for all wild animals. But let the pedestrian fare for himself.

A late export bulletin has foreign interests buying up ramshackle motor cars here, to convert into not quite as deadly shrapnel. —Milwaukee Journal.

A Soviet scientist aims at prolonging the human life-span to 150 years. An admirable objective, but more important is that of making life, to the average human being, worth living that long.—Buffalo Courier-Express.

Current Comment

State Senator Norman A. O'Brien took a brief curtain last week to vote a basso profundo nay to eight of the administration's anti-crime bills. State Bar Associations strode into the limelight proffering many and varied opinions on the bills. The most of these opinions was a belligerent attitude towards many of the proposed changes.

In the meantime Special Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey continued his job of cleaning up New York City. He seems to be doing a pretty thorough job of it, without the support of a 60 point anti-crime program. Oiling up the worn spots in New York's so-called inadequate criminal justice machinery he put his employees to work, and they are proving competent operators.

It all boils down to the old well-known fact: give the right man the job and proper support, and he'll turn out a championship team.

But what will it all amount to? The same situation will crop up again and again. Criminals propagate like mosquitos. As fast as you slap one down two more crop up in its place.

The only sure way to eradicate crime is to dynamite its roots and burn them. Do away with the metropolitan slum areas where crime is born and nourished. Pay the workingman a wage that will enable him to raise his family in the way every American family should be raised. Legislate for a more proper distribution of wealth. Teach a sound, Christian code of morality in the public schools. Junk the rotten political machines which give our youngsters such bad example, starting many of them on the road to crime.

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"The traditional American policy of the freedom of the seas" is just another one of the stock phrases that sound high and mighty but mean less than nothing. During the early stages of the World War the United States asserted the freedom of the seas. But it spoke out of turn. Great Britain objected to the phrase. The United States promptly put it in a bag and hid the bag.

What kind of neutrality does the country want? Certainly not the kind that was declared in 1914. American Big Business reaped a profit of five billions up to 1917. It involved us in a war which left us with a debt in excess of twenty billions. Anyway you figure it the country would have been fifteen billions to the good if it had maintained its neutrality. The kind of neutrality that appeals to us now is that which will make Business keep its fingers in its own pockets in case of war and out of the pockets of all belligerent nations.

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Again the chivalrous South doffs its overgrown fedora and bows low, ushering the wife of the late Huey Long into the United States Senate Chamber. Advisability, qualifications, experience—these mean nothing. Louisiana must take good care of the wife of its assassinated leader. So, by giving her a purse or a pension, but by appointing her to one of the most important positions in the national political ring.

Misguided chivalry isn't magnanimous. It isn't worthy of [illegible] paper copy. But not good copy for a good newspaper.

Rambling Round

To be a good politician you don't have to have a disregard for truth but it helps.

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What's the difference between a treaty and a conspiracy.

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Like individuals political parties are badly in need of a candid friend.

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What's Japan going to do with all the old China it is collecting?

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It is about time to appoint a Congressional committee to find out where the depression is going.

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If all the federal and state taxes were laid end to end how many times would they encircle the world?

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Price is no proof of quality. We realize it when we look at federal bureaus.

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Senator Glass doesn't like the Nye Neutrality Bill because Senator Nye claims Mr. Wilson told a lie. Figure it out for yourself.

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Science has invented an alarm clock that turns on the radio. It would be one that turns the radio on.

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The religious order of which Father Damien, Apostle of the lepers, whose remains are being taken from Hawaii to Belgium, was a member, is the same to which the Rev. Camiel Van der Meullen and the Rev. Leopold Jourissen of Our Lady of Victory Church, Rochester, belong, the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts.

Do what thou canst and God will repay thee.

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Half-truths and insinuations are always more difficult to nail down effectively than downright fabrications.

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No good is ever accomplished save at the expense of him who does it.—Cardinal Newman.

STRANGE BUT TRUE
Catholic Facts But Little Known

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By M. J. MURRAY

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

Hollywood [illegible] of work in its film on the life of Louis Pasteur. It didn't bungle with a [illegible] just plain "The Life of Louis Pasteur." Nor did it [illegible] for its actors. Paul Muni and Joseph [illegible] Hauchon [illegible] splendidly in the roles of the intrepid French chemist and his faithful wife. A Catholic observer misses in the film the motif of Catholic faith that [illegible] all through the great scientist's life, perhaps that is too much to expect. But who feels like shouting to all in the theatre the profound [illegible] devout Catholic who did not find his faith incompatible with his scientific mind.

[illegible] The first dose of toxin [illegible] which Pasteur [illegible] [illegible] would save him. Pasteur administered it and the result justified his expectations. Now in the film about his life it seems to me that this moral issue was not made sufficiently clear. [illegible] enough that the boy was surely going to die without the injection so that it looked as if Pasteur were taking an unethical operation [illegible] This impression [illegible] [illegible] able alarm but with [illegible] thinking in [illegible] issues, [illegible] about tightening the [illegible] screws.

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Are all the people who go to [illegible] Jogues. There is a great [illegible] him just written by Father Francis Talbot, which received a full page review in last Sunday's New York Times. It is called "Saint Among Savages." The Times reviewer says that it is addressed primarily to Catholics [illegible] welcome every [illegible] about their most recent saint. But other readers of whatever church or none [illegible] from this record of heroism in pursuit of an unselfish purpose and of faith [illegible]

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Last Sunday [illegible] [illegible] Strong Man Raes and Lake Mighty Army. Then [illegible] up with Cardinal [illegible] sermons on Catholic [illegible] and Germany [illegible] are in the C. E. Library.

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Ethical matters are so frequently muddled in people's minds that there is constant need of clarifying the issue [illegible] straight back and white as far as possible. [illegible] have a special case in mind right

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Views of Others

UNPRECEDENTED

Never before in the history of the world has there been so much power, and never before have men so freely used that power for the destruction of human life; never before has there been so [illegible] and never before has there been so much poverty; never before has there been so much wealth and never before has there been so much [illegible]; never before has there been so much food and never before has there been so much starvation; never before have there been so many facts and never before have there been so many [illegible] never before has there been so much education and never before has there been so little common to the knowledge of truth.—Rt. Rev. Fulton Sheen.

THE DIRTY PRESS

The aim of the average daily paper is to be a "home" paper. How far most of them come from this goal is seen from the fact that many conscientious parents carefully censor the part of the paper before it falls into the hands of the children of the family.

It would be interesting to note in this detail how many responsible editors of such papers would dare to confess to their communities that the [illegible] diet in these pages represents their editorial [illegible] what should go into [illegible] Universe Bulletin, Cleveland.

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I give you this beautiful thought from the Meditations of Cardinal Newman: "To have a virgin soul, is, to love nothing on earth in comparison of God, or except for His sake. That soul is virginal which is ever looking for its Beloved who is in heaven, and which sees Him in whatever is lovely on earth, loving earthly friends very dearly, but in their proper place as His gifts and representatives . . . loving Jesus alone with sovereign affection, and bearing to lose all . . . to keep Him."

Diocesan Recordings

An articulate laity in the Diocese of Rochester." Those three should have started our story on the adult study club movement in last week's issue but in one of those inexplicable circumstances that occur in the publishing business they did not appear. Just like the fellow who stepped into the elevator shaft at the fifth floor thinking the elevator was there and went down. It wasn't there.

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A laity to speak for the Church in office, shop or in social gatherings is the purpose of the Discussion Study Club movement now being inaugurated throughout the diocese. Can we who are every day being asked questions by non-Catholic friends afford to forego this opportunity?

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Up until now most of us have left "The Ceremonies of the Mass" to the priests. We attended Mass, read the prayers in our little prayer books and considered we had done a duty. The Mass should be a privilege and should be appreciated. No better course of appreciation is available than the coming Lenten discussion study club course. With a greater knowledge of the Holy Sacrifice, attendance at Mass should result in not only going on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, but also during the week. When we want to enjoy other privileges we make the effort to experience that enjoyment.

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When the Mass is better understood, news and views in the CATHOLIC COURIER will become more interesting. With fellow-Catholics in other lands, Russia and Mexico to mention a few, denied the opportunity of hearing Mass, news of the persecution of those fellow-Catholics reaches us in an entirely different frame of mind.

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Announcement of "The Ceremonies of the Mass" as the text for the Discussion Study Clubs should revive interest in the motion picture made some few years ago in St. Patrick's Cathedral on "The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

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The Knights of Columbus honored a past presiding officer Tuesday evening and that is news to that particular organization and the friends of the man honored. While Dr. Walter B. O'Neill deserves all that the Knights showered upon him for his two terms as grand knight, it is not out of place, we believe, to add a word of commendation to a Catholic layman who has ever been ready to serve to the best of his ability in the cause of the Church when called upon. Dr. O'Neill's activities have been wide in his circles. Years ago he was one of the early members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. During his term as grand knight with the assistance of able men, the Catholic Action program in Rochester Council which has attracted wide attention was inaugurated. He is a faithful zealous Catholic layman who always furnishes a fitting example for the younger men with whom he comes into contact.

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In this week's issue we have every Deanery in the diocese represented in the [illegible] This is as it should be. The co-ordinating influence of such news, the knowledge of what is taking place in one deanery, by those in another deanery, the recording of Catholic activity throughout the diocese, all make for a stronger Catholic spirit in the diocese.

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Father Hilbert Marckel, missioner supplying as pastor at Fairport finds civilization in America softening and yearns for the plain food and the outdoor exercise possible in his China mission to which he will return. The contrast in our method of living with that of his method in China is great he believes. "We have it not only pretty [illegible] soft," evidently.

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Crusaders will make the final effort over the weekend to total the heights in the CATHOLIC COURIER campaign. They are doing a noble work. They deserve every bit of cooperation.

QUESTION BOX

Q.—When a rosary is loaned or given to another person is another blessing required in order that the owner may gain the indulgences?

A.—No, the indulgences attached to rosaries and other religious articles are lost only when they are destroyed (Canon 924).

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Q.—Is it forbidden to make the Stations of the Cross while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed?

A.—It has never been expressly forbidden but reason points out that the Way of the Cross should be performed, not during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, but afterwards. The purpose of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is to attract the worship and prayers of the faithful to the Person of our Lord in the Sacrament. Hence it is not fitting to perform any other act of devotion however good and laudable, which draws one away from the Blessed Sacrament during exposition.

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Q.—Must a man be a member of the nobility or of a very influential family to be eligible to the papacy?

A.—The present Pope, Pius XI, is the son of a silk spinner. Pius X was the son of a cobbler. Sixtus V was the son of a poor fisherman. And St. Peter, the first Pope, was himself a poor fisherman.

The essential qualifications for eligibility to the papacy are (1) the male sex (2) the fact of having been baptized.

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Q.—What is meant by the Forty Hours Devotion?

A.—It is a devotion in honor of the Holy Eucharist. The people pray in adoration before the Holy Eucharist for forty hours in memory of the forty hours Christ's body remained in the tomb. The devotion begins and ends with Solemn High Mass, accompanied by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and the chanting of the Litany of the Saints.

Q.—Are parents obliged to give Christian names to their children at Baptism?

A.—According to canon law (Canon 761) parents are so obliged. If they refuse to do so, the pastor is bound to add a saint's name to the name proposed by the parents, and to record both names in the baptismal register.