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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.

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.

During the past year, the Council registered 9 new affiliations, bringing the total to 80. 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 book buying 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 literary 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.

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

CATHOLIC COURIER takes great interest in the work of the Council of Catholic Women. In particular, it does it because the Council for having its members so diligent, powerful and so successful.

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.

COMMUNISM vs. CIVILIZATION

There is nothing man 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.

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.

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 Nazism? 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 Nazism today is the cause of the whole civilized and Christian world.

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.

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.

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 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.

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 Annotte's name is under a photo of Yvonne?

General Johnson is due to break into the news any day. Vesuvius and other volcanoes 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.

Current Comment

State Senator Norman A. Gibson took a brief holiday last week to visit a certain prominent member of the administration's anti-crime bills State Bar Association's annual dinner.

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 any aid or support of any kind.

The only sure way to eradicate crime is to dynamite its foundation and burn down the man who proper support, and he'll turn out a champion.

But what will it all amount to? The same situation will crop up again and again. It's no use slapping one down two more crop up in its place.

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.

At the Chicago South Side's anti-overseas letter and law law, ushering the wife of the late Huey Long into the United States Senate Chamber.

Misguided charity isn't wrong. It isn't worthy of a name.

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

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

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

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

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

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 de Meulen and the Rev. Leopold Jourdain of Our Lady of Victory Church, Rochester, belong, the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts.

Do what thou canst and God will repay thee.

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

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

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

This fragment of papyrus at the Ryland Library, Manchester, England, has just been identified as a passage from the Gospel of Saint John DATING FROM THE SECOND CENTURY.

The earliest complete version of the Gospels hitherto known is the Codex Vaticanus in the Vatican Library dating from FROM THE FOURTH CENTURY.

SO PERFECT ARE THE MATHEMATICAL CALCULATIONS OF THE CALENDAR PREPARED UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF POPE GREGORY XIII (1572-85) - OUR PRESENT DAY CALENDAR - THAT IT REQUIRES THE DROPPING OF ONLY ONE DAY IN 4,000 YEARS TO KEEP IT CORRECT FOR THE NEXT 100,000 YEARS!

This Gothic arch - Seen in many churches - appears to have "SLIPPED" when intersected by a pillar. This is a common optical illusion. EXPLANATION NEXT WEEK.

The Peacock, now associated with vanity, was in early Christian times a symbol of the Resurrection. It was a LEGENDARY BELIEF THAT ITS FLESH WAS INCORRUPTIBLE.

THE WINE-CASK CHURCH - IN A VINEYARD AT ASTI, CALIFORNIA. Originally built as a wine store, the present of the church windows were added and the structure converted into a church.

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UNPRECEDENTED

Never before in the history of the world has there been so much prayer and devotion before has man ever seen as there has been for the last forty years of human life.

THE DIRT PRESS

The aim of the average daily paper is to be a horse paper. How far most of them come from this goal is seen from the fact that they contain nothing but dirt.

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Diocesan Recordings

An articulate lady in the presence of Rochester. This should have started our story on the adult study, but unfortunately last week's issue but in one of those inexplicable circumstances that occur in the publishing business they did not appear. I wish the fellow who stepped into the elevator shaft at the time thinking the elevator was there and went down. It wasn't there.

A lady to speak for the Church in other shops or in social gatherings is the purpose of the Diocesan Study Clubs. These clubs, being inaugurated throughout the diocese, can we would be very busy being asked questions by non-Catholic friends who find the opportunity.

Up until now most of us have left "The Ceremonies of the Mass" to the priests. We often read the prayers in our little prayer books and consider it a duty. The Mass would be a privileged should be appreciated. No better course is appreciation as available than the coming Lenten season study club course.

When the Mass is better understood, new and deeper meanings will be discovered. With fellow-Catholics in other lands, Russia and Mexico to mention a few, denied the opportunity of learning the Mass, members of the Diocese of those fellow-Catholics needs as in an entirely different line of mind.

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

The Rights of Children honored a past presiding officer. During that evening and that occasion that particular organization and the friends of the most honored. While Dr. Walter B. O'Neill does not believe in the use of force as a means of human life, he does believe in the use of force as a means of human life.

In this world's issue we have every opportunity to be a better person. The extent of our influence is in our hands. The extent of our influence is in our hands.

Father Herbert Miska, pastor of Fairport, has been named as America's youngest and youngest for the plan food and the other expense possible in his own mission to which he is devoted. The only cost in our own mind is being with that of his method in China. He is ever looking for its blessing. His soul is virgin and which is in heaven, and which is ever looking for its blessing.

Considerers will make no great effort over the weekend to turn the heights in the CATHOLIC COURIER campaign. They are doing a noble work. They should be commended.

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

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

Q - What is meant by the Forty Hours Devotion?

Q - Are parents obliged to give Christian names to their children at baptism?

Q - According to canon law (Canon 761) if the parents are so obliged, if the pastor is bound to do so, if the parents are so obliged, if the pastor is bound to do so, if the parents are so obliged, if the pastor is bound to do so.