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Editorials

GOSPEL: MATTHEW VI 16-21

"At that time Jesus said to His disciples: When you fast, be not as the hypocrites, etc."

THE STING OF FEAR

Cowardly and fearful souls, according to Dante, are not worthy of hate nor glory.

Fear may be defined as a torment of the soul in the face of some threatening evil.

For the feeling of fear to arise is natural and in itself no weakness. As the old saying goes, the fool and the beast know no fear.

One effective means of overcoming fear is the realization that in most cases that which is terrifying in this world is the effect of our imagination.

FATHER COUGHLIN

(From The Brooklyn Tablet) Representative O'Connor's explosion following Father Coughlin's radio address last Sunday...

The spectacle of a Catholic and an O'Connor threatening to kick a priest, and a Coughlin from the White House to the Capitol is not a pleasing one to the majority of Catholics.

In the same controversy Representative O'Connor has raised once again the question of the right of a priest to speak in public questions.

In Prohibition days, as well as in the present situation, no intelligent priest or layman in the Catholic Church has questioned the right of any clergyman to speak in public discussion of public questions.

If Representative O'Connor feels that Father Coughlin's charges are untrue or that he has been misrepresented, let him produce the facts and prove the charges unfounded.

ACTIONS TELL

The actions of nominal Catholics demand more explanation from Protestant friends than any other factor in our lives.

They are still Catholics for they themselves insist they are. Catholics in name only are the greatest of all deterrents to converts who judge the Church by its members alone.

It would be nice if we could have some criticism of the Government from somebody who had just been fired, instead of from somebody who had just been fired.—Boston Transcript.

Current Comment

CATHOLIC VIEW ON SEX EDUCATION

The sex and not the school is the proper place for imparting sex instruction. Such was the belief of the Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, Bishop of Topeka...

Bishop Alter's letter was written in response to an invitation which the League extended to him to advise him on the introduction of a special course in sex education into the curriculum of the public high schools.

The Catholic Church, Bishop Alter stated in his letter, has never taken the position that ignorance is a virtue, not even in the matter under discussion.

In fact, there is considerable danger in overemphasizing the moral aspect of sex education so that immature minds will confuse the greater injury to the soul.

There is no prohibition for prayer in our treatment of sex relations and the Church has never contemned, such an attitude.

We are opposed to any encroachment on the part of the schools of teaching a special course in sex hygiene or sex education into the curriculum.

The greatest obstacle to the solution of the sex problem is the amount of which must necessarily be couched with such an understanding of our public school system.

There are two kinds of freedom—the false, when a man is free to do what he likes, but where a man is free to do what he ought.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

Illustrated text with various facts: 'PERCENTILIUS, THE DOMINICAN (DIED 1548) WROTE A POEM OF 258 LATIN HEXAMETERS CALLED 'PUGNA PORCORUM'...' 'The shells of a GIANT CLAM are used as HOLY WATER FONTS in the Cathedral of St. Sulpice, Paris.'

Diocesan Recordings

The youth movement of the Diocese of Rochester is now in its second year. It is a movement of prayer, service and study.

Accused of being a Communist in Monroe County, the late Rev. J. J. McKeown, a prominent cleric in the Diocese of Rochester, died last week.

In the past, the Diocese of Rochester has been blessed with many distinguished prelates. One of the most recent is the late Most Rev. Edwin A. O'Hara, D.D.

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QUESTION BOX

Q—Why do priests wear such strange garments at Mass? A—The vestments worn today by the priest at Mass...

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Views of Others

Science Must Hold Its Tongue. Science must not set its feet on the neck of the Church and learn from her.

Spiritual Thoughts

Learn to suffer something for Jesus Christ without letting your suffering be a mere protest.