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I earnestly beseech for the CATHOLIC COURIER the united and generous support of all priests and laity... I feel that for the future I can and should say, "Anything that you do for the Catholic Courier, I will consider as having been done for me personally."

Edward Mooney, Archbishop-Bishop of Rochester

Editorials

GOSSPEL: MATTHEW VI 14-21

"At that time Jesus said to His disciples: When you fast, be not as the hypocrites, who fast to be seen of men... Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where the rust and moth consume, and where thieves break through and steal."

THE STING OF FEAR

Cowardly and fearful souls, according to Dante, are not worthy of hate nor glory. Common dust are they and who knows where the wind blows them and where they lie? In our day too little attention is paid to the conquest of fear and discouragement.

Fear may be defined as a torment of the soul in the face of some threatening evil. The evil may be overcome but not without considerable difficulty. The more serious the evil to be faced the stronger the effect of fear and the greater the effort needed to avoid it.

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, on account of which we do not see things as they are and judge wrongly of their value.

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FATHER COUGHLIN

(From The Brooklyn Tablet) Representative O'Connor's explosion following Father Coughlin's radio address last Sunday and his threat to "kick the rathu priest" all the way from the White House to the Capitol, clerical garb and all, was most unfortunate.

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. "When a priest enters politics and public discussion," he stated, "he steps out of his character and many people believe that he should no longer wear the clerical garb which we all respect."

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. The rules of honest debate demand that criticism be met with a statement of facts and truth and not with abuse and vilification.

ACTIONS TELL

The actions of nominal Catholics demand more explanation from Protestant friends than any other factor in our lives. They live under the banner of Catholicism without living up to its doctrine.

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Mussolini is now seven of Italy's 133 cabinet members. It is known as government by ventiloquism.—Atlanta Constitution.

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, expressed in an open letter to the President of the National Board of Education last week.

It is interesting to note that when the Bishop of Topeka extended to the National Board of Education an offer of a special course in sex education into the curriculum of the public high schools, the Catholic Board of Education last week.

The real objective in any case or beneficial program of sex education is chastity, and this is distinctly a moral and religious matter. It is not merely a matter of biology or prophylaxis.

There is no justification for prudence in our treatment of sex relations and the Church has never countenanced such an attitude. The Church, however, as a wise mother, insists on chastity and when to keep silent. She realizes that a certain amount of reticence acts as a protecting screen against prurient curiosity and by indicating reticence in discussions she intimates the right attitude of self-discipline and refined delicacy which should characterize the relations between the sexes.

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. Our objection is not based on prudery, much less on any notion that moral education in this matter is unnecessary. It is rather on the fact that the high school is not a suitable environment in which to discuss this delicate subject.

Rambling Round

Where's the man who said the winters now are milder than they used to be? And the one who said that the revenue Uncle Sam got from the liquor tax would be enough to finance the budget?

The circle half of the nation is dying off, said A. F. Wiggin. How, come the weaker half survived the circle?

They're called Baby Bonds because every baby in the nation will have to help pay for our Social Security.

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

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

Illustration of a man in a boat with various text callouts: 'PERCENTIUS, THE DOMINICAN (DIED 1548) WROTE A POEM OF 258 LATIN HEXAMETERS CALLED "PUGNA PORCORUM" EVERY WORD IN IT BEGAN WITH THE LETTER "P".' 'The shells of a GIANT CLAM are used as HOLY WATER BOTTLES in the Cathedral of St. Sulpice, Paris.' 'The Burgundian CARDINAL GRANVILLE—legate to Philip II of Spain—"WAS IN THE HABIT OF DICTATING AT THE SAME TIME TO 5 SECRETARIES IN 5 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES!"'

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