Mass Said In Home Mass Said in Pious Woman's Home On

By GEORGE BARNARD,
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London—On her one hundredth birthday, Mrs. Louisa Harriet Clydesdale, who lives at Hitchin, Hertfordshire, heard Mass which was specially offered for her in her own cottage.

Until fairly recently she went to Mass every morning at the local church.

She was married three times and has had 19 children. There were three sets of triplets and three pairs of twins.

"Hard work all my life has given me a good constitution," she says. She has no special fads concerning diet. She declares she can eat anything, and she is quite happy if she can get plenty of tea and plenty of candles.

U. S. 'Catholic Hour' Is Heard In Ireland

Washington—(NC)—A letter received at the headquarters of the National Council of Catholic Men, producer of the "Catholic Hour," reveals that the broadcast on Sunday, March 8, was heard in Ireland with "the same perfection" as broadcasts in that country itself.

The letter is from Mrs. Annie Halpin of Athlone. She says the sermon of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen was received "word perfect." She adds: "It seems strange that, in this Catholic country of ours, we never have a 'Catholic Broadcast'; therefore it gives us Catholics much gratification that other countries think it worth while to have a Catholic Hour."

The weather is rather chilly to talk about international love

Plan Wide Encyclicals Observance To Mark Double Anniversary In May

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ganizations; the holding of public meetings to be addressed by well-equipped speakers, arranging for radio programs, cooperation with the Catholic Press in the preparation of special articles, and the secular press of articles and letters dealing with the Encyclicals and news stories concerning the programs held to commemorate the anniversaries.

Letters have been sent out by the Social Action Department to radio stations and to the producers of Catholic radio programs asking the observance of the anniversaries be given a special place in their broadcasts. The department also has communicated with Catholic magazines and periodical publications urging the featuring of the anniversaries in their May numbers. Colleges and universities have been requested to arrange student programs with outside speakers and to cooperate with lay organizations in other observances.

Similar communications have been sent to seminaries, high schools and academies, grade schools, and to Diocesan Superintendents of Schools.

Study Club Outlines

The April number of Catholic Action, official organ of the N.C.W.C. will present outlines for study clubs and for special talks on the Encyclicals.

The "Catholic Action" program which is sent out monthly by the N.C.W.C. Social Action Department to schools will contain for May suggested programs for the observance of the Encyclical anniversaries and the department has available much special material for dissemination concerning the teachings contained in the Encyclicals.

The Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems is sending out requests to its members to take part in or to organize special meetings, while the N.C.W.C. Rural Life Bureau has recommended to Diocesan Directors of Rural Life that programs be held on the application of the Encyclicals to farming conditions.

A special regional meeting of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems is to be held in May.

In his statement on the Encyclical anniversaries, Bishop O'Hara said:

"May the fifteenth of this year will be the fifth anniversary of Pius XI's Encyclical 'Reconstructing the Social Order.' It will be the forty-fifth of Leo XIII's 'Condition of Labor.' The double anniversary impels gratitude. These Encyclicals have come from the highest moral authority on earth, an authority endowed with the Divine Commission to teach all mankind. They are the world's outstanding pronouncements on the cause, nature and cure of the economic evils which beset modern man; and grievous as those evils still are, the words of the Pontiffs have exercised a most profound influence upon society.

Common Good Urged

"These world letters reject the old individualism of unrestrained competition. They reject the newer era of a vast and crushing private domination held by wealth (investment-control) and credit. They tell us to retain private ownership but to make it the normal potion of the average man and rigorously subject it to the common good. They insist that wages, salaries, prices and all income from property shall be in an order of social justice at levels which will give every family and the whole community the secure material means of a good life.

"They tell employer and employe their obligations of individual and collective honesty and industry, of justice and social justice and of charity towards each other in the bonds of a common undertaking as children of God.

"To these ends they favor the people organizing into employers' associations, labor unions, farmers' organizations, and organizations of every occupation that all may work together, in the occupational groups of each industry, of agriculture and of the professions, and of all jointly to direct work, ownership, income and prices toward a full output and a fair distribution for all concerned.

"For the sake of social justice, economic peace and a right functioning of government itself, they call upon public authority to foster and assist this thorough-going and organized economic self-control. They proclaim that it is the duty of public authority to see that laws and institutions shall promote general prosperity, establish justice, protect the weak and the poor and advance that [illegible] which social justice demands. They plead for a like world action in behalf of all mankind.

Common Brotherhood

"These Encyclicals summon us to possess in our souls the habitual sense of our common brotherhood in God the Father and in Christ the Son and, expressing our solidarity in economic organization and in government, to create a country and a world which will help and not hinder the march toward civilization and the march of every soul toward eternal happiness.

"We should particularly in the period around May 15 this year show our gratitude and become further steeped in their principles and spirit. Sermons, public meetings, meetings of Catholic lay organizations, college, high school and grade school programs, articles in the Catholic newspapers and magazines, radio addresses and the reading and distribution of the Encyclicals and of commentaries upon them are appropriate and convenient ways to celebrate these great gifts of God and Church.

"We look to the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women to lead this work among the laity as one of their chief functions. Above all we should publicly individually and in the home thank God for these documents of the Sovereign Pontiffs and dedicate ourselves anew to their realization."

NEW 'CRUSADE' TO MARK 4TH ANNIVERSARY

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present time is very much in evidence.

A virile, alert and increasingly interesting newspaper is the goal sought. Every Catholic in this diocese has a stake in the welfare of the CATHOLIC COURIER. In producing a well-rounded newspaper advertising revenue aids in the development of desired editorial content.

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Convinced as you are of the growing influence of your diocesan newspaper you will impress the business man with the importance you attach to the paper. He will realize that it is a paper that is read, one in which his advertising will be read and will receive ready response. The advertiser will use advertising space in proper proportion to the newspaper's merit.

In turn the increase in advertising space bought will make possible further editorial improvement. Your subscription value will be enhanced. The cause which the newspaper serves in the Diocese of Rochester will be advanced. The layman's interest in his own press is thus transformed into meritorious action for a greater CATHOLIC COURIER.

AS NUNS SUCCOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Catholic church property suffered heavily by flood waters in many dioceses of the eastern and central portions of the United States. This typical scene was taken in a parochial school in Pittsburgh, showing the Sisters and others aiding the flood victims. Emergency rations are being given to this group of hungry children.

Prize Winning Essays

A RURAL LANDSCAPE

By ROSEMARY HENDERSON

A rural landscape exhibits the arts of Nature, in a picturesque and alluring way. Each season has its own distinguishing qualities.

As the sun journeys back to the North we see the snow gradually disappear and in its place little patches of green become manifest. Soon afterwards we notice the fields of wheat and grass on the hillsides turn an emerald green. Robins, bluebirds, wrens and other birds that have come back from the South chirp merrily as they go about finding hay and bits of twigs to make their nests. As the farmer plows his fields, the horses see nto keep in perfect harmony with him. Trees burst forth into blossom and give out a delicate fragrance. Bees awaken and start again in their work to prepare for winter. The soil too, acts as though it had waked up. Everything takes on a life-like activity as the days lengthen into summer.

Summer comes with a swiftness almost fairy like. The robins, thrushes and other birds now being completely settled go about busily finding food and taking care of their broods. Flowers of all kinds bloom and they seem inexhaustible in their store of buds. Trees, grass and growing things are dressed in their most prominent color, green. When the hot summer days come everything is still and quiet above the constant droning of the bees. The little brook that runs through the orchard goes along its tedious way. As rapidly as the uniform ticking of a clock the days wane into autumn becoming shorter and cooler.

Then as if by magic autumn is upon us. Leaves put on their brightest array of colors red, gold, and yellow. We see the corn standing in bundles like sentinels with pumpkins, squashes and piles of corn at their feet. Trees in the apple orchards are overloaded with fruit. Again there is a bustle of commotion as the farmer must get in what he has succeeded in raising. Many kinds of birds [illegible] and now are in their journey to the South with mingled chirps of sadness and joy. We may see the pheasants as they help themselves to the remnants of corn left by the farmer. Jack Frost, the menace to autumn comes. All the flowers hardy to his icy fingers remain, but the rest are swept away to return next year. Leaves fall as a protection to plant life and slowly but surely it dawns on us that winter is coming.

Winter approaches with its blustery, cold days. Finally the snow falls as plentiful as manna. It settles on the trees and fences two or three inches deep. It seems to take the place, even of the beautiful leaves in autumn. Everything is wrapped in a snowy blanket for the long winter. However, the snow does not stop coming but that which has fallen remains and more descends. Drifts are piled high on both sides of the house.

We hear no more the gurgles of playfulness and glee that come from the little brook in the orchard because it is frozen over. Animals hibernate and the birds have gone South, to return again in the spring. Don't you think a rural landscape presents pictures varied and beautiful?

THE OLD FARM HOUSE

By ROSEMARY G. MILLER

There is fondly linked in my memory that picturesque old farm house of by gone years where I was born and brought up. How could I forget the many good times and strange adventures and joys it gave me!

This antiquated house is situated in a broad valley at the foot of one of the steep hills that rise on every side. Orchards and fruit trees hide its view almost entirely from the road and it is not until we have come all the way down the winding lane, that we can see its weather beaten walls. It is now worn and in need of repairs but still stands sturdy and strong, reminding one of the staunch and robust men who built it.

Everything about it would be simple and plain to anyone who did not know it, but to me everything is a loving memory. The old house is low and a porch extends across the entire front and halfway around the side. Here it was that we used to sit in the twilight and dusk of summer evenings and rest and perhaps sing or tell stories. There are old-fashioned roses climbing the trellis in front of the house and a flower bed at the side enclosed by wire to keep out the fowl.

The house as painted white years ago, and its blinds which were always thrown back were painted yellow. Although the paint has faded and needs another coat badly the time-worn house still looks cozy and inviting.

As we enter we notice the rooms are spacious and the ceilings high. Toward the back is the kitchen with its old fashioned cupboards in the corner. It makes one hungry to think of the pantry where one could always find some thing palatable. In the dining room there is an immense round table which is long as I can remember was ever filled with goodies. In the corner is an oak bookcase with its yellow paged odd books I never could read. These I eagerly delved into in spite of the parental eyes were not forbidding. The living room with its open fire times have I listered to strange tales and funny stories as I sat cuddled closely to my grandfather in front of the fireplace. Sometimes Mother would play the organ and we would all sing.

Then I would climb the old stairs and go to bed. I always was afraid to go alone and even when I was in bed I could imagine everything dreadful being in the attic. When I would awaken, I could lie in bed and smell the sweet flowers and sometimes even watch a bird build its nest in the big maples in front of the house.

There is no comparison in beauty between this antique home and the modern farmhouses of today, but it means everything to me. It seems that there I can sleep better, the water tastes better, the air is more pure and the old folks are happier. Every nook and corner about the place brings back sweet memories of my childhood which I can not forget, and which I lovingly pray will never be lost to me.

"Linger, I ask no more.
Thou art enough forever, thou alone;
What future can restore
When thou art flown,
All that I hold from thee and call my own?"

PRIEST BALKS ROBBERY

La Salle, Ill.—(NC)—A barrage of pistol shots fired by Father Leo, Franciscan pastor of St. Roch's Church, here balked an attempt at robbery of the rectory and caused three unidentified prowlers to flee.

Women's Group Sets Date Of Communion Breakfast

Members of the Arch Confraternity of the Holy Family for Single Women, of St. Joseph's Church will be served a Communion breakfast on Sunday, April 5 immediately after the 7:30 o'clock Mass.

Breakfast committee for the month of April is: the Misses Clara Freutman, May Koesterer and Margaret Coleman.

The Rev. John Lynch, C. SS. R. has arrived in New York City after a six weeks stay in Puerto Rico. Members of the Confraternity will welcome Father Lynch at the next conference.

Entertains Executives Of Parent Teacher Group

Mrs. Chester Hahn entertained the Executive committee of Sacred Heart Parent Teachers Association at luncheon at her home on Electric Ave. Monday, March 29.

PRIESTS LACK AUTHORITY TO ACT IN MEXICO

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the opinion of the Governor of the respective State [illegible] be [illegible]

Responsible Persons

The Constitution also requires that the person in charge and two citizens of the community keep the municipal authorities informed [illegible] the person responsible for the care, maintenance and legal use of the building and for all objects used for purposes of worship and that the municipal authorities shall keep a register of the places of worship and number of the persons in charge. It is this registration of the person in charge that has resulted in the registration of priests.

The above is what the Federal Constitution provides with respect to the prerogatives of State governors and legislatures and municipal authorities, but there has been a wide diversity in the interpretation of these prerogatives.

In Puebla, for example, before 1931 there were approximately 400 priests. At the close of the year 1931 there were [illegible] about one for every 7,000 inhabitants authorized to officiate in that State. In December 1934 Gov. Jose Mijares Palencia decreed that only 23 priests would be allowed to officiate and that no [illegible] would be allowed to [illegible] without the consent of the Governor. The entire State was divided into 23 sections and no priest was to be recognized for each section and allowed to officiate only within that section. The decree further required that these priests be Puebleans by birth, over 50 years of age, civilly married and ex-members of Religious Orders not bound by oath to foreign [illegible] churches.

In Campeche five priests one for every 17,972 inhabitants were supposed to be authorized but the entire State of Campeche has long been without registered priests and all churches were closed until recently. Campeche adjoins Tabasco on the east and is as extreme in its anti-clericalism as that strong hold of Garrido Canabal.

In the northern State of Sinaloa the has permitted the registration of 45 priests one for every 8,770 inhabitants, but the entire State was without registered priest and all churches were closed.

Three Categories

The matter of closed churches falls into three general categories.

1. Those closed and taken over by the Federal Government which the Federal Government states are not to be reopened.

2. Churches to which the relatively small number of priests in each State are officially permitted to minister. These are the priests who are individually authorized and are required to register with the municipal authorities. The status of such churches remains the same and presumably they will continue to remain open and the designated priests will continue to officiate.

3. The churches which are for the most part affected by recent developments and which do not fall under categories 1 or 2. The State governors in most cases simply interpreted the Federal Constitution to mean that those churches should be closed which had no authorized and duly registered priest assigned to officiate there. In some states churches have been converted by the State Government into schools, social centers and even bathhouses and warehouses. According to the Constitution all these edifices belong to the Federal Government and no State Government [illegible] to close them nor to make use of them for anything other than churches.

The recent statement of Minister of Government Bartolo Gonzales dealt specifically with the third class of churches when it was declared that the Federal Government would not oppose their reopening. This cannot be interpreted as wholesale reopening of churches or restoration of freedom of religious worship but it may signify that the Federal Government has assumed a more tolerant attitude on the other hand, it may signify that the Federal Government no longer intends to look with tolerance upon high handed violation of the Federal Constitution by State governors acting at Poon Rahs in their respective domains.

It would be not only difficult but wellnigh impossible to make any concise statement regarding closed churches and the limitation of priests that would cover the entire situation in some States despite the number of priests authorized by law always inadequate to the needs of the people various means have been found to prohibit the registration of any priest. The absurd marriage clause has been incorporated in the law by decree of more than one Governor. Others have resorted to the method of disqualifying every priest who applied for registration by some tricky reasoning. In many instances priests have not only been refused registration but have been exiled or forced to flee the State because of personal persecution. The citizens' committees for which the Constitution provides, have had no say in church matters or control over church property, or else they are composed of persons not having the interest of the parish at heart. Furnishings have been removed from church buildings and found their way mysteriously into the homes of local officials.

Legion of Decency Opens Permanent Headquarters

New York—(NC)—The National Legion of Decency has announced the opening of permanent headquarters in this city. The headquarters are located at 485 Madison Ave. The Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Daly is executive secretary.

MSGR. SHEEN AND U. S. OFFICIAL TO BE HONORED FOUNDERS' DAY

Washington—(NC)—Two prominent figures in the Church and State will be honored at the Founders' Day ceremonies of Georgetown University on April 22. They are the Rt. Rev. Msgr. [illegible] of the Catholic University of America and Wilber J. Carr, Assistant Secretary of State.

Georgetown will bestow the honors of Cardinal Mazzella Academy of Philosophy upon Monsignor Sheen. Mr. Carr, a graduate of the law school, will receive the honors of the John Carroll Academy of Diplomacy.

The ceremonies will be attended by approximately 1,000 invited guests. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, officials of the State Department and prominent churchmen are among those who will join in welcoming the honor guests.

Cardinal Camillus Mazzella, great Jesuit philosopher and theologian, taught at Georgetown College from 1867 to 1869. He was later professor of Dogmatic Theology at Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md., and was created a Cardinal in 1886.

Georgetown's Academy of Diplomacy is named in honor of the university's founder, John Carroll, first Bishop of Baltimore.

Founders' Day is customarily held on March 25, the anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Colony of Maryland.

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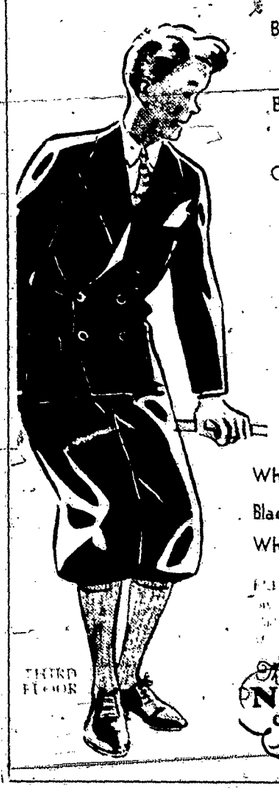

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