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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

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

With smug complacency many Catholics sit back and ignore the Catholic campaign for social justice. The very idea of social justice leaves them cold. They aren't interested because private and immediate gain is the controlling idea in their economic life.

Other Catholics, due to political affiliations, have gone on record as opposing a reformation of the present capitalistic system. It will result, they say, in a socialistic or quasi-communistic form of government.

Another class of prominent Catholic laymen firmly believe, and teach, that a reconstruction of the social and economic order, according to the Catholic principles of social justice, will make the present capitalistic form of government adequate, just, efficient and stable.

By far the great majority of Catholics are in a confused state of mind about the whole issue. Not that they are indifferent to the campaign for social justice. But rather because they are ignorant of its basic principles. Never having studied the great labor encyclicals nor a correct interpretation of them, they have acquired false and incomplete ideas on the subject.

The anniversary of the two great encyclicals on social justice occurs on May 15. A nation-wide observance of the anniversary has been arranged, under the direction of Bishop O'Hara, chairman of the N.C.W.C. social action department. The observance will be conducted through the medium of the press, the radio, schools, lay organizations, study clubs and sermons in parish churches.

We hail this observance as one of the greatest of all Catholic Action programs. It is hoped that there will be a wide, deep, and sustained effort on the part of the Catholics of this diocese in this Catholic program. It is only by deep, earnest study of the encyclicals, of the Catholic principles of social justice, carried on in a spirit of Catholic unity and loyalty, that the present indifference, ignorance and misunderstanding can be overcome.

Each week you will find published in your copy of the CATHOLIC COURIER an article explaining in detail some principle contained in the encyclicals. The articles will run in serial form for a period of six weeks. It is hoped that you will not merely read these articles but digest them, study them thoroughly, make them your own.

The desired results of the Catholic social justice campaign cannot be realized without the education of the masses. First, there must be study and discussion. But mere study will not suffice. Legislation must be designed and passed by an enlightened public opinion. And even after just legislation is passed, it will not avail unless the average man and woman understands and appreciates it, is willing to co-operate and fight for it.

Do not let this opportunity pass by you.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

Rochester's annual Community Chest drive for funds to finance the local civic social agencies will get under way next Monday, May 11.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. Give to the [illegible] as generous a donation as your means [illegible]

[illegible] relief are now being aided by [illegible] from tax funds. But government [illegible] goes only so far. The Chest-[illegible] begin where the government [illegible] relief agencies are concerned [illegible] of hunger, [illegible] children—to [illegible] and happy [illegible] that broken leg feel any better.

the government does not and cannot provide.

By contributing to the Chest you help yourself while helping your less-fortunate neighbor. If the tax funds of the various units of government were forced to bear the additional burden now carried by the Community Chest, the load on the individual taxpayer would be extremely heavy.

Ten Catholic institutions participate in the Community Chest, drawing an annual income in the neighborhood of $160,000.00.

We appeal to the Catholics of the city to support this campaign.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. Every dollar you contribute is an investment in human health, human welfare, human character, human happiness.

By this token shall the world know the disciples of Christ: "That they have love one for another."

MONTH OF MARY

The Catholic Press of the world editorially heralds the month of May as the month of Mary.

It is a time set apart by the Church for special veneration of the Mother of God. Mary holds her rightful place in the liturgy and devotional life of the Church. It is only in the hearts of men and women that there appears from time to time a tendency to neglect her.

If ever in the history of the world there was a time when Catholics needed a living, fighting devotion to Mary it is now. The world is erecting shallow, painted statues as models of true womanhood. The glamorous movie star, the vivacious night club hostess, the woman politician, aviatrix, labor leader—these are the clever, resourceful, dynamic, ideal women of the day. Whether or not they are kind, charitable, chaste, virtuous, womanly, the world neither knows nor cares. Their worth is judged by their front page news value.

As far as the world is concerned, Mary may be the "Forgotten Woman." But she is still enshrined in countless hearts and minds and homes as the perfect model of the virgin and mother. And in setting aside the month of May to honor Mary the Church calls the world's attention to our Blessed Mother as the model of true womanhood.

During this month the practical Catholic will strive harder than ever to copy her virtues and imitate her life. Her place must be made as secure in the minds and hearts of every Catholic as it is in the liturgy and devotional life of the Church.

MOTHER'S DAY

The catalogue of canonized words contains none more noble than that of mother.

The word mother has always had, and always will have, a sacred and secure place in the history of human languages and in the minds and hearts of mankind.

There is a widespread movement in the world today to dethrone motherhood from its rightful place. This, despite the fact that a mother's devotion, sacrifice, and love are closely interwoven in the mosaic of God's plan for man.

There are some who would persuade, and some who would force, women to substitute the title of mother for that of "woman of pleasure." Having given up the ideals of motherhood themselves, they try to entice all others to make love a profession and pleasure a life career. Pseudo-women, these, who cut themselves off from human respect and decent society by stripping from themselves the natural dignity and nobility and sanctity of motherhood.

The endless procession from the cradle to the grave, since time and earth began, has developed, increased and strengthened this natural nobility and dignity of true motherhood. Today, we see it as the golden chain of faith, hope and love that links mankind close to heaven.

Next Sunday, May 10 is "Mother's Day." No more fitting, lasting and priceless gift can be offered to your mother, whether living or dead, than the reception of Holy Communion for her intention.

If your mother has passed to her eternal reward, a new joy will reign in heaven when you receive the Blessed Sacrament and offer it to God in her honor.

If she is still with you, it will be one of the consolations of her life to see you kneeling at the rail, receiving and offering your Communion for her.

Sixty-four per cent of the co-eds at New York University say they want husbands who outshine them in intelligence. That is, if there are such creatures.—Auburn Citizen Advertiser.

It is proposed to establish 12 subcapitals in America to bring the Federal Government closer to home. In some respects it is too close now.—Wichita Eagle.

The man who talks the loudest usually has the weakest side of the argument.—Rochester Times-Union.

Great Britain is finding it hard to operate an unreasonable world.—Geneva Daily Times.

The new naval agreement is the simplest on record. It merely limits the fleets to the size of the nation's pocketbooks.—Auburn Citizen-Advertiser.

H. G. Wells says that the United States can't keep out of the next world war. Naturally. Without us, there wouldn't be any world war.—Corning Evening Leader.

A lot of people don't find out, until it is too late, that you can't preserve your health in alcohol.—Hornell Evening Leader.

An agnostic is a person who isn't sure about anything except the superior wisdom of the people who doubt everything.

Being in the right isn't enough. Knowing you had the right-of-way doesn't make a broken leg feel any better.

Current Comment

MOVIES AND CHILDREN

A few days ago a ten year old girl faked a kidnapping story just "to see how the G-men would go about solving the case."

It seems that she had seen a number of "movies" in which gay, young Hollywood blades, playing the part of G-men, had solved insolvable cases in a dashing, debonair, romantic way. So she thought she'd hand the real G-men a real poser.

This is but one isolated, individual example of the effect that the motion picture screen has on the juvenile mind. Innumerable other cases can be cited.

Movie productions for immature minds can go only so far in dealing with life, its problems and realities. In treating crime, sex and life in general, it is an easy matter to overstep the bounds of common sense and common decency.

The movie is the most popular form of entertainment in this country today. It has a stranglehold on the American people, particularly on the young. The imagination of the young person is naturally more fertile than that of the adult. The youngster hasn't felt the burden of weighty responsibilities. He doesn't know what life is all about. He lives in a dream world of his own making, peopled with unreal characters.

The imagination of youth is fed, stoked and fired by the screen. That is why motion picture producers have such a sacred obligation towards the youth of the nation. The screen forms the ideas, modes of action, even the personalities of the young. The influence of the screen on the youthful mind cannot be measured.

Hence, to request the producers to stay within the limits of common sense and common decency is not asking too much.

Among other things, why is it that so many otherwise decent films have to be ruined by introducing one or two "shorts," scenes inserted solely to draw dirty chuckles from the lewd element in the audience? Why is it that the divorcee must be painted as leading a glamorous life and finding complete happiness in a rapid fire exchange of husbands? This is contrary to fact, as divorce court judges are wont to point out.

One certain way for the motion picture companies to line the crowds up in front of the box offices of the country is to produce better pictures from a legal, historical and moral point of view. The argument that "clean situations" are below par in their dramatic possibilities is as weak as a reed in a Georgia cyclone. The fault lies with the directors, or writers, or producers who are unable to realize the dramatic possibilities of "clean situations."

At any rate, all we ask is that the screen observe the rules of common ordinary decency and cleanliness. We neither demand nor want a job of puritanical whitewashing or pietistic embroidery.

VACATION SCHOOLS

The approaching end of the school year brings again to the fore the question of the validity and utility of religious vacation schools.

Many Catholic children for various reasons do not attend a parochial school during the school year. Some live in a parish that is without a school. Others live too far away from the parish church to permit daily attendance at the parochial school. Still others, for one reason or another, are denied attendance at their parish school.

The primary purpose of religious vacation schools is to give instruction to Catholic children who are deprived of the privilege of attending their parish schools during the school year.

Catholic parents have a sacred obligation to see to it that their children are instructed in the faith. The proper time for such instruction is during childhood and youth. Negligent, careless and indifferent parents who deny their children the opportunity of attending the parish school, and the privilege of attending a religious vacation school, have much to answer for. They are trifling with the precious gift of faith, indirectly doing their utmost to kill it in the minds and hearts of little children.

Rambling Round

Doctors say you don't always feel the pain where the hurt is. This is especially true of a pain in the neck.—Auburn Citizen-Advertiser.

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Even the chickens in Germany have gone Nordic. Jews have been driven from the egg trade, and the official Nazi organ announced "pure Aryan Easter eggs".—Corning Evening Leader.

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One thing sure, anyhow, about constitutional amendments — we don't want anymore that can't be enforced.—Geneva Daily Times.

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What this country needs is a Townsend plan under which more towns will plan to send reckless drivers to jail.—Auburn Citizen-Advertiser.

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The manufacturers of artificial limbs are enjoying a boom in business because of motor accidents. If you drive carefully, you just take bread out of the mouths of the wooden leg maker's little ones.—The New Yorker.

STRANGE BUT TRUE
Catholic Facts But Little Known

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By M. J. MURRAY

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

The feast of St Monica last Monday brought to mind the mighty accomplishment of her seventeen years unswerving prayer for the son who had gone astray into heresy and vice. If the Church has been for fifteen hundred years the grateful beneficiary of St Augustine's treasury of doctrine and eloquence she owes it, under God, to the faithful mother who became his mother by double right through the tears and prayers of those painful years. One loves to recall that scene when mother and son, in the twilight of her life, sat near the shore of the Mediterranean at Ostia looking across the sea with longing toward the homeland which she was never more to see. Reunion in grace there was God's answer. And what does she ask of the son for whom she had so wrestled with God? "Place my body in its final rest here or there, what matters it." If I be Christian soul, it is enough for me. But for my soul, all I ask is that you remember me at the altar of the Lord." Heroic and patient mother, pattern of all the Monicas and Marthas whom divine grace has given us to light our way! Pray for our mothers especially on this Sunday which we set aside for their special remembrance.

For your inspiration, turn to that beautiful twelfth chapter in the ninth book of St Augustine's "Confessions" in which he pays tribute to the memory of his beloved mother. Its closing sentences are a masterpiece of tenderness.

"If anyone judge it unfaithful that I should have a pie for my mother for even the meagre fraction of an hour, let him not mock that mother, now dead to my eyes who wept to my years for me that I might live again in her eyes but rather, if there be any generous charity in him let him weep unto Thee for my sins, O Father of all the brethren of Christ."

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It is not [illegible] that, after the Apostles no man has had a profounder influence on the intellectual and doctrinal foundation of Christian Europe than has St Augustine. Profound in his vision and titanic in his genius this tireless Doctor of the Church wrote energetically and voluminously while at the same time [illegible] his episcopal [illegible] the Church [illegible] So vast is [illegible] that it seems the task of a lifetime to read them, say, nothing about writing them. We ordinary mortals must simply stand amazed at the revelation of such genius—all of it, thank God, dedicated with flaming zeal to the service of Christian truth.

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The Catholic Evidence Library has copies of the Confessions of St Augustine, and also a most [illegible] and recently published collection of rich and helpful quotations from his works for meditation and reflection. This latter book is called "An Augustine Synthesis," surely a correct but hardly an appealing title. You may find it just the proper book for an introduction to the rare experience of this great Saint.

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Many of the political speakers who make addresses over the radio should be taken off the ether and put under it.—Providence News Tribune.

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY RECOMMENDS

GREAT WRITERS AND MOTHERS. By [illegible] Appropriate reading for Mother's Day. [illegible] Mary, Queen of Heaven, Mother [illegible] valiant women who [illegible] are their title to fame [illegible] God and men.

THE KING'S GOOD SERVANT. By [illegible] E. Hallett. It is [illegible] that the best [illegible] of the canonization of St Thomas More should be heralded by this fine biography [illegible] last years of his life, the author is a esteem of Hilaire Belloc whose "A Watch on the Nightingales" and "Not Time Will Part" made two cocktail periods of Church history [illegible]

GOLDEN YEARS ON THE PARAGUAY. By [illegible] Not a memoir of travels, but the account of one of the most [illegible] communities ever organized in history, and Brook Farm in the Oneida Community, but the least [illegible] in the seventeenth century for the religious, social and economic security of the Indians. It is an amazing record of a Utopia that came true, and has vital pertinence for our day of social upheaval.

SOURCE BOOK FOR MEDIEVAL ECONOMIC HISTORY. By Roy C. *Cave* and *Herbert H. Coulson*. A splendid reference book of actual quotations (in translation) from medieval documents pertaining to the economic laws and institutions of the period, an invaluable companion for students of economics.

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Views of Others

BELIEF AND CONDUCT

One of the nice things about the Church is that one can become a Catholic without giving one's friends the impression of having sacked out to claim to holiness not yet attained. All that the Church asks from her converts is a firm purpose of amendment but no rash promises of miraculous and sudden transformation of character. The Church has always contended that belief breeds good conduct and that right belief is a help to right conduct, but none the less the Church has not lost sight of the distinction between the words "I believe" and "I behave." There is no reason for a man to stop believing because he has ceased behaving, but still less reason for a man to stop believing because other people have ceased believing. There is hope for the one who says "I am weak, and I don't resist sinning," but not so much for the one who says "I believe and I sin not as the rest of the men like that publican." Rev. E Depreifere Bristow

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The feast of St Joseph brought to mind the mighty accomplishment of his seventeen years unswerving prayer for the son who had gone astray into heresy and vice. If the Church has been for fifteen hundred years the grateful beneficiary of St Augustine's treasury of doctrine and eloquence she owes it, under God, to the faithful mother who became his mother by double right through the tears and prayers of those painful years. One loves to recall that scene when mother and son, in the twilight of her life, sat near the shore of the Mediterranean at Ostia looking across the sea with longing toward the homeland which she was never more to see. Reunion in grace there was God's answer. And what does she ask of the son for whom she had so wrestled with God? "Place my body in its final rest here or there, what matters it." If I be Christian soul, it is enough for me. But for my soul, all I ask is that you remember me at the altar of the Lord." Heroic and patient mother, pattern of all the Monicas and Marthas whom divine grace has given us to light our way! Pray for our mothers especially on this Sunday which we set aside for their special remembrance.

Diocesan Recordings

WHEN "OLE MAN TROUBLE" comes along to bother the family next door the considerate thoughtful neighbor does all humanly possible to lighten the burden. Many times this requires real sacrifice. When all the neighbors get together and help, it eases the responsibility and brings equal if not more succor to those in distress. It is on this basis that the Rochester Community Chest is operated. Those who have been given with more than they need spare a part of it over a year for those who have not. Doing this they become good neighbors.

WHAT HAS the Catholic Church ever done for the workingman? That is a question asked by many and has been asked for years. The answer will be given at a public mass meeting Thursday evening, May 14, at 8:15 o'clock in Columbus Civic Center Building. Of recent years the stand of the Catholic Church on the relations between capital and labor has been gaining prominence. The Church has pronounced upon the rights of both from the moral viewpoint. An excellent opportunity will be given all. Admission is free at the coming Mass Meeting to learn just what the Church does say on a matter that today is giving concern to men and women in all walks of life.

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OUR NEIGHBOR, the Catholic Union and Times of Buffalo this week turns the spotlight with an example of Catholic activity that will be of interest in this particular locality. It seems that a radio star and his wife, a member of a most prominent movie family went to a fashionable spot recently for dinner. In the lobby two women from the Birth Control League were soliciting funds. Their customary plea was on behalf of the movement that a former Roosevelt backed "Rice Suicide." The radio star and his wife after emphatically saying "no" to the solicitors entered the dining room. The husband taking a large-sized menu made the following contribution to civic decency. On the back of the menu he wrote:

We the patrons of this protest against the solicitation of funds by representatives of the Birth Control League of America. We make the protest because we do not believe in birth control or its methods. Nor do we feel that we should be insulted by coming into a place that permits such women to make such a solicitation."

Seventy-five prominent people bearing names signed the petition. It was given to the proprietor. That evening, near the close of business the birth controllers who had been there a week, were invited to carry on their obnoxious work elsewhere.

In an age when decency is having much difficulty defending itself against onslaughts of pagan trends, a true incident like the above indicates there is a large element of concerned citizens who realize the falsity of the new movements advocated by misguided people with too much time on their hands.

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HE IS FAIRLY prominent as a Catholic living the week. If it adds his material progress he doesn't mind being so labeled. On Sunday he slides into Mass usually late and for the last Mass. A bored expression is on his countenance especially during the sermon. The collection plate causes him little concern for it takes little effort to toss in a thin dime. His prayer-book has possibly been lost with his other devotional love. He will not read for his reading is probably confined to the smart periodicals that make him a man among men but subtly decrease his desire to practice the faith his parents encouraged in him.

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THE KNIGHTS of St John in Rochester like the Hospitalers of old for many years contributed to a hospital in Arthen a for suffering refugees.

EVERY MOTHER'S SON and daughter will if possible approach the altar rail Sunday in honor mothers living and dead. It will be the most fitting observance of the day.

QUESTION BOX

Q.—Will you please mention in your column some good books on religious vocations?

A. We would suggest the following: "What Shall I Be?" by Francis Cassidy, S J; "In Thy Courts" by Rev A Vignat, S J; "Vocations Explained," by a Vincentian Father, published by Benziger; "The Religious State," by St Alphonsus.

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Q.—When and where did St. Joseph, the foster father of Our Divine Saviour die?

A. The last incident recorded by the Gospel in the life of St Joseph is the loss of and anxious search for the Divine Child when He had strayed from His parents, during their yearly pilgrimage to the Holy City (Luke II, 42-51). In several circumstances thereafter the Gospels speak of the Blessed Mother, but never do they mention Joseph in connection with them. Scripture tells us only that Our Lord during His public life, was referred to as the Son of Joseph, the carpenter (Luke IV, 23). We may well believe that Joseph had already died from the fact also that the Divine Saviour, when He was about to die on the Cross entrusted His Mother to the care of John, His beloved disciple, which surely He would not have done if Joseph were still alive. According to the apocryphal story of Joseph, the carpenter, he died on July 20 A D 18 or 19 at the age of 111. St Epiphanius gives him 90 years of age at the time of his death. The probability is that he died at Nazareth.

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Q.—Will you tell me where I can find a book concerning all the religious orders and what they do?

A.—There are any number of good books written on each individual religious order. The list would be too lengthy for us to print. There is, however, "Religious Orders for Men" by Abbot Butler and for women, "Vocations for Women" by H. Hohn, and "Religious Orders of Women in the United States" by Elinor T Dehey. You should be able to secure these books through any Catholic bookstore.