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Lesson In Honesty

ALONG THE WAY By Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J. We were talking, my good friend Father Urban Nagle and I, about the little matter of how many Catholic theatrical troupes simply decline to pay royalties on the plays they practice.

Then Father Nagle said: "Bones, about time ago," he said, "I dropped back stage in a town I was visiting to see a performance of my passion play, 'Barter.'"

Presently I noticed a very blonde young lady standing in the wings watching the action. I said to her in a whisper, "What part are you playing?"

Remembering the brunette Miss Grant was a little puzzled. "Oh, understudy," I explained aloud to myself.

Thet Strikes Back I walked into the parlor in the chaplain's residence at beautiful St. Catharine's College.

Famous Laughter Father Keeneberger, by the way, has a famous laugh. It makes the rafters vibrate and the walls vibrate.

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THE BEST PLACE FOR IT



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Invidious propaganda may take a variety of forms. Among the more common manifestations are mud-slinging, appealing to prejudice, denigrating by faint praise, and the kind of propaganda which is known as "black propaganda."

One of the clearest means of this nature is to impugn an institution by pointing to the lapses of one of its members, and to create the impression that this member is typical of the institution.

It has been practiced with success for centuries and is being resorted to with increasing frequency today. The Catholic Church, the victim of many campaigns of vilification, has been and remains the special target of this type of propaganda.

A rather startling example is a certain quotation published in "Dynamic America" an "Independent Journal of Opinion."

The special section called "The Voice of the Ages" appears the following brief statement: "Alliance Society is divided into two classes: the shrewd and the stupid."

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The victory of the Christian defenders at Vienna was so providential that Pope Innocent XI did not hesitate to ascribe it to the prayers which had been offered for the city.

On this three hundredth anniversary it is sad to think that the Catholic cultural background, the forces conquered at Vienna is now dominated by the Broken Cross of the swastika.

Throughout the years Talleyrand considered the Emperor's wars of conquest detrimental to the best interests of the French people.

In 1803 Talleyrand labored for the restoration of the Bourbons, basing his contentions largely on the principle of legitimacy which he insisted on also at the Congress of Vienna.

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He died in 1838, he was appointed ambassador to England serving in this capacity until 1824.

REPLY ON DEATHED Talleyrand had, of course, continued outside of the Church. Only on the day of his death did he sign the document, addressed to the Pope, announcing his submission.

He received the last sacrament from no less an individual than Dupanloup, the afterwards famous Bishop of Orleans.

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THINKING IT THROUGH

Sursum Corda We Catholics sometimes accuse non-Catholic writers, speakers, educators of being unable to think straight.

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