

YOUR GOAL AND OURS



"Help People to Help Themselves!"

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat and we must take the current when it serves or lose our ventures." (Shakespeare)

In these days of stress and strain, there are two great dangers to which all men are susceptible—fear and inertia. Individuals, groups, nations which are beset by complex and profound problems become uneasy and disturbed, vainly regretting the lost security of the past, fearfully hoping for better things in the future.

Between fear and hope lies a greater danger than fear itself, a danger born of fear and nourished by it. Fear engenders uncertainty, mistrust, hopelessness, then congeals them into a paralyzing inertia: at first, lack of decision in moving, later LACK OF DESIRE TO MOVE AT ALL!

The problems of today affect us all. The dangers arising from these problems thus become a common responsibility. None can ignore the problems; none should avoid doing a full share in a community effort to overcome them.

In this spirit the CATHOLIC COURIER has undertaken to do all in its power toward furthering the success of Bishop Kearney's appeal for action to stimulate confidence and restore prosperity in the Rochester Area.

In this spirit, your diocesan newspaper urges the fullest cooperation of individuals, groups, and organizations.

With such action we can overcome both fear and inertia. Let us remember that we shall not risk moving backward if we resolutely GO FORWARD!

There IS a tide in the affairs of men! Let us take it at the flood, and move on to better fortune.

A Call to Action!

LET US BREAK with the past! Let us look forward so that we may GO FORWARD! Let us pick up the tools which lie ready to hand and begin building that better future which we all want and need. . . . I propose to the community that all of our constructive forces be marshalled in a co-operative endeavor to remove fear, and the causes of fear, from the minds of the people. Let our civic, business, and social groups join in a common endeavor for the common good. We can stimulate confidence and restore prosperity in the Rochester Area by using to the full our gifts of human courage and goodwill combined with the resources for business productivity which our community is so fully equipped. To that end I urge all our Catholic people, individually and as members of various groups and societies, to pledge their goodwill and aid in the co-operative endeavor which I have here proposed.

—Excerpt from "A Call to Action . . ." the open letter from the Most Reverend James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, as originally published in the CATHOLIC COURIER of October 4, 1938.

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