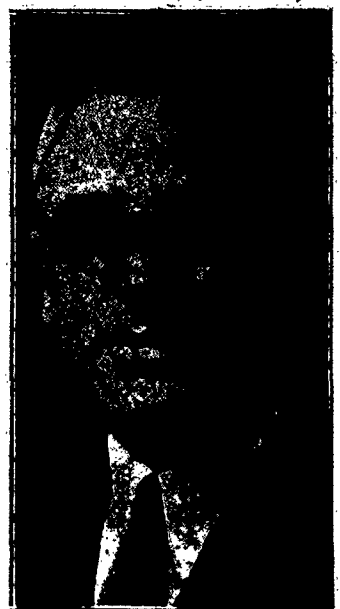


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FEATURES THE CATHOLIC UMBRELLA—THIRTY ARE NON-CATHOLIC CATHOLIC TRADITION IN LITERATURE—HOUSING IDEAS

I Believe I Battle

The Catholic Umbrella By Magr. P. M. H. Wrahoven Editor-in-Chief Catholic Action of the South

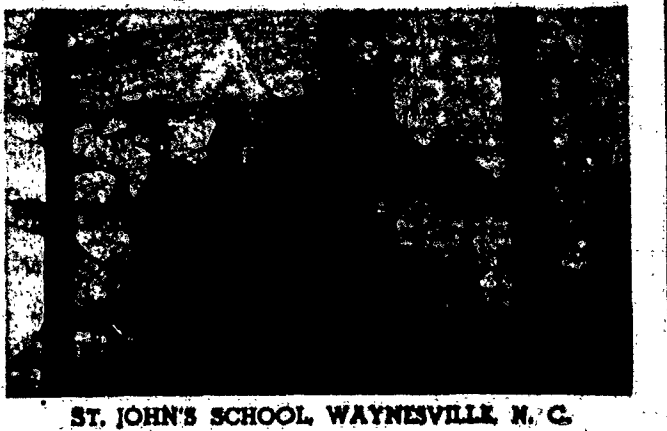
When you walk along in the rain, and carry an open umbrella, you do not get very wet. This does not prevent other people, without umbrellas, from getting drenched. If you put them into a theater, a meeting hall or a church, the place will get dirty and sloppy, and the atmosphere will become damp. Rubbing up against them will even make your clothes mussy and musty.

A prevalent characteristic of Catholics is not to worry about the other fellow who is out in the weather unprotected. "Why all this excitement about present-day morals?" is often asked. "Our city is all right, we have in our parish a better church attendance and more Communion than ever, there are plenty of good people who stick to old, God-honored customs. So why worry so much?"

We overlook the divine advice: "If a man be overtaken in any fault, you who are spiritual, instruct such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." We do not appreciate the value of St. John Chrysostom's observation: "The worst war is the one when the enemy makes us believe there is no war. Most Catholics, because they are good, do not realize what moral dangers surround us; therefore, they allow, with holy unconcern, the evil to spread, and even to penetrate into their own homes. The malicious influence of neutral, sensual and licentious literature and films is constantly spreading not only in cities but even in the remotest hamlets. Let us analyze a few general statistics. There are more than one hundred and twenty million persons in this country, the greater percentage of whom can read, and do read. What do they read?"

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ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, WAYNESVILLE, N. C.

Parochial School Opens In Huge Home Mission Territory of South

WAYNESVILLE, N. C.—A Catholic parochial school opened in St. John's Mission here September 5, with an enrollment of forty, thirty of whom are non-Catholic. The school is conducted by five Sisters of St. Francis with motherhouse at St. Francis, Wisconsin.

St. John's school is the first of one hundred and twenty-six Catholic newspapers, with a total circulation of not quite two and a half million, for twelve million readers. They all read. What do they read, since there is not enough good, constructive literature printed to furnish five million homes with reading matter? What about the moving-picture industry? Of course, the Legion of Decency has functioned magnificently by stopping morally impossible shows, but what have we Catholics done regarding the production of the opposite type of picture? Zero nothing! Against this apathy and lack of interest, we have the neutral concern who will make capital out of vice and filth whenever they have a chance. Paramount works on an eight-billion investment, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer on almost as much, and the other dozen of smaller companies operate with proportionately staggering amounts of money. There are, approximately, seven hundred public radio stations in this country using their time according to the concept of American broadmindedness, and we have only two Catholic stations of any consequence to offset the neutral and sometimes harmful effect of the others.

We Catholics still hold on to our God-given principles, but only as far as we ourselves are concerned. Oh no; we won't stand for a movie or a stage play that is too bad. We will dutifully write to the editor when he oversteps all the bounds of decency in his publication. The radio station owner will be threatened with an advertising boycott if he dares to allow So-and-So to speak over his network again.

In the meantime, these agencies for detrimental and damaging neutrality go on daily leading the public into the groove without God, without religion, without natural decency. And we Catholics complacently open our umbrellas and let the rain fall on others, not realizing that, in our contact with them, we absorb the same damp notions, albeit without getting wet.

The trouble is: most of us have inherited our religion from our good parents. We are satisfied with that for ourselves. Our faith is the same as the antique family furniture which we possess and which we treasure, and with which we will not part at any price. All the good it does is that, occasionally, we have the satisfaction of showing it to some visitors, and, for the rest, it serves no practical purpose in a living soul.

St. Paul's counsel is explicit on the subject: "If a man be overtaken in any fault, you who are spiritual, instruct such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." We may not remain satisfied with the evil trend of today; even if we think it does not affect us. If we do not try to correct it, we shall be contaminated and tempted. Protesting against this, and attacking it, will do very little corrective good. We must enter the field of press, cinema and radio and offer acceptable products that alone can stem and uproot the growing pestilence of public immorality. We cannot continue foolishly sheltering ourselves, expecting not to be affected.

Membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith costs less than 10c a month. But if that amount were contributed systematically by the Catholics of the United States, they could erect a more formidable wall against the aggressions of the various isms than all the armaments in the world.

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Registration For Night School Opens Sept. 19

There will be no blackout in Rochester's public evening schools this fall and winter for registration for the new adult school term will begin Tuesday, September 19, and the thousands of grown-ups are expected to enroll for one or more of the scores of courses offered for study, according to the Board of Education.

Registration will continue throughout the week and classes will then be organized so that formal instruction may begin Tuesday, September 26. The school term is several new courses are being planned in cultural, vocational, commercial, and homemaking subjects if the minimum registration required is obtained.

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Varied Views

Served Best of Past The Catholic Tradition in Literature has retained, preserved and united with the best elements of the past, declared Brother Leo in his address over the "Catholic Hour," Sunday.

Speaking on "The Stream of the Tradition," Brother Leo declared that the Catholic Tradition is the intellectual leaders of the Faith, though guarding ever against corruption and impley and error, welcomed into the Christian culture the noblest offerings of an age.

Catholicism from Inception "From its inception," he added, "the Catholic Tradition was catholic. It declined to repudiate the secular wisdom of a sectarian spirit. Can anything good come out of a pagan Nazareth? Every broken image and imperfect reflection of God caught by alien minds and preserved by pagan pens the Catholic Tradition will give every estimate. Its water flowed from the rock which is Christ; but as the stream of Christian culture swelled into a river broad and swift and strong, these flows into it tributaries surging from disparate and even hostile sources. When the Western Empire fell, when paganism died, when under the incursions of the barbarians it seemed that finer achievements of the ancient civilization would vanish from the minds and ways of men, the Catholic spirit preserved the intellectual life of the West."

However, Brother Leo continued, the Catholic Tradition was not "merely a work of conservation and research," but was also in itself a creative force. He cited the facile, the freedom of scholars, poets and musicians throughout Europe, saying these "manifestations of an art inspired and supported by the Christian way of life came into their own, and their diffusion with the diffusion of the Faith."

"They all prove," he declared, "were we so ungracious as to require proof, that the religion of Christ was a stabilizing and ennobling reality."

Brother Leo said that while medieval literature "experimented sufficiently," unlike present-day literature, "it knew what it was about." Artists might and did quarrel, but always with artists, and regarding methods and means, form and technique," he added. "But on ends and principles they agreed, for they possessed in common a solid, intellectual background, they shared a basic philosophy of life and work."

Reformation Shattered Pattern This common pattern, which gave the literary tradition a stability and unity, was shattered by the Reformation. Brother Leo asserted, adding that "faith degenerated into a thing to fight about, and literature into a thing to fight with."

Readers developed an attitude of skepticism and cynicism," he said, "or else uncritical partisanship, and I know not which is the more fatal to literary appreciation. And writers, oh, so many of them, have lost their bearings; artistically speaking, they have lost their souls. Scholarship itself has become an erudite jigsaw puzzle, everybody trying to fit the pieces together but nobody aware of the design; some even insisting that there can't possibly be a design."

Book on Papal Social Plan Selected

NEW YORK.—"The Pope's Plan for Social Reconstruction" by Charles Bruehl has been chosen for September by the Catholic Book Club. It is published by Devin-Adair Co.

Reviewing the book in the club's "Reviewing the Books" Cunningham says the volume offers to all "men of good will" a "clear explanation which will help them to put into practice advice which has been admitted but left in the realm of theory." Dr. Bruehl "has contributed a volume which must focus the attention of critics, whether friendly or not," says Mr. Cunningham. "It is a book which every reader a true conception of the problems of the day and of the best means of solving them."

Student Journalists To Meet In Northwest

SPOKANE.—When the journalistically minded youth of the Northwest meet at Marycliff High School here for the first national meeting of the Catholic Scholastic Press Association on October 14, they will be concerned with such fundamental questions as Co-operatives and Back-to-the-Land movements.

The young journalists will discuss the problems of the press and best preserve democracy through a better understanding of the dignity of man and his relation to the state.

The meeting will take place the day before the Convention of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference here October 13-14. Father of 4 Nuns Dies Chicago.—Funeral services were held today for John T. Dorsey, father of four daughters who are members of the Religious of the Sacred Heart. They are Mother Viola of San Francisco College; Mother Marion, of Barat College, Lake Forest, Ill.; Mother Mable, of DuSenois College, Omaha; and Mother St. Ann, of Sacred Heart High School, Chicago.

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