

UNITED STATES SENATE
Washington, D. C.

Please accept my kindest felicitations on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the *Catholic Courier*.

By its faithful presentation of Christian principles in their application to the events of our daily existence, its support of religious education and worthy charitable endeavors, and its advancement of family life, the *Catholic Courier* has carried forward a vigilant program of social action and achieved a record of devoted service to the people of Rochester.

With all good wishes.

Robert F. Wagner
U. S. SENATOR

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D. C.

It is a pleasure to join with countless other persons in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the *Catholic Courier* and to express my confidence that the *Courier* will continue its usefulness throughout the next half century with the same devotion to tolerance and Christianity as it has in the past.

W. Sterling Cole
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
37TH DISTRICT

THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
Albany

I extend my hearty congratulations to you upon reaching a new milestone in your successful career of a half century.

In these years you have been a strong influence in inculcating the doctrine of the brotherhood of man.

I look forward with optimistic anticipation to your continued recognition of the ideals and doctrine of Freedom, Equality and Justice upon which democracy is founded.

Abraham Schulman
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY

THE ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
Albany

I extend my sincere congratulations to the *Catholic Courier* on their Golden Anniversary. From 1889, when its first publication went to press, to 1939 many great changes have been brought about from that day—fifty years ago.

Nations have grown into empires only to fall. Still, there has been one great stabilizing force in the universe to guide mankind that being Christianity—a dynamic power passed down through the ages. By this religion, man has been taught that the strength of nations are not great armed forces but rather in the moral and spiritual being of people.

Our present day task is that we, in America, must have an ever-increasing devotion to those principles of government which guarantee the liberties of religious and political freedom.

Stanley C. Shaw
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY
ITHACA, N. Y.

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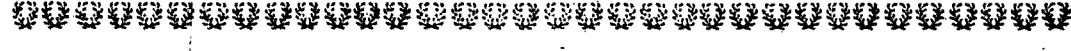
I wish to congratulate the *Catholic Courier* on its 50 years of service to the community and hope it may have a greater influence for good in the next 50 years. Christianity is being challenged throughout all the world today and every effort must be made to combat this evil through religious publications, such as the *Catholic Courier*. With best wishes for a continuance of prosperity and Christian service.

Walter H. Wickens
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY
SCOTTSVILLE, N. Y.



GREETINGS

From Distinguished Contemporaries



THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
Albany

I appreciate very greatly the kind invitation of His Excellency, the Most Reverend James E. Kearney, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, to participate in the Golden Jubilee observance of the *Catholic Courier*.

I compliment the *Catholic Courier* in its effort to note a 50th Birthday. It is well that we pause every few years and look through the vista of the past that we may take stock of our present situation and plan for the future. The past fifty years has brought radical changes in the attitude of many of our people toward home, Church and country. Thought is easily led by the daily press and other publications and so no greater service can be offered to youth of today than to lead it through the well traveled and proven paths of life. To that end you have consistently pointed the right path to parent and child while too many other publications have directed people to the wilderness.

It is my hope that your observation may be a pleasant one and that many years may yet be devoted to your worthwhile mission.

Chauncey B. Hammond
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY

UNITED STATES SENATE
Washington, D. C.

It is indeed a great pleasure and a privilege for me to extend my sincere congratulations to the *Catholic Courier*, upon the celebration of its Golden Jubilee during the year of 1939.

The *Catholic Courier* has progressed rapidly in the half century of its existence and has been of great value to all the people who have had the pleasure of reading it. It has served not only the Catholic population but it has also taken a keen interest in the welfare of all of the residents of the Diocese of Rochester. In fact, its good influence, has extended far beyond the boundaries of the diocese and it has been welcomed in many communities as an outstanding publication.

The ever increasing circulation of the *Catholic Courier* is proof of the great worth of this fine paper and I hope it will continue to celebrate anniversaries throughout the years to come.

James M. Mead
U. S. SENATOR

CITY OF ELMIRA NEW YORK

May I extend sincere felicitations on the fact that the *Catholic Courier* has attained the dignity of a fiftieth anniversary.

As a fellow newspaper publisher I am proud of your accomplishment and the addition it has made to our profession.

I have watched the development of the *Catholic Courier* with interest. You have grown satisfactorily in every way.

You have become a power for good in the Diocese. I know how helpful its visits have been to many citizens of Elmira. May you continue to grow.

J. Maxwell Beers
MAYOR

MEMORIAL CITY HALL
Auburn, N. Y.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to wish continued success to the *Catholic Courier* on its 50th Anniversary.

In times of change we can take more satisfaction in established things than in times generally quiet; and fifty years of existence with the promise of continued usefulness such as faces the *Catholic Courier* give us all hope for stability in the future.

Charles D. Osborne
MAYOR

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D. C.

It is with the utmost feeling of pride that I have been asked to contribute in my humble way a statement pertaining to the 50th Anniversary of the *Catholic Courier*.

It is my opinion that the *Catholic Courier* has been most informative and covers every subject so vital to the Catholic layman. Its abundance of information is authentic, clear, concise, and has willingly given an opportunity to both sides to express views pertaining to controversial subjects.

The *Catholic Courier* has had a marvelous past. It is enjoying a magnificent present, and I am positive it will have a glorious future.

With every good wish to the editor, and those who are directly responsible for its publication, I extend my most hearty compliments.

Joseph J. O'Brien
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D. C.

I am pleased to note that your paper is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. To have served as a means of disseminating the news concerning the activities of the Rochester Diocese of the Catholic Church in such a creditable manner as your paper has served, is no small accomplishment.

I wish to congratulate you on this happy anniversary and to congratulate the diocese on being able to have such a fine way of reaching its membership.

It is a long span and has been creditably covered.

John Taber
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
36TH DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Dansville, New York

Birthdays are happy days. Feasts days are impressive. Festival days are joyous affairs, but anniversaries possess all these good qualities. It is, therefore, with the greatest of pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings and felicitations to the *Catholic Courier* upon the observance of its Fiftieth Anniversary Year—its Golden Jubilee!

That the Roman Catholic Church, with its many centuries of experience and accumulated wisdom, is developing the use of religious journalism to an unprecedented degree is revealed in figures just made public. These figures show that the Jesuits alone now have more than eleven hundred religious publications whose circulation reaches every part of the civilized world. Statistics also reveal that in North America there are no less than three hundred thirty-one Roman Catholic publications with a circulation of some seven million.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to dwell within the Rochester Diocese have every right to be proud of the fact that our Church publication, the *Catholic Courier*, is accorded a top ranking position among these publications, and rightly so. For half a century it has exerted an inestimable force in giving Christian direction to the current of our thoughts.

The *Catholic Courier* publishes that which will help every member of the family to live closer to God, to know right from wrong, and to train both parents and children to a deeper appreciation of spiritual values.

My sincerest wishes and prayers are offered for its welfare as it passes the milestone of its Golden Jubilee and begins another fifty years of outstanding Christian service.

Joseph Stiegler
MAYOR



Diocese of Erie
THE CHANCERY OFFICE
205 WEST NINTH STREET
Erie, Pennsylvania

September 28, 1939

Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Managing Editor
The Catholic Courier
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Father Mooney:

May I not join with all your friends and admirers in sending you a letter of congratulations on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee edition of the *Catholic Courier*.

In these days of confusion and destruction, the Bishops are calling the Catholic Press their strong right arm. Our Catholic people hear sermons when they attend Mass on Sundays but they read for long periods every week. Much of the matter printed for publication today is colored with propaganda, unsound thought and, sometimes, obscenity. Our Catholic newspapers and magazines are the safe-guards of our people and their attitude on current questions. Our Catholic Press has made extraordinary progress both in the news service it renders the people and in its increased circulation. In some Dioceses, the standard set is contained in the motto "A Catholic paper in every Catholic home."

The *Catholic Courier* of the Diocese of Rochester, under your alert and energetic and wise administration, has made a splendid reputation. You are equipped in every way to present to the people today, authentic and timely news and to safeguard them and their interests from false propaganda which seeks to corrupt the truth.

Therefore, please accept my felicitations on the occasion of your Golden Jubilee. May you continue to serve the people of the Rochester Diocese with great honor and devotion!

Very sincerely in Christ,

John Mark Gannon
Bishop of Erie
Chairman of the Press Department,
National Catholic Welfare Conference.

