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New Year's Thoughts

The closing and opening of a decade. The year that was framed between the great death that saluted it in the World War II...

The New Year reminds us of the highlights in the year that is gone. The death of Pope Pius XI at the age of 81...

May the New Year, 1940, include in its happenings an era of peace among nations...

Patriots

A patriot is a lover of his country, a servant of his fatherland. He is loyal in promoting all that is done by enlightened leaders for his country...

Of all the letters received at the White House on the occasion of the President's inauguration...

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Alma and Los Gatos

ALONG THE WAY

By Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J.

As a general rule and by virtue of their history, Jesuits are priests of the city...

The Jesuits have been at Los Gatos for over a century, and their vineyard is among the finest in the States...

But Alma is a new acquisition, a town formerly owned by a wealthy physician, however, inherited his wealth...

Anyhow, Jesuits bought it and from Alma have been ordained and sent out in five years 80 priests, who work in schools like Santa Clara, Loyola of Los Angeles...

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The Family Communion Breakfast

The Holy Family will be honored throughout the diocese on the coming Sunday through the receiving of Holy Communion by thousands of Catholic families in a body...

How pleasing to the Holy Family to have all the members of a Catholic home kneel side by side, mother and father, sons and daughters...

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The Demon War

Conceived of the lust for dominion

And spawned from the foul womb of hell. War, breathing death and destruction, Weavek his cancerous spell...

Prepare their War's food for his feastings From cores gorged vultures have left, Seasoned with sale from the tear-drops Of widows and orphans bereft...

And grant, Lord, that we, yet unlettered By men to whom might maketh right, Humbly regret our transgressions And be worthy of peace, in Thy sight.

J. P. M.

WALTER LIPPMAN GETS IT RIGHT

By REV. JAMES M. GILLEN, C.S.P., Editor, The Catholic World

On the anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights, a good number of daily papers...

One writer, Walter Lippman, did much more. He managed in the brief space of his syndicated column to explain and to justify the philosophy...

Yes, theology, Proudhon, much more of radical than Jean Jacques Rousseau, and perhaps quite as much so as Voltaire, said, "It is surprising that at the basis of our politics we find always a theology!"

First, he says, "The Bill of Rights rests upon self-evident, inalienable, eternal, and universal principles which no government, and no majority of people, may violate..."

by life among California's cuckoo creeds, but Ritter has offered \$25,000 to anyone who can find any fault with his city government...

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Library Signpost Retrospect and Prospect

With deference to better opinion, may I submit that the three most important events of 1939 were the election of Pope Pius XII, the showdown on Communism, and the declaration of war against Hitler?

The death of Pius XI and the election of his successor brought into prominent light how widespread and powerful is the present influence of the Papacy...

1940 opens in full of promise to harvest the fruits of the late Pope's pontificate...

A few weeks ago, the Holy Father consecrated a cosmopolitan group of twelve newly chosen bishops in their promise of the future...

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tragedies to which it is daily liable, that the war, now that it is in actual progress, has brought about a sense of relief...

Workers for peace at that time felt that they were rowing against a cataract. But with the war now on, and with only two possible outcomes...

On the level of the soul and Divine Grace, 1940 has inherited a promising growth from its recent predecessors. Of course, the Bishop, in perpetuating with the Church, is always building up to that fulness which is destined for it at the end of time...

One might wonder how the declaration of war against Hitler bore anything which might be taken as a compensation and a basis of hope for 1940...

Diocesan Recordings WHY? What is Meant By Days Of Fast? A fast day is one on which we are allowed to take but one full meal a day...

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