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The Diecese and The Catholic University

There is a union between the Diocese of Rochester and the Cashella University of America that has come into the past few days.

The discusse is one of about a hundred units into which

be Berris in the United States is divided; the Catholic cryses all these units, and in them lives and acts the being.

The Bishops of the United States founded the Catholic University of the years ago. They had little to offer it fixing slady, they had much be offer it apiritually, Of their poverty, they had an annual collection in their diocates to auxily

stally they had much to offer it spiritually. Of their poverty, the belief an annual collection in their dioceses to supply don't even know what a man from Maine or Massachusetts would be called. What is he, a Mainer? A Massachusetts it is present of the Church, they promised the gifted minds of the Church, they promised the gifted minds of the called what is he, as Mainer? A Massachusetts would be called. What is he, a Mainer? A Massachusetts it is present and leavy for a teaching staff, they professed the Most Northerners haven't even states.

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Naturally, then, with our sister dioceses, we make our own the words of commendation spoken of our Catholic University by Pope Pius XII. We rejoice with the Holy Father at the splendid record of fifty golden years made by this school. We welcome the hearty interest he takes in its program, and we are easer to follow his proposal to further its plans for development and greater service by uniting in an electrolined effort to life its debt and underwrite needed

All this was expressed most compellingly in the Bishop's Dinger held last night at the Seneca Hotel, when more than 750 mers and women from every parish in the diocese sat down to sat and to hear the eloquent message of Magr. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the Catholic University.

Biskop Kearney presided at the dinner and spoke of the servest work of Father Randall and his corps of workers in preparing a worthy response from the diocese to the appeal the Holy Father. Aubum and Geneva, Ithaca and Hor-Corning and Elimirs, were represented by enthusiastic leaves. Canandalgus, Seneca Falla, Waterloo, Phelps, Sewark, view with their sister cities of Waverly and Wayd Bath and Danaville, in the interest they showed in ingressent. All joined in one frand rally in the apis-all city to show that the Diocese of Rochester will be heard on in this country-wide Drive for our Catholic University ! Catholica will be sailed on for gifts to this Debt-Rassing. fund, will be visited in their homes by representative men-end women of their districts, will be privileged to help pre-tars for Pope Plus XII such an answer to his appeal for the Catholic University as shall bring joy to his fatherly

Our Catholic Faith, our Catholic Culture, our Catholic to ruture renerations through the country-wide effort now being made on behalf of the Catholic University of America.
In that effort, the Dioces of Rochester shall have its impore set place; in that effort, our Diocese shall stand to the control with all its energy! God bless our Catholic University!

Allerous Discussion Clubs

an old but true saying that one cannot love what he catholic Press Month he knows Christ unless he understands how much

core and suffered for us all?

Leve God with our whole mind is not merely to submit to Him in the full acceptance of faith; it is also one mind in His services, to improve our mind by a understanding of the faith that binds us to God, to the market mind for better service in the explanation and

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Self-Conscious

'ALONG THE WAY' By New. Domiel A. Lord, 5.J.

A strange form of self-core aclouaness has been indued in American Java by the anti-Sem-ition of the world. Many of them have grown extremely sensitive to attitudes. Not that this is at all surprising; I merely note what any number of men in various hughesees and professions have told me.

Buy, preoccupied men of af-fairs have a way of runing through life, head down, without tes much regard for these they pase. If they notice a man and are in the mood, they say, "Good morning," or "Hellot" if they are not, they head along without a

But if, I'm told, you pass a Jewish friend or acquaintance while in a preoccupied mood, if you fall to notice him or speak you fall to notice him or speak to him, you have a fair chance that he will go away thinking. "Oh, so you don't like me te-cause I'm a Jew. If I wasn't a Jew, you'd have spoken to me."

The result is that Americans are positively leaning backwards in their effort to avoid greating, by an absent mindedness or preecumpation the impression that they are not most cordial to their Jewish associates. A strange cor-relary of persecution, but a not unnatural one.

How Would You Say It? When I said that Northerners think of themselves first as allesing of the United States and many Southerners think of themselves first as citizenz of a delinite state, my good friend of the Georgia Bulletin disagreed. I said. that in many cases Southerners were first Texaris, Georgians, Vir-

ginians. My friend retorted by asking if I had ever met anyone from Maine or Massachusetts? And that's just the point I

try during the worst days of the English persecution of the Church, and they carry with them the horrible lies and the English terrible slanders fed to the English people under the Tudors and Stuarts and early House of

Orange. One Kentuckian happened to come in contact with an old lady of this stripe, and he discovered priests have horns. So he per-suaded one of his priest friends to pay a call on her and let her examine his head.

The Kentuckian and the priest

approached her remote cabin and monked on the door "Come on out," shouled her friend. "I have somebody to

The door inched open, and the old head was thrust through the opening.
"This," said the man, "is a you to see for yourself that he hasn't any horns."

Carefully the priest uncovered

his head and leaned forward for looked at him gradingly, and then through her toothless gums she

"He's still young"
And unconvinced, she slammed the door in their faces.

Edward Everett Horton A lot of the decent minded theatergoers in the U.S. A. have laughed with and enjoyed Edward Everett Horton. But recently he stepped from the studio to

Library Signwoost

'Wheat of Christ'

"I am the wheat of Christ: may be ground by the teeth of counts that I be found pure

St. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, said these words as its was being brought to Rome, during the reign of Traism, to fight with the lions in the Plavian amphitheulre.

Christian lives are like the bread that the priest raises up to God at the Offerstory of the Mass. As the bread and wine are changed by the Consecration into

the Body and Blood of Christ, so are the Christian lives, which are typified and represented by the bread and wire, transmuted into the Sacrifice of Christ, and

made one with Him. made one with rism.

It was the knowledge of this Christian truth which steeled the aging sinews of the venerable ignatius to faces the ordes of the latter of the control nation to thing he was fearful of, before his riminitant must feathful Christians would protest against his being done to death. He begs through to be silent, and

Sursum Cordo Harman American

WHY DON'T THEY GO TO CHURCH!

By REV. JAMES Mt. Gillis, C.S.P., Editor, The Contails World

Every Catholic, and especially every priest, must be interested in the problem: Why do so many millions of Americans neglect going to Church? It has been discussed in this column more than once, but recently I came across an article that atruck me as her ing more vital than any I had read before on the subject.

Be it remembered that seven y millions of our fellow citizens think so little of Church that they don't even profess member-ship; and of those who do claim membership, prebably mot one-quarter are faithful attendants. Berlous? I should say rather por-tentous. It is really Danger Number One to the United States of America, though you don't hear any of the big "Statesmen" adverting to it.

But let's see what was in that article. Dr. Frederick K. Stamm, introduced to reader of The Country Home magasine and of the Reader's Digest as Radio Minister for the Federal Council of Churches, paints a gloomy picture of church-going in our land. His guess about numbers who actually attend is more pessimistic than mine. He says that simistic than mine. He says that no Protestant demomination dares claim that more than a third of its membership attends any given service except on Christmas and Easter, and he accepts the esti-mate that rural churches are dy-

Feast Days

Sunday, Feb. 4-ST. JANE OF VALOIS. Monday, Feb. 5.—ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR. Tuesday, Feb. 6.—ST. DORO-THY,

Wednesday, Feb. 7.-ST. ROM-UALD, ABBOT. Thursday, Feb. 8-8T. JOHN OF MATHA. Friday, Feb. 9.—8T. APOLLO-NIA AND THE MARTYRS OF ALEXANDIUA. Saturday, Feb. 10.—ST. SCHO-LASTICA, ABBE-53.

the stage, and once more we. found out why the stage is the poor, blighted, sad, neglected, for-lorn, dying thing it is. This comedian who has not needed dirt to make him funny. Is in a play which, a friend who got into it by accident reports, ends with a le-rocious bad smell. Why? Heaven -or rather hell-alone knows. Well, a lot of these decent minded people who followed Horton in the movies will see him in

his stage play, come away mad and irritated, and when he comes back to the screen will stay away The smut of the stage killed ne stage. It won't do Mr. Horthe stage. It won't do Mr. He ton one least particle of good.

Out of Joint and Meaningless Whenever I see one of these "Bible Christians" proving the most amazing things with a single text of the Scriptures. I think the comment of Monsigner

Mueller of Belleville. "A Bible text is like an American Traveller's Check. Not good if detached.

least, during Lent, the expression "Mass Catholics" might become a term of praise and approval, rather than one of reproach.

February is Catholic Press Month. The printing press has been with us a few hundred years. It has spread before the eyes of men the written word, the record of men's thoughts, the narrative of current events and of events that have gone down into history. It has blessed the millions in every nation with knowledge and instruction that formerly were restricted to the comparatively few that could listen to the spoken word. Evil men have used the press to harm their fellows: good men have used it to help the brethren. All in all, the record of the Printing Press has been one of blessings to the world.

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the Book.

The mind of a Catholic is enlightened by a ten-minute service for their study and sermon Sunday morning, and still further informed by one lakes from a pamphlet or two hours perusal of the diocesan Catholic newspaper. Co-To lines. Since the Mass is The mind of a pupil is brightened by the ideas of a teacher world. Since the Mass is the for a classroom period of an hour, and is illumined to far Charen's litures, and since the Mass greater glory by a worthy book. While you admire what the contact with God our Saviour, the Catholic Press has done, do not forget what it is doing value appeal to a multi- for you. Use the Catholic Press to improve your mind. Use

ing at the rate of one thousand HAS OWN LIST

Then he commences to give the usual remons alleged by ministers: Sunday amusements, movies, radio, the automobile habit and so on He doesn't find these excuses satisfactory. He has a list of his own. Too many preachers, he says, are "neglici-ing the business of religion for ing the business or religion for everybody's religion business." They bother shout the pari-mutual, cocktalls, cigarettes, prohibition, and such things. The ministers, he says are crying, "What's the matter with the people; they are deserting than Church." He answers "Whet's the matter with swers, "What's the matter with the preschers; they are describe

He gives a slap in passing at what he called "stupid denomina-tional divisions" among Protes-tants. He declares Protestant churches in general unsympa-thetic to wheat are called "foreigners." He speaks of churches that minister to "one group from a single social stratum." He thinks some people stay sway be-cause they don't like the "ugly gloomy architecture of church building." He says he always en-joys visiting a Catholic church because "the architecture, the al-ters, the candles. the windows, the soft religious light create an atmosphere of sanctity"

Now, all this is interesting and perhaps enlightening. But thus far the good man hasn't really hit upon any essential difference hetween our Church and the Protestant acts. But presently he comes very close to it, and here is the reason I think his observations more penetrating than most other writers from his side of the theological fence. He says that in most Protestant churches there is "no real calling of people to repentance " He reports the fact that once when he had mentioned sim in a radio discourse, a preacher wrote asking why he had dealt with "such an VOICE THAT'S HEARD

With that remark he comes very closs to the reason why we Catholics hold our people better than Protestants hold theirs. Ours is the Church of sin. The people are conscious of sin. You might not think so. Often they Some of them sin so easily, so frequently and with so little sign of contrilion that you might imagine they didnt even admit that there was such a thing as sin. But don't deceive yourself: no human being really obliterates the ides of sin in his own conscience. He may tell you he considers such and such an action "all right," even though the Bible and the catechism and the pulpit call it a sin. Don't believe him. He doesn't believe himself. His protestation of innocence or of indifference is only a "defense mechanism" He knows better, and -- now here is the important fact—he despises a Church that is afraid to tell him he is a sinner. Our Church is not afraid to tell him. Its our theology the

doctrine of sin is not "outworn" There is one thing Dr Stamm doesn't mention, at least in the abbreviated form of his article the altar, the candles the windows. But we say, "Yes, yes, doctor, but what else do you see doctor, but what else do you see together the twisted inreads when you step into one of our several other lives. churches!" Nothing else? Well, that "something else." It is frequently in a dark corner, often embedded in the wall or for some other reason inconspicuous. But it is there, and it is very much in use. You have guessed it-the

confessional. people to church, the alter and the confessional, and the two are really one. We go to one to get ready to go to the other. What about the pulpit? Well, of course, we have a pulpit, and we use it—perhaps not enough and not well excough. To tell the we should use it oftener and to better advantage. But in spite of our comparative neglect of the pulpit, the prople do come. They come for the Mass, for Con-

So-there remain these three. pulpit, confessional, altar. The greatest of three is the altar. The next is the confessional. The con-fesional is evidence that we deal with sin realistically. We admit sin: we admit that we are sinners. The people come to get rid of their sin. And that, if you please, is the idea I found—or almost found—in the article by Dr. Stamm; an idea that I think I never found im any other Protes tant explanation of why people come to the Catholic Church better than to any other.

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"If you are slient concerning "If you are altent concerning me, I am a word of God; but if you leve my flesh (i.e., by trying to save his tife), I shall again be only a cry. Grant me mothing more than that I se peurad out to God, while an alter is still ready, that forming yourselves into a cherus of leve, you may sing to the Father in Christ Jesus, that God has vouchsafed that the Rishop of Syrim shall be found at the setting of the sun. having fetched him from the sun's rising (an allusion to his being brought from the East to die in Rome). It is road to set to the world towards God, that I may rise to Him."

Indeed, he was a veritable word of God" during this amazing journey to his death in dis-tant Rome. For on his way he wrote seven magnificent letters addressed to seven of the ancient congregations.

Without them, all we would know of him would be his name and office and the record of his martyrdom. But with them, writknow him with a closeness and tenderness beyond the power of There is in them a driving energy and a burning love of God, and a lyrical inspiration which makes it all the more poignant to realize that they were written when his face was set towards

"I salute the godly bishop (Polycarp), and the reverend presbytery, and the deacens my fellow-servants, and you all, indiwidually and together, in the manie of Jesus Christ, and in His flesh and blood, by ills Passion and Resurrection both of flesh and spirit, in union with God and and with you. Grace be to you, mercy, peace and endurance for Farewell in the power of the Father."

His faith sings a strong Credo full of praise to God and hears its witness to the orthodoxy of our faith nineteen centuries later.

"I give glory to Jesus Christ, the God who has thus given you wisdom; for I have observed that you are established in immovable faith, as if nailed to the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, both in flesh and spirit, and confirmed in love by the blood of Christ, being fully persuaded as touching our Lord, that He is in truth of the family of David according to the flesh, dod's Son by the will and power of God, truly born of a Virgin, haptized by John that 'all rightnessesses might be fullled righteousness might be faililled by Him, truly nailed to a tree in the flesh for our sakes under Ponting Pilate and Hered the from His divinely blessed Pas-sion). that He might set up an ensign' for all ages through His Resurrection, for His mints and believers, whether among the Jews or smorg the heathen in one body of His Church."

"Let us now praise men of remown, and our father in their generation," sang Ecclesiasticus the Old Testament. It is good for us to "look to the rock from which we are hown" and to learn of the mighty labora which hav the edifice of Christ's Church through the centuries. The feast of St. Ignatius Mar-

tyr is on the first of February.

Book Review

A CITY OF BELLS By Elizabeth Goudge It seems a difficult task for an

author at reast a modern oneto set a high standard of work-? manship in one novel, and to maintain that standard in succeeding books. Elizabeth Goudge's "A ('ty of Bells," however, prove that it can be done.

Here she creates a small English cathedral town of almost in credible charm, into which the sends Joselyn Irwin, a tired young man in search of his destiny. In the lives of those whom that I have seen. He speaks of he meets in Torminster he discovers not only his own destiny. but helps immeasurably in tying

These characters are as fuciindeed you main't perhaps miss making as one has learned to exthat "something else." It is frepect of Elizabeth Goudge. There is. for instance, the unhappy genius. Ferranti, to whom Joce I'm is another Horatio: Felicity Summers, sympathetic and tuse. You have guessed it—the tractive young actress: Grand-onfeasional.

There are two things that bring unbusher slike of mind; and two more of Miss Goudge's delightful children - Henrietts, shy little dreamer and artist, and Hugh Anthony of the perpetual "why?

Miss Grudge has proven herself more than a good story-teller; she is definitely a master of style. There are many passages of exceptional beauty in the book; it is the sort of literature out of which full emjoyment may be had only by reading aloud.

Besides, one senses that the au thor consciously passes up the opportunity for what passes as "realism" in many of the day's rioveis. But she can do what most "realists" are unable to do: she has the gift of creating beauty-

REV. BENEEDICT EHMANN

The Camilla, Ga., Enterprise reports that new models of some automobiles are without clutch pedals, but says that before the duced without monthly installSTRANGE BUT TRUE By M. L. MURRAY



Diocesan Recordings

An American Catholic will will-ingly sacrifice personally to win in sports, will put up with many personal inconveniences to attain fleeting farme in theatricals, but see what the greatest goal of all is only obtainable by following with fervor the Lenten regulations set down by the Church.

De we go to Masse or do we assist at Mass? There is something to dwell upon when the oppor-tunity is offered to gain a sound grasp of the meaning of the Holy Mass in the Discussion Clubs to be conducted during Lent. How many times are we asked by non-Catholics about these or that leature of the Holy Secrifice and we mumble and stumble and mulf

It cannot be called indifference but there doesn't seem to be sufficient concern manifested over the growing birth control movement in this country The advoing braver as the clays go by It obviously incommistent. advance of religions to be spurred on one hand, and a movement for birth control to be pushed on the other in this couratry. Certainly religion caranot adwance in a nation where pagan practices are condoned. even sedvocated by a large group of people, and many of them prominent in our local civic life.

Add incommistencies: Taking a prominent place ire Catholic organisations and their work and then demonstrating to others that this is only lip service by attendance at a questionable motion picture to which chaildren should not be taken. Actions of prominent Catholics are watched closely by those who expect them to

furnish the example. Revealing the age we are living in is this irreldent told us by one of our readers who called at the office Saturday In his neighborhood there came home the other day to a non-Catholic family, a boy of thirteen. He asked his mother "Who or we hat is God? I never heard of him or it before: The mother was arbant. She didn't realize that meglect of this boy's religious training could have been so complete. She tramedi-ately arranged to have him attend his mon-Catholic Sunday

When it is commidered that Catholic cufferre has received a mighty blow in Poland, Russia, Germany and other mations where Godlesiness is rampant, the importance of an institution to preserve, and foster this culture is ed. The Catholic University of America at Washington is young when Catholic institutions

It's the wiewpoints that counts. of this kind in Europe are camconscious of the need for such are institution and thank God that their form of government permits them to support such a university. It is gratifying to see that the

daily newspapers are making some todo about the spolitation of the Church in Poland. What is difficult to understand is why they couldn't see that the farces working against the Chrurch in Spain were the same atheletic materialists who would destroy all of man s rights in their nations It is also beyond comprehension why the government in Mexico gets such a play in the failies when it is syldent that everything is being done to dis-

credit the Church there. With Righon Kearney's heartw emdorsement the Knights of Columbus in Rochester to Forth tolaymen are being selected not sione to join in a social grouply 50,000 other laymen im North America whose deeds for Church and country would take a book to record The knights are atimulating interest in the Catholic ordes during February, Catholic Press Month, because they know that activity in their organization and in Catholic Action.

Catholic Press Month is one day longer, this year. On more eas to give that necessary support which will assure the existence of the Catholic Press throughout the year.

WHAT PROGRAMS?

The Pittsburgh Catholic relates this anecdote about a so-called Catholic legislator of Pennsylagainst every type of social legis-lation proposed during his term of office, and for that reason was one day criticized by one of his the Bishops' Program (which embodied eleven points of social re-form to be supported by Catho-lies). "What's that!" asked the legislator, as if he did not hear "I said you should have mupported the Bishops Programs. his critic repeated. "Why didn't you?" "Well, if I didn't," answered the statesman, "it was beemaze I wasn't solicited. I know I put an ad in every program I was asked to, and if I had known that the Bishop was getting out a program I certainly wouldn't have refused."

Even an habitual meterist can't escape exercise. He wrestles with road maps, doesn't he !-- Dir

-in the fales of the CATHOLIC COURIER

Five Years Ago --

Members of Rochester Diocesan Holy Nanre Union Imunched a diocesan-wide campaign for the CATHOLIC COURIER as their contribution to Catholic Press Month Observance.

Representing 20,000 Catholic women in the diotese, the Board of Directors of Rochester Diocesan Council National Council of Catholic women meeting in Canandaigus authorized unanizmously a resolution protesting persecu-tion of religion in Mexico and sent it on to authorities in the capital.

"Government that does not represent the people is not govern-ment, for the very essence of gov-

large," the Rt. Rev. Magr. Walter J. Lee, V.F., isclared in his address to the Board of Directors, Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Warn. en assembled at Canandaigus.

The Rev. Thomas J. Torole as surmed his duties as first resident pastor of St. Charles Church, Elmira Heights. Prior to that the church was a mission of the Mary's Church, Horseheads, with the Rev. Michael B. Groeden as pastor.

Wayne County, American Le-gion, paid tribute to a loyal friend and Legionnaire when they bade farewell to the Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell, former national chanlairs, on his leaving St. Pastrick's Christch, Macedon, to become pasgrament is to serve the people at tor of St. Mary's, Rochester.