

PRESS CRUSADE

PLANS GO FORWARD
PRIZES ANNOUNCED

PONTIFF GUIDES CATHOLIC EDITORS

Here are excerpts from the most notable considered pronouncement of the present Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, on the subject of the Catholic Press. Delivered in 1936, when he was Cardinal Secretary of State, at the Second International Congress of the Catholic Press, in Rome, it states concisely the aims and purposes of the Catholic Press and contains inspiring words of guidance for readers, as well as all engaged in the publication of Catholic newspapers and magazines. The translation was made by Stephen Johnson of Catholic Missions, publication of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

My words at this auspicious opening of the Second International Conference of the Catholic Press will be those of an Honorary President and deal with principles and ideas rather than with any plan of action. I express my most fervent greeting to you, who are willing promoters and enlightened activists, ready to take the field to attain the noble goal for which you are striving.

This International Congress of the Catholic Press is also a battle of the spirit. And my hopes and desires are that as a Congress means a union of minds and wills, so from this International Congress of the Catholic Press will come an institution whose program of action will serve the future as a Code for Catholic journalism. You have felt and seen how the wicked and unprincipled, for the purpose of forming a world conspiracy against the Church and His Church, have smoothed out all their differences, in order to become united and strong in the name of hate and a common struggle the children of the world being quicker to come together in harmony than the children of light.

Apostolate of the Pen

But if unity which is obedience to the law of charity, is necessary for all who dwell within the immense fold of Peter, it should be for you, soldiers of the Catholic Press your greatest glory and proudest banner, since you are the front rank and rear guards of the multifarious ranks of Catholic Action. Your pens and typewriters are your artillery, your arms of defense and offense, powerful and terrible arms, not only when they speak, but when they are silent, for there is a silence of cowardice and complacency, as there is a silence of charity and of sacrifice, a silence of fear as there is a silence of the martyr and the apostle. Of the apostle! Yes, for the ministry of the pen is also an apostolate, and the journalist of the Catholic Press is an apostle who like John the Evangelist, has many things to say against the enemies of the faith but not always "with paper and ink." Plura habens vobis scribere nolui per chartam et atramentum. (3 John 13.)

You must not think, however, trumpeters of Catholic truth, that I would stop your voice or stanch your hand. Far be such thought from me! No my word is not a warning, but rather the sincere admiration of your spirit which in your struggle against error and lies if it know how to sound the notes of truth, justice, virtue and religion, knows also how to silence impudence, offensiveness, the accompaniment of the notes of truth.

To Combat With the Church

As combatants, trained and equipped for the struggle of the hour with every new and progressive means provided by modern science and technique you will have in addition, a purification of your soul. You have placed this first in your program because feeling within you its potency and efficacy you hold it to be a vital and fundamental thing for Catholic journalists.

The greatness of the Christian resides in the soul and in virtue, so in every exterior work it is from a spiritual source that you must draw your uprightness of intention, love of truth, compassion for the erring, the efficacy of the Gospel word over hate, your indifference to contempt and calumny, your stern stand for morality against vice and the steadfastness of Christian virtue against the vacillating "cham" of the world. In the face of the recurrent paganism, perhaps your first utterances should not be the captious phrase but rather the compelling example, which is the sweet odor of Christ, inspired with such a noble faith, you will show the world from where the Catholic journalist receives the meat upon which he feeds his courage and zeal and whereon he rests the security of his faith which is the victory that overcometh the world.

Your learning and virtue rank you among the foremost champions of the Church in her modern battles against these destructive elements and movements assuming so many diverse forms and appearances in the contemporary world. They range from rationalism, negation of the supernatural, and historical materialism, to monism and idealistic immanentism; from the materialistic practices of a plutocratic liberalism, which ignoring or despising the intrinsic dignity of labor, and considering the worker as an instrument of profit rather than as a person with rights, persists in preventing, or at least in retarding the ordered, progressive and organic REDEMPTIO PROLETARIORUM, to the subversive and incendiary doctrines, seducing their followers with the misleading mirage of a social order and peace reached by the bloody road of fratricidal class war from the "No God" agitations with the clenched fist threateningly raised, to the persecutions of the faithful in Mexico.

Plan Fifth Annual Catholic Press Crusade



With Bishop Presiding—Diocesan and CATHOLIC COURIER officials as they met at dinner Monday noon in Hotel Sagamore to go over plans with the Priests' Committee for the Fifth Annual Catholic Press Crusade opening Sunday in the diocese. Shown from left are: Thomas H. O'Connor, news editor; the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, managing editor; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor; His Excellency, Bishop Kearney; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., editor-in-chief; Howard W. Klippert, manager, and the Rev. John M. Duffy, superintendent, Catholic Schools.

Priests Hear Crusade Plans—



All Sections of Diocese—are represented in the Press Crusade by these interested priests as they hear the Crusade outlined by Howard W. Klippert, Manager of the CATHOLIC COURIER and director of the diocesan-wide campaign for subscriptions.

—The Staff Eager For Crusade Start



Co-operating in Crusade—are these members of the CATHOLIC COURIER staff shown at the dinner Monday. They are, from left: Ray Fisher, Clarence A. Rycraft, Mrs. Francis J. Roth, Mary E. Caulfield, Margaret Miles, Rita Doolin, Edward Esse, Elmer Gropensteter, Geo. L. McKay, and John C. O'Toole, representative in Auburn and surrounding territory.

Fifth Annual Crusade Opens In Diocese on February 11

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William J. Killackey, all pastors in the diocese.

The Rev. Austin B. Hanna, Auburn; the Rev. William F. Gagnor, Elmira; the Rev. Alexander J. Stec, Owego; the Rev. Joseph G. Merkel, Dansville; the Rev. John C. Newcomb, Hornell; the Rev. John A. Voloch, Corning; the Rev. Ralph Neagle, Geneva; the Rev. Francis J. Buechel, Canandaigua; the Rev. Charles I. Sullivan, Seneca Falls; the Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan, Penn Yan; the Rev. John S. Whalen, East Rochester; the Rev. Francis Waterman, Webster.

The Rev. Harold F. Rogers, the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, the Rev. Walter Carron, the Rev. Alphonsus P. Crimmins, the Rev. Francis J. Taylor, the Rev. Elmer Heindel, the Rev. John Malley, the Rev. Robert Feneiser, the Rev. Earl Tobin and the Rev. John J. Burke, all of Rochester and assistant pastors.

Details of the Crusade which will run from February 11 through February 28 were outlined to the Priests' Committee by Mr. Klippert, manager of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

Stimulated by the Priests' Committee and with the encouragement and help of the pastors the Crusade will be carried on as in previous Crusades in all schools of the diocese (grades 5 to 8 and high schools). This year there will be

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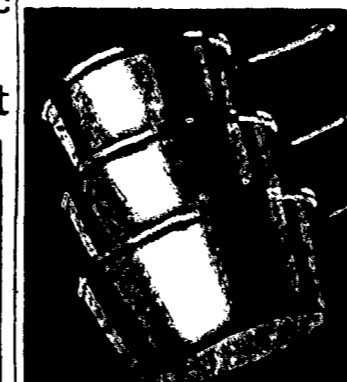
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Women's Club To Give Book Reviews

The Program Committee of the Catholic Women's Club has planned a series of four Book Reviews to be given on Mondays during Lent. These will take the place of the usual Friday dessert bridge. Reservations must be made at the Club House on Friday preceding the book review.

On Monday, Feb. 12, a dessert luncheon will be served at 1:30 p.m. Following the luncheon, Mrs. Howard W. Franke, Chairman of the Book Review section of the American Association of University Women, will review Francis Criswell's "Sea Island Lady," the locale of which is Sea Island, Georgia.

Mrs. George W. Guerinot and Mrs. George H. Trentman are Honorary Chairmen, assisted by the following committee: Mesdames: Edward C. Collins, Roy M. Combs, John P. Culhane, Joseph P. Flynn, Leonard E. Golden, John R. Goodwin, Alexander E. Grate, W. Vincent Gunn, Arthur J. Hack, Robert C. Hartman, William G. Heiber, Clarence G. Heinger, T. Bernard Jones, Harry J. Kolb, Julius C. Latanz, Aloysius E. Lechleitner, Henry J. Link, William V. Magovern, Ronald J. McDonald, Leonard A. Newman, Frank A. Norton, Hobart L. Owens, Harry P. Pierce, Charles A. Schrank, Erwin E. Thurston, Mark H. Tuohy, Ray F. Turner.

Scouts Court of Honor Set At St. Francis Xavier's

Second annual Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 13, in St. Francis Xavier Hall on Bay St. at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Joseph E. Vogt and Charles Legg will be guest speakers in this gala occasion. The Scouts have been working hard on the camp site scene which will be the background for the Court. A camping skit will make up the second part of the program. An impressive opening and closing ceremony has been prepared and will be accompanied by George Manning's Rhythmaires who will furnish the appropriate music.

Although Troop 215 is a young troop, fifty Merit Badges will be awarded, twelve Scouts will be advanced to Second Class, and five Scouts will enter the First Class rank. Those to be promoted to First Class are Sam Falzone, Edwin Wedon Jr., Anthony Pecoraro, Thomas Liotta and Joseph Siragusa. Troop 215 is under the direction of George Manning, Scoutmaster; Joseph Mandry, Assistant Scoutmaster, aided by the following Troop Committeemen: Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, Chaplain; Peter Bordinelli, Chairman; Sam Camarella, James Pecoraro, Dr. Alexander Bellanca, Michael Latorre, Armand Miale and Lawrence Bell.

If, as some think, heredity influences the color of the hair, bald-headed men can blame it on their lack of heredity.