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The CATHOLIC COURIER is the most authoritative approval of a newspaper in the Catholic community...

For Decency in Literature

The entire diocese will be in action against indecency in literature for the three-week period beginning June 9.

These joint actions of decent patrons and decent store owners should be effective in overcoming the avalanche of dirt...

James Kearney is Chairman of the National Organization for Decency in Literature for this diocese...

Individual Catholics should do his part by speaking a word of warning to the dealer whose store displays or sells indecent magazines and papers.

For The Innocent Victims

Bravely does the Holy Father speak out for the innocent victims of this war among nations. Women and children and old men are made to suffer the loss of their homes...

Prayer for peace go up before countless churches and in millions of homes. God will in His own good time be pleased to hear these prayers and give them an answer that a pagan world can not and will not give.

Welcoming New Shepherds

The coming of a new Pastor to a parish is an event that calls for the attention of every parishioner. It means the severing of the ties that have bound the people to the old Pastor who has passed from life...

Reporting for duty fresh from the front lines of the ministry, they appear in the sanctuary this Sunday. eager glances follow them about the altar.

They Let All Things and Followed Him The great draught of fishes that tested the nets of Simon Peter to the breaking point, that filled the two barbs, was a sign unto Peter of the power that dwelt in Jesus...

Queer Humans

ALONG THE WAY

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

Why do we, from cradle to grave, persist in spoiling our own chances for happiness? For instance: The campus of St. Louis University High School is large and pleasant...

I was sitting near my window (yep, a crowd of neighborhood boys were playing baseball on the rear diamond. The rain had been heavy, and the field, as a consequence, was muddy.

Once More, Out of the Mouths... The Bishop was making the usual contrition questions. The little boy was doing much too well; he rattled off his answers with a wisdom and precision...

Young and Holy and Too Wise It was the little girl's second communion, and she walked home with her mother in a state bordering on exultation.

Clips "It must be rather difficult to get along with a moustache," suggested the young lady who was sitting next a beaver gentleman at the banquet.

Clips "Yes, he agreed, 'I find it quite a strain.'"

Clips "The soul is a seed which God sows in the field of the Church; to produce fruits it must die under the strokes of pain, sorrow, contradictions and persecutions."

Clips "In the eyes of the sovereign Judge the merit of our actions depends on the motives which prompted them—St. Gregory the Great."

Clips "Radio program: A collection of some great orchestras, number held together by puns—Florence Times."

Clips "Feast Days Sunday, June 9.—SS. PRIMUM AND FELICIANUS. Monday, June 10.—ST. MARCELINUS AND PETRUS. Tuesday, June 11.—ST. BARBARA, APOSTLE. Wednesday, June 12.—ST. JOHN OF FAGONDEZ. Thursday, June 13.—ST. ANTONY OF PADUA. Friday, June 14.—ST. BASIL THE GREAT. Saturday, June 15.—SS. VITUS, CRESCENTIA AND MODESTA, MARTYRS."

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.

WE CLEANED UP THE MOVIES — BUT WE'VE LET YOU PARASITES EXIST TOO LONG!



Courtesy—Photo Editors

The Fifth Column Here

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

The greatest battle now in progress is not in Holland or Belgium or France. The greatest battle is not Hitler. The most objective enemies of Christianity and civilization are not the Nazis.

11th. Legislators at the national capital who vote in the interests of their own neck-and-necks no matter what may be the interests of the country at large.

12th. Fossilized bureaucrats who cannot see or hear an argument if it comes from a non-politician, a business man, or a distinguished private citizen.

13th. Those whose job it is to look ahead in the matter of providing defense for the nation but who don't see the word coming from their own newspaper reader can see it.

14th. Those who belong to the great army, 65 to 70 million strong in this country who are the beneficiaries of Christianity, but do nothing to promote it or to pass it on to posterity.

15th. Officers of the law who wink at crime.

16th. Judges on the bench who release criminals and scold the police for making arrests.

Library Signpost Cues and Clues

Two Rochester people are in the forefront of the search for the June issue of The Catholic World. They are Blanche Jennings Thompson, teacher at Benjamin Franklin High School, and a German name in Catholic magazines, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, class of '40, Nazareth College, who makes her debut with a short story of great merit having to do with emigre Jews.

The Catholic World may be found on the reading table of the Catholic Evidence Library.

Please note these important words... all statements depend upon the bloody sacrifice of Christ, renewed without interruption over the altar in sacramental manner. There is the same Victim, there is the same Priest offering Him, all then upon the Cross, offering Himself now in the Mass through the ministry of His priests. For this reason, the immolation of the priest and of the faithful ought to be joined to this great sacrifice of the Eucharist, offering themselves to God as living victims, holy and pleasing to His right. St. Cyril does not hesitate to say that we do not celebrate the Lord's Sacrifice in the Mass with due holiness, if we do not offer and immolate ourselves in union with Christ. St. Paul Thérèse, St. Paul urges us to bear within our body the dying of Jesus, to be buried together with Christ, and to be rooted in the likeness of His death, crucifying our flesh with its vices and desires.

Why Are We So Apathetic About Defending And Preserving The Sacred Rights Which We Possess As Citizens of This Country? The Cross and the Flag stand together. Whoever strikes at the one strikes at the other. Nineteen times out of ten the enemies of organized religion are the enemies of organized government and vice versa. This is true the world over. This is true in America today.

The enemies of the Cross and the Flag are legion in our country no one can deny. The enemies of religion and government throughout the world today are legion, no one can deny. Our Holy Father the Pope has stated repeatedly that Communism is its very nature the greatest enemy of the Christian Church since the days of Nero.

How recurrent this basic ideal? Our people are not trained the children who are to unite themselves with Christ's Altar even while they are saying rosaries and breviaries or what-not. They can't run on a double track of thought and action one thing at a time! Priests and laymen may be able to "pray the Mass" while praying at Mass. But not our people! If they are to "pray the Mass" (as Pope Pius X urged).

Talking Over Their Views THESE ARE OPPOSITES The command, "Go forth and teach all nations," clearly indicates that there is really only one rate, the human race, in which we find our own house in order, repair our own fences and throw our own garbage into the garbage pail.

Spiritual Thoughts My grace is sufficient for thee, for power is made perfect in infirmity.—Cor. XII, 9. Nothing created has ever been able to fill the heart of man God alone can fill it infinitely.—St. Thomas Aquinas.

Five Years Ago-- in the files of the CATHOLIC COURIER From June 4, 1935, Edition In behalf of suffering Catholics in Mexico, Archbishop Mooney responding to a suggestion made by the Administrative Committee, National Catholic Welfare Conference, issued an invitation to priests and lay of the diocese to participate in a decade of prayer for that nation during the month of June.

Clips "A Communion Breakfast in honor of Miss Carolyn Burtch Doran, retiring president of the Sodality of Our Lady of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, was held in the Mark Twain Hotel, that city, June 4, 1935, Edition. City, Miss Doran was presented by the Rev. Daniel C. Holland, spiritual director, with a Roman Missal gift of the Sodality, and a spiritual bouquet of 900 Communion cards, 900 Masses and 90 Rosaries.

Clips "A clear conscience fortifies the mind best by portending disaster of world upheaval."

Why can do it only by praying the Mass. And that means using the prayers of the Mass, at only in some simplified and adapted form; and this, not merely quietly and alone, but out loud, corporately, one body in Christ offering itself with Christ to the Father.

Bill—Have you ever seen one of those inventions that tell when a man is lying? Jack—Been one? I married one.

WHY? From Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Mo.

Religion is the Opiate of the People—So Say the Communists—What Say You? Only those who do not know what religion really is can say that it is the opiate of the people. Men and women who are religious in word and work know that it is the one thing that gives purpose to life and imparts to good and noble deeds. Only at the foot of the Cross, where a careless world casts lots, can we find the courage and strength we need to carry our cross cheerfully through this vale of tears and come at last to that glory which "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man what things God hath prepared for them that love Him." (1 Cor. 2, 9)

Diocesan Recordings It is that they do not fear Hitler less but the Pope more that certain groups in this country would seek to retard the Holy Father's peace efforts? Add Inconscience: Keeping the children from objectionable movies in a home church is an obstacle or at least questionable printed matter.

Emphasis in the campaign for Decent Literature opening Sunday necessary, as put upon the floor of indecent matter that continues to threaten the community's morals and is particularly imperiling youth. At the same time, however, there can be some thought and effort given to stimulating interest in the Catholic Press. Commendable in this regard is the publication of the first Catholic paper by and for the inmates of the Elmira Reformatory. This little publication has been brought out to further the advancement of spiritual thought in an institution where young men who have slipped are trying to get back on the road leading to useful citizenship.

They will close their minds to thought of the outside world for a week-end and concentrate upon the practices of their religion which brings to them a joy and consolation which cannot be explained to those who have not their experience. The "they" referred in all sections of the diocese who will enter St. Bernard's Seminary on June 14 for the desirable exercises of the Laymen's Retreat. It gets to be somewhat trite to keep saying that the way a layman can realize what there is for him in these retreats is for him to make one but that is a truth. There just doesn't seem to be any way of picturing the experience adequately. Catholic laymen remain away from these retreats on the supposition that they are something too depressing or that the week-end stay is too confining. Then they go on the urging of a veteran retreatant and become as enthusiastic as those who have made the retreats for years. This year the retreatants have the added incentive of offering their retreat for the return of peace based on charity and justice. More "retreats" should make the plunge. Once across the threshold of the seminary, in its halls, its chapel and about its beautiful grounds and they will be looking forward to another year.

Since religion alone can avail to destroy the evil at its root, all men should rest persuaded that the main thing needed is to return to real Christianity, apart from which all the plans and devices of the wisest men will prove of little avail.—Leo XIII.

Clips "Fifth Column" activity can be met with dissemination of column upon column of Catholic reading matter even of a fifth-rate column like this.

Clips "That a total of 2869 pupils would be graduated from schools of the diocese with upwards of 500 from secondary schools was announced by the Rev. John M. Duffy, superintendent, Catholic Schools.

Clips "The greatest weakness of America today is the silence of the good citizen who thinks his help is not needed to fight the groups bordering from within. Religion has lost the fight in Russia, Germany and Mexico and half-lost it in France. We are beaten in those nations and religion is now at its lowest ebb in history. America can accept this phase of the century only by the rising up of free men and an unrelenting fight on their part to save us."