Neglect To Read Catholic Press Cited As Cause of Indifferentism

NEW ORLEANS.—Neglect in the matter of reading Catholic publications is not the least among the reasons for the indifference of Catholics in the United States, the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, says in a letter addressed to the laity on Catholic Press Month.

"It is estimated," the Archbishop said, "that 4,000,000 Catholics in the United States of America are drifting toward religious indifference and that approximately as many lose their faith annually. This represents practically 20 per cent of the Catholic population of our country. Against this figure we can boast only of an annual increase through conversions to the Catholic Church of between 60,000 and 70,000 persons. It is easy to figure out that it would be only a matter of a few decades of years when the Catholic Church would cease to be the leading religious body in America and no longer enjoy the prestige which is now conceded to it even by those not of our fold."

"Many reasons can be alleged for this decline, but not the least among them is the failure of our Catholic people to subscribe to and read Catholic newspapers, magazines and books. The Gospel read at Holy Mass on Sunday, the sermon or instruction to which the congregation listens with ill-concealed impatience and the occasional exhortation given during missions and novenas do not suffice to give to our Catholic people the information and zest necessary to strengthen their faith and make them enthusiastic about religion.

"Every Sovereign Pontiff since the days of Pope Leo XIII has emphasized the importance of the Catholic Press. Pope Pius X went so far as to say that it would be vain to build churches and schools if they were not buttressed by a vigorous Catholic Press. The Bishops of the entire world, but especially the Hierarchy of the United States, have in recent years urged again and again that a weekly Catholic newspaper should be found in every Catholic home."

Ex-Red Denied Seat In State Legislature

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The State Senate voted 27 to 17 to deny a seat to Lonus Westman, who was elected on the Democratic ticket in Snohomish County. He admitted he had once been a member of the Communist Party and it was contended that he had not renounced his Communist beliefs.

Hails Defender Of Freedom

Editors Reminded Of Responsibility

By Most Rev. John Mark Gannon

Monsignor Gannon's address at the Catholic Press Conference, Rochester, N. Y., is printed in full below.

Momentous events are gripping the human race in these modern days. Startling and shocking ideas and plans about nations and men come crashing upon our American peaceful ways of living like those deadly bombs which when they burst so shock us with their immorality and ferocious force, we sometimes lose our Christian composure and single-mindedness and join in the general melee of bitter politics and unnatural hates and partisanship.

My counsel to Catholic editors in this embittered and hectic atmosphere is to keep your feet firmly planted on the ground and think with cool heads. You represent the Catholic Church first, last, and all the time. Let the candle of your Holy Faith and Practice constantly burn on your desk, so that its light may show through all your words and thoughts.

Timothy P. Galvin, Hammond, Ind., lawyer, who was elected Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus to succeed John H. Reddin, of Denver, who died recently following 30 years in the office. Mr. Galvin has been a member of the Supreme Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus since 19[illegible]

Heads Fourth Degree

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Fortunate indeed are you beyond all measure of gratitude in having a leader in the person of the Supreme Pontiff of the Church who gets 12th perfect example for the editor to follow.

Holy Father's Stand Cited

The peoples of the exhausted and distracted continent of Europe are in darkness. But the American lights of Catholic Europe are focused upon the venerable person of the Holy Father who spends himself daily and clearly hoping to restore the Christian foundations of the race now impeded or largely destroyed.

Uphold his hands in this gigantic task. Observe his restraint particularly on political and national questions. There is a point at which if you go farther, you are wasting your fire and only adding to the confusion which now paralyzes so many well-meaning efforts.

Permit me to recall to your minds some facts which may serve you in shaping your attitude on certain baffling questions of the hour.

First: You are free to write and report, with no restraint other than your conscience and honor. Our American Government protects you in this right. Your confreres in no other government of the earth enjoy like rights and protection. You should therefore glory in the fact your government is a sovereignty having the capacity to arrange its defenses to guarantee to its citizens the beneficient liberties under which we live. We Catholics have always been proud of our record of loyalty and support of the President and Congress of the United States, under whatsoever difficult circumstances they may find themselves. I place Catholic editors should emphasize that Americanism and patriotism of our Catholic citizens and once an issue is settled by legislation our unquestioned loyalty and support of American law and order, and of those officials Washington duly elected and sworn to guard our nation.

Second: American editors enjoy the freedom to defend the Church and its rights not only in the United States where we enjoy that freedom in its fullness but to defend the Church in every nation of the world where the freedom and rights of the Church have been so foully violated. The testimonation even in part of the rights of the Catholic Church in Mexico, in France, in Spain is due in no small measure to the Catholic editors of America. In the restoration of moral and religious training in our American educational system, the American editors are on the threshold of an impossible victory.

As American citizens we should be deeply concerned about the security and government of our government. In the United States the Church and the State are separate, each being a perfect society in its own field. Under this system the Church has prospered.

Avoid Field Of Politics

Third: Above all, we Catholic editors should keep our minds fixed on the fact that our field is the Catholic Church and Holy Religion. It is therefore becoming that we avoid the field of politics or attempts to enlighten statesmen on distinctly civic matters. Whenever statesmen invade the field of religion or morality by unholy legislation we must be alert in directing them out and jarring them into a sense of decency and justice. "Let the dead bury their dead." The statesmen of Europe have made a mess of it trying to lead their peoples without God. It is a well-known fact that, prior to the War, a Christian Chancery was a rarity in all the world. The Holy See stood out as almost the sole defender of God's way of life and government.

When men and governments abandon God, it is but logical they will collapse in ruin and misery. The War is totally the handiwork of civil governments. The Church is free of guilt. Our desire should not only be to keep war out of America or to keep America out of the war, but rather to keep the war and politics out of the American Catholic Press.

The Church takes no sides in wars between foreign governments. Why should we? Since I was a boy in college, the argument that ran through all Christian apologetics was that the Reformation brought enlightenment and progress to nations, while Catholicism kept them in darkness and ignorance. Germany and England, two examples of essentially Reformation governments, were held up as the most enlightened and progressive nations of the earth, while other more humbled nations were ridiculed as unfortunate victims of an outmoded Church and Faith. Well! Look at these enlightened and progressive nations today, locked in deadly combat, each professing

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The Outer Cenacle

How Laity Lead Souls To Christ

By Marguerite Horan Cowen

(In The Philadelphia Times)

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Father Judge was one of a [illegible] Vincent's Seminary, a German [illegible] Up and down the country he [illegible] in 1896 and '97 and '98 and '99 [illegible] bringing souls to Christ no matter how many souls he reached, how many homes he made happy, there was so much still undone so much good deed wanted because sinners and weak souls could not stand alone after he left them.

And Father Judge saw a great force lying dormant in the souls of God's love. A force which he could kindle when he could reach it but not always keep alive the Catholic faith.

Twenty years ahead of his time Father Judge pondered over asking Catholic men and women and children not only to love God, to pray to love God.

Few Are Chosen

A friend, a company, he friends and his foes called him but Father Judge went steadily about his work, using the tremendous force and harnessing it to work for God. In New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and wherever his missions and retreats were held he inspired men and women to extend his work in behalf of God. Not many were chosen to see the force. And he studied the eyes of those who answered to guard that spark and he rekindled one of the fires. He knew, he knew those who were called to God, those who were eager to take up the cross, whose thirst for souls could be satisfied by the Holy Ghost, the unquenchable force that burned in the souls of the Apostles.

When Father Judge was sent down to Opelika, Alabama, in 1914 he found a people who knew nothing of the Church, to be sure there were Catholics, children, who had wandered far from any possibility of the less priests who were able only being able to catch over for a few months, most of the people of their ignorance had made and fear of the Catholic Church, kind of it.

When Father Judge found that many Catholics were bigoted [illegible] Luther's church and Bryan Murphy, he said that bigotry was impossible. He asked those who he aided into the Outer Cenacle to pray for him. Little scraps of paper with his signature on the left corner of his stationery. And [illegible] to keep [illegible] a people [illegible] of desire to [illegible] good. He [illegible] women to come to the Outer Cenacle [illegible] work for God.

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The Ku Klux came on the job. When they tried to [illegible] Father Judge and the working women [illegible] in this Outer Cenacle. Father Judge met the two men [illegible] patrolling the buildings at night and the women to share the long hours of night before the Blessed Sacrament. One night [illegible] were burning the Ku Klux [illegible] down the fair [illegible] in the school yard in order to [illegible] crosses above [illegible] Fires the soldiers from Fort Benning came to protect and never again did the Ku Klux seek to harm either Father Judge or his Lay Apostolate.

Marvelous things have been accomplished by the unselfish service of the men, women and children of the Outer Cenacle. It is operating now in hundreds of parishes in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Guided by Trinitarians

One of the most astounding results of Father Judge's dream of [illegible] The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Trinity and one for women. The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Trinity. And [illegible] Sisters work [illegible] United States and Puerto Rico. They form the Lay Apostolate, Outer Cenacle.

The Outer Cenacle has a watchword: "Preservation of the Faith" is its aim is preventive work and then reclaiming all not be necessary. Its slogan: "What the world needs is a Catholic spirit."

The headquarters of the Outer Cenacle in Philadelphia is 1929 Wallace St.

Under the fostering care of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Trinity whom we all know as the "Trinitarians" who have charge of the Catholic Children's Bureau, 1339 Summer St., the Outer Cenacle works day and night in Philadelphia and vicinity.

It is composed of men, women, high school girls and boys and Gerhardine Colegan as General. It is established in the Sacred Heart Epiphany, St. Francis, the Most Blessed Sacrament, St. James, St. Clement's, St. Cecilia and St. Malachy's parishes and L'Assunta and Malvern Hall.

Following the plan laid down by Father Judge, each parishioner is served as far as possible by one of the group. The Chinese for instance by the Chinese members of the Outer Cenacle, the Filipinos by the Filipinos, the Negroes, the Spanish by members of their own race, who have [illegible] through the Outer Cenacle.

[illegible] Outer Cenacle [illegible] are legions of souls [illegible] Holy Ghost [illegible] Apostles and [illegible] spread on the Mission of Christ to carry Faith and Hope and Charity to all the world.

Today the workers for Christ are consecrated nuns and priests are legion. But the great hope for the world lies in the Lay Apostolate. The Holy Father calls upon every man and woman and child in the land. None can refuse. [illegible] the call of Christ. To you who have never heard of the Lay Apostolate it is the tremendous force being developed at a time when Christ needed it. He died to save souls. Father Judge left a work [illegible]

We are [illegible] a great [illegible] Fair. [illegible] to help. We should be particularly interested in the work of the Outer Cenacle. It is our power to see [illegible] the world for Christ. We are [illegible] for Christ.

For Trinitarians in the Diocese of Rochester, [illegible] St. with other [illegible] Prince St. at the Arsenal and Lyons.

OUR LADY OF THE WAY' POPULAR IN LONDON

LONDON.—Our Lady of the Way has become popular in London, as a result of the dangers which the people face in the streets. There is an other parts of the country.

The devotion centers around the picture of the Madonna della Strada in St. Francis Xavier's church, Hoxton.

Copies of the picture have been produced and [illegible] sent to [illegible] the Church of St. Francis Xavier. 40 Masses are said each week for the protection from street perils.

WHY EDITORS GET STUMPED SOMETIMES

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