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The CATHOLIC COURIER has my most enthusiastic approval. A diocesan newspaper has become an essential part of the program of Catholic action in every diocese. The CATHOLIC COURIER should be found in every Catholic home in this diocese. I find it hard to understand how any Catholic can be so indifferent as to what is transpiring in his church throughout the world as to rely upon unreliable sources of information or even to seek no information whatever. Let us have a brief slogan "The CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home."

✠ JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester.

The Crusade !

The diocesan newspaper holds a prominent place in Catholic Press Month. It is the one publication that makes an appeal to every member of the diocese, and carries a definite message for each home. It is Bishop Kearney's weekly messenger or courier, carrying to the individual Catholic all the news and information that seven days of Church activity can produce. Other papers may appeal to a few, may offer a seeming advantage of lower cost, may carry to their readers in the diocese good things in journalism prepared skillfully and thoughtfully by workers in other dioceses.

The diocesan paper has all that other papers have, and in addition it does the essential work of recording currently what is happening in Church circles in and about our own home. Lower cost of outside papers would mean more in producing sales if the diocesan paper were too expensive. But $2.00 a year, 5c a week, is not a high cost for a presentable, complete, official, home-produced, Catholic newspaper such as the COURIER. This cost includes delivery to your home, without placing on the Pastor the burden of caring for securing the papers, placing them in your hands, collecting for them.

Readers of the COURIER are its best promoters. They know how much the paper means to them, how lost they would be without it. They recognize its news-value, its informative contents, its pleasing set-up, its position as the official organ of the diocese, the paper promoted and fostered and recommended to all by Bishop Kearney. If every reader would pass on to one or more neighbors his estimate of the value of the COURIER, if every subscriber would strive to secure one more subscriber, it would vastly increase the effectiveness of our paper. Bishop Kearney in his Catholic Press Month letter stresses this thought, that the "effectiveness of the paper must depend on the number of its subscribers."

Watch the Crusade! It will be peppier than in other years, it will be shorter! But it will in little over a week strive to reach every prospect, to sign up every available customer, to list every Catholic home for a subscription. Priests in their parishes are co-operating with the Committee of Priests to make the Crusade 100% effective.

To our good friends of the diocese, who have not as yet joined the happy and loyal thousands already on our subscription list, we recommend an early and positive answer to the appeal of the Crusader who will solicit their support of Bishop Kearney and his diocesan paper through a subscription to the "COURIER." Yours for a successful Crusade!

A New Order

That the world aspires to a new order is the message given to the world by the Holy Father, through the Cardinal Archbishop of Lyon who has just returned to his see after a visit to Rome. Cardinal Gerlier spoke of the Pope's declaration in addressing his congregation at the Fourviere Basilica at Lyon in France. The new order is to be based on five victories which organized decency will win over forces that are evil.

The first victory will be over hatred and all the cruelties and falsehood it provokes; second, the victory over mutual distrust of peoples, so that faithfulness to the given word may be restored; third, the victory over the hateful principle that force can create law; fourth, the victory over the too blatant differences in the economic domain; fifth, the victory of spirit over egoism.

The world, indeed, has reason to aspire to such a new order! Hatred, distrust of one another, might supplanting right, social injustice, rank materialism, have been too much to the fore in late years. These evil forces have brought into the world such a condition that, "The Pope is sad not with the sadness of despair, but an immense moral sadness denoting his cruel concern. Think that he, the Vicar of the God of Love, looks about him to see only struggles, mourning, and suffering."

The new order envisioned by the Pope is [illegible] will appeal to every man who seeks [illegible] right. The beginning must be with [illegible]. He must supplant hatred in [illegible] love of his fellow-man. He [illegible] that social justice that will [illegible] their fair share in the fruits of [illegible] must include God and God's [illegible] for human betterment. When individuals of good will look into their hearts, they find they already have done these things. The body politic of every nation made up of such individuals will instinctively long for such a new order as these changes in men and society alone can produce. God speed the day when it may be realized!

Religious Must Be Kept Out Of It!

Truer words were never spoken! An apostle of Birth-Control addressing a meeting of those who advocate this abuse of nature, made the round declaration that "Religion must be kept out of it!" As if there could be any place for religion in something so clearly condemned by natural and divine law!

Perhaps, there is an instinctive trace of decency left even in one who has so departed from God's ways, that leads him to sense that Birth-Control and Religion can have nothing in common. The God that made them male and female, that gave them the command to increase and multiply, that gave into their keeping the powers of reproduction, can never have dealings with a gospel of frustration.

Religion out of it! That's what religion has been insisting on from the beginning, that Birth-Control shall have no part with it. It forbade sexual abuse from the beginning, it applied its sanction to individual transgressors against marital purity in days gone by, it continues its definite opposition to the sin of Onan even when present-day advocates of it have banded together to glorify it under the name of Birth-Control. Yes, Religion must be kept out of it! Religion has kept out of it, Religion is keeping out of it, Religion shall for all the future years keep out of it! Where Religion is, there Birth-Control is not. Where Birth-Control is, there Religion is not.

Catholics will do well to keep all this in mind when the aggressive tactics of misled neighbors are urging them to stain the purity of their married life by practices that are worse than pagan. A step in the direction of Birth-Control is a step away from Religion. Good sense tells us this, experience proves it, and now we have the pronouncement of one who is a zealous apostle of Birth-Control—"Religion must be kept out of it."

Abraham Lincoln

This week brings us the anniversary of Lincoln's birth. According to the tenets of present-day doctrinaires, his birth could have been considered as a sad mistake, something that with modern methods would not have occurred. Poverty, ignorance, poor home surroundings, lack of opportunity for good parental training and schooling,—all give the picture in which such a birth should not be countenanced.

But, thank God, the birth of Lincoln was governed by the natural and the divine law, and not by diversions from that law. The 12th of February gave to America and to the world a babe that had in him little of promise, little to indicate the great things he was to do for humanity, little to forecast the sublime niche he was to fill in the hall of fame.

The Great Emancipator stands before us today as a model for every American. Keen mental powers, developed by assiduous study under trying circumstances, a human sympathy that governed all his thoughts, a love of his country that was almost a passion, a deep respect and reverence for the rights of man, were the foundations on which was built the career of Abraham Lincoln. Dependence on God and faith in the right were his strong support in the difficult days of his public life. May his spirit continue to inspire and enthuse all lovers of America!

What Is Just

The laborer is worthy of his hire. His hire should be worthy of the work he has done and of the need that prompts him to do that work. This is what the Lord of the Vineyard in Sunday's Gospel had in mind, when he said, "I will pay thee what is just." A penny a day looks small to us, but will mean more when we realize the standard of monetary values was different in Christ's time than it is today; that the penny of that day could not be considered like in value to today's penny. "What is just": this is what the Lord of the Vineyard promised his laborers.

Christ used this parable to illustrate the labor we must do in this world to merit heaven. That labor is labor for God, is the service we give Him from our heart, is the faith we have in Him, the hope we have in His promises, the love for Him that fills our whole being. The reward exceeding great of our earthly labors, is far beyond what our labors could merit without God's grace. The mercy of God works with the justice of God in caring for the soul's salvation. Whether our life be long or short, whether we have served the Lord all our days or have in our later days heeded His call to turn from sin, our reward shall be that which He has promised. Heaven is the promised return for a life that is given to God's service: heaven is the reward for the great saint and for the converted sinner; heaven is for those who have served the Lord from their earliest youth, and for those who have come in by a death-bed conversion.

The main thing is to be ready when God calls us to labor in His vineyard; to turn a deaf ear, to refuse to answer the call, may mean a complete loss of reward. To take all that God gives us, and to rejoice in all that He gives our brethren, marks us as following the principle He exemplifies in the parable of Sunday's Gospel. God's justice plus God's mercy are united with our works to merit the reward which God gives to every man according to his works.

Feast Days

Sunday, Feb. 9.—ST. APOLLONIA AND THE MARTYRS OF ALEXANDRIA.
Monday, Feb. 10.—ST. SCHOLASTICA.
Tuesday, Feb. 11.—ST. SEVERINUS.
Wednesday, Feb. 12.—ST. BENEDICT OF ANIAN.
Thursday, Feb. 13.—ST. CATHARINE OF RICCI.
Friday, Feb. 14.—ST. VALENTINE.
Saturday, Feb. 15. — SS. FAUSTINUS AND JOVITA.

Protestants, Catholics and Jews in more than 2000 communities observe Brotherhood Week, February 22-28 under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians & Jews. This poster, depicting the winged spirit of liberty pleading for Americans of all faiths to work together for the future of their children symbolizes the spirit of the observance.

Through A Nun's Eyes

By REV. DANIEL A. LORD, S.J.

A letter of the morning from [illegible] England by the way and a poet [illegible] and training says:

"Poor James Joyce [illegible] scoffed at now, doesn't [illegible] there is time for him now that he [illegible] Only 58 and gone to God with [illegible] behind him.

"But I prayed for him at Mass [illegible] he was a Catholic and perhaps [illegible] offered now to make an act of [illegible]

"Poor deluded James Joyce.

May that powerful prayer reach [illegible] to God's throne of mercy. God may [illegible] resist the prayers of a nun.

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Father Wolfe of Tyler, Texas, probably [illegible] a long way from you. But if he ever [illegible] and you're looking for a delightful after-dinner speaker, I give him unqualified recommendation.

Along The Way

Recently at a meeting of [illegible] diocesan directors [illegible] and did a Will Rogers [illegible] all cheerful. He started [illegible] the way, about the Fordham [illegible] the Texas Bowl.

"I was there when Fordham played Texas A. and M. And was it hot! Before the game the Fordham trainer came out with a squirtgun to spray the players against the heat.

"One of my nearby Baptists leaned over to me and he said, 'What's he doing? Spraying [illegible] holy water?'

"And when the second half came and Texas [illegible] into the lead, maybe you don't think I wished we had."

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There have been and there always will [illegible] to be I suppose, fake priests. They learn a sort of "priestly patter" enough to make the non-Catholics accept them as genuine. Sometimes they were Catholics and hence know enough about the Church to fool even the kindly Catholic. Occasionally they drop to present themselves to a real priest asking for charity. The real priest [illegible] at the thought of the fake priest's [illegible] asks few questions, accepts his story, and [illegible] he can for the swindler, preferring to err in being [illegible]

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Please, Fellow-Americans!

By REV. BENEDICT EHMANN

There has not been a Gallup poll on the question, "Do you want this war to end quickly?" A 100% tally on the Yes side would be too sure to justify the expense of a poll.

In any opinion which we express about war aims and policies, it must be a basic desire of all of us not to forget the hapless victims of the devilish battledore and shuttlecock on either side. In the opinion which I propose in this week's column, you may be sure I am not callous about the agony of Europe, though it might seem so. Believe me I do not mean to be cynical. My opinion on aims and policies for this war is moved solely by the prayer that Europe's agony of today may not be prolonged into a thousand years of tomorrow, and that today's arbiters may remember that "peace is the work of justice."

Library Signpost

1. If a victory by Britain means the domination of British imperialism, I do not want a British victory. I am quite convinced that as things still stand, a victorious Britain would dictate terms of peace which would bring back the unjust balance of capitalist imperial power and of the other rotten things which caused such shame to the more candid of Britain's own writers and critics during the last hundred years. I hope "there'll always be an England" but not the [illegible] of England which has nauseated Belloc and Chesterton and Evelyn Waugh.

2. A victory by Germany would mean the same calamity with the shoe on the other foot and a couple of mailed fists besides.

3. I am simple-minded to see another [illegible] of the war than victory for either side. The only hopeful issue, the only one which will not mortgage the next thousand years, is a peace while both sides are still unbeaten. Arbitration by neutral authority would have to intervene.

4. It is devoutly to be hoped that both sides will seek such arbitration for a lasting peace before they both collapse from sheer exhaustion. If the struggle is allowed to go to that tragic limit the only arbitration that will follow will come from Communist Russia. It is a cardinal point of the Soviet bible that the opening wedge for world extension of Communism will be the collapse of the capitalist nations after the exhaustion of a total war. Stalin will yet be master of the pack if the war endures much longer. I would like to see the following cartoon in one of our newspapers: The British Lion and the Nazi eagle clawed and bloody and beaten to the ground while the Russian bear stalks forward to the kill from its cave.

5. If the United States enters the war, either virtually or actually, any one of four bad consequences is likely to follow:

(a) either Britain will be strengthened sufficiently to win and so restore the imperial capitalist order (or rather disorder) and prepare the way for another war;

(b) or if it is too late and Germany still wins, the position of the United States will be in the gravest jeopardy;

(c) or the war will be pushed by the United States to the point of exhaustion for Europe and the Soviets will march to the kill;

(d) or if arbitration can intervene for peace before either or both sides are beaten [illegible] the United States will have lost its prestige for the determination of the ensuing peace.

Let me state paragraph 5 another way.

We must be determined that the next peace shall not be a dictated peace, but an arbitrated peace. It will be a dictated peace if either Britain or Germany is victorious. The United States can ill afford to betray the future by letting itself in for a dictated peace either as victor with England or as defeated with England. If the next peace is an arbitrated peace that arbitration will either be forged by Soviet Russia or adjusted by some moral authority who is above the international conflict. There again, by entering the war, the United States will betray the future by helping on the one case to press the war to the point of exhaustion for which the Soviets are waiting, or in the other case by committing itself the last of the great world powers to a one-sided position and so removing a powerful support from the cause of moral arbitration.

6. I agree with John Haynes Holmes' statement before the Rochester City Club last Saturday: "The one great power today that is in a position to make peace is the Roman Catholic Church. If any person is going to do it, it is the Pope. Our nation must rise to the moral and spiritual level on which the Pope of Rome stands today."

I vigorously protest against the dictatorship over opinion to which we are now being subjected by press and radio. People who hold opinions like the above are bitterly called "appeasers." By the same token the other side might be called "instigators," a far less pleasant epithet. If the instigators see any vicious "appeasement" in my mail, let them make the most of it. As for me, I am trying to be a little less short-sighted than the people who are gulled into mistaking the opportunism of power politics as a crusade for truth and justice.

In Spite Of Tin Pan Alley

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

Regular readers of this column must have noticed that its writer finds consolation in the fact that great music still exercises its spell over multitudes of listeners in spite of all the horrible stuff that emanates from Tin Pan Alley.

Sometimes we may be tempted to overrate the popularity and the influence of that curiously abnormal hybrid of syncopation and savagery called "jazz" or "swing" or "rhythm." It is the corruption of a noble art, the debasement of what can be and should be a means of spiritual exaltation second only to religion. And yet in spite of its being obviously a symptom of decadence many people, otherwise apparently civilized, seem to like "swing." There are, as we know, gourmands who prefer their meat certain kinds of meat after it has begun to decay. They are few. But the number of music addicts who prefer their music when it has gone or gone [illegible] and become rotten is legion. At least so it seems.

But good music still lives. Lives and triumphs over the bad.

Sursum Corda

Take for example these two reports of a recent performance of Beethoven's Eroica symphony in Carnegie Hall, New York, by the Philharmonic-Symphony under the baton of Bruno Walter.

Olin Downes of the Times is not exactly what you would call an enthusiast. He is difficult to please. He's hard when he finds imperfection either in music or in its rendition. But he "lets himself go" in regard to this latest interpretation of Beethoven's superb masterpiece. Thus: "The conductor stood humbly and truly in Beethoven's presence; the listener was transported to a sphere of the ideal which is far indeed from the meannesses and encumbrances of the daily round. The audience felt the presence of the gigantic brooding spirit which is Beethoven."

And: "Lofty in spirit, noble and plastic in the treatment of the great form it may be said that the interpretation companioned the flight of the symphony itself, which is the highest possible praise."

Yet more: "No music that we know conveys as this does the sense of immortality, or as Whiteman might have put it of 'superb ecstasies of death' that is to say, of the eternity of life, with its scales of deaths and resurrection with the consummate variations which might well reflect the play of universal forces."

Fine music evidently. More than that, great music. Superb, majestic, transcendently noble. But was it true in this instance as in so many, that the higher the art and the better the product, the fewer to appreciate? On the contrary, Jerome D. Bohm records in the **Herald Tribune**:

"To judge by the size of yesterday afternoon's audience at the Philharmonic-Symphony's concert in Carnegie Hall, the largest that has attended this organization's performance this season, and by the thunderous applause and cheering that followed Bruno Walter's superb disclosure of the Eroica, this greatest of Beethoven's symphonies when set forth in such fashion remains one of the most moving of all musical creations, and one which has lost none of its hold on our music lovers' affections."

It is such events and facts as this which may give us confidence that the higher things of life, the appreciation of true art and especially of the art that is the most ethereal and spiritual of all—music—has not been lost out of the world.

It gives hope also that religion may soon see a great renascence. Music is so closely akin to religion that people who love the one can be brought to love the other. The Church understands that fact and has always made use of it. St. Philip Neri and after him three successive Popes, commandeered the genius of Palestrina to weave music into the liturgy. It has always been the Catholic custom to encourage painting and sculpture and architecture and literature but music is the one art that more than any other is intertwined with the very liturgy itself.

So let the blares and the blarters, the scrapers and the whiners, the obscene saxophones and the neurasthenic Saint Vitus dancers of the jazz bands do their worst. They have had their day. They will pass on. Man will come back into his own. Thanks to Beethoven, to his reverent interpreters, to all great musicians and all great directors who still give us reason to rejoice and to hope. Truth crushed to earth will rise again. And so will beauty.

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Five Years Ago--

—In the files of the CATHOLIC COURIER

From Feb. 6, 1936, Edition

First organization of religious discussion clubs on a diocesan-wide basis received enthusiastic response from priests and laity. The Ceremonies of the Mass was the topic chosen for the clubs' discussion during Lent.

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The Nazi persecution, having disposed of the Jews and cowed most Lutherans into submission, it now turns all its pagan venom against the Catholics. Furnished the theme for "Believe It Not" column by the Rev. Dr. Owen B. McGuire.

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Through the efforts of the Elmira Deanery Council National Council of Catholic Women and its affiliates, the Blue Book and the Red Book of the Medal Stories were put on sale in the Woolworth Five and Ten Cent Stores in Elmira.

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More than 500 residents of Watkins Glen and vicinity were present in St. Mary's of the Lake Church for ceremonies marking the dedication of the newly installed organ. Dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. Paul Balzar, C.SS.R., of Buffalo.

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That the Legion of Decency had not only succeeded in stemming the flood of obscenity on the screen but had actually assisted the motion picture industry financially was the declaration made by the Rev. Joseph A. Daly, executive secretary of the National Legion of Decency over the Columbia Broadcasting System "Church of the Air," national hook-up.

PAGE MY PASTOR

by

Right Rev. Msgr. Peter M.H. Wynhoven
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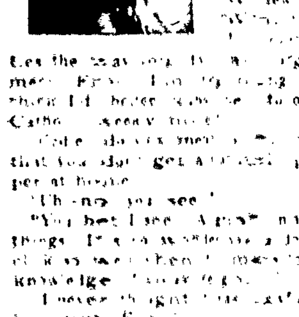

So, She Subscribed

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Let the way [illegible] Frank [illegible] better [illegible] Catholic weekly [illegible]

[illegible] that you don't get a Catholic paper at home.

"I'll [illegible] you see."

"You bet I see. [illegible] things. [illegible] knowledge [illegible]"

[illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Brewer [illegible]

[illegible] on the facts you read."

[illegible]

"Well, the priests [illegible] Sunday [illegible] would think."

[illegible] Sunday Mass sermon does [illegible] preaching a [illegible] during the week.

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"Our pastor has a good system. He insists that every family in his parish get the Catholic weekly and on Sunday he takes one minute during his announcements to call attention to the articles in the current issue of the paper that he wishes us to read."

[illegible]

"How about the poor of the [illegible] interested!"

He [illegible] their subscriptions [illegible]. He says that they need good Catholic literature most.

I see what you mean. After all if we [illegible] and sacrifice to keep our Catholic schools functioning properly, it's only logical that we should do the same to have a Catholic paper in every home. The schools and the paper [illegible] the same [illegible]

[illegible] be long before you be [illegible] arguments yourself [illegible]

[illegible] when you're around quoting the Catholic press [illegible] the place. Your pastor [illegible] you are?

"Probably it seems to come up every now and then when I'm talking to him. I jokingly told him once that he was a fanatic on the subject of the Catholic press."

"What did he say to that?"

[illegible] He [illegible] you know. But sometimes he gets funny on the subject."

"On the subject of the Catholic press [illegible]"

"Well, he classes Catholics who don't want to read Catholic literature as members of the I. L. L. C."

"The what club?"

"The I. L. L. C. [illegible] who can't find anything of interest in a Catholic paper, because they can't appreciate that about which they don't know very much. The Indifferent who don't care to inform [illegible] anything about that which they don't love and the [illegible] who are nervously irritated with the effects of the [illegible] by sensual, sexual or other poisonous reading they cannot [illegible]

[illegible] Fran, in which of those classes are you [illegible] Uhn uhn, don't tell me. Let me guess. Come on. We've dawdled so, walking home, we'll be late for dinner, and Mother's making popovers. Let's rush."

Diocesan Recordings

Over the telephone in the mail and by word of mouth [illegible] Catholic [illegible] to Bishop Kearney's [illegible] [illegible] the Catholic Press [illegible] as read a letter from George J. Frank of Newark in Reader's Opinion elsewhere in this issue.

The Catholic Courier staff extends [illegible] thanks for such strong encouragement. [illegible] work [illegible] right leadership [illegible] Bishop O'Hern Memorial [illegible] position in the Best [illegible] ago the [illegible] to be disbanded. Rochester again beats Buffalo. [illegible] membership of the [illegible] Knights of St. John Regiments, Rochester Regiment has 1,500 members, Buffalo 912. The best reason for being active in Catholic lay organizations [illegible] was expressed at the Knights of St. John degree Sunday. Responding for the [illegible] James D'Amico of Mt. Carmel Commandery recalled that the former pastor of Mt. Carmel Church, now Bishop of Syracuse, always ended his talks [illegible] with these words: Keep the Faith. [illegible] that admonition that Catholic organizations exist. [illegible] participation means [illegible] the faith.

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In the secular news: Prominent business men reported [illegible] birth prevention [illegible] injustices exist which [illegible]

In a democratic [illegible] seems to exist for [illegible] sports. The Roman Catholic Church is headed [illegible] New York [illegible] the one great power for bringing peace to the world. The Holy Father's stand [illegible] it was in the recent [illegible] but many would not [illegible] It is heartening to [illegible] Pope's leadership is being recognized. If our nation must rise to the moral and spiritual level on which the Pope of Rome stands today, the [illegible] of pagan practices, [illegible] birth control, so-called mercy killings, divorce and so on [illegible], must be eliminated from the American way of living.

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[illegible] has been developed by the Religious Discussion Club program. Knowledge [illegible] plain it to others [illegible] from the practice of explaining by word of mouth, and of course, good example.