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The CATHOLIC COURIER has the most scientific 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 he is reading in his church throughout the world as to rely upon unreliable sources of information or even to seek an information source. Let us have a brief slogan: "The CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home."  
— JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester

## Memento Homo!

Ash Wednesday greets us with this important message, "Memento homo!" Remember, man! Remember what? The joy of living, the hope of advancement, the pride of ownership? The power of position, the attainment of reward, the assurance of a competency? No! Not any of these are you now called on to remember!  
"Memento homo, quia pulvis es!" Remember man, that thou art dust! It is in remembering that will promote humility, it is in remembering that will blow away the will-o-the-wisp of pride, it is in remembering that will surround us back to fundamental truths. From the dust of the earth we came through the creative act of God. Only that creative act could differentiate us from the remaining world of dust. Only that creative act could build up our body in all the wonders of its physical fitness and beauty, fit to be the dwelling place of the soul that would make man live and know and enjoy the Creator and the things He created. Shall the dust rise up against the God Who gave it form? Shall man yearn to be like God, knowing good and evil? Shall man sit against His Creator? Man has turned against His Creator, has sinned through misuse of His free will, has offended God.  
"Et in pulvrem revertetur!" And into dust thou shalt return! By one man, Adam, sin came into the world, and through sin, death. In him and in their own willfulness, all men have sinned. Through him and his sin, death has come upon all men.  
A salutary thought, a timely warning, for the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, God's goodness brought us out of the dust into being; man's wickedness has brought us back into the dust from which we came. The blessed ashes that are placed on our forehead by priestly hands next Wednesday are a blessed reminder of our origin and of our destiny. God's mercy is above all His works, and the power of His Resurrection shall come more at the last day bring back for eternal life our bodies from the dust into which they shall have fallen. His mercy means our redemption when we co-operate with it. Sorrows for sin, and works of prayer and penance, show our desire to co-operate with Him. Our Lenten practice should be undertaken in a penitential spirit, in a spirit of happy union with the will of God, buttressed by the ever-present warning of Ash Wednesday's ceremonial—"Remember man, that thou art dust, and into dust thou shalt return."

## Echoes Of The Crusade

From the tale of the zealous Crusader who on his own secured 60 subscriptions to the COURIER, to the record of the four Pastors who have arranged for a 100% coverage for their parishes, many happy echoes of a fast and strenuous Crusade still sound in our ears.  
From the members of the Priests' Committee and from the Sisters come many stories of the earnestness with which priest and people in the various parishes have carried on the Crusade. Into every home the Crusaders have gone. Bishop Kearney's message had been borne to them to every prospect. The work is over now for a year in all the parishes save those which have no schools. A little extension of time is given them to enable more members to be reached.  
The best help a Crusader can have is the word of a satisfied reader. This word can be given at any time, is not restricted to the time of the Crusade. The COURIER asks its readers to tell their friends of the esteem in which they hold their diocesan newspaper.  
A permanent Committee of Priests made up of those who have served so well in the present Crusade, has been formed to aid the COURIER by their good advice to the staff, their sending in of news from their parishes, their suggestions on editorials, their willingness to inquire into any cause of complaint and seek a solution for difficulties that may arise. With all the energy of the permanent Committee, all the enthusiasm of the successful Crusade, all the support of the subscribers, the COURIER offers another opportunity to serve the

## Mirror Reflections

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

The interest of men and women in the open faces of a mirror is not a new thing. I was told that the Metropolitan museum, during the last year, had had a display of the most interesting of these mirrors. These mirrors, which were made in the days of the Renaissance, were made of a material which was so transparent that one could see through them as if they were not there. The most interesting of these mirrors was one which was made in the days of the Renaissance. It was made of a material which was so transparent that one could see through them as if they were not there. The most interesting of these mirrors was one which was made in the days of the Renaissance. It was made of a material which was so transparent that one could see through them as if they were not there.

## The Understood Not

It is not easy to live over the thoughts and feelings of the twelve men who were Apostles of Jesus Christ. Only a few details of the origin and early life of most of them are known to us. We know they were poor men, men without schooling, weak men; but we know too that there was something about each one of them that led the Master to surround them to follow Him. What a destiny was theirs! To be the daily companions of the Saviour, to be called of Him to assist in His ministry, to listen to His words and behold His good works and be witnesses of His miracles. It was not easy to change these men of the world into spiritual men, it was not a simple thing to cleanse their love for the Saviour of all earthly dross. They still included an earthly reign and a glorious restoration of the Kingdom of Israel, in their picture of Christ's career. They needed Christ's further work, they needed the lesson of Christ's suffering and death, to convert them entirely to the life of the spirit that they were to live.

## Quote-End Quote

Outstanding citizens of Rochester were interviewed by Mercedes Semeroff, publisher of Our Lady of Mercy High School.  
First of a series of programs to be sponsored by the Catholic Extension Guild of Auburn was broadcast over Station WMBU. First speaker was Gerard Knight Francis C. O'Neil of Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus.  
It doesn't seem fair it is hard to make friends after forty but you can make enemies as long as you can talk Baltimore Sun.

## Embezzled Heaven

By REV. BENEDICT EHMANN

Embezzled Heaven. By Franz Werfel. Franz Werfel is not a religious author. His style is too realistic and too cynical for the impatient reader. The plots of his novels at least of his recent ones do not run along directly but are counterpointed with one, or even two, secondary narratives.  
Yet the quality of Werfel's genius is too strong to be followed by a mere story. There is a fullness and power and success about his novel which make them stand head and shoulders above the general fiction of the day. They are not only good but they are also great. They are not only good but they are also great. They are not only good but they are also great. They are not only good but they are also great.

## Along The Way

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## Order Please! Order!

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

Order Please! Order! The world is in a state of confusion. There is a need for order, for a sense of direction. We need to know where we are going, we need to know what we are doing. We need to know what our purpose is, we need to know what our duty is. We need to know what our God is, we need to know what our faith is. We need to know what our hope is, we need to know what our love is. We need to know what our life is, we need to know what our death is. We need to know what our heaven is, we need to know what our hell is. We need to know what our God is, we need to know what our faith is. We need to know what our hope is, we need to know what our love is. We need to know what our life is, we need to know what our death is. We need to know what our heaven is, we need to know what our hell is.

## Five Years Ago

—In the files of the CATHOLIC COURIER  
From Feb. 20, 1936, Edition  
That promotion of mission activities during the Negroes of America was the expressed wish of the Rev. J. O'Connell, Director of the Negroes of America, in an interview given the CATHOLIC COURIER.

## Selected

Selected. A young convert friend of mine living in the South was offered a position teaching in a Baptist school. Naturally the authorities were worried about her religion and as they discussed the matter of her accepting the post they said clearly "of course you will not disseminate Catholic propaganda among our students."  
She has herself regarded as a new kind of fifth columnist or maybe a very, very old kind indeed. Then said the school head "And as a member of our faculty you will, needless to say, have to avoid public sin."  
As the girl has been trying her level best to live her life as she goes to Holy Communion every day and strives to give a fairly good example this started her a little. So she asked "Precisely what do you mean by public sin?"  
And said her "On dancing picture shows smoking and drinking, even Catholics should know the definition of sin."  
The prospective teacher left feeling the job was not for her. It was a school in which too many things of too many kinds were grouped under the head of wrong-doing.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics  
B. M. MAURRAY

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Right Rev. Mgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoven  
Editor-in-Chief, Catholic Action of the South

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