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and even those in the community to insure a steady stream of letters to those boys who are making sacrifices even now that those at home will be assured adequate defense in these times of world strife.

A Diocesan Observance

Educators, scholars, missionaries—in whatever capacity, the Church needs them—the members of the Society of Jesus have been and are ready to answer the call.

Present members of the Society of Jesus are commemorating, this year, the 400th anniversary of their order's founding.

The glorious achievements of the Jesuit Order are too vast to comment upon in a limited space.

"Now everyone knows that in the number of these Saints, Ignatius of Loyola has a glorious place. Like other Saints in other times of stress, God called upon St. Ignatius and his Society to face errors of that time.

"We know that your Society since its origin has always dedicated itself with all its forces to the defense of the integrity of the Catholic faith against all errors.

"In all its fields of activity, whoever should glance, even hurriedly, through your annals would find an abundance of events worthy of being written in letters of gold in the records of the Church.

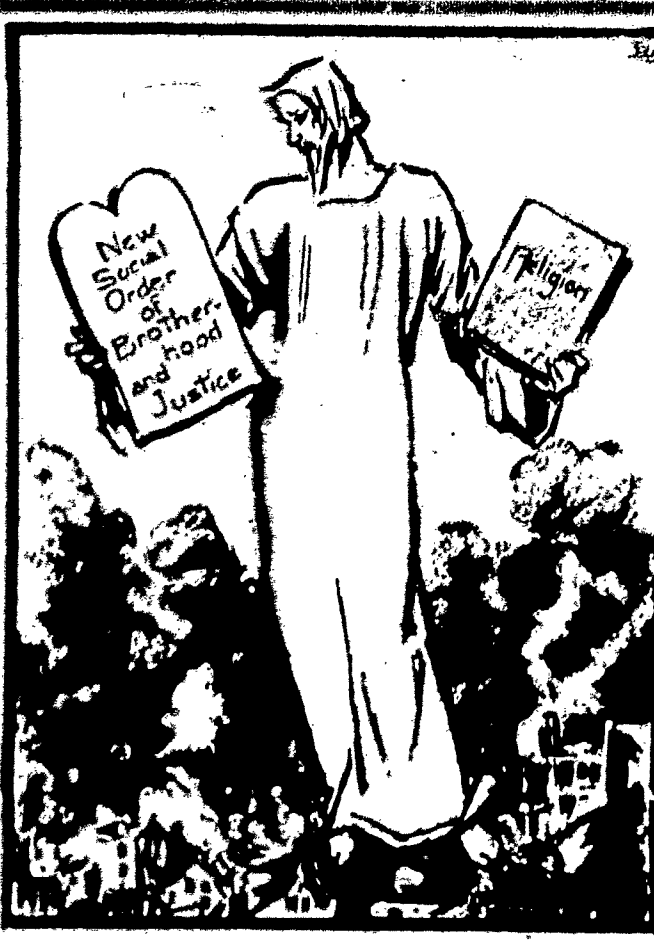
"It is here that come to our mind the names of such glorious Saints as Peter Canalis and Robert Bellarmine, whom our immediate predecessor proclaimed Doctors of the Church and who, with wisdom of words and writings, confused deniers of Christian Doctrine; the names of Peter Claver, John Francis Regis and Francesco de Geronimo, who with enlightened zeal and untiring work brought men in uncountable numbers back to Christ or to a life more conforming to Catholic Faith.

"Nor were legions of martyrs lacking in your Society, many of the members of which after having spread and defended the Catholic Faith in almost all regions of the world also shed their blood for their religion."

It is in memory of these men of God of whom His Holiness tells us highly of their noble deeds that the Pontifical Services will take place Sunday.

Bishop Kearney officiating, a noted Jesuit Father will preach the sermon and young men singers of a noted Jesuit Institution of learning will render special music for the Mass. A fitting tribute to an illustrious Religious Order's great achievements is thus arranged.

PEACE AIMS



Lord, to whom shall we go? Not even on fast days does God forsake the words of eternal life to us who expect us to carry a worried look or wrinkled brow.

We Think of Food

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

The dining car waiter flourished the butter, a large second pat, before he detected it expertly to my not as yet emptied butter dish.

For over me rushed a sudden realization that, as I sat there (with that extra pat of butter symbolizing American luxury) there are millions who are literally starving to death all over the world.

Only once in my life did I know what it meant to be hungry. That was when I was going through the siege of typhoid at Florissant.

I used to lie in bed. I was twenty-five at the time—and dream of dinner. I ordered imaginary meals that made Lucullus look like a starving Armenian.

When we had fallen to the regions of one hundred and ten pounds—our appetites were gargantuan. We ate through the regular dinner; then sat down when the rest of the community left the dining hall, and ate another meal.

So when today the National Committee on Food for the Small Democracies write me their noble purpose to get food to the starving nations under Hitler's heel, I'm all for it.

When a young lady is honest, kind and popular her social problems sometimes assume surprising proportions.

An important play was visiting their city and Youth Number 1 called up. "How about taking your" he asked. "And she agreed happily enough.

He came, flourishing tickets for the play. They went, the saying nothing about her first seeing of the show since she had to spoil his triumph in getting the tickets.

She isn't very happy about it all though it is pleasant to be popular.

American Education

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

One in a while some brave person takes it into his head to criticize American public school education. Such a one needs all the courage he can muster, because the public school system is a kind of fetish.

One of the bold brave persons who have been telling the American people some salutory truths about the American system of education is Dr. Mortimer Adler of Chicago University.

But Dr. Adler has branched out. He does not confine his activities to the classroom or the college lecturing. He secured a book called "How to Read a Book." To me it is a minor miracle that such a book became so tremendously popular.

Next Wednesday is the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena. A celestial wheel who might list her with this entry.

Catherine of Siena, a Neapolitan, died July 24, 1380, at the age of 33. She was a mystic, a philosopher, a saint, and a reformer.

Last Monday's paper had a picture of Oscar Levant being his Eastman camera wearing an awful "scorpion" and telling his fans that he was having him down against the ropes.

I cannot help remembering George Bernard Shaw's comment that he met at the end of his Saint Jean, asking the man when it will be worthy of his saints.

That the Holy Name Society was doing significant work in the field of Catholic action was told by Archbishop Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, to 400 delegates to the Penn Yan convention of the Diocesan Holy Name Union.

That the Holy Name Society is to inculcate reverence for God and the name of God, and to draw its members closer to Christ through the frequent reception of Holy Communion.

Knights of Columbus in Geneva demonstrated the progress made by the public speaking class at the regular meeting of Geneva Council.

Denial of a current belief that the student in a Catholic college devotes his time to the study of religion to the detriment of other subjects considered more practical in the world, was made by Dean John R. Wilkinson, Niagara University at Rochester, in a talk to Rochester Knights of Columbus.

PAGE MY PASTOR

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

Painful Separation

"Fran, have you ever seen anything so violently tempting as these cruise circulars? Let's chuck everything and go on one of them."

"How did you happen to pick that place?"

"Our pastor had a visit last night and brought along a little old priest, a masonary from Guatemala who was on his way back to his home in Guatemala."

"He was really surprising, Fran. The number of Catholics who claim to be faithful followers of Christ and yet they'll always grumble and criticize when the pastor asks for assistance and help for some direly needed work for Our Lord."

"It really is you know, practically all tourists who go there take the boat at New Orleans and in Louisiana they have a sales-tax system of tokens worth only one-tenth of a cent."

"Well, the good padre had been gathering up the tokens out of his collection boxes and he came to the States with a bagful thinking he had something to convert into real money to bring back to his impoverished flock."

"What a rotten trick to play on the poor old man!"

"I've often noticed that Protestants and Jews are much more generous in giving to their churches and works of religion than the Catholics. Why do you suppose that is Fran?"

Diocesan Recordings

That here is a body of Catholic laymen especially devoted to their country and concerned with its welfare. The degree in Rochester will have a diocesan-wide character as all candidates will come from assemblies in this diocese.

Hearty congratulations to Branch 62 of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association with headquarters at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester. The branch is celebrating its Golden Jubilee and its record in the LCBA over fifty years is one of which they can be justly proud.

Things to look forward to for the girls in the diocesan offices, the coming of those good looking young men in the Portham Gleec Club for the concert Monday, for the boys, with grandmothers, opening day on May 1 in Red Wing Stadium.

Cues and Clues

By REV. BENEDICT EHMANN

"I am a Catholic!" In the unfortunate confusion of mind all around us today, a man or woman who admits this is set down as a sectarian of a pretty narrow kind, dominated by priests and ridden by superstitions.

But it is a name of honor. In claiming it of himself a man professes to belong to that religion which is loyal to the faith teaching of Christ, and which by divine power, is spread throughout the world.

Anyone who is curious to discover what this life is sought to read Archbishop Goodier's "The Inner Life of the Catholic," or Mr. Frank Sheed's "A Map of Life."

Discouraged people everywhere are searching for a center of unity, a rallying point of courage and strength. Oxford Groups, or Unity, or the I. A. M. in their various ways these are attempts to find and to express an affirmation of self in relation to the world around us.

If our faith is to be of this calibre, we must love our fellow. But we cannot love what we do not know. We cannot know our religion unless we personally do some learning. This comes by hearing and by reading. The opportunity for hearing is given in pulpit and radio sermons, and in discussion clubs; but the state of pulpit preaching is admittedly in need of reform, radio sermons are not properly listened to, and discussion clubs have a lot of growing up to do.

This throws a heavy burden on reading. Wise spiritual guides have always recommended that at least ten or fifteen minutes each day ought to be given by everyone to reading for the soul. Even when our hearing opportunities ideally fine, there would still be a place for meditative reading, first because reading is so personal and intimate, and, therefore, compelling and sacred, because reading is our way to the great souls of the past.

"The book" were the words of the children's game when Augustine heard over the garden wall. "Take and read." They helped each day ought to be given by everyone to reading for the soul.

I recommend the following books from the Catholic Book Library:

Roosevelt Wedding

The Church which would not approve of a marriage approved the second of one divorced, who had been married before, then that would be a sin will not happen.

It is here that come to our mind the names of such glorious Saints as Peter Canalis and Robert Bellarmine, whom our immediate predecessor proclaimed Doctors of the Church and who, with wisdom of words and writings, confused deniers of Christian Doctrine.

It is in memory of these men of God of whom His Holiness tells us highly of their noble deeds that the Pontifical Services will take place Sunday.

But I did not know anything about Mr. Roosevelt's first marriage, wasn't particularly interested in it, knew he was divorced, but all I know about it was what I read in the papers.

Many honest Protestants wonder too how a man could marry a divorced man, and why because it was put off 'until after the war' and the rest of the hoop in the papers.

Protestants and the ill-informed Catholics will be happy to note that the Church holds a Protestant marriage as Mr. Roosevelt's first one, in fact, it is a true and indissoluble marriage.

The Catholic Church will not change its teaching for any person on earth. Least of all will it change them to meet public favor or to prevent uncharitable gossip."

That Letter From Home. "That Call" highlights the days for boys in the training camps or on the ship. The day is laid down which comes to a fellow in contact when there is no letter, not even a card from home, for him, cannot be too careful unless it is experienced.

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