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The Rosary For Peace

Bishop Kearney has passed on to his people the invitation of the Holy Father to make October a time of special prayer for peace. The devotion has been given that in every church the evening hours will be dedicated to the recitation of the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament exposed to the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

The Rosary of the faithful will advance on October 1st, the feast of the Most Holy Rosary. During those October evenings, when the rosary is recited, the Lord's Prayer will be said, the Lord's Prayer will be said, the Lord's Prayer will be said.

Our Chaplains
As we pray for our country, for its leaders and its people, that God may protect them from the ravages of war, let us not forget the zealous Chaplains who are volunteering to go into the Army and Navy to minister to soldiers and sailors serving under the flag.

Monsignor Schellhorn
The Diocese of Rochester loses another of its jewels in the death of Monsignor Schellhorn. A long life of service to his God and to his people came to an end with his passing on Tuesday of this week. His last few years of life were spent in retirement, but still his life was a life of prayer and devotion.

Few Are Chosen
Christ came to save all men: Christ came to save the Jewish people. They were the chosen race, the race from whom the Redeemer was sprung: to them first went the invitation to enter the Church of Jesus Christ. They had advantages denied to other peoples. They knew the Old Testament, the prophecies that foretold the circumstances of time and place that would mark the coming of Christ. They knew that the fullness of time was when Christ should appear. They were invited to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, which here means the Church of Christ. Many were called: all who were of the Jews: few were chosen, that is, accepted as members of Christ's Church. All could have accepted Christ's call: all could have made themselves chosen. Only a few did so. They entered into the marriage feast, they partook of the good things Christ had prepared for them in His Church.

Selected
The propaganda of the war lords will pass away and men will forget that they were told. But the motherhood of Mary given to John at the Grotto will pass as long as men walk the earth. She will always be watching and listening for the word of God. And she will give us peace, before the coming of the Lord. We can have it now. If we have it, we have it. If we have it, we have it. If we have it, we have it.

Five Years Ago--
In the files of the CATHOLIC COURIER
From Thursday, Oct. 1, 1936, Edition
Wider publication of Papal pronouncements and encyclicals throughout the world was urged by Frank A. Hall, NCWC News Service Director, in addressing the closing session of the International Congress of the Catholic Press at Vatican City. Director Hall expressed appreciation to the Secretariat of State for making these important documents more readily available for Catholic press use in the United States.

Feast Days
Sunday, Oct. 6--ST. PLOTINUS
Monday, Oct. 7--ST. BRUNO
Tuesday, Oct. 8--HOLY ROSARY
Wednesday, Oct. 9--ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN
Thursday, Oct. 10--ST. DENIS AND COMPANIONS
Friday, Oct. 11--ST. FRANCIS BOURGEOIS
Saturday, Oct. 12--MATER DOLOROSA OF OUR LADY

in the Blessed Sacrament and of the love for the Saviour that brings men and women and children close to His Sacred Heart. The other things pass away, but this remains. The other things are blots on the history of men: this tells of men who are fulfilling the purpose of their being by drawing near to Christ.

What an atmosphere of devotion pervades the stately temple in which the Forty Hours Procession is taking place! From the altar, throne, with its surroundings of bright twinkling lights and of graceful buds and flowers, amid the sweet odors of incense and the solemn harmonization of the Pange Lingua, Our Lord in the Eucharist is borne by the Celebrant through the aisles of the church. Crossbearer and acolytes, Knights of St. John in their churchly dress, members of the Ladies Auxiliary in their bright uniforms, the little children bearing their offerings of flowers for their Saviour, priests with their lighted candles, precede as a Guard of Honor the Celebrant and his Assistant Deacons as they bear the Monstrance under its canopy, with slow and measured tread, each aisle is traversed, while heads of God's own men and women and children are bowed in silent adoration. Troubled about many things in their hours at home and at work, like Martha of old; they are now convinced that but one thing is necessary, and with Mary, they choose the better part: they give themselves to kneeling at the feet of Christ in the Eucharist, and in their faith in Him and their trust in Him and in their love for Him, they forget all else. Year after year they look forward to this taste of Heaven, and each year finds some of their number translated from the heaven in church to the Church in heaven!

Oh, solemnly has the invocation of God's angels and saints been chanted before the altar; earnestly has their intercession been sought for their brethren on earth; confidently has the power of Christ in His birth, life, sufferings, death, resurrection and ascension, in His sending of the Holy Ghost, been called upon to free us from all evil. Then before the final Benediction the celebrant prays for all civil and religious authorities, for the benefactors of the parish, for the living and deceased members.

Things cannot be all wrong in the world when the faith of Jesus Christ is so openly and so firmly expressed by the devout congregations that crowd our churches during the Forty Hours Devotion. Christ in the Eucharist is our Emmanuel, God with us. Blessed be the faith that makes us one with Him, members of His Church, partakers of His blessings, which come to us in so great abundance through the Blessed Sacrament! It is this that makes of us a prayerful people.

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PAGE MY PASTOR

By Right Rev. Mgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoven
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WHY GO TO MASS?

Frances and Mercedes walked home after seeing the Moviephone picture, "The Perpetual Sacrifice."
"I think, Cedic, it was a clever trick of the pastor to have induced the management of our neighborhood theater to show that picture without his giving it any publicity."
"Do you think it'll prove a paying venture for three days, Fran?"
"Well, tonight was the second night, and you saw the crowds, Cedic!"
"Yes; and what surprised me most was the interest of the audience. They all seemed absorbed."
"Who wouldn't be? The staging is perfect, the setting good, the music splendid, and the theme most impressive."
"I grant you all that, Fran; but still it's a 100 per cent religious subject and a story as old as the hills."
"And you might just say so to most Catholics, somewhat stale and tedious."
"That's exactly my thought, Fran. That's the reason I was so amazed that the crowd sat through it with such reverent absorption."
"Tell me, Cedic, weren't you held spellbound? And why?"
"To tell you the truth, Fran, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass never before impressed me in its full meaning in every detail as it was enacted tonight on the screen."
"That's just it, Cedic. The great majority of the Catholics who were there had their eyes opened wide to the beauties and the great meaning of the Mass, and the non-Catholics, who always wonder and speculate as to what we believe, especially in reference to the Holy Eucharist, had a chance to understand and realize our principal belief."
"Tell me this, then, Fran: why was I never impressed so vividly with the meaning of this Sacred Mystery?"
"That's very easily explained, because it's the case of many; many Catholics spend their entire lives studying their Catholicism when they make their first solemn Communion. At that age, the mind is too young to grasp things. They start to live their Catholic life without ever grasping the meaning of the Catholicism, and they grow to know less and less as the years go on, unless--"
"Wait a minute, Fran. Why don't the priests instruct us more often through their sermons when we're older?"
"Now, Cedic, I didn't expect that retort from an intelligent girl. I ask you, how can you priests, in their short sermons on Sunday mornings, even begin to explain the hundreds of Catholic beliefs and practices that we ought to know and understand thoroughly as intelligent Catholics?"
"All right, then, the whole affair looks hopeless and hopeless to me, no wonder we have so much religious ignorance among Catholics."
"Cedic! Where's your intelligence tonight? You don't expect a lawyer, or a doctor, or even a mechanic, to be proficient in his profession or trade right after he graduates? You know you don't!"
"No, I realize that perfectly, it."

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"Did you just say something about things being hopeless and impossible to follow in this life, Fran? In that case tonight, the greatest profession there is in this world is our Catholic faith, and the principles for learning and practicing it are available as for any other profession. No study or reading for a doctor after he finishes school will make him an ignorant, unpendable doctor, no study or reading for a Catholic after he makes his first Communion will make him a poor and ignorant Catholic!"
"Well, how can a Catholic become versed in his religion, if the priest hasn't sufficient time to give the right kind of instruction on Sunday mornings and--"
"Darling, the answer's in the opening gun of our argument. Remember? It's achieved by going to lectures and special sermons, by following instruction and joining study clubs and above all, by self-development through reading."
"Yes, but all that's not easy, Fran, you have to give time to it."
"I grant that, Cedic, but the question to be answered by you and me, and by any other Catholic, is this: Is it worth it? Are the inconveniences and sacrifices worth our eternal salvation?"
"Oh, there you go again, Fran; it isn't as serious as all that!"
"Isn't it, Cedic? Well, if it isn't, then our whole religion is a joke. Take that graphic explanation of the Mass which we witnessed tonight the Holy Eucharist is the most precious, the most touching gift that an Eternal, Almighty God could bestow upon His creature. He, His divine mercy, goodness and kindness, considers it as such. And how is this immense favor from heaven appreciated by the average Catholic?"
"All right, Fran, I'm the dust beneath your chariot wheels. Judging by the indifferent, unappreciative attitude of most Catholics in this Mass, they are not to be much interested in what's going on at the altar!"
"Now then, Cedic, don't you think such behavior must anger God, Who was so kind and generous to us in the great blessing of the Holy Sacrifice?"
"Yes, if you analyze it that way, I suppose it will have something to do with eternal salvation, but I don't see it that way."
"That's only one item, Cedic, and there are plenty of other ways in which we can irritate God through our willful ignorance of anything. I'm glad this discussion came up, Cedic, for I have been racking my poor brain with the problem of what to get you for your birthday next week. So I thought I'd give you a nice, leather-bound missal, in English, with a super-explanatory notes on how to follow the Mass with devotion, interest and benefit."

Sisters' Names

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

Time was when the family names of nuns were a dark, occult secret. That was of course, before a number of factors entered in to make nuns confess their full and family name. For instance, there are the universally-sung schools. When first the nuns of a school, the poor registrar found himself faced with a dozen or so Sister Mary Jones and perhaps a score of nuns all listed as Sister Mary Dolores. Then in recent years the amalgamation of various communities into large national or international orders--the Ursulines, Mercuries, for example--meant that these orders found themselves with a Sister Mary Xavier in New York and Chicago and New Orleans and Philadelphia, not to mention way stations. So now it's the most matter-of-fact thing for nuns to confess their family names. But in my youth...

Along The Way
Well, once in a while some girl would through some grapevine learn the family name of one of the Sisters. Promptly the news spread through the school like a flame. "Sister Mary Rita's real name is Kelly." "Sister Mary Joan's name is Smith." And all the youngsters looked at the nun with newly awakened interest. She was no longer an anonymous person hidden under a holy alias. She had a family name like the youngsters own; and what's more, the kids knew it. And if in addition they had the great good luck to find her first given name, to learn that Sister Mary Rita was really a girl named Helen and Sister Mary Regis had by her playmates been called Nellie, the excitement around the school was intense.

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