

OUR PRO-CATHEDRAL CELEBRATES

All the diocese has an interest in its principal church, its Pro-Cathedral. It is a church for the parish of the Sacred Heart, but it is also a church for all the diocese.

The Gothic tradition guided Archbishop Huey and Monsignor Burns as they translated their vision into the grand Cathedral Church we have today.

To loyalty and love to our Chief Shepherd, the eyes of our mind look beyond our own parish church, our own hallowed altar, to the church which houses him, to the altar at which he offers Holy Mass for us to the throne at which he presides.

Rightly then do all members of the great religious family, which is the diocese, join with Bishop Kearney and with Monsignor Burns in joyful observance of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the founding of Sacred Heart Parish.

MARY'S GREAT FEAST

First fruits of the Redemption were shown in the spotless creation of the soul of Mary, preserved from original sin by the foreseer of the Redeemer.

With the immaculate Conception, with Mary's exalted place in the plan of the Redemption, goes the mystery of her Assumption into Heaven. Sublime and beautiful were her soul and body.

Instantly we turn to Mary on the great feast of her Immaculate Conception to rejoice with her in her wonderful privilege. We are her children we love her for all that God has made her for all that she has been in the life of the Savior.

LEGIONAIRES, AWAKE!

The Legion of Decency is not a dead letter, but a living organization of men and women who stand for the things that are worth while.

Each succeeding year finds its members renewing the solemn pledge to condemn indecent movies, to stay away from them and from places that persist in showing them.

Certain movie producers longing for the salacious and impure shows of a few years ago, have broken out of late with a series of pictures that have met with instant condemnation.

Protests of members of the Legion of Decency have had their effect on the "Two-Faced Woman," and on "No Greater Sin."

The approaching renewal of our pledge of the Legion of Decency will stir up within us a sense of our responsibility to protect ourselves and others against immorality.

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QUERIES and REPLIES

Why Should Christ Establish a Church At All?

The span of life granted to any individual is at best only of brief duration. If Christ intended the fruits of His mission to be accessible to all men down to the end of time, the most appropriate way to secure this end would be the institution of a society acting after His departure with His authority and continuing His work of teaching, guiding, and sanctifying mankind.

Before leaving them to return to Heaven, He commissioned them to establish a religious society, conferred on them His own authority, and made them His personal representatives to all men of all ages.

The early Christians look upon the society thus established as the agency through which Christ continues His work upon earth. Heresy and schism are held by them in horror. To them the authority of the Church is identical with the authority of Christ and the voice of the Church is the voice of Christ.

The Church is for them the continued presence of Christ among men. Through the Church His voice echoes down the corridors of time, the springs of His grace continue to flow and His hand to direct all men unto salvation.

The Church shares the attributes of Christ because it represents Christ in person. Its teachings are characterized by the same authority and finality which belong to the personal teachings of Christ because the Church is Christ's own way of continuing His work and perpetuating His presence among men until the end of the world.

Diocesan Recordings

THE MOVIE SITUATION

The lady in the See City had two motion picture assignments this week.

First Catholic men and women were called upon to shun the showing of "Two-Faced Woman" in a downtown theater.

The film was classified as "C" or condemned by the National Legion of Decency. This fact was called to the attention of the faithful by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

Second to demonstrate that the backers of the Legion of Decency mean to support approved films as well as to remain away from those objectionable, the lady was called upon to see "The Story of the Vatican."

"The Story of the Vatican" opening in Rochester at the Little Theater, Dec. 6, furnishes opportunity for all the faithful to "visit" the Vatican. The film is recommended by the Bishop.

Sponsoring the Vatican film is the Knights of Columbus High School children and college students are being particularly impressed with the opportunity to learn about the Holy See.

In the matter of "C" films, no one who has meant the pledge taken of the Legion of Decency would be seen entering the theater showing such a film.

There may be a few who think it the smart thing to do. They are

STRANGE BUT TRUE Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

Advertisement for 'The PEN in ST. PETER'S DOME' featuring a portrait of Cardinal Richelieu and text about the dome's length and historical facts.

Along The Way

That Sense Of Humor

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

A sense of humor is a queer thing. Or to put it another way, One man's wit is another man's person.

Two friends of mine of almost exactly the same age were constantly joshing each other about which of them would live the longer. Finally one of them was taken to the hospital for a most successful operation for his appendix.

The patient in bed looked his amazement. Finally the laughter recovered long enough to triumph. "I've beat you! Yip! Yip! eat you!" Now I'm sure to live longer than you will. I've heard that a major operation takes five years off your life so you've handed me a five-year handicap.

And he roared with laughter again. Odd, but the fellow in bed still couldn't see what was so funny about that.

P. S. Major operations DON'T necessarily take even a few months off your life. That's in case you might have started to worry.

Natural Confusion

A man with the name of Lord can sympathize with a man like

Commissioner Moses. As for inquiring when a Sister recently asked a crowd of New York children a simple question out of Bible History:

"Moses," she said, "was a great Jewish leader. Can any of you tell us one thing he did?" A hand shot up. "He built the Belt Parkway around Brooklyn," replied the triumphant child.

Big Hotels

My friend, the manager of a really big hotel was talking about their expenses and intake. Perhaps the figures may interest you, for they explain why hotel rates may sometimes seem high and why the profit on the hotel business isn't making many millionaires in this land of ours.

The year's salary roll in the hotel runs \$1,250,000. Improvements in the course of a decade run \$20,000 when they installed radios in all the rooms that cost them \$20,000, annual breakage \$20,000, the new carpet for the corridors of the convention and parlor floor \$20,000, air-conditioning the lobby and dining halls, \$75,000 to operate an elevator, 10 cents per mile, not including labor costs.

The intake on a big hotel runs something like this: Rooms, per year, \$300,000; restaurant meals, \$700,000; drinks, \$750,000. So during the days when prohibition was in effect, hotels were all in the red. The liquor bills pull most of them slightly out. But when to the salary roll is added the cost of equipment, upkeep, food and drink bought for the restaurant, interest on bonded debts, etc., you can see that running a hotel is a risky business and by no means the equivalent of a gold mine.

If you buy stock in a hotel maybe you'll be just as wise to take your interest out in room and board.

Rockefeller's Church

The guardian at the gate of Rockefeller's famous Baptist Church on Riverside Drive, regarded the two visiting nuns with frank surprise. She was not used to seeing two women in Catholic habits in Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick's Church. But they were architecture-hunting, not religious-bound, so when they asked to go out in the tower the guardian met the situation bravely.

"For ordinary visitors," she explained, "there is a slight charge. But there is no charge for the ladies of the cloth."

Going up in the elevator the sisters learned how broadly expensive a Protestant Church can be. Said the elevator man who was also by way of being a guide:

"This is an Interdenominational Church with a Baptist Background."

And strong overtones of Catholic Gothic, with a notable lack of that altar and tabernacle and Living Presence that makes Gothic significant.

Feast Days

- Sunday, Dec. 7.—ST. AMBROSE. Monday, Dec. 8.—THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Tuesday, Dec. 9.—ST. LEONARD. Wednesday, Dec. 10.—ST. MELCHIADES. Thursday, Dec. 11.—ST. DAMASUS. Friday, Dec. 12.—OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE. Saturday, Dec. 13.—ST. LUCY.

First Little Boy: I forgot to ask you to my picnic party tomorrow. Second Little Boy: Too late now. I've prayed for a blizzard.