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The CATHOLIC COURIER has no more enthusiastic approval... The CATHOLIC COURIER should be read in every Catholic home...

JAMES F. KEARNEY, Bishop of New York

TO CANONIZE CARDINAL NEWMAN

The first step has been taken looking to the canonization of Cardinal John Henry Newman. It is not the official beginning of the process of canonization...

Cardinal Newman makes an appeal that takes in all classes. The lowly and the leaders among men are his followers. The learned and the un-schooled are in his debt for inspiration and for education...

It took all the courage of a saint to leave the Anglican Communion for the Roman Catholic Church under the conditions that faced John Henry Newman. It took all the holy patience of a Job to suffer patiently...

The permanent recognition of a saintly way of life through the canonization of Cardinal Newman would serve to renew again the face of his example and the sweet humanity of his soul...

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS

For all its readers, all its supporters, benefactors, and friends, the COURIER expresses today its best wishes for a Merry Christmas. There are conditions that surround our feast this year that will detract for all of us from the spontaneity and the carefree gaiety...

Still we keep our Christmas holidays! Still we observe Christ's Birthday in love and joy! Clear is our conscience of any desire to bring evil to other nations, other individuals...

This Christmas should find us more thoughtful, more serious, more prayerful. The spiritual meaning of the Feast should impress us more than it has in past years. The world must be given back to Christ!

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS

Our country calls on us for help in meeting the heavy expense of our defense program. Participation in this work is not confined to the men of wealth, but must take in our workmen and women, even the poor among us...

Purchase of these Defense Stamps will help us to realize how much the responsibility for our country's welfare rests upon its citizens. We are not slaves of the State, we are not vassals; we are active, free, respected units in a great nation...

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STRANGE BUT TRUE Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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Along The Way

No Birthday Anniversary

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

It is just twenty-five years since Mrs. Margaret Sanger opened the first birth-control clinic in the United States and started the country along the road down which birth-controlling France was already tobogganing.

Recently in New York, in case you missed it, the silver jubilee of the conspiracy to end births while eliminating self-control found the triumphant BCers with 620 active BC centers in the United States.

But they celebrated their triumphs in a sacred sort of fashion.

Reported "Time": "Because of this success, the Birth Controllers have rechartered their course, turned fertilization. Worried by the long-trend fall of the birthrate, they dropped their old cry of 'limited families'...

Now Mrs. Sanger has a real job on her hands. What a cinch it was to persuade parents to be selfish, to refuse the labor and anxiety of child bearing and raising...

The Church has long believed in human fertility even when Mrs. Sanger was teaching and advocating sterility. It's a little later in her career, but even now the Church would welcome back the daughter who did so much harm to our land.

Probably High Praise

The "always belittling" spirit of youth is one of the things that causes us oldsters most enjoyment.

Back of me in the streetcar sat two youngsters, in, I'd guess, about sixth grade of grammar school. They covered the field: Their favorite football teams, their own sports, their friends (all male), and then school. They said the usual uncomplimentary things about school, the teachers, the principal, everything connected with that youthful bondage...

"Yea, she's a dope all right. But I don't know how it is, somehow I just can't help liking that old sea hag."

That is youth's way of paying high compliments.

Scholastic Greatness

To me as to many an American, Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore suggests high scholarship and punctilious regard for the things of the mind. So as my taxi drove by the grounds and I saw in the distance the large public announcement board of the University...

It announced that the University very shortly would present to the open-eyed public Artie Shaw and his band.

Just Plain Ignorant

The blissful ignorance shown by educated non-Catholics about things Catholic recurs so often that...

Well, take this instance

The Methodist minister in this New York town during the week augmented his ministerial income by sign painting. So the priest of the city asked him if he would do a new sign for the Catholic Church.

"Delighted," the minister-painter replied.

"Then," explained the priest, "just print the name of my Church, and Sunday Masses at 7, 8, 30, 9, 30 and 11."

"A. M. or P. M.?" the minister asked.

Hair Wash

I had gone to the barbers for a haircut and a needed shampoo. "Shall I use tar soap?" inquired the barber, and I nodded my approval.

When I came back to the office some time later, I found myself with the faint but pervasive odor of tar all about me.

Feast Days

Sunday, Dec. 21.—ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE.

Monday, Dec. 22.—ST. ISCHYRIAN.

Tuesday, Dec. 23.—ST. VICTORIA.

Wednesday, Dec. 24.—ST. DELPHINUS.

Thursday, Dec. 25.—THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST OR CHRISTMAS.

Friday, Dec. 26.—ST. STEPHEN.

Saturday, Dec. 27.—ST. JOHN, EVANGELIST.

Diocesan Recordings

May the Peace the Christ Child brings descend upon you and the rest of the world which latter is so sadly in need of it.

An advertising display sign remained lighted during the "black-out" Sunday night close by to St. Joseph's Church but that was no reflection on the good Redemptorist Fathers.

A black-out's usefulness aside from the primary purpose of avoiding raiding air-planes was discovered by many persons who used the time to recite the Rosary for the welfare of the United States. This recourse to the Queen of Peace through the special prayers to her as contained in the Fifteen Mysteries of the Holy Rosary is increasing since the Pearl Harbor event.

"Living the Christian Life" will be better known throughout the diocese as the Catholic Speakers Bureau furnishes speakers qualified to discuss this subject in its various phases wherever invited. The folder states that the Bureau has been organized with the hope of carrying out the Papal program of Catholic Action which encourages the Catholic laity to participate actively in the apostolic mission of the hierarchy.

QUERIES and REPLIES

It Seems To Me That Your Christmas Festivals Merely Repeat The Pagan Custom Of Marking The Course And Progress Of The Seasons.

The liturgical year runs parallel indeed with the natural year but the feasts and festivals of the Church are far more than official recognition of the recurring phenomena of nature. Christmas, Easter, Pentecost in fact, all the great festivals of the church year refer to objective events in the spiritual life of the world.

Secularism leaves nothing undone to make men forget the spiritual side of their lives. The spiritual has been secularized, the supernatural, naturalized. In consequence the great feasts of Christianity have wholly lost their spiritual and supernatural significance to millions outside the Church.

The logical result of this process is a Stalin and a Hitler, dictators whose every will and wish and whim are set up as the ultimate standards of right and wrong and who foist Atheism or a religion of "blood and soil" upon a defenseless people in place of the religion of Christ. (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri)