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Bishop of Rochester

The CATHOLIC COURIER has my most enthusiastic 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 is transpiring in his church throughout the world as to rely upon unreliable sources of information or even to seek no information whatever. Let us have a brief slogan "The CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home."

JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester.

FOR THE SICK

All of Rochester and Monroe County will have opportunity during the next ten days to do something to give succor and solace to the sick. To have a part in equipping Rochester with a new St. Mary's Hospital, that shall stand through the years as a home for those who need medical care.

Many know little of St. Mary's Hospital and of its accomplishments because they have not had sickness in their homes. The busy man goes about his work, travels our streets day by day, knows the hale health that breathes in all his activities and in the activities of those about him.

He should know the other side of the picture. He should know of the thousands who in their turn seek out the ministrations of St. Mary's Hospital for needed care in sickness, in accident, in suffering. He should take time off to know and appreciate the salutary work of Sister and Doctor and Nurse at St. Mary's; a work that goes on day by day, that knows no surcease, that looks forward to no let-up; a work that varies in the change of patients, but that knows no variation in its efficient, ever-ready, modern, scientific, inspired, program of needed service to the community.

To enter St. Mary's Hospital is like entering into another world! A world of suffering, of dependence; a world of woe, of agony; a world that sees daily the close of many a life, and the beginning of many another life; a world of brotherly solicitude, of medical achievement, of fostering care; a world of personal dedication, of abnegation, of devotion, for the sake of God's afflicted ones; a world where the bustle and striving of the mart and shop and road, give way to the peace and calm and hope that alone can meet the needs of afflicted brethren.

Yes, it is easy to overlook the work of the Sisters at St. Mary's! It is easy to pass it by as not our concern. That is, if we are not "our brother's keeper," if we have no human and humane instincts, if we have no sympathy for those who are down!

But it is not easy to pass it all over, if the ordinary equipment of American manhood is ours; if we love our neighbor as ourselves, if we see in every sick brother one whom God has recommended to our care and attention.

Eighty-five years we have known the ministrations of the Sisters at St. Mary's Hospital. Buildings that have long since outlived their usefulness; equipment that has been kept up-to-date, but housed in units that have lost all claim to be up-to-date; medical and nursing service of the highest standard, but handicapped by impossible and hazardous surroundings—these have been ours.

Now our community awaits still further benefactions from the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. A new building is in the making, that shall guarantee to the city and county the very best in provision for our sick. It is a building that can care for close to 400 patients; it is a building that is needed for ordinary times, but is most essential for service in these days of war. It is a building that is a gift from the Sisters of Charity to the sick and ailing among us. From the funds gathered and saved by the Sisters, the major amount of the building cost will come.

We are asked to match the generosity of the Sisters by a community gift of \$275,000.00 for this new St. Mary's Hospital. This is the very modest amount sought as a minimum by the Sisters from their friends in Rochester and vicinity. It is to be hoped and anticipated that friends in moderate circumstances will strive to go over the top on this amount; it is to be desired that men of means and corporations shall measure their gifts rather by the worth and work of St. Mary's Hospital than by the minimum amount suggested for the Drive.

The Sisters have not held back, they have given themselves wholeheartedly to their service of our afflicted ones; they have made no distinction of rich or poor, Jew or Gentile, Catholic or non-Catholic. They have given a consecrated service to all that are sick, they have ministered to their fellow Americans. Let the all-out interest they have shown in our afflicted ones, be the measure of our generosity in giving to the St. Mary's Hospital Building Campaign!

PARISH SPIRITUAL STATEMENTS

Our Financial Number discussed the theory and practice of parish financing. It strove to give the case from the point of view of the Pastor or Treasurer, and from the point of view of the parishioner. It started from the point that intelligent discussion and understanding of parish finance is the surest foundation for constructive parish support. When there is union of effort, when the young people just beginning to earn accept and respect their duty of giving, when young married couples are sincere in recognizing what is needed and expected of them as were their parents before them; there we have the ideal conditions.

Every Pastor submits to the Bishop and to his people an annual Spiritual Statement. This is in accordance with Church Law. The priest in his parish, the Bishop in his diocese, the Pope in the Church Universal, are under obligation to see that the Lord's work is done properly and with good effect. From the report submitted to the Bishop a transcript is made every five years for submission to the Holy Father.

Your Pastor keeps a record all through the year of the spiritual state of his people. He notes their regularity in attending Mass, their reception of the Sacraments, their attendance at Special Devotions, their membership in Church Societies. He must be especially watch-

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

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The HEAD of SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS CLAIMED FOR ROME, GENOVA, & AMIENS (FRANCE). CAROLUS MAGNUS LAST CENTURY NAMED EACH HEAD A THIRD AND THAT THEY FITTED PERFECTLY TOGETHER.

QUERIES and REPLIES

How Can The Words Of A Priest Change Bread And Wine Into The Body And Blood Of The Lord?

The words of a priest in Holy Mass can change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of the Lord precisely because they are the words of a priest. Once and for all at the Last Supper our Lord imparted such virtue to His words that they remain operative and efficacious whenever and wherever they are repeated by a lawful successor of those to whom our Lord first gave the command "Do this for a commemoration of Me" (Luk 22, 19).

Repeating the words of the Lord in Holy Mass, the priest "shows forth the Death of the Lord until He come" (1 Cor. 11, 26). The priest is a "man of God" (1 Tim. 6, 11), a personal representative of Christ, his official words and acts expressing the will and wish of Christ to men, not unlike the official words and acts of an ambassador of our country; abroad expresses the will and wish of the President of the United States. (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

Sacrifice is the law of the highest affections. (Cardinal Mercier)

A frank advertisement for an office boy would read "Wanted: smart kid but not too smart" Manchester Union

Diocesan Recordings

Balboa would have to think up another name, if he were to discover today, that ocean west of this continent.

Add inconsistencies: The "back with a flash" commentator's editorializing on the only thing the common people "hate is hate," and winding up with "no razor is too dull to cut Hitler's throat."

That store selling magazines which had the National Organization for Decent Literature display card thoughtlessly covered up with a modern magazine, has the card now prominently in view.

What a speed cop, the tire restriction will prove to be.

A "First" for the Fourth Degree here — members of Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, are meeting with generous response in their campaign for \$10,000 in defense bonds and stamps. The campaign due to close today has the endorsement of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, state chaplain who is serving as honorary chairman. National recognition has been given the drive headed by Master Cyril J. Stett, head of the Fifth District, comprising the Rochester diocesan area, in the K. of C. News, this week. Supreme Master Timothy J. Galvin of Hammond, Ind., has hailed the idea begun here and recommends it to other assemblies throughout the country.

The letter carried in this department, last week, is no longer anonymous. The contributor is hereby thanked and reasons why the name was not signed are understood.

It was not a duty, members of the Holy Name Society were fulfilling in attending the "Candle Light Company" last Sunday afternoon. It was a privilege they were willingly accepting of visiting Him Whose Name they revere and of receiving in turn a Benediction. The turn-out despite the cold was evidence of their strongly-rooted faith.

Feast Days

- Sunday, Jan. 12—ST. PETER'S CHAIR IN ROME
- Monday, Jan. 13—SS. MARIUS AND COMPANIONS
- Tuesday, Jan. 14—SS. FABIAN AND SEBASTIAN
- Wednesday, Jan. 15—ST. AGNES
- Thursday, Jan. 16—ST. VINCENT
- Friday, Jan. 17—ST. RAYMUND OF PENNAPORT
- Saturday, Jan. 18—ST. TIMOTHY

Interrupted Confession

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

My little friend, Bay Bellinger, baptized Eleanor, returned with her Mother and her sister Patsy on a Clipper from Pearl Harbor. They had been through the bombing, and since Bay is 11, the experience was something to linger long in her memory. I was visiting the family when she returned from her "pre-Christmas confession. This is the conversation, and it sets a new something or other in confession technique.

"I told the priest," she began, "that I missed Mass last Sunday."

"There certainly was no need for that," her mother hastened to explain. "You were dead tired from the trip; I thought there were noon-day Masses in St. Louis, and so I let you sleep. It was my fault, if it was anyone."

"I know," Bay replied, but, primarily, "it was on my conscience. So the priest said, 'Why did you miss Mass?' I said, 'Because my Mommy thought there was noon Masses and let me sleep.' Then he said 'Don't you live in St. Louis?' And I said, 'Yes.' Then he said, 'How does it happen you didn't know we have no noon Masses?' And I said, 'Because we just came back.' He said, 'Back from where?' I said, 'Pearl Harbor.' Then he said all excited-like, 'Pearl Harbor?'"

"Were you in Pearl Harbor when the bombing took place?" I said that I was. And he said, "O, for goodness sake! How many ships were really sunk?" And I said "I can't tell you." And he said, "Why can't you tell me?" And I said, "Because my Mommy says I can't. We aren't allowed to talk." "How did you get back to the States?" he said. And I said "By Clipper." Then he said, "But I thought the Clippers weren't flying." "They must be," I said, "because I came on one." And then he asked me a lot of other questions and I told him all about it. And then he gave me my penance and I came home."

During this amazing recital, I could just imagine that young priest nearly leaping through the grill with excitement when this youngster suddenly loomed on his horizon with news from the front. But I always thought of a crowd of people waiting outside his confessional on Christmas Eve.

"Well," I cried, "weren't there a lot of people waiting all the time you were talking about Pearl Harbor?"

"When I came out," said Bay, complacently, "you should have seen the long line."

Soldier and Nun They'd been in grammar school together, and had been friends during high school days. Then she went to the convent and, in due course, he was drafted for the army. The pleasant arm of circumstance brought him with a crowd of draftees to the school in which she, now a full-fledged nun,

Along The Way

The reporters met Fr. Marti D'Arcy at the airport. They heard that he had been in England during its worst bombings, and they were interested. But the fact that Father D'Arcy is one of the most famous priests in the world, a great scholar, writer, and preacher meant nothing to them. So they demanded his biography: Name, age, profession.

Why Englishmen Squirm

"I am a Jesuit priest," he answered to that last question, "and I teach at Oxford." A reporter looked up in interest. "Oxford," he puzzled. "Where that?"

Toward Church Unity

Bishop Francis Clement Kelley is undoubtedly one of the great wit of our time. Recently I was told of his visit to a certain important midwestern city where he asked after his friend, the Episcopalian Bishop of the town. "The Episcopalian Bishop," said his escort, "is away for a rest. He is having quite a bit of financial trouble in his diocese." Bishop Kelley looked up in pleased surprise. "Isn't it amazing?" he exclaimed. "They get closer to us and more like us all the time."

Clips

- "Isms" in America should become "wasms."—(Brooklyn Tablet).
- An atheist is one who has no invisible support.—(Sir Willmot Lewis)
- Blessed is he who suffers and knows why.—(Paul Claudel)

War and Man

The world moves on at maddening speeds. A hundred wats and a hundred creeds; A thousand voices that wail and shriek— Pity the poor and pity the meek. Armies that war by day and night Brain to brain and might to might— How in the name of God can we Regain for each other, their love again? —Anthony J. Pettito, in The Boston Pilot