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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.

RELIGION IN THE CAMP

The reports coming in from our Chaplains in the various camps are most comforting to parents and friends of our soldiers. This is a time to test the faith of these young men. Away from home, from those they hold dear, away from home protections and home surroundings, it would be easy to seek in companionships that are not helpful and surroundings that are not wholesome, some substitute for what is missing. It would be easy to get away from Church influence, from devout assistance at Mass, from frequent confession and Communion.

But the record is a different one! Far from permitting army service to hurt their faith, the soldiers are finding in it a strong encouragement to practice their faith to an even greater degree than when they were at home.

This is not a matter of guessing, of estimating; it is a matter of examining the actual reports of our Catholic Chaplains. These reports tell of the number of confessions, of the number of Communion, of the number attending Mass on Sundays, of the number that ask for rosaries and prayer-books. From our own diocese, from Elmira, Auburn, Geneva, Rochester, the selectees have gone forth into the camps at the call of their country. And from our own diocese have gone forth Catholic Chaplains to minister to these men. Let any one of these Chaplains tell you of the regular routine before Communion days, on Saturdays, the eyes of Holydays, of twelve or more hours spent in hearing confessions. Hear of the immense number at Mass, in such throngs in many camps that the recently-erected chapels cannot hold them: the Camp Theater or other larger buildings are pressed into service to care for the thousands who wish to assist at Mass. The general report would indicate that the attendance at Mass represents 100% of the Catholic soldiers.

This is, indeed, a happy condition! It will console parents, be a source of joy to Pastors of souls, a matter of edification to all our young people in service and not in service. The Faith was with our boys as they left home; it has continued with them as a priceless possession as they have lined up for the life of a soldier.

A PATRIOTIC CAMPAIGN!

The building of a hospital is always a matter of community benefit. The sick we have always with us, the sick make a constant appeal for our help. A new hospital is an answer to their appeal, a promise of the nursing care, the healing ministrations, that shall assist them on their journey back to health.

Just now, the building of a new hospital means even more! Our country is at war, faces the prospect of numbers of wounded soldiers and sailors looking to the government for care, of numbers of civilians who may be victims of enemy activities that have brought them low. So clear is the picture to the government that the ordinary limitations on building projects have been set aside for this work so essential to our country at this time. It is a patriotic enterprise; it calls for the support of every patriot; it will contribute to the fitness of our young men for war-service, it will be ready to give needed care to war-victims.

Little wonder that All Rochester is all-out for St. Mary's Hospital Building Fund Campaign! Little wonder that people of all creeds and of every racial origin are united in the great task of helping the Sisters of Charity in this essential work they have undertaken for our community! Rich and poor join in this common cause. January 22 to February 2 will be busy days for the Committees, busy days for all true Americans in our city!

This is, indeed, a Campaign of Patriotism, a Patriotic Campaign! Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, will have a strong bulwark in the new St. Mary's Hospital; a standing guarantee that every effort of the enemy to destroy them shall be more than matched by the constant, daily, American striving to preserve them in the individual patient and in the community. Let every gift to the Campaign for St. Mary's Hospital be made on the basis of loyal devotion to our community, of patriotic love for our country!

CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

February is traditionally Catholic Press Month. For many years we have found this month set aside by the Hierarchy in the United States for consideration of the purpose of our Catholic Press, its progress, its needs, its program of service to the people.

The Catholic Press is a service proposition. It is not a money-making institution. Some elements of it are subsidized, but most depend on those they serve for needed support.

The Catholic Press takes in all forms of newspapers, periodicals, magazines, dailies, weeklies, monthly publications. Some are for particular groups; some for special missionary or devotional causes; some for the young; some for Catholics in general.

The Catholic Diocesan Newspaper is for all. It is the foundation of Catholic reading in the ordinary home. No other publication can take its place. Therefore, the Bishop undertakes the responsibility and the burden of conducting a Catholic Newspaper in his diocese, that his people may have the advantage and the service that can come to them only through such a newspaper. Bishop Kearney places before us the CATHOLIC COURIER. It is for all, should be read by all, should find all Catholics listed as subscribers. Much of its usefulness is lost if prospective subscribers neglect to take it and read it.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

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QUESTION—
Who was canonized whilst still alive?
(ANSWER BELOW)

BEAUTY & UTILITY
ARE SKILLFULLY
BLENDED IN THE
MODERN ARCHITECTURE
OF THE CHAPEL OF
OUR LADY OF THE
VALLEY, CHOYA
PROVINCE, CANTAMARCA
PROVINCE,
ARGENTINE.

ROSE BUSHES
IN WHICH STAMEN
BOLLS TO OVERCOME
TEMPERATURE STILL FLOURISH
AT SUBTROPICAL
WITHOUT THORNS

Fish-liver oil
was advocated by
POPE JOHN XXI
(1276-1277)

CENTRAL MEDICAL
SCIENCE
GENERALLY RECOGNIZED
ITS BENEFICIAL HEALTH
PROPERTIES.

THIS POPE WAS A
DISTINGUISHED PHYSICIAN
BEFORE ELECTION.

Along The Way

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

The tall, rather stately gentleman, says my informant, had been waiting for the incoming train almost two hours. To kill the time and to calm his nerves, he had retired at intervals to the station bar, growing more dignified with each trip and much, more stately. Finally, as the train was declared three hours late, he moved with exact precision toward a phone booth. Plenty of other people were waiting for delayed trains, so the booths were jammed, but he located an unoccupied one, swung it open, and was just about to put his dignified foot inside, when a short, slightly greasy gent ducked under his arm, pulled the door out of his hand, and lifted the receiver.

The alcoholically dignified gentleman looked up in surprise, and then in disgust. It was a rude trick, and his statelyness was meeting a severe test. He stood visibly thinking for a minute, and then quite audibly he said:

"Well, you got in all right, my friend; but let's see you get out."

So he leaned his long and stately form heavily against the door of the booth. The interloper finished his call, turned to reopen the door and found the man he had cheated resting placidly and immovably against the glass.

"Let me out!" he cried angrily. But the drunk moved not. The captive pounded on the glass. His angry roar changed to beseeching, then to something like fear. And not a sign of interest from the captor at the door.

Finally the captive turned back to the phone, dropped another nickel in the box, and loudly called the police. The captor paid him no mind. He simply stood, looking with dignity off into space.

Well, the cops came, a flying squad of them. They found the dignified drunk still standing at the door, and the frightened victim inside still clamoring for release. There was a brief speech by the sergeant in charge.

"Very well," said the dignified inebriate. "If you ask it, I shall move aside. But this man has no manners, no manners at all. And I thought it was my duty to teach him. I hope my lesson has not disturbed you, gentlemen."

And with unrumpled dignity he went back to look for his train.

Maybe less people would go around elbowing other people if we all had the courage sometimes induced by alcohol.

Father Neil Boyton got a letter from Manila from one of his young Jesuit friends teaching in the Ateneo. He was one of the hundreds of Jesuits working in the Philippines. Said the young man, "I really like it out here a lot and enjoy the work. But sometimes it does get a little monotonous. The letter was dated Nov. 27.

My good friend and fellow laborer, Father Ted Schulte, has recently lost his right leg, but not his high courage or his magnificent sense of humor. As he lay in the hospital, an endless stream of his friends flowed in and out. Some of them he knew well. Some of them he knew slightly. But the pleasant looking gentleman who suddenly appeared, he knew not at all.

Yet he thought that perhaps somewhere sometime he might have met the man, so he was his usual pleasant self.

The man sat for a minute exchanging notes on their respective healths, and then he sharply leaped to his feet. In the center of the sick room he did a little dance. He lightly leaped over a chair. He kicked his heels into the air, and with a ballet dancer's technique, he kicked up toward the light fixtures.

Father Schulte reached for the call light. Clearly he had been visited by a madman. But the stranger held up a reassuring hand.

"You see?" he triumphed. "I too lost a leg. But thanks to the magnificent artificial leg which I now wear . . . and which, I am happy to say, I now demonstrate and sell . . ."

And he launched into his sales talk.

The priest who was quite a radio fan was growing deeply interested in his sermon on the raising of the little girl by the Savior. He described in great detail the youngster, dead in her bed; the mourners and the attendants near her; and the strange music of mourning that was being played.

"And there," he climaxed, "were the musicians playing their mournful music on their flutes and saxophones."

Feast Days

Sunday, Jan. 26 — THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

Monday, Jan. 27 — ST. POLY-CARP

Tuesday, Jan. 28 — ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Wednesday, Jan. 29 — ST. PETER NOLASCO

Thursday, Jan. 30 — ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Friday, Jan. 31 — ST. MARTINA, V. M.

Saturday, Jan. 31 — ST. JOHN BOSCO

Caller—Your baby is such a cute little rascal. Doesn't he take after his father?

Mother—Well, in a way. His father isn't so cute, but much more of a rascal.

Hope is one of those things that is great because life without it is so hopeless.—Saginaw News.

QUERIES and REPLIES

What Does The Catholic Church Think About Theosophy?

Theosophy is a form of Pantheism built up into a cult by Madame Blavatsky, Mrs. Annie Besant and Col. Henry Olcott. Theosophists deny the existence of a Personal God, the fact of creation, the power of prayer, freedom of the will and man's accountability for his actions.

They believe that the individual endures after death but loses his personality. They speak fearfully of successive purifications after death and of various reincarnations which they would have us believe that place every twenty-one hundred years.

That Theosophy should be able to attract listeners to lectures and adherents to its doctrines is sadening proof of how deep into folly human nature can descend when it has rejected the rational truths of revealed Religion. (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

What is the Difference Between Calumny and Detraction?

Calumny is injuring another's reputation by a false accusation or report. Detraction is injuring another's reputation by revealing, without a just reason, a fault or sin which is not otherwise known. Either may be a grave sin, if the damage caused be serious. In such case, there is a grave obligation to repair the injury as far as is possible.

Diocesan Recordings

Looking for speakers—the harassed chairman of the speakers' committee of our Catholic organizations who have an important meeting, dinner or other gathering coming up can find the help they need in the Catholic Speakers' Bureau. This bureau organized under the sponsorship of Rochester Knights of Columbus is beginning to receive calls for speakers on Catholic topics outlined in a brochure which Thomas C. McCarthy, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y. (Main 1422) will send to any person interested. To the list of speakers published some weeks ago in the CATHOLIC COURIER several have been added on varied and timely topics.

Mary's Hospital campaign, now in successful conclusion, of St. Mary's Hospital campaign, now in progress, is a challenge to the community.

Planned Parenthood is the new name advanced by some who would interfere with duties of the family, but sincere Catholics with such problems will continue to seek their confessor's guidance rather than that of persons, however prominent, in the community. There has come a change in the minds of those who were advocating outright birth prevention while eliminating self-control.

Father Daniel Lord, the noted Jesuit author, in his column in this CATHOLIC COURIER, Dec. 18, 1941, noted the change in commenting upon the silver-jubilee of Margaret Sanger's crowd and the fact that the 620 birth control centers in the United States have started "the country along the road down which high-controlling France was already tobogganing."

Of the "celebration," "Time" reported, he stated: "Because of this success, the Birth Controllers have rechartered their course, turned fertility. Worried by the long-trend fall of the birthrate, they dropped their old cry of 'limited' families. Instead they urged U. S. parents to have as many babies as they can afford, to 'space' them two years apart. To show they meant it, last year they changed the name of their 'Journal of Contraception.' Its new title: 'Human Fertility.'"

Can the Planned Parenthood group tell the Church anything she does not know about human fertility? The confessors have the answer.

A gift to St. Mary's Hospital gives approval of the self-sacrificing work of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul for 77 years.

The highest manifestation of life is this, that a being governs his own actions.—(St. Thomas Aquinas)