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MOST REVEREND JAMES EDWARD KEARNEY, D.D.
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."

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HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES

The first report of the St. Mary's Hospital Building Fund Campaign is most encouraging. More than \$50,000.00 was reported at this first meeting, 18% of the \$275,000 goal.

Mr. Raymond Hall told the workers they had something easy to sell in the Hospital Fund Campaign. Rochester now possesses a \$675,000 new hospital building through the new addition to the Strong Memorial; and will soon have in use the new \$1,300,000 St. Mary's Hospital. Over \$2,000,000 in new hospital buildings and equipment with the community asked to furnish \$275,000 toward the total.

Both of the daily papers in Rochester are to be commended for the fine publicity they are giving the Campaign. The Times-Union helped the cause also through a well-written editorial and through the cartoon-picture on its editorial page. The Democrat and Chronicle ran an editorial that was a masterpiece of thought and expression, together with a splendid poster-drawing showing a Sister of Charity appealing for our help in serving the sick.

Rochester and its environs are sold on the Campaign! Men and women in every walk of life have volunteered their services as workers, people of every creed and racial descent, have joined heartily in this Campaign for betterment and augmentation of our hospital facilities.

God bless the work of our Sisters of Charity! God bless St. Mary's Hospital! God bless the patients who in the years to come shall rejoice in the benefits afforded them by this Home of Healing! God bless all who shall share in the merit of the years of service that lie ahead of St. Mary's through the part they gladly take in supplying the \$275,000 needed now for its completion!

A splendid opportunity to practice the corporal works of mercy lies before us in this Campaign on behalf of the sick and the ailing. May every Catholic vie with his non-Catholic brethren in having a share in the success of this Campaign through the generosity with which he meets the current appeal.

INTER-FAITH GOODWILL OBSERVANCE

Respect for our fellowman, understanding of his rights in conscience, appreciation of his cooperation in things that concern the welfare of our community, are the foundation for the work of the Interfaith Goodwill Committee. A secondary purpose of the Goodwill movement is to meet the attacks on approved democratic practice that are so deceitfully and so constantly made through appeals to religious and racial prejudice.

During the coming week Rochester shall have a dramatic exposition of the Spirit of Brotherhood that is proper to all true Americans, in the Noonday Luncheon presentation of the Triologue consisting of a Catholic Priest, a Jewish Rabbi, a Protestant Minister; a short talk is given by each clergyman, followed by a discussion in which all three join. The general subject is Tolerance, with special reference to its value in giving our Nation that unity which means much at any time, but means so much more now that our enemies have arisen to attack us. The Luncheon with its Triologue is an anticipated observance of Brotherhood Week; it usually would come between Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday, but is listed this year for Wednesday, February 4, at the Chamber of Commerce, 12:15 P. M.

Charity for all men is a natural accompaniment of belief in God; respect for all men and their rights is a necessary mark of true Americanism. This respect and charity, far from lessening our absolute fidelity to Catholic belief, are the natural exercise of that belief in our dealings with those about us. This charity and respect for others are the logical outward expression of the American spirit that has sponsored and built up our great nation. Brotherhood is proper to the children of a Heavenly Father; brotherhood is proper to the children of a common government.

The observance of next Wednesday, which is open to all, serves to give current expression to the Spirit of Brotherhood that dwells in all true Americans, that ministers the blessings of goodwill to all, that is crystallized permanently for our community in the organization and activities of the local Inter-Faith Goodwill Committee.

CANDLEMAS DAY

Far back into the ages of history goes the use of sacramentals in the Church. Candles are listed among the principal sacramentals. They had a practical use long before they were chosen for liturgical ends. They drove away the darkness of the Catacombs, lighted up the altar for priest and people, drew the elect to the place where Mass was being offered. They speak to us today of the presence of God's Angels about the altar, of the Spirit of God calling all to assist at the Holy Sacrifice, of the light of God's grace awaiting all who will receive it. Wherever God's Sacraments are administered, there we see the burning candles, into the hands of the newly-baptized infant it is placed as a burning light reminding the child to keep his Baptism without blame, to observe God's commandments and be ready to meet the Lord at His nuptials and enter into life everlasting. It sends forth its rays wherever Mass is said, where children receive their First Holy Communion, where Baptismal Vows are renewed, where children are confirmed, where the sick are anointed, where priests are ordained, where people are married. It is used at the

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Diocesan Recordings

Suppose, for the nonce, that there were no Catholic newspaper devoted solely to serving the Diocese of Rochester.

Catholic Press Month could be observed in a casual sort of way. There are many fine Catholic publications coming in from outside.

BUT—
The observance of Catholic Press Month has a more intimate, a more personal appeal when thought is given to the diocesan newspaper's existence, and to the fact that an organization is alert and serving the Catholic people of our diocese, each week.

Without your diocesan newspaper there would be Catholic news and views available but it would not be selected with the local problems in mind.

Without the diocesan newspaper there would be no one with the facilities for answering attacks. Evil practices could be advanced with no specific curb. Travelling agents intent on weakening the Church's position could come and go and their mouthings would be allowed to harm deeply with no antidote.

The diocesan-wide and parish activities would not be promoted from week to week as they can be in your own diocesan newspaper. Our lay organizations' activities which do not always get space in the secular press because of their nature would not be promoted as they are now.

Last but by no means least, the Bishop's messages, the Chancery activities, the Catholic school problems, would have to be confined to the mail or not reach the whole diocese at the same time.

The nation has learned that the best defenders are those on the spot when the attack is made. Catholic Press Month gives opportunity to bolster and boost the Church's defense in our own diocese.

QUERIES and REPLIES

What is Meant By The Word "Catholic"?

The Catholic Church is not restricted to one country one continent, one nation, or one race. The sun never sets upon her Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. On every strand and in every clime the Cross of Christ stands out against the sky as a clear sign of hope and salvation for the children of men. The tiny flock of two thousand years ago with Peter at its head has grown into a vast, worldwide organism of three hundred million souls, and the Shepherd of that flock radiates the benevolence of his pastoral care from the Eternal City to the four quarters of the globe.

The word Catholic means universal, scattered throughout the whole world. That the Church by Christ must be Catholic is amply evident from the explicit promises and instructions of Christ Himself: "You shall be witnesses unto Me . . . even to the uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1, 8). "Going therefore, teach ye all nations" (Matt. 28, 19). "Go ye into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark, 16, 15). Christ came to save all men. Hence His Church must extend over all the world.

Now what Church is and has ever been extended over all the world? Here we are concerned with a simple question of history and geography. Historically we know that none of the denominations round about us were even in existence during the first fifteen centuries of the Christian era. For a very good reason therefore they could not be spread over any part of the earth at all.

Geographically considered, the situation is very much today as it was in the days of St. Augustine. "Sectarians," said he, "are everywhere but no particular sect is everywhere." Today too the sects are everywhere, but taken separately—and that is the only way you can take them if the note of unity means anything at all—no sect is to be found in every part of the world.

They are local, national, confined to one or at the most a very few countries. Only one Church is truly universal, and that the Catholic. Go where you will and you will find the Catholic Church there before you. She counts and has ever counted her children by the



Onward With Truth—Emphasizing the spirit of Catholic Press Month Observance, opening throughout the Diocese of Rochester on Sunday, Feb. 1 is this striking cover design for February "Columbia," national organ of the Knights of Columbus. The artist is William Luberoff. (INCWC)

Along The Way

High Tribute To That Man

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

I was talking with some of the faculty of beautiful Spring Hill College in Alabama. And, by the way, if ever you follow the Azalea Trail through the Azalea State, it will lead you through the lovely campus of this famous old Jesuit college. For the college is an important landmark on the Azalea Trail.

We got to the subject of students, and one of the professors said:

"There's a young So-and-So," and he mentioned a Junior. "He's a great fellow. He's got After-dependability."

That was a new quality to all of us, but not when the professor explained it.

"There are all kinds of fellows on the campus who'll help you before any event. They'll decorate the gym with you or take tickets or do any of the preliminaries. But the minute the event is over, they're off and you stand in the midst of the debris knowing that yours is the job of clean-up man. But that chap is different. As soon as the event is over, dance, play, debate, game, whatever it is, he puts in his appearance. 'All right, father,' he says; 'let's clean up this mess.' And while the rest of them have ducked out with their girl for the celebration that follows college affairs, he is with you taking care of the unpleasant aftermath."

"A man you can depend upon before or during the event is very important. But I'm putting my money on the success in life of the man who can be depended on after the fireworks are over and when the dirty job of cleaning up makes the rest of them run away. Give me After-dependability. That's the greatest kind of reliability." And we all agreed.

No Help Like That

My friend the taxi driver was talking.

"Funny that a lot of guys got the idea that you got to join the Masons to get along in this world. Who says so?"

"When I was in the parochial school, and that's a long time ago, there were two fellows in my crowd, both Catholics. They both

million in every clime and in every nation under the sun. She alone reaches from pole to pole and belts the globe. Today as in the centuries gone by she alone can lay claim to universality and for that reason she alone is truly Catholic. (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.A., Defenders of the Faith, First Grove, Missouri.)

went onto the force, walking beats, just rookie cops.

"One day, I met the fellow I really liked. He says, 'Remember Bill?' speaking of the other. I said, sure. 'Well,' says my friend, 'we were walking the beat together the other night, and Bill says all of a sudden, 'Believe me, I'm going to get places on the force. No walking beats for me. I'm going to get ahead. I'm going to join the Masons.' And he did."

"Funny, but that's about twenty-five years ago. My friend stayed Catholic. He's chief of detectives today. The other guy is a Mason and still pounding the pavements out in the Styx."

Drink and Run

Murderers, according to their chroniclers, always find their biggest problem the disposal of the body. Somewhat the same problem seems to beset drinkers. I believe the beer companies (I am not an authority) take back their empties. But the whiskey bottles are left on the drinker's hands. The result seems to be an epidemic of whiskey bottles tossed anywhere that the drinker happens to be when the last snort is snorted. At least in St. Louis they have grown into a menace. You find them in the middle of the street waiting to cut passing tires; or in the gutter where a parked car can slowly absorb the pieces. They are evidently tossed from moving cars out of the window, and they land in the middle of lawns, on sidewalks, on your front porch like a thrown newspaper, anywhere . . . to the peril of the heads and feet and artistic sense of the innocent.

Will the cities have to provide special receptacles for used whiskey bottles? Or would the users when ready to dispose of them be in no fit condition to hit anything smaller than a boulevard, a front lawn, or the side of an apartment house?

Feast Days

Sunday, Feb. 1.—ST. BRIGID, ABBESS AND PATRONESS OF IRELAND.

Monday, Feb. 2.—THE PURIFICATION OR CANDLEMAS-DAY.

Tuesday, Feb. 3.—ST. BLASE, BISHOP AND MARTYR.

Wednesday, Feb. 4.—ST. JANE OF VALOIS.

Thursday, Feb. 5.—ST. AGATHA.

Friday, Feb. 6.—ST. TITUS.

Saturday, Feb. 7.—ST. ROMUALD.