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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.

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The passing years give added glory to a great name. New studies of life, new appreciation of his worth, new evidence of the interest he will arouse in the hearts of men, fill our papers, our magazines, our book lists. Lincoln is not history, he is present-day news.

"Now he belongs to the ages." Well can this be repeated of our Martyr President! Not just to the age that saw his rise from poverty, from obscurity, to the riches of achievement, to the brightness of world fame. Not to the succeeding age that spent so much time in the effort to evaluate his contribution to his country and to mankind. Not just to our age which benefits in its studies of Lincoln by the perspective furnished by the passing years and what they have given to the better knowledge of him and his work. No, Lincoln belongs to all the ages. What has been is only a shadow of what shall be. Men shall find in the life of the Great Emancipator a constant flow of new inspirations, an urge to the better things of life, a living and lasting example of what a truly spiritual man can attain to under God's guidance and with the respect for God's ways.

Lincoln does not need the contrast of the sorry looking figures that mar the world today in the oppressed and dictator-ridden countries, to appear as a Great Man. He stands alone in his glory, a hero in his own right, a friend of man by his own surpassing achievement! But in the minds of thinking people of today, his glory takes on an added aura from the wholesale disregard for human liberties, the absolute contempt for human rights, that have been personified in those scourges of mankind that now await their destined downfall. For all today's dictators, we still have and shall continue to have the Great Emancipator!

May Lincoln's Birthday remind us that God has been good to us! May it help us to be worthy of all that Lincoln stands for!

## TOPPING THE GOAL

All of Monroe County and its environs were in on it! All the community shared in it! City folk and their country neighbors, members of the old families and more recent immigrants, Protestants and Jews and Catholics together with men of no religious affiliation, joined in one grand movement to supply a specified part of the cost of the new St. Mary's Hospital. \$275,000 was what they set out to raise; \$300,000 over and above that goal was raised to make a Grand Total of \$575,000.

Congratulations are in order for the Sisters of Charity, to whom the hearty response of all the community comes as an appreciation of work well done in the past, of emulation of the good example they have set in supplying a \$1,300,000 building for our needs while asking of us only a minimum of \$275,000. Congratulations to Bishop Kearney and his able assistants in this Campaign. Louis Langley, Thomas Sharp, Dr. Simpson, John Boylan, Raymond Leinen, Mrs. Paisley, Helen Ward, R.N., Mrs. Rudolph C. Siebert, are only a few among the many leaders who directed the activities of over 700 workers in this Campaign. To all the workers the word of commendation of Bishop Kearney came as a crowning event of a period of strenuous campaigning that topped the goal.

Father Randall was the motive power behind the Campaign. He began from the ground and worked up. He built the organization, enlisted the captains and workers, called on Mr. Metzendorf for expert direction, and got things moving on and on to a real garrison finish. All praise to the Little Corporal!

God's blessing be on all who by working, by giving, by praying, have made the Building Fund Campaign of St. Mary's Hospital the outstanding success it has been!

## THE PRINTER'S DEVIL

He is a recognized personality in every print shop. He mixes things up, causes confusion, spoils the continuity. He likes to get his "non" in as a regular prefix to "sense." And does he succeed? Watch him twist a line out of place so as to make Candlemas Day into St. Blaise Days watch him run the dates together, watch him get a topsy-turvy incoherence into what was presented to him as a model of English expression. He used to be just the apprentice; he was expected to make mistakes because he was learning. One wonders at times if the old boy himself doesn't do a little pinch-hitting for his namesake.

Be watchful for his work! If you read a sentence and it doesn't seem to track, ask yourself if the Printer's Devil hasn't been active. It's fifth column stuff in all its perfection when he manages to get line 4 where line 3 ought to be, where sense and orthodoxy are misprinted into nonsense and near-heresy. May his type be cast out!

## BY ANY OTHER NAME

A Rose by any other name would smell as sweet! True as well of things that have none of the native sweetness and loveliness of the rose; change of name works no change in the unpleasant odor proper to them.

It used to be the League for Birth Control; now it is the League for Planned Parenthood. Purpose the same, plans the same, promoters the same, philosophy the same; but a different name!

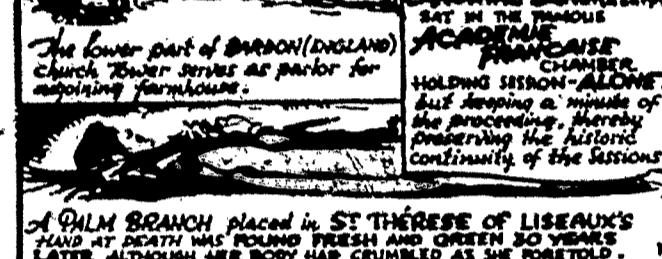
And now the old organization, under a new title undertaken to publish a change it has found in the Catholic Church. It finds that some Catholics favor birth control; some are still opposed to it. It sees

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# STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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Along The Way

## Would Have Liked It

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

A southern modiste vouches for this story, though she declines for obvious reasons to furnish the names.

One of her patrons, a fallen-away Catholic, was entertaining at a buffet supper. She ordered for the occasion an especially fine imported cheese. So as she left the house for an afternoon's engagement, she reminded the butler that the cheese would be delivered.

"Be sure to put it immediately in the icebox," she ordered. An hour later a special messenger arrived with a package. The butler signed, and promptly stowed it in the already bulging icebox.

When the lady returned, she seemed highly excited. "Harvey," she demanded, "did a small, registered package arrive this afternoon?"

"Yes, madame," he replied. "Well, where is it?"

"I put it in the icebox, madame, as you ordered. You'll find the cheese there."

"The cheese," she cried. "That wasn't cheese. That was my dear, dead brother's ashes, just returned from the crematory."

The buffet supper was served sans butler.

"I'll not stay one night in a house," he calmly announced, "where dead men are packed and delivered like cheese."

Religious Articles For the Soldiers

From the National Catholic Community Service comes a most important letter. The Chaplains and the men in service want religious articles. They need rosaries, medals, pocket crucifixes, prayerbooks, Catholic pamphlets. The NCCS is doing a great job, but they have pressing needs for all these things, needs that they cannot without prompt assistance on a nationwide scale fill.

Why not a campaign for these religious articles that will parallel in some way our national campaign for aluminum? Rosaries and medals, because of the metal shortage, will be a little difficult to get. But what home would fail to yield a supply if it were carefully searched?

We have hundreds of thousands of Catholic boys in service. Let's see that they get the religious articles they want and need. Make your collection, buy what you can afford or find, and ship them to the National Catholic Community Service, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Picket Lines

Despite Westbrook Pegler's recent blast at Mrs. Roosevelt when she declined to cross what seemed pretty obviously a picket line turned into a racket, we most of us still shy away from any picket line. Yet we have grown suspicious of them. Recently in my

## QUERIES and REPLIES

How Could Mary Be Free From Original Sin When All The Rest Of Us Are Born In It?

The Virgin Mary was conceived and born free from all taint of Original Sin that is the mind of the Church in this matter. The reason for this special privilege is found in the fact that Mary was destined from all eternity to be the Mother of God Incarnate in human flesh, Jesus Christ, the sinless Savior of the world.

The answer to the question, how Mary could be free from all stain of sin, may be gathered from the manner of her redemption. For Mary too was redeemed as was the race, but differently.

An example may make clear this difference. Two persons from the same house, for instance, come to a physician. One is afflicted with tuberculosis and the doctor cures him. The other is well but the doctor foresees that he will contract the disease unless he takes preventive treatment. The second patient takes this treatment and is saved. Each one owes his life to the doctor; one was cured, the other preserved. Thus Christ redeemed the race and Mary. Because of His merits, Mary was preserved immaculate from Original Sin; and because of her cooperation with grace, she remained ever free from Actual Sin. Because of His merits, we are cured after contracting the disease of sin, whether it be Original or Actual. She was saved by prevention; we, by cure. (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

## Spiritual Thoughts

"For if these things be with you and abound... to be neither empty nor unfruitful in the knowledge of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

When death comes, our possessions are only in our way. We carry nothing with us; we leave everything behind.—St. John Vianney.

God will not perform miracles of which we are unworthy. Cardinal O'Connell.

A faithful friend is the medicine of life and immortality, and they that fear the Lord shall find Him.—Ecclesi. VI, 16.

The works of God are perfect, and all His ways are judgments. God is faithful and without any iniquity, He is just and right.

Faith provides a weighty reason why we should remain cool and abstain from outbursts of emotion.—Cardinal O'Connell.

## Feast Days

- Sunday, Feb. 3.—ST. JOHN OF NATHA.
- Monday, Feb. 4.—ST. CYRIL.
- Tuesday, Feb. 5.—ST. SCHOLASTICA.
- Wednesday, Feb. 6.—OUR LADY OF LOURDES.
- Thursday, Feb. 7.—SEVEN SERVITE SAINTS.
- Friday, Feb. 8.—ST. CATHARINE OF RICCI.
- Saturday, Feb. 9.—ST. VALENTINE.

## Diocesan Recordings

Catholic Press Month is always a reminder to the writer of this department that he is starting another year in the Catholic Press field. On Feb. 1, 1924, leaving the advertising department of the Lawyers' Cooperative Publishing Company, he entered upon the work of managing a Catholic weekly newspaper printed in Buffalo and distributed in Rochester. Eight years later, this column was begun in your diocesan newspaper. In those eighteen years the development of the Catholic Press has been marked by progress in this diocese and he has been happy to have had a part in it.

That, however, isn't the point to be made here. The reason the early days of the Catholic Press in Rochester are recalled is only to bring out the great contrast between reader acceptance then and now. Then it was but a few per-