

The CAULOLIC COLLECT has very most enthusiantic approval. A diocesan newspaper has to come an essential part of the program of Catholic action in every dinesse. The UATHOLIC LAUFRIER should be found in every Catholic homis in this diacese. I find it have to understand how may Catholic van be so indifferent at to what is transpiring to his chiefer thoughout the world as to rely upon unreliable issues at information or even to seek no information whatever. Lets an have a belief slowen "The CATHOLIC COURIER in every catholic home." Catholic. home."

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### PASSION SUNDAY

Purple becomes all of Lent, but fits Passiontide particularly Lenten theory and practice take on now vigor as the time of Christ's suffering and death draws near. The deep sorrow of the Church has its external expression in the covering of the principa and of the statues while mounting purple. That external expression has its in-ternal response in every Catholic heart. That response is intensely personal, is tied up with the mental realization that Christ suffers for us, for our sing. That spirows of the Church has its counterpart in the sorrow for an that fills our souls.

Inst before His passion, Christ hid Himself from the people. So the hides Himself today in the liturgy of Passiontide. So are the saints lildden from our view at this time. Some feared two thousand years ago that, Christ's suffering, Christ's death, meant the end of Him; but Dis acceptance of suffering death meant only the hiding of His divine power for a time, that man's redemption might be accomplished.

The covering on the statues and pictures of the saints reminds us powerfully that without Christ's suffering and death, we would have no splitts. Through His redemption, Christ purchased solvation for all.

Our churches preach their own sermon to us on Pasison Sunday. Inforessively, compellingly, cogently, they present their purple hang-ings for our edification and instruction. They warn us to look for Clicist, to seek Ilim out, to find in the humility of His passion the vision of Ilis glary that shall secure for us and for all the world the joys of clernal salvation.

## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

All of March a Joseph's month! Which can not mean that the 19th day of this month is not his in a particular way. It is St. Joseph's Day! High in the culendar of her feasts, the Church holds this great day. Deep in their hearts do the people keep the happy feast that has meant so much to them and their forebears

Patran of workligmen, paron of the Christian Home, Patron of a happy death, Joseph stands on the threshold between the Old and the Covenant, He is the consummation of all the sanctity engendered by the Covenant of Singiz he is the first of the saints of the New Law.

There is joy in every parish on his feast: there is joy in every home as his memory is reversed before the humble shrine-altar. Especially is there joy in the luvins of a thousand Sisters of St. Joseph who today with their Bishop house the Patron of the Universal Church in a Solean Pontifical Mass in their Matherhouse Chapel. He has been the patron of their religious vocation, the model of their service to God and to-man, the guardian of their dedicated lives.

May Joseph remain close in all of us, even as he was close to Jesus and Mary! May he help us to see clearly the path of duty along which we may pass with safety to our elernal home in Heaven!

## 12 YEARS SCHOOLING

The war is teaching as many things, guiding our path to many useful changes in our methods in industry and art and education. Charges that would have been looked mon as drastic if not impossible a few months ago, are now the accepted thing. Tires wear out and the car is put away; signals sound and all lights are extinguished: the fades from sight, and the dog and cat go back to catch-as-catchcan rations: war-work is on, and the army of the unemployed is no



## Diocesan

Recordings

How Some Observe Lent. It was told in Ed Sullivan's column in the New York Daily News as having been heard told by a priest at a Communion Breakfast in New York. It seems a priest was held up by a bandit and relieved of all he had, some \$5 in cash. The priest asked the bandit if he would have a cigar which had been overlooked in the stick-up. Incensed, the holdup man said: "Nothing doing, I gave up smoking during Lent."

His First Experience. Little Nell O'Brien, son of Norman A. O'Brien, known throughout the di-occse as former president of the Backstein Discussion of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, was asked by his Sister to march in the Forty Hours procession for the first time. The little man came home quite disturbed as he innocently believed forty hours was too long in which to march.

Opportunity for Youth." The Knights of Columbus scholarships announced this week offer an exmore: shortened huns and shortened work week give way to overtime. Now course a startling suggestion from one of the country's great educators. Father Gamora, President of Fordham University, calls for the extension/into peace time of the shortened course of training already introduced into our colleges, and now proposed for our other schools. 12 years of training for file Six years in grammar school, three in high school, three in college, Four years cut off the training period to give more time for the work of file it, has been accepted as an almost sacred program to have fight years of grammar school, four

By REV. DANIEL A. LORD, S.J. Mrs. Roosevelt has a gift (if it is Age Is Relative altogether a gift' for keeping her hand in many projects. Recently

tation, as many children learn it, was talking about the sisters. it is not true" "Gee." he said, "Sister Fi is not true" "Gee." he said. "Sister Florian Time was when good Protestants must be awful old She's been

what science is not too clear. And what science is not too clear. And what becomes of the basic Chris-tian doctring of the Fall of Man and his Redemption is not obvious either. And why we must give up our first parents in so casual a fashion - that is obscure too.

But then, from time immemorial t seems to be the right of anyone laying pen to paper to write with authority on God and religion Mrs. Roosevelt's degrees in theology and Scripture escape me. But one doesn't need to know much about those subjects to write with infallible authority concerning infallible them.

Small Order

The Hely Trinity? --- What Dees That Mean?

The mystery of the Holy Trinity neans that in God there are three different and distinct Persons, the Person of the Father, the Person of the Son, and the Person of the Holy Ghost. One God in three Perions; three Persons in one and the same God; one Divine Nature, and in that one Divine Nature, three distinct Persons: that is what we mean by the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

stating thus the truth of the Trinity, we are not setting forth anything that is impossible or self-contradictory. We do not say that three are one, or that one is three but there are three distinct Divine Persons. Observe the two words, rensons. Observe the two words, nature and person. Even in ordi-nary, speech, we appreciate the fact that nature and person ex-press two very different ideas. Thus we say, I am a person and I have a human nature, we do not turn it around and say. I am a human nature and I have a person. I am a person and I have a humen nature

Now in God, we say that there is but one. Nature, and for that reason, there is but one God, but in that one Divine Nature of God, there are three different and distinct Persons; and that is the rea-son why God is a Triune God. one God in three Persons. God the Father. God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost (From the pen of Father Richard Fellx, O.S.B., Defend-ers of the Faith. Filot Grove, No.)

# • Mrs. Roosevelt Again...

It's a favorite discovery of mine hand in many projects. Recently she has gone in for Scripture ex-egesis, not too happily. "If Yeu in the world that children have Ask Me." her column in the Tadles Home Journal." presents this question. "Upon what basis do you say, 'We know the Adam and ing about the youngster who en-Eve story is not true." She an- tered first grade at St. Francis swers, "On the basis of science. In Xavier's in St Louis when she first One way of course, the Adam and one way. of course, the Adam and became superior When he was in Eve story is true as an allegory but when taught without interpre- afth grade, his mother reported, he

Time was when good Protestants must be awful old She's been like Mrs. Roosevelt believed the around the place as long as I can remember" All the way back from truth, and nothing but the truth. Now Adam and Eve became a "story" that science knocks into thought, reached by this little girl.

thought, reached by this little girl. They had been visited by an unsumed with curiosity about the visitor's age. When the visitor's refer to the family chided her severely.

"Never ask a woman her age," they said. "You simply bothered that girl to death ... 'Are you twenty ... Well, how old are you ive would you?' You embarrasse her and us to the limit." You embarrassed

"Oh," protested the child, "It wasn't as bad as that. All I did was ask her if she ever went out with Stephen Foster."

## Japamese Laughter

We must wrest what little humor we can from the Japanese situa-tion. And some of the events are

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