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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.

## PALM SUNDAY

The 1942nd Year of Our Lord dawned on a world which has gone far from the ways of Jesus Christ. The peace He would bring to men of good will, is far from us because there are in the world today so many men not of good will. That peace can be restored not only by the turning of men to Christ, but by the manifold struggles of men of good will against those who have no good will toward God and no good will for men.

Christ came as the Prince of Peace. Christ brought a message of peace, but even the life of Christ was not all peaceful. Men of evil will, abundant in His day, refused His message, sought His ruin.

Palm Sunday in Jerusalem 1942 years ago was a temporary triumph of the men of good will over their adversaries. "Let Him be crucified" was not of Palm Sunday, not of the day of the Triumphant Entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday was the day of the ringing "Hosanna in the highest—Blessed is He Who cometh in the name of the Lord."

The people spread their garments in the way, the little children sang their greeting to the Messiah, branches of the palm tree were strewn in the way before Him.

But five days later in the same Holy City Christ was rejected, was passed over that Barabbas might be released; was crucified that the accumulated hatreds of all irreligious men might reach their goal in the destruction of the Redeemer of Mankind. Those hatreds seemed to triumph, but in reality served only to make manifest the supreme and availing love of Him Who was offered up because He willed it.

Palm Sunday! Hosanna to the Son of David, the Promised Redeemer! Blessed is He Who cometh in the name of the Lord! Today's blessed palm brings close to us the intimate knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Brings close to us His supreme desire to save all men, to save us! His triumph is our triumph, His victory is our victory! Dark days and evil days are to follow, but God's infinite love for man must eventually conquer. The temporary triumph of Palm Sunday must give way in the sorrows of Good Friday that the lasting victory of the Risen Christ may be made eternally manifest in the glory of Easter Sunday.

## HOLY WEEK

Hebdomada Maius—the Great Week—Holy Week! The week portrayed in vision to Daniel the Prophet—when all things were to be consummated, when prophecy was to be fulfilled, when man's redemption was to be fulfilled!

Well may it be called the Great Week! Well may it be called the Holy Week among all weeks of the year!

It is the week of consummation! The Prophets have spoken, the very voice of Christ has been heard. He must go up to Jerusalem, and in Him must be fulfilled all the things spoken of Him by the Prophets. He must be mocked and scourged and spit upon; He must be put to death; but the third day He must rise again.

Tenebrae factae sunt! The darkness must cover the earth, the darkness of paganism, of superstition, of unbelief, of unbelief in the Redeemer. But the darkness must give way to the illumination of the Light of the World. The death of Christ must mean the eternal life of man.

It is for every Christian a Great Week. Great in the mysteries it unfolds of the infinite love of the Saviour for mankind; great in the depths of sorrow it reveals afflicting the soul and body and divinity of the God-Man; great in the redeeming power of Christ's suffering and death.

For each of us individually it is the Great Week of the year! Christ died not only for the world at large, He died for each of us; His love is for each one individually, just as His redeeming power is for each individual soul. He is My Saviour, My Redeemer! This is the week in which He suffered and died for Me! This is for Me, then, the Great Week! The Great Week for my life here on earth, the Great Week for my eternity of happiness in Heaven! May my guardian Angel help me to be with Christ, to share in His love, in His sufferings, through all the sacred days of this Holy Week!

## A FAIR PRICE

Catholic teaching on justice and rights is founded on God's revelation on man's nature, on the eternal principles of natural morality. Among the teachings are the rules that govern the dealing of men with one another: one element in such dealing is the matter of trade or barter. The pagan-minded world forgets the natural justice that should rule every matter of trade; the Catholic Church can never forget the principles of natural justice and their application in every act of selling or buying.

Natural Law and Catholic teaching agree in declaring that there must be a lawful proportion between what is sold and the price for which it is sold. If the price is too high, the proportion is lost, and injustice is present; if the price is too low, the same is true. Injustice is a safe means dishonestly means unjust taking what belongs to another.

The principles of such dealing are fundamental: they apply to all deals, whether the buyer may be, who the seller. Some questions of the present unlettered age may feel that they have a right to what they will stand, especially when dealing with the government. They have no such right; they must give value for all

## QUERIES and REPLIES

### Why Do You Maintain That There Can Be Only One True Religion?

There can be only one true religion because there is only one true God. If there could be more than one true God there might be more than one true religion; each God might have His own religion and each religion might be true. But since there is only one God, there can be only one true religion of that God.

Differences of religious doctrine result from the different ideas which men hold of God and God's nature. Some maintain that there is one God, some three Gods, some many more. Some say that God is one person only, others that He is three in one, others again that He is not a person at all. Some believe that God became man for our salvation, others that He did not. Religions which represent the one God in ways that contradict one another cannot all be true. Since these different views are contradictory one of another, some of them must seriously misrepresent God. Nobody likes to be misrepresented. Religions which misrepresent God cannot possibly be pleasing to Him; however tentatively He may be disposed to deal with those who follow a false religion through no fault of their own. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Eph. 4, 5)—that is the right as well as the revealed view of the matter.—(From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

Democracy in action: Officials unable to act without consulting the President, and unable to see him because he is too busy.—Elizabeth (N. J.) "Journal."

Nothing is certain, said the philosopher, but death and taxes. He might have added "and an increase in taxes."—Hartford "Courant."

## Diocesan Recordings

### A BATTLE-CRY

Pearson and Allen, in their Sunday night broadcast, asked for a battle-cry. What's the matter with "America Fights for God-Given Rights," the slogan of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, used in the latter's nation-wide broadcast, also on Sunday night.

### NIGHT SHIFT

They do not make much fuss about it. Once a month, Catholic men in various sections of this diocese assemble at the appointed church to spend one hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. They are banded together in what is known as the Nocturnal Adoration Society. It is not easy for them to rise in the dark hours of the night and go to the Church where the vigil is kept. They do it, however, in numbers that have made the Rochester diocese outstanding in this devotion. In the larger areas like in Rochester, the men often keep their vigils throughout the year and do not get to know each other except those in their own hands. It was an inspiring sight, then, on last Sunday to witness these men approaching the altar rail at their annual Communion. They had the satisfaction of hearing their Bishop tell them that theirs was a movement most essential to the successful winning of the war project. They had the satisfaction of hearing that they furnished the spiritual power for other groups' activities. Here in Rochester and in the other points in the diocese where Nocturnal Adoration Societies exist, more and more Catholic men should join in the vigils. There is a spiritual solace resulting which cannot be described but must be experienced.

### A REMINDER

Even when he is out in Seattle, Washington, Frank E. Wolfe, president of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, thinks of our own diocesan newspaper. He brought back with him a card used by the Catholic Northwest Progress which is passed around in the churches and the faithful are asked to use for signing up for subscriptions. The card is headed "Our First Line of Defense—warning of enemies' attacks, uniting us in bonds of truth and accurate information, the Catholic Press is the Strong Right Arm of the Church."

## Just Jotting On the War

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

That the army has standardized the ties to be worn by soldiers in headline news. . . . Movie theater marquee: "General Custer, the General MacArthur of his day" . . . I'd advise any young man or woman with a taste for horses and a little money to start a horse farm.

Horses don't need rubber or gasoline to run. . . . Amazing the number of young soldiers, reported dead, who are later found to be alive and at the end of a kicking gun. One wonders: Did some mother really pray? . . . Politicians who hadn't worried about the Church for a long time now announcing solemnly and tearfully that the Church is at stake in the war. Could that mean that after it is over, they will resume their long omitted church going? . . . Thank heaven, while millions train for war, we can still devote pages in our newspaper to the baseball training camps in the south. . . . War gardens are reborn. I hope they're better than the one I helped cultivate in the last war. It was saved by the armistice. . . .

Playing cards and old games are wanted for the men in service. How about rummaging for the old parched bit and the old dominos up in the attic? . . . Yet we note that some citizens (safe at home) are knocking the baseball players who are continuing to play. They'd prefer them to toss hand grenades. Well, even ball players may have families to support. . . . The premier of Hungary resigns, and gets six lines of type. The slights of small nations. . . . If all the people killed in the war thus far, according to the official reports from the varied belligerents, were actually dead, they'd include every man on earth and the next four generations. . . . Moscow's Ballet flourishes even during the war. That's news: I thought that practically all Russian dancers were on Broadway in

Hollywood, touring the country—or running dancing schools. . . . The United States presented an old gunboat to China. Weren't the Chinese the ones who first thought up this whole business of gunpowder? . . . Because his companions dared him, a little colored boy slashed all four tires on a parked auto. . . . Because of the war, no Easter egg rolling on the White House lawn. How hard this war is on even the children! . . .

### Not Merely Backward

A friend sends us from "Mademoiselle" a little clipping: "Have you heard about . . . the first state in the country—North Carolina—to adopt a 'Planned Parenthood program (who said the backward South?)"

From this point on, from the standpoint of population, it is evidently bent on being the backyard south. . . . as the population goes back and back toward vanishing point, under the auspices of the birth controller and the associates whose parenthood is planned to the point of elimination.

### Psychological State

Amazing how the background of the war is there in our consciousness even when we don't pay attention to it.

For instance. . . . I was safely in my quiet little room, with my books and papers around me. The hour was eleven at night, and I lay in bed reading. The book was amusing. And I was at peace with the world.

Then suddenly a siren blasted the air on a nearby street. I sat bolt upright in bed. Not too far from where I lived is a fire engine station and the sound of fire sirens at night is one to which I have long been accustomed. But this time it was different: "Air raid!" I cried in my secret soul, though I live in the inland city of St. Louis where raids would be a sign that our land was on its knees already licked. And then, "Or some horrible sabotage."

Yes, sabotage, that was it. For I heard three dull thuds, one after the other; then sirens, and two more thuds.

I was sure then. Some enemy had blown up the small arms plant on the far side of town and the fire department was rushing to save what could be saved.

Again the thud, a red light dawned. I got up and carefully closed my room door. That catch had been bad for months, and again I'd heard the door swing back and forth with that same thud. But now it wasn't a thud, it was an explosion. War nerves, no doubt of that. I'll have to get that confounded catch mended.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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**EVEN THE DRAPINGS ARE CARVED WOOD** ON THIS SUPERB ALTAIR, BISHOP'S RESIDENCE, QUERETARO, MEXICO.

**DEAF MUTES** WERE TAUGHT TO ARTICULATE & LIP-READ BY ST. JOHN OF BEVERLY (EIGHTH CENTURY). The model was lost and 300 years elapsed before he died were again instructed by Father de la Fuente.

**COLUMBIAN CAVEL** FLORENCE CLUB, LIVERPOOL, IS USED BY ALL DEMONSTRATIONS. The furniture is from a one-time luxury liner.

The Chimes of the GREAT CLOCK in the Kremlin, Moscow, which the Czarist Emperor ordered to be Our Lady's name placed on the "INTERNATIONALE".