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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.

## FORTY YEARS AFTER

Time measures the progress of men and institutions. "Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow, creeps in this petty pace from day to day, To the last syllable of recorded time." A petty pace, indeed, as we look to the future: far from petty, as we survey the past!

When a young priest forty years ago founded Blessed Sacrament Parish, built up its first combination church and school building, its rectory, instituted the work of ministering to souls, his vision could not have pictured the scene that adorns its Fortieth Anniversary. Days of hard work, of careful planning, of severe striving, to meet current bills, to keep up with the interest payments, made up the calendar of the parish and of the pastor then. No day seemed to have enough hours for all that had to be accomplished. No week had enough days for all that had to be done.

What a record of achievement those forty years give us! The growth of the individual in the spirit of his faith, was matched by the growth of the parish. New homes and new parishioners began to appear. Week after week parents brought their babies to the baptismal font to receive membership in God's Church, to be adopted as Sons of God. The church was soon too small to care for all its parishioners; the school was soon too small for its pupils.

Today we see a magnificent church edifice, a school complete in every detail, a convent that rates with the best. Some day a new rectory will put the finishing touches to a parochial plant that will stand as a monument to the zeal and persevering labor of one devoted priest. Father Thomas Connors, who inaugurated Blessed Sacrament Parish forty years ago, and who today after forty years of service still directs its destinies, still watches with fostering care over the spiritual interests of his many parishioners.

Many are the blessings that have come into the hearts and into the homes of the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament: but chief among them has been and shall be the man of God who has been their spiritual leader from the beginning, and who stands today as their champion and guide. God bless Father Connors; God bless the parish he has founded and developed under the title, of the Blessed Sacrament.

## THE CASE FOR THE JEWS

So much has been written and said of late on the Case Against the Jew that it might be well to view the positive side and consider the Case For the Jew. It is in no patronizing sense that we take up this consideration. It is not that we feel that our decent and estimable Jewish friends and neighbors have need of our testimony. It is not that truly American people judge that fair and equitable treatment should be given them only when they have proved they are not unworthy of it. It is just ordinary Americanism, just a normal exercise of Christian justice, just a fulfillment of the Golden Rule, that prompts us to say a word in their favor. That word is based on experience, on personal knowledge of Jewish men and women, on realization that their virtues as a group in our American Commonwealth more than outweigh their faults.

What is the Case For the Jews? It should start with generalities, with a statement of principles of justice, of Americanism, of Christianity. There can be no justice where individuals and groups are condemned without trial on charges unproved and unsupported by evidence. There is no Americanism in denying to Jews those inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, which the Declaration of Independence solemnly asserts belong to all men by God's gift. There can be no approach to fulfillment of the divine law of the love of our neighbor where Jews are excluded from that love. The just man, the sincere American, the practicing Christian, can find no room in his rule of life for prejudice against the Jews.

What is the case for the Jews? It should include the particular cases in which definite charges are made against a group, an individual, or the whole Jewish race. It should include a fair, judicial consideration of these charges by unprejudiced witnesses; and should be based on the presumption of innocence till guilt is proved. It should confine such guilt as is proven, to the individual or particular group which is at fault. At no time should the entire Jewish populace be held responsible for the shortcomings of some of its members. When wicked men who have assumed dictatorial powers deny to men the exercise of their inalienable rights, deny even the existence of such rights; when such enemies of freedom strive to assign reasons for this despoilment of the Jews, and ask others to accept those reasons; those that think, those that weigh, those that know, will be slow accepting these reasons as valid. All the innocences of a lamb will not savorit from the lion. The case for the Jews is simply to give to them the same fair play we ask for ourselves: to insist on their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

## MY MEDAL, MY CROSS

The story that has just come through of the Catholic soldier whose life was saved by the silver crucifix he was wearing on a chain around his neck, stirs our religious emotions. The blessings that come into our lives through the use of the Sacraments of the Church, usually come in an ordinary way. The medal we wear constantly reminds us of Our Blessed Mother, of St. Anthony, of St.

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## QUERIES and REPLIES

What Are The Corporal Works Of Mercy?

The Corporal Works of Mercy are enumerated as follows:

1. To feed the hungry.
2. To give drink to the thirsty.
3. To clothe the naked.
4. To shelter the homeless.
5. To visit the imprisoned.
6. To care for the sick.
7. To bury the dead.

The Corporal Works of Mercy were especially recommended by our Savior and the Apostles (cf. Matt. 25, 34; Hebr. 13, 16; James 1, 27). If these works of mercy are performed merely or mainly for the good of our fellowman or for the honor or publicity that one may get out of them, they are properly speaking works of philanthropy. If they are done primarily out of love for God, they are works of charity, in the strict sense of the word.

Only works of charity are counted as works of religion. Unless God is the motive behind our good works, we have received our reward already in this world and can scarcely expect much recognition for them in the next. "Whatever you do, do all to the Glory of God" (1 Cor. 10, 31). "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doth" (Matt. 6, 3). "And hospitably do not forget; for by this some, being not aware of it, have entertained angels" (Hebr. 13, 2). (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

Along The Way

## New Spring Colors

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

Remember the famous color in the stained glass which, according to legend, resulted when the careless assistant dropped into the pot of molten glass a metal spoon?

That sort of thing still is possible, I hear. This spring you are going to be offered a very beautifully mottled silk, something that will probably melt the feminine heart; and, as it will also appear in ties, make men reach eagerly for this concession to color for males.

Well, it was an accident, I understand from inside sources. A very careless little boy was carrying a bolt of bridal satin, something very, very special, from the loom, and let some of it roll off the end. He dragged it along the floor toward the executive offices where high officials were waiting to gloat over it, and, in small boy fashion, pulled it through long gutters of paint. Of course the youth got large sections of the executives' minds; the spoiled piece was cut off and thrown out the window still wet. Some bit of providential good luck caught the ruined silk and held it near the window where it dried. One of the firm found it, went into ecstasies over the amazing color combinations, the accident was deliberately reproduced on a large scale, and Voila, you have your new spring colors!

### These Beauty Ads

Evidently these faces washed free from all expression are supposed to be beautiful. But if they are . . .

Recently I was flipping the pages in a Sunday magazine when I paused on two photographs side by side. "She was beautiful until she smiled," ran the ad. I looked at the two pictures. One was that of an expressionless woman, her face a freshly anaesthetized mask without the slightest sign of life in it. "Horrible," I thought. I looked at the other, full of vitality, character, and the humorous little lines that a pleasant disposition and a happy life set in the face.

And then it dawned on me. That picture was supposed to be a horrible example of what not to be.

## Feast Days

- Sunday, Apr. 13—ST. ELPHIEGE
- Monday, Apr. 14—ST. AGNES
- Tuesday, Apr. 15—ST. ANSELM
- Wednesday, Apr. 16—SOLENNITY OF ST. JOSEPH
- Thursday, Apr. 17—ST. GEORGE
- Friday, Apr. 18—ST. FIDELIS OF BRIMARINGEN
- Saturday, Apr. 19—ST. MARY, MARYANGEL

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M J MURRAY

**POPE LEO XIII** was able invariably to tell the nationality of pilgrims at sight and often the district from which they came.

The CUSHION supporting the MISSAL symbolizes the tender hearts of the true hearers of the WORD OF GOD.

A CROSS with THREE TRANSVERSE BARS—the so-called PAPAL CROSS—never existed among Papal insignia. ORIGINATED IN THE IMAGINATION OF ARTISTS.

GARMELITES, CARthusIANS and DOMINICANS place the water and wine into the Chalice before beginning Mass.

## Diocesan Recordings

**TURN-ABOUT**—Loyal adherents to the Legion of Decency are alert to motion pictures which are condemned and demonstrate their disapproval by remaining away. This has had definite influence with the producers. When these same producers come out with a picture that is fully approved and recommended then it is only "fair play" to support those pictures with the same vigor that is shown against the indecent films. "The Eternal Gift"—a full length motion picture of the Mass which was given a world premiere in Chicago and Omaha deserves full support. It will be shown in Rochester opening May 14 and the Legion of Decency has opportunity to become positive in action. When shown in other sections of the diocese the same will hold true.

**A WELCOME LETTER**—"When we finish reading our COURIER it is mailed to the Holy Name of Jesus Hospital (in Alabama) where it is enjoyed very much."—Mrs. W. C. Heffernan, 245 Main St., Geneva.

**CHILDREN'S FUTURE**—The youngsters now will be enabled to go to college later if U. S. War Bonds are purchased for them now, as an assurance of their being able to go to college, later.

**TO THE PRESIDENT**—A dedicatory plaque has been presented to President Roosevelt which reads "Dear Mr. President: The highest act of religion for me as a Catholic and a Holy Name man is to participate actively with a priest in offering to God the Sacrifice of Christ's Body and Blood in Mass whilst also partaking therein of the Divine Banquet, Holy Communion. The share I have and can give in this supreme act of religion on Mar. 8, 1942, I offer for you as the duly elected President of my Country." Every Holy Name man of the diocese who participated in the Mar. 8 reception of Holy Communion is an endorser of this message.

## FIRST MISSIONARIES

The Catholic Church is a vast Missionary society, started on the Feast of Pentecost, 1900 years ago, and it has never ceased its efforts to extend the work of Christ throughout the world. In doing this, it is but following the express command of Christ to the Apostles, Acts 1-8, Matt. 24-14. "And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations."

To be beautiful, one was supposed to be flat faced, lineless, without expression, or any of the characterful marks that come only with rich living.

Alas that we have reached a day when the deadpan is the perfect type and expression is something at which to shudder.

### Turn About

Says Father Maxin of Cleveland, and now with the US Air Corps: "One of my most faithful communicants was a fine husky policeman. You wouldn't miss him, big and brawny in his uniform there at the communion rail; or of a Saturday night waiting outside the confessional. "Then one night I was called on an urgent sick call; I cut a few corners and rode a few lights, and then heard the siren of doom behind me. The cop came abreast. I couldn't explain all about the Holy Viaticum I was carrying to the dying, so instead, to save time I said— "All right, officer. I'm sorry. Give me a ticket and let me go. "Instead the familiar face of my cop stuck itself in the window. "So you're sorry, are you?" he demanded. "Do you promise not to do it again? Very well; for your penance, you say three Our Fathers and three Hail Marys, and get going."

### Cups

Or many a Jesuit dinner table stands a coffee cup of the type that might well be used for a projectile. It is sturdy, thick, firm, unbreakable—ideal china for men, firm enough to be washed by rugged male hands and tossed about without danger of chipping.

Father Blakely, so well known for his work on "America," said that after drinking out of cups like this for seven youthful years, he went out to dinner in a house offering ordinary china—and bit through the cup.

Recently the buyer for one of the Jesuit houses went to a china wholesaler, and, not mentioning the place that meant to use the cups, described what he wanted. "You'll have to wait until we order those," the dealer said. "We don't carry them in stock. They are only used at the jail, the insane asylum, and by the Jesuits."

"Are you in favor of women taking part in public affairs?" "It's all right if you really want the affairs public."

Customer: Come John, we are ready to go.  
Milliner: Pardon, madam, here's the hat you bought—that's the box you're wearing.