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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.

THE PROFESSOR'S JUBILEE

Last Sunday was the fortieth anniversary of ordination of Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Goggin, Rector of St. Bernard's Seminary. The modest and retiring spirit of the Jubilarian was reflected in the simple celebration of the event. The Bishop of the Diocese officiated at a Pontifical Mass in the Seminary Chapel, and spoke feelingly of the lifetime of service Doctor Goggin has given to the Seminary as a Professor and as an Official. The Faculty and the student body assisted at the Mass and at the dinner which followed. Bishop Kearney with his Vicar General and Chancellor were the only attendants at the dinner outside the Faculty.

It was a festive occasion! Simplicity was no hindrance to the deep solemnity that hovered over the Jubilee Day. The complete obliteration of self that has characterized the forty years of Priesthood of Doctor Goggin, was a theme that needed no explanation to the two hundred fifty students, to the members of the Faculty, to the Bishop and his officials. They had known it as part of the history and the accomplishments of St. Bernard's Seminary. They had experienced it themselves, and had heard of it from earlier alumni of their own Alma Mater. They had known him as their Professor, as their Religious Superior, as the great leader who had recommended them or was about to recommend them to their Bishop for ordination to the Priesthood. Most intimate was the connection between his sacerdotal career and their own entrance into the ranks of Christ's chosen ones. The student body was experiencing that subtle, consecrated, Christ-like, influence that was to lead them as worthy Levites to the altar; even as it has led so many hundreds of candidates to the worthy reception of Holy Orders. It was a festive occasion! It was an occasion of joy! It was an occasion of thanksgiving to God! It was one of those rare occasions when native modesty had to give way to the compelling force of the Jubilee spirit and suffer the embarrassing expression of what Bishop and Priests and Students have felt and do feel about their revered Professor of days gone by, their able and celebrated Rector of the present day.

His Fortieth Anniversary will stir up memories in the minds of his thousands of pupils and friends, who have taken from his teaching the skill and knowledge that has enabled them to be able preachers of God's Word, capable confessors, worthy ministers to the sick, well-trained priests. Those memories will include pictures of the lecture-hall, where day after day the laborious task of teaching was so thoroughly accomplished only because of the long hours of preparation that preceded each class. More than illness, more than fatigue from manifold other duties, would be required to make Doctor Goggin miss his class or any part of it. His pupils would gladly have allowed him a day off now and then—but the Doctor could not see it. A master in every branch of ecclesiastical learning, a student over all his years of preparation and of priesthood, a veritable monument of patience and consideration to faculty and students, with a zeal for the seminary that knows no bounds, Doctor Goggin holds the hearty respect, the unflinching love, the solid gratitude of all who have been privileged to learn from him the beauty and the knowledge of the things of God. Devoted to the best ideals of ecclesiastical training, he has found Latin for himself and has made it for his pupils a second mother tongue. Bishop Kearney made a subtle reference to this when he apologized in his jubilee sermon to an appreciative student-body for speaking of Dr. Goggin in the vernacular.

Forty years is not a lifetime! For Monsignor Goggin, it is just a good start. That he may be with St. Bernard's Seminary for many years to come to be an inspiration and an outstanding example of a priest who is spending himself for God in his chosen vocation, is the prayer of Bishop and priests and students. God bless Doctor Goggin in this, his Year of Jubilee!

MEMORIAL DAY

Decoration of the graves of soldiers and sailors with flags and wreaths and flowers is the office of our citizens each Memorial Day. It is a natural and a fitting tribute to those who have fought the battles of their country, who have obtained or preserved for us the freedom that is America.

The memories of past wars and historic battles will mingle this year with solemn thoughts of the present dangers that assail America. Again the cry for freedom has sounded, again the call for men to fight their country's cause has gone forth. From mountain and hillside and green valley, they have assembled ready and eager to spend themselves in preservation of that liberty for which the soldiers of an earlier age have so faithfully fought. May the fortunes of war be kind to them! May the right soon conquer! May God's blessing soon bring them back victorious to the free and unrestricted enjoyment of their homes and firesides!

Meanwhile, we pay even in our present dire danger to pay tribute to those who have gone on before us as lovers of free America. May God bless their souls with heavenly solace, as we give testimony on earth to their bravery and sacrifices by marking their graves with sweet flowers, green wreaths, the national colors.

THE REVEREND LEO A. SMITH

One of the younger priests of the diocese has passed on. Two years of illness came to an end on Monday when Father Leo A. Smith died.

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"With all these War Bonds he's the most eligible bachelor in the church!"

'DIVORCE Oh, No! But How About Annulments'

"You Catholics do not have divorces," stated a neighbor recently, "but the wealthy and prominent do get annulments, don't they?"

"They do, surely" we answered, "when it can be proved before the strictest courts in the world, that they were never really married. With the same proviso paupers get annulments too."

"But," she insisted, "the annulments we hear of always seem to have money, power or social prestige behind them, such as for instance the Marlborough-Vanderbilt annulment."

"Money, power and social prestige" had nothing to do with that annulment," we explained, "but it had everything to do with getting a wrong version of the whole affair into ignorant, sensation-loving newspapers and into the mouths of the omnipresent bigots. . . . The whole thing was a clean-out case of a girl being forced by threats and fear to go through a ceremony and contract which no civil court today would consider valid. This is positively proved by the testimony of Consuelo Vanderbilt, her mother, aunt and many other witnesses."

"Shortly after the Vanderbilt case, the Roman Rota refused the annulment plea of the Italian Prince Ludovico Potenzianni, a man of far more prestige and social position than the English Duke, a man who could buy out the entire Vanderbilt family without missing the money. But this was a refusal. No chance to mix it up with divorce. No 'scandal.' No news, at least for the American press. So it is not likely that you ever heard of it."

"Remember, that annulments (properly called decrees of nullity) and divorces have nothing in common. An annulment is declared only when it can be proved beyond a doubt that something occurred or some condition existed, before or during the ceremony, which made marriage for that particular couple impossible. Divorce, on the other hand, is a breaking asunder of the seal of a lawful marriage, because of something that occurred after the ceremony had been performed."

It's So Easy to Misunderstand

If you do not have the true facts, Won't you let us give you these about any Catholic belief, or practice which disturbs you? The knowledge cannot hurt you and it will, we feel sure, go far towards understanding and tolerance. — Catholic Information Society of Northburgh, P. O. Box 35, Northburgh, Pa.

What Kind Of Poverty

Whether in the coming years we are to be poor or no, we have no choice. That question has already been settled. What we have to decide is whether that which we are called upon to suffer, shall be holy poverty or the type which breeds misery and bloody revolution. — Stanley B. James.

Feast Days

- Sunday, May 31 — TRINITY SUNDAY.
- Monday, June 1 — ST. CAPRAZIUS.
- Tuesday, June 2 — ST. MARCEL AND COMPANIONS.
- Wednesday, June 3 — ST. CLOTILDA.
- Thursday, June 4 — CORPUS CHRISTI.
- Friday, June 5 — ST. BONIFACE.
- Saturday, June 6 — ST. NORBERT.

Diocesan Recordings

Memorial Day — Catholic people in Elmira and Auburn will mark the day, annually set aside for remembering those who gave their lives for their country, by outdoor Masses in the Catholic cemeteries of those cities. A Solemn High Mass will be offered in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn, with pastors of the city officiating. Veteran organizations are joining with the Auburn Holy Name Societies in arranging for the Mass beginning at 9 A. M. Inaugurated by Msgr. John J. Lee, dean of the Elmira deanery, a Field Mass will be offered in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery, that city, at 11 A. M. The living now in the field, men and women, who are devoting their all, their lives if need be, will be remembered in the prayers of the faithful together with the heroic dead of past wars. These services will undoubtedly draw large throngs. The faithful are fully aware of the importance of prayer especially at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at this time.

Mothers of Servicemen responded in overflow numbers at the Holy Mass offered by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, in St. Joseph's Church, last Thursday. Their sons in the service of the country will feel a thrill of greater security knowing that those at home are constantly keeping them in mind at the altar.

An Interesting Tie-up. This department learned this week that the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo M. Finn, supreme chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, and former County Judge Philip H. Donnelly, known throughout the diocese as a Catholic layman and speaker, were classmates at Holy Cross College. Monsignor Finn, nephew of the late Rev. Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, was but recently elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

QUERIES and REPLIES

How Did The New Testament Come Into Existence?

The Apostles were sent by our Lord to preach and to teach. There was no command to write. Christ Himself had not written His message, but had spoken it in synagogues and temple, on the lake shore, mountain side, and desert waste.

When the occasion presented itself, some of the Apostles wrote to their converts children in circumstances of time and place demanded. Thus St. Matthew wrote to the Jews of Palestine, first in their own language, and afterwards directed the writing of the same message in Greek. St. Mark, companion of St. Peter, at the request of the Christians of Rome, wrote for them the substance of St. Peter's preaching in that city. St. Luke, faithful follower of St. Paul, wrote two books for the benefit of his friend Theophilus; the first, an orderly account of the life of Christ from His Birth in Bethlehem to His Ascension into Heaven; and the second, the story of the spread of the Church under the leadership of St. Peter and the missionary activities of St. Paul. St. Paul, burning with zeal to bring the message of the Master to all men, hastened from city to city and established churches wherever he went; with those churches he kept in close touch by means of letters, and these form the body of the Epistles of St. Paul.

In like manner, St. Peter, St. Jude and St. James wrote letters to the newly formed Church. St. John, the beloved disciple of our Lord, was spared to the end of the century to watch over the cradle days of the Church. Exiled to the Isle of Patmos, he converted his prison into a sanctuary of prayer. Caught up in vision to the height of Heaven, he set down in writing the sublimest book of all the Scriptures, the Apocalypse.

Supplementing the three epistles that he also penned, St. John, at the end of his long life, gave us his incomparable Gospel concerning which he says, "Many other signs also did Jesus in the sight of His disciples" which are not written in this book, but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." (Jno. 20, 30) -- From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.

The American Home. A secular press column, that of Henry Cline, "Seen and Heard" in the May 26 issue of the Democrat and Chronicle was devoted to the happy home life of a Rochester couple with eight children and one grandchild who find time to appear as professional dancers. All of the elements that call for the sound family life are exemplified in the couple's daily existence. Despite the trend, this couple has brought into the world what is today a large family, and have successfully exploded theories of the birth-control advocates. They are not of the Catholic faith.

According To The Doctor

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Drink without eating, and eat without drinking.

Five glasses of water a day, none with meals, will free you of doctors.

Warm feet and a cool head need no physician.

A bath cold if you please, but if you must, with a good rub, starts the day right.

Don't sit still with wet feet. Walk until you have had a chance to change.

Never let a day pass without covering four miles on foot.

See how high you can hold your head and how deeply you can breathe when out of doors.

You'll never get the gout from walking.

Sleep woe the physically tired man or woman but flouts the mentally exhausted.

Nature won't stand for overdrafts any more than your bank.

Let freedom ring on Uncle Sam's cash register! Buy U. S. War Bonds and Stamps.