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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.

## FATUOUS FIRES OF FALSE PROPHETS

The world has been cursed by the fatuous fires of false prophets. These fires have been raging with such intensity that many have been attracted to them, affected by them. False have been these prophets in the fact that they have turned against God, against God's ways, against God's Providence. Fatuous have been the fires they have lighted in the world and in the hearts of their deluded followers. Not the fire of brotherly love, of neighborly concern for one's fellows, of fundamental respect for the rights of men. Not the fire of faith in God, trust in God, love of God. No, but the fatuous fire, the deceiving fire, of promises unfulfilled and unfulfillable; of an earthly paradise that shall satisfy man's deepest longings; of a Utopia in which every law of human freedom shall be thrust aside for the grand cause; in which the happiness of the state shall be obtained by destroying the happiness of all the individuals. The fatuous fire of religious repression, spiritual negation, educational persecution, glazing decently upon men its foolish promise of the great good that shall eventually come to pass.

World War II differs from former wars in this, that there is back of the program of the dictators a definite program for the destruction of religion, for the abolition of the Church of God, for the banishment of God from human affairs. Substitution of the pagan gods of barbarian people for the God of Heaven and Earth, is proposed with unabashed boldness. And the program advances with all the speed the dictators dare put into it.

Pope Pius XII urges all to pray for the return of the day when those who have been following the fatuous fires of false prophets, will turn to the Church of God. False idols, false ideals, false voices, must be given up in that day. Fighting the good fight with America, we are not following any fatuous fire of false prophets; rather are we following the shining light of Almighty God, Who gave us our liberties. Who blesses us as we defend them for ourselves and for our brethren.

## MRS. TERESA GANSTER

Catholic America has lost a gifted leader in the death of Mrs. Teresa Ganster. For thirty years she has been Supreme President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John. In that office she has served the women of America, she has served the Church, she has been an earnest advocate for Catholic Action. Above all, she has been a devout, loyal, energetic, exponent of all that is best in fraternalism, of all that is right and proper in our social program, of all that one looks for in a Catholic woman.

Her influence as a leader among women had a solid basis in the fine, personal devotion with which she served her God. The faith that was within her was so deep and vital that it craved outward expression. It was an unflinching inspiration to her, a constant influence for good unto others. Her interests were not confined to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John, but were extended to the other societies in the community. The merited recognition given to her by Pope Pius XI in the conferring of the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal, was the crowning glory of the universal respect and esteem for her that dwelt in the heart of her Bishop, her Pastor, her multitude of followers among the clergy and laity of Rochester and of America. May she rest in peace!

## "WAR WEEK" CONTINUES ITS COURSE

Since last Sunday Rochester has been observing the solemnities of War Week. The energy of the active committees has been more than matched by the response of the citizens in general. Religious observance started off the program on Sunday; in ceremony and pageant, in prayers and in sermons, in patriotic music, in heartfelt remembrance of all those in the service of the nation, in devout petition for God's blessing on America in her struggle against the enemies of human freedom, War Week was begun.

The religious motif underlies all the program for War Week. "Conquer we must, since our cause it is just; And this be our motto, In God is our trust!" All-out production by labor and industry, co-operation by business men and mercantile leaders, earnest striving by every citizen, purchase of War Bonds by every true lover of America, these are the ideals that War Week would realize! God's blessing be on these ideals!

Let's all be in on the closing events as we have been on the first part of the program! That parade for Friday night will make history for our city! Be thrilled at its magnificence, moved by its solemnity, prompted to action by its purpose! In prayer, in labor, in sacrifice, in purchase of War Bonds, in fullest patriotic support of your Country, give your report on the reaction War Week and its activities have begotten in your soul!

## THE PARISH WELCOMES ITS NEW PRIEST

Soon the Sunday will come that marks the first appearance of a new priest in our parish. He may be new in the sense that he has just been ordained, or in the sense that he is new to us. It is a special joy for the parishioner to welcome the coming of one newly ordained to his parish; the fresh ardor of a young priestly soul, his eagerness

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"Well, it can't be good news every day! If it makes you so blue why don't you go and buy another U. S. War Bond? That always seems to help."

## Diocesan Recordings

In the 25 years of existence of Rochester Catholic Charities, to be commemorated next week, Wednesday, cooperating with Bishops and Priests and Sisters in charge, have been prominent laymen and laywomen who have given willingly of time and service. The care of the sick, of the dependent children and of the unfortunate in this diocese has been outstanding in its record. Our hearty congratulations to all who during the 25 years have had a part in building up the program and institutions which have resulted in so much good to others.

The Knights of St. John know what it means to invest in their country by buying War Bonds. Already they have received dividends on their investments in a financial way as well as the satisfaction of having done their part in the War effort.

The Supreme Board of the Knights of Columbus is determined to keep a record of individual members and Councils in the War now going on. In this area, Cyril J. Statt of 48 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester, N. Y., is seeking all information possible. K. of C. Council officers are asked by him to give him all cooperation possible in the task assigned to him.

Taking over the duties of grand knight of a Knights of Columbus Council is a large assignment for any Catholic layman. The writer will do that very thing on July 1 for Rochester Council with a prayer to the Holy Spirit and hope for success. He is truly grateful to Past Grand Knight Cornelius J. Milliken of Elmira, and the others for felicitations and sound advice on the duties the office entails.

He was assisting at Mass in a strange church. Announcement was made of the customary collection. Later an announcement was made of a special collection for War Bonds. In between the first collection and the special one came a collection customary to the regular parishioners. When the usher appeared for the third donation, he was heard to whisper irreverently and facetiously, "We're being tormented," but he said it with a grin and gave generously.

A bust has been made of the late Kaiser Wilhelm. Shucks, we thought that had been done 23 years ago. San Francisco "News."

Italy's predicament teaches us that the least profitable excuses for going into war are pique and vanity. Pottsville "Journal."

"Ah, when Grubbs sees you wasn't no gentleman, wot did yer say?" "I sez, 'Two negatives means a affirmative,' and knocks 'em down."

## Prayer As Always

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

Recently one of my good friends lost his old father. The old gentleman had long enough to see and love the splendid family his son had presented him.

And on his death bed he asked for a priest and was baptized. I congratulated his son on the happy event, this coming into the Faith after seventy and more years of waiting. The son smiled.

"He had to come in the end," he said. "I've been praying for his conversion since my first communion."

## For Irish Culture

An interesting letter reached me and I pass its contents on to you. St. Louis is a city of a large Irish population, and in the old days, one large section was known happily as Kerry Patch, with the patron saints of Ireland giving their names to the parish churches and the families of the district giving their sons and daughters to the Church.

Well, the letter tells how a group of Irishmen are getting together to give "serious thought to the need of retaining in permanent form contributions that have been made to civilization, and especially in American life, by the Irish people and their descendants in this country."

Splendid! And I'm all for it. But I hope the first thing this new group will do is give serious consideration to the reasons back of this problem: That while in persecution days the Catholics of Ireland fought and died for the Faith, so many of the supposedly brilliant among them, once they came to the land of freedom, laid aside the Faith they could so easily have practiced—especially when they became successful in drama, writing, newspaper work, sports, the theater, business and politics.

I'm thinking right now of an Irish girl with an emphatically Irish name whose best-selling novel now fills shop windows... a leftist on the far extreme, bitter toward the religion of her youth, brilliantly satirical about the precious things for which Irish men and women once died, and by which they splendidly lived. Just one of scores like her.

The basis for the preservation of Irish contribution is the stalwart living of Irish Catholic Faith. Without that, Irish art goes ugly, literature goes sour, humor dies or gets twisted, drama becomes dirt, and politics graft. Let's make the first object of the new group the splendid contribution of the full Catholic life by Irish in America to our America.

## Contradiction and Bull

Sure and war does strange things to people. There's the young man, for example, who in all sincerity wrote back to some friends: "I love the army. It's good for my soul. Believe it or not, I had to

## QUERIES and REPLIES

How Many Of The Popes Have Been Italians?

Fifteen countries have given Popes to the Church. The nationality of a few of them is in doubt but Acha Minor, Thrace, England, Portugal and Holland have each given one; Dalmatia, two; Spain, Africa and Sicily each three; Syria and Germany, each six; Greece, nine; France, fourteen, and Italy, two hundred and seven, of whom one hundred and three were Romans.

The first Spanish Pope was St. Damasus I (366-384). The first German Pope was Gregory V (1026-1023). The first French Pope was Sylvester II (999-1003). The only English Pope was Adrian IV (1154-1159). The first American Pope is still to come.

Every Pope who lived during the first five hundred years of the Church's history is a canonized Saint. Of the first thirty Popes, twenty-nine were martyrs. The Tenth Century had the most Popes—twenty-three in number; the Nineteenth Century had the fewest—only six. Alexander VI was Pope when Columbus discovered America—(From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Mo.)

One day of suffering patiently is better than ten years of voluntary mortification. St. Francis de Sales.

## Along The Way

go to war to find peace." And that was no Irish bull either.

## More Potent

Westbrook Pegler was telling us about the days before Heywood Brown became a Catholic. Brown and his wife were travelling by plane when an electrical storm hit them and sent the lightning playing up and down the wings, and crashing close to their ship. Brown reached into his pocket for a bottle of brandy and took a deep swig. Not a reaction followed. He took another, and the terror of the storm remained unabated. Then he glanced at his wife sitting calmly beside him fingering her rosary.

Brown thrust out the brandy bottle toward her, and grabbed her rosary.

"Here," he said, "mine's no good. Let me try yours."

## Typographical Error

I like Father Weisenberg's story of the Bishop who at Confirmation asked one of the about-to-be-confirmed the usual questions.

"Who am I?"  
"You are the bishop."  
"And what have I come to do?"  
"You've come to impose on the Holy Ghost."

## "Defense Bonds"

- By GERALD X. TRENKLER
- D Stands for "DEMOCRACY," and that's worth fighting for.
- E Stands for "EQUALITY," which we would have no more.
- F Stands for "FREEDOM," of the land, the air, and the seas.
- E Stands for the "EXAMPLE," set by those who would be free.
- N Stands for "NOWS THE TIME," to buckle down and fight.
- S Stands for "SOLIDITY," the strength to prove our right.
- E Stands for "EAGLE," the symbol of our might.
- B Stands for the "BOMBS" we'll drop.
- O For "ON JAPAN"
- N Stands for "NOWS THE TIME," to help your Uncle Sam.
- D Stands for the "DOWNFALL," of all "DICTATORSHIP-SHIPS"

## Feast Days

- Sunday, June 21—ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA.
- Monday, June 22—ST. PAULI-NUS OF NOLA.
- Tuesday, June 23—ST. ETHEL-REDA.
- Wednesday, June 24—ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.
- Thursday, June 25—ST. WHE-LEAL.
- Friday, June 26—SS. JOHN AND PAUL, MARTYRS.
- Saturday, June 27—ST. LADIS-LAS.