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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 BISHOP'S PASTORAL ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The official voice of the Bishop of the Diocese was heard in all our churches last Sunday; through his priests, he spoke in serious vein on a subject that is most important to all his diocesans. His message is reprinted in full in today's CATHOLIC COURIER that all may have the opportunity of reading and studying it, of keeping it for future study when the question of registering a child for school work comes up.

Bishop Kearney in his pronouncement on Catholic Education is fulfilling a pressing duty that rests on him as Bishop, and that rests also on parents of children. He treats not of a matter of indifference, but of definite obligation. It concerns the salvation of the souls of our children. It speaks of Catholic Education as a necessary foundation for that salvation.

The Pastoral Letter is not merely the word of the Bishop, but a definite and clear statement of an obligation that rests on Catholic parents by Natural and Divine Law, that is strongly stated in the Law of the Church and urged by the writings of the various Popes. Canon 1343 is quoted stating the "grave obligation resting on parents to see to the religious and moral education of their children." Man's life on earth and his life afterwards, in heaven should be in the mind of the educator; knowledge of God and of religious truth cannot be omitted from any true system of education.

Buildings and equipment in our Catholic schools measure up to every requirement; public moneys and endowments may permit a more lavish and pretentious architecture in other schools, but our schools have the essentials. Still Catholic parents in some cases seem to prefer the "material equipment and physical surroundings" of these other schools to the spiritual endowment and the religious setting of our splendid Catholic schools and their trained corps of teachers dedicated to the loving care of the young. The better things, the things worth while, the permanent and ultimate truths, the Christian social heritage, are played before our youth by Catholic Education as the right foundation for true social and economic living.

Most worthy of the notice of parents is the warning of the Bishop against the error that some religious training added to a secular course immediately makes it acceptable as Catholic Education. Read over again the words of Pius XI. "All the teaching and the whole organization of the school, and its teachers, syllabus and textbooks in every branch must be regulated by the Christian spirit, under the direction and maternal supervision of the Church."

"Reconcile their consciences!" The Bishop finds it hard to understand how Catholic parents can reconcile their consciences to the denial of Catholic Education to their children! How is the reconciliation brought about? No Catholic would try to reconcile his conscience to eating meat on Friday, missing Mass on Sunday; no real Catholic can reconcile his conscience to the serious sin against his children which he commits in wilfully denying them Catholic Education.

Thoughtful parents, conscientious parents, right-minded parents, will give careful consideration to this Pastoral Letter of Bishop Kearney. Published in today's COURIER, it should be preserved for future reading and future guidance.

JUBILEE OF THE ROCHESTER CATHOLIC CHARITIES

"As often as ye did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it to Me." "The poor, ye always have with ye." Charity is an essential mark of the follower of Christ. Love of God and love of our neighbor belong to us as Christians. When groups were small the program was a simple one, when growth came to the Church and large groups in every community called for constant assistance, the program of necessity became more complex. A quarter of a century ago the Bishops of New York State decided that each diocese should have an incorporated body to care for its organized charities, under the name of the episcopal city of the diocese. "The Rochester Catholic Charities" came into existence in accordance with this ruling.

On Wednesday of this week the solemn observance of the Silver Jubilee of the Rochester Catholic Charities was held. With pomp of ecclesiastical ceremonial, with cooperation of present and past members of the Board, with assistance of clergy and laity, the joy of this Silver Jubilee Year was told in song and story. Pontifical Mass in the morning, the Blessing of the new home for dependent children to be known as St. Joseph's Villa, in the afternoon, and the Banquet in the evening, gave the setting for the day's program. Bishop Kearney presided as Bishop of the Diocese and President of the Board. Bishop Walter A. Feery of Syracuse left his pressing duties to return to the scene of his earlier labors as Director of the organization. Archbishop Hickey was surely there in spirit rejoicing in the splendid record his own Catholic Charities had made in twenty-five years.

Perhaps the most heartfelt note in the program was the secret prayer of gratitude that went up from the many thousands who have known the helpful assistance of the Charities in their hour of need. They are from every part of the diocese, they are from every class and type of persons. Their contacts with the society remain as a memory that gives constant credit to the officials who were with them in the day of distress.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

Rosaries
The made from
ORANGE SEEDS of the tree
planted by ST DOMINIC
in SANTA SABINA GARDEN,
ROME.

LITHUANIAN MADONNAS
ASSUMEDLY THE GREAT COIN OF THE
GRAND DUKES OF LITHUANIA.
The painter's
CONTRIBUTOR: H. W. SCHWABE
to depict the
Benedictine

1300 YEARS ago
ST GREGORY THE GREAT daily fasted
12 poor people at his
stone table presented in
ST GREGORY'S CHURCH,
ROME.

THE ROMAN BREVINARY RECORDS
THAT AN ANGEL WAS A
13th GUEST ON ONE OCCASION.

SANCTUARY LAMP
in the Selby
Cathedral Chapel at
BIDDLESTON,
ENGLAND.
* HAS NOT BEEN
EXTINGUISHED
FOR 400 YEARS.

Along The Way

Speaking of Mice

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

I was kept awake all last night by a small insignificant, but extremely busy mouse. He found his way into my room and made the night hideous with his marauding. He woke me first by running across my sheet. Then he played in the scrap basket like a young and violent cyclone. Whenever I flashed on my light, he hid in perfect camouflage. Whenever I was just falling off to sleep, he started his dance of death and I was wide awake.

Now certainly with the major events that are convulsing the world, this is not headline news. But I've been thinking about mice ever since two of us hunking monsters trapped him in my closet this morning and presided at his execution. For I'm not afraid of mice I just detest them. My Mother would rather have faced a hungry lion or an octopus on the loose than a mouse. I have seen her come close to a faint when a picture of a mouse flashed on the screen. She regarded little boys who played with white mice as incontinent monsters destined for murder, arson, and kidnapping. Yet she passed on none of that fear to me... simply a revulsion to something that seems unclean, sinister, harmless but foul.

Yet in the midst of my safari in search of the hunted mouse, I kept thinking of the sweet place played by mice in our fables. There's the brave little mouse of the Lion and the Mouse, and the city mouse and the country mouse who exchanged such amusing visits. There are the mice who dominate elephants and

Supreme triumph of art and genius over human traditions and revulsions, there is what Walt Disney has done with mice. Now I am quite willing to wager that the vast majority of my fellows feel toward mice as I do repelled, disgusted, crawly uneasy as long as one of them is around. Yet who of us fails to applaud when the name Mickey Mouse is thrown on the screen? And who failed to root for Timothy Q. Mouse in Dumbo when he stagemanned the poor little elephant to glory, fame, and a family reunion?

Disney certainly had no "propaganda" in mind. He was not working to exonerate the mouse or to restore it to human affection. Yet he did.

Which leads me to ponder as well we all may, on how a master of literature and the art forms can make a monster into a hero and turn our revulsions at dictators and their breed into applause and almost rapture.

Another Army of Conquest

As you run through the pictures in the book you have the feeling that you must be looking at war news: Ceylon, Tunisia, China, the Philippines, Jubbulpore in India, the streets of Chungking. And it is the record of an invading army—a sort of one woman army—that marched that way during our own century and won a thousand holds for Christ.

It's the abridged story of Mother Mary of the Passions, a Franciscan Missionary of Mary, whose work spanned the globe and who won uncounted souls for God. Her sisters are still at work in the outposts she established, and even the onrush of the Japanese armies is not likely to cow or overcome these women who fight the eternal battle of the Kingdom of Christ against the powers of evil.

"Lives After Them"

A man I've been feeling sorry for these days is Avery Hopwood. Oh, Avery Hopwood went to God a number of years ago, after giving Broadway and the American stage a series of the smuttiest and most suggestive farces that ever came from a single soiled pen. Whatever his reception at the Judgment Seat, he must have thought resignedly, "Well, that's over" for the public is very forgetful, and his off-color plays, like most of the plays that appear briefly on the stage, were promptly forgotten.

But alas for the eternal peace of mind of the late Avery Hopwood. A gentleman by the name of Al

QUERIES and REPLIES

What is The Angelic Hymn?

The Gloria in Excelsis Deo is often called the Angelic Hymn because the opening words of this hymn have been taken from the song sung to the shepherds by the angelic hosts at the Birth of our Savior. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo is a hymn of praise sung or recited right after the Kyrie at the Mass on all Sundays of the year except during Lent and Advent and on most feast days. Who composed the hymn or when it was first used in the liturgy of the Church is not known for certain. Its use in the liturgy however is very ancient. Pope Hymnachus at the beginning of the Sixth Century prescribed its use in the Mass as we have it today. The hymn runs as follows:

"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace to men of good will.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
We adore Thee, we glorify Thee,
We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty,
O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
Who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Who takest away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer.
Who sittest at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.
For Thou only art holy: Thou only art Lord,
Thou only, O Jesus Christ, art most high,
Together with the Holy Ghost,
in the Glory of God the Father.
Amen."

(From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Conception Missouri)

Rosen decided that America was ripe for smutty entertainment on the principle that laughter in war times and snickers on the verge of death is the law of the entertainment world. So he resurrected one of Mr. Hopwood's noxious farces. He kept the situations, added what "Time" frankly calls off-color jokes and nudity, and is backing them in at a Chicago theater. As a result, other producers are flitting with the idea of taking some more of Hopwood's plays out of their mausoleums and, with added kick and fresh suggestiveness, presenting them to America at war.

Poor Hopwood! The sins of most men are buried with them in their swiftly forgotten graves. But how would you like, from the heart of eternity, to learn that your smutty comedies were being revived, and that the suggestive lines and situations you created were once more going to be paraded before a giggling audience?

Feast Days

- Sunday, June 22.—ST. IRENAEUS.
- Monday, June 23.—ST. PETER.
- Tuesday, June 24.—ST. PAUL.
- Wednesday, July 1.—MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD.
- Thursday, July 2.—THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.
- Friday, July 3.—ST. LEO II.
- Saturday, July 4.—ST. BERTHA, WIDOW, ABBESS.

'Quiz' Corner

How can we resolve never to sin again, if we very well know that, because of human weakness, we will again fall into sin?

The resolve to sin no more and the fear that we may fall into sin again, do not contradict each other. A soldier may fear that he will lose his life; but this fear does not prevent him defending it with skill and courage. An honest resolve to fight temptation and the occasion of sin, honestly conceived and honestly remembered in time of danger, will make sin less likely and, with repeated confessions, will finally bring lasting victory over sin. You will notice that we have substituted the word "fear" for your "know." If you really resolve to avoid sin, you cannot know that you will fall again. You can only fear that you will fall again.

Why don't the faithful receive both the bread and the wine since Christ instituted both?

The Church administers the Sacrament of the Eucharist under the form of bread only to the faithful because it would be manifestly impractical to distribute Holy Communion under the form of wine and there would be a grave danger of desecration. It is not necessary to receive under both forms since Christ is whole and entire, Body Blood Soul and Divinity, under the form of bread no less than under the form of wine.

If a person starts to eat meat on Friday by mistake and then suddenly remembers, can he continue to eat it?

If other food is available, the meat should not be eaten.