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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 had 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.

IN A COMMON CAUSE

The great industrial corporations of our community unite with the COURIER in presenting our readers with a series of display advertisements dedicated to the general theme—"What are we fighting for?" and specifically setting forth the answer—"The Four Freedoms."

The first such display appeared in last week's issue, and treated "Freedom of Speech." It stated in strong language the right of man to speak his mind, a right guaranteed by the Constitution. Self-government in the American tradition is possible only when men are encouraged to think over the problems of government, to exchange their thoughts with others in free discussion, to agree on a common program in the light of better understanding. Pearl Harbor prompted the American people to speak; and they spoke with an unanimity that glorified their tradition as free men. They spoke for a united country arising in its righteous anger to avenge the dastardly sneak-attack made by Japan on America.

Freedom of speech enables all to know the principles we are fighting for, to know our course in this great war. Our soldiers fight as free men, for a cause that is their own. People at home give them patriotic support because they know and accept the challenge that has been made by the enemy. Because both our men in arms and our people on the home front have had the boon of freedom of speech, they have been able to know for themselves what we are fighting for. Hear and soul they are in this struggle for peace with victory, because they are fighting according to their own will for a cause they know: in striking contrast to those unhappy victims of dictators, who are fighting according to the will of a fanatic for a cause they do not know.

Read the names of the public-minded, patriotic, energetic corporations sponsoring this series of timely messages. The Josiah Amisec Foundry, Henschel & Lomb, Consolidated Machine Tool Corporation, Defender Photo Supply, Detco Appliance Division of General Motors, Eastman Kodak Co., the Folmer Graflex Corporation, Rex Optical Co., Metal Arts, Rochester Products Division of General Motors, Springington-Gould Corporation, Wolfenbuck Optical Co., Yawman & Erbe. Add them together and you have practically the totality of the all-out effort of our industrialists in this community for the winning of the war. The patriotic message so fraught with meaning at this time, means more to every reader because it is sponsored by industries and leaders in industry of this splendid type. The COURIER takes pride in presenting their names and their message to its subscribers.

WORKING WITH EXISTING AGENCIES

The recommendations given during the past week to those attending the "Call to Service Institute," emphasized the value of working with the existing agencies in a community in our volunteer war service. In four cities of the diocese, interested groups of women listened to the words of Msgr. O'Grady, of Irma Piepho, both from Washington; and greeted the officers of the N. C. C. W. local and national. Organizations to meet the national emergency have been set up in every city, and they need the help that our people can give them. The United Service Organizations, National Catholic Community Service, Office of Civilian Defense, American Red Cross, Volunteer Bureaus, are a few of the societies that are ready to use the services of all who volunteer.

The Conferences were eminently successful in the number of people they reached, in the interest they aroused, in the exhortation they gave to women to give themselves to active service in these organizations. The National Conference of Catholic Women in its diocesan set-up is to be congratulated on bringing to us these nationally known representatives of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, and enabling us to have the benefit of their masterly addresses and discussions on subjects that mean so much to us and to our country today.

SPIRITUAL ENLISTMENTS FOR THE DURATION

The work of the Church must go on! Even in the war-torn world of today, there can be no let-down on the service Christ would have His Church render to men. Along with vocations to the priesthood go vocations to the religious life. In church and rectory, in school, in monastery, in convent, in hospital and in homes for dependent children and for the aged, Christ's chosen ones must carry on their work of charity, of love. Some of this service will be directly devoted to our men in arms: spiritual care through chaplains, nursing care through the Sisters in our hospitals, must be available for them. More of it will comfort and care for those left behind by our soldiers and sailors. Some of it will concern the generation that is passing, more of it will look to the welfare of the coming generation.

Last week in solemn ceremony, Bishop Kearney welcomed to the army of the Lord twenty-one young volunteers, who received their uniform, the religious habit, as Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Mercy. There was a spiritual enlistment; spiritual in its source which was God's call; spiritual in its purpose which is the carrying on of God's work among men. The enlistment was for the duration; and

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

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THE KNOCKS OF ST. DAMIAN!
—SOUNDS FIRST HEARD FROM ST. DAMIAN BAYLON'S SHIRT AND LATER FROM MANY OF HIS RELICS AND PICTURES ARE A WELL ATTESTED BUT UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENON USUALLY PRESENTING BLESSINGS OR CALAMITIES.

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S.S. COSMAS & DAMIAN, ROME.
was formerly 2 PAGAN TEMPLES.



Have had Pick my feet in the stocks (JOB XIV 27) THIS ROOM OF PUNITIVE DETENTION STILL PERSISTS IN THE EAST

Barbarous Babies

By Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoeven
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BUILDING PERSONALITY

Nero, the Roman emperor, is still known as history's most cruel man; although, when the complete truth will be known, Hitler most probably will dethrone him from that unenviable position. Nero had defenseless children and old people face starved wild animals in the arena; he had young maidens made the toy and prey of savage apes in public; he fiddled away, in satanic glee, listening to the cries of despair of the populace, burning, trapped in their homes, when he had set Rome afire. Nero, as a little boy, it is said, found his chief enjoyment in catching flies and torturing them.

Your child's early behavior may indicate an unpleasant story for the future, unless he is curbed in time. It is comparatively easy, and it gives a great satisfaction, to mold and develop the fine youthful traits that are indicative of a noble character. The stemming of wrongful inclinations takes constant and serious effort, at times distinctly not pleasant but, nevertheless, more necessary than to pay close attention to the pleasant and promising characteristics.

"A chip off the old block" usually shapes itself only too truly. Now then, if one or both parental blocks have some undesirable worm-eaten or soft spots in them, it is essential that this objectionable phase be carefully watched and treated in the chips. Heredity is a natural effect, but there is no natural law which demands that a child grow up afflicted with the weakness of a parent. A tendency in that direction can be prevented by corrective solicitude in the early years of a child.

The way a man or a woman dresses often is an indication of the individual's personality. Some men have been more successful in business than others with the same talents and possibilities, simply because they were always neat and well-dressed. A young lady with expensive and gorgeous dresses, if they are carelessly worn, will find it more difficult to interest a suitor than will the girl who spends half the amount of money on her wardrobe but who always appears chic and neat. Why is this? Certainly not because of the material of the dresses; rather it is because the way they are worn denotes the character of the wearer. So, teach

your children that neatness and good taste are more important than fine materials. Outward signs, as a rule, reveal the tendencies of a character; a slovenly appearance may indicate a torpid soul.

Don't allow vanity and false pride to take root. Never praise your children or show too much your own personal pride in naturally acquired assets, be it beauty in a girl or exceptional talent in a boy. Keep telling your little girl, if she is pretty, that beauty is only skin-deep and may fade by tomorrow, that it is only the attractiveness of disposition and the inner beauty of the soul reflected in the countenance that really count. If Richard shows a certain adaptability to do something outstanding, encourage him and give him a chance to develop his talent, ever reminding him that God was especially kind to him by giving him a greater opportunity to do more good for other people and for Heaven, but that, since more was given to him, more will be required. Don't show him off in season and out of season, or let relatives or friends make too much over him. If this happens, change the subject at once. This policy will greatly help to make your children delightful personalities instead of self-inflated, unwholesome impossibilities. Never allow them to overrate themselves. However, reasonable and encouraging stimulation should not be denied. The child should be afforded satisfaction in the development of his own inner strength, be it physical, intellectual or spiritual.

There is an old saying, "A man who is loved by dogs and children is a good man." This is not true because children and dogs "figure out" a man; no, they are instinctively attracted to him on account of his innate kindness and gentleness. Grown people react the same way to some persons. Without very much thought, they will tell you they like somebody. They are compelled by the sweet personality that is apparent at once in the gleam of the person's eyes and the sunlight of his open smile.

This contagious good will and happy disposition toward everybody must, in most children, be slowly cultivated by eradicating the objectionable features, by using the argument, "because God does not like it, and people have no use for it," and by nursing captivating qualities as in the case of tender plants.

Thoughtfulness, forgetfulness of self, and consideration of others are difficult for a child to master.

Diocesan Recordings

Ten Years Ago — Looking back through the CATHOLIC COURIER files for an item for the "Five and Ten Years Ago" department, the writer found the story and photo announcing the appointment of the Rev. James E. Kearney at New York as Bishop of Salt Lake City, Utah, standing out as of special interest. The significance of the story in this column devoted as it is to lay activities and interest is that it marked in addition to the spiritual and administrative achievements of a Bishop in two dioceses, the beginning of extensive encouragement, advice, counsel and leadership of Catholic lay organizations. In the Salt Lake Diocese this was attested on Bishop Kearney's visit when Catholic lay groups of men and women, many of them organized under his direction, turned out in great numbers to welcome their former Bishop. The record in the Rochester diocese would require even more space than was given it in the Diocesan Review and Calendar of 1940. All of the lay organizations of the diocese have been inspired to greater achievements because of Bishop Kearney's influence and help. Active members are more active and passive members have become active. The lay groups join in wishing for Bishop Kearney many, many more fruitful years in the Episcopacy.

These movie titles again: "My Favorite Blonde," "The Magnificent Dope."

Our Catholic women who participated in the "Call to Service Institute" this week in key-cities of the diocese have a better realization of how national organizations can help the local effort. United, our Catholic women form a powerful force for preservation of Christian ideals in government. They will be a decided help in all communities in advancing the war effort where their help is needed. Arranging for the conferences required in itself a great amount of work and time that was freely given by the leaders of the National Council of Catholic Women and the Catholic Charities in this diocese.

QUERIES and REPLIES

Why Sacrament? Christ's Death On The Cross Suffices.

The Sacred Passion of our Saviour would be sufficient in itself to effect our salvation. But it by no means follows that the Sacraments are thereby useless or unnecessary. A city may have an abundant supply of water but the water must still be conveyed to people by properly constructed conduits. Thus also with the Sacraments, they have been instituted by our Lord as channels to convey to our souls the graces of His Passion and Death.

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

The greatest Catholic poet was a little girl who went over the Judean hills long ago and sang the greatest poem the world has ever known: "My soul doth magnify the Lord; and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior." Joyce Kilmer.

because the little one's animal instinct is still too pronounced. But by starting early to make kind acts interesting for him, you will soon arouse in him the desired taste for the better ways.

An attractive personality is not inherited, although a good disposition may come naturally. A beaming personality is the glow of a soul in which are cultivated spontaneous good will, kindly feeling and sincere interest in others. In this soul, refined taste and a manifest appreciation of what is good and true have been developed. Conceit is eliminated, false exaggeration of self loses importance.

Parents, be bent on building up your children's personality. A man and a woman who are wholesome, engaging and attractive in their approach will get most out of life, because people will like them and do things for them. God's blessing will be theirs.