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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 such to seek no information whatever. Let us have a brief slogan "The CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home."

* JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester.

MY ROSARY, A SPIRITUAL WEAPON

Just as the distressing condition of total war turns the man of faith to prayer in general, so does it put a special significance on the form of prayer so proper to October, the Rosary.

In these times when the safety of our country hangs in the balance, when millions of our young men and older men are in the armed forces prepared to face every danger to save America, when many have already died and many more will die in battle, we need the influence of the Rosary. We need it as a means of intercession for our sons and brothers in service, we need it as a source of strength at home. We need it as a daily reminder of our duty to pray for our country.

To the Redeemer of the world we refer our cause under the patronage of the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. October Devotions call us to prayer in common in our parish church. Our Pastor and our Bishop invite us to say the Rosary also at home. Our Holy Father makes a special recommendation that we turn to Mary during this month of October.

The Joyful Mysteries will remind us that God came to bring peace to this world, peace to men of good will. The Paters and Ave's will surround themselves with the thought and desire that men may return to God in that good will that alone can restore peace to the world. The Sorrowful Mysteries will unite the sufferings of Christ to all that the world is suffering today, will sanctify our prayer for all those suffering in this war; will remind us that the suffering of the Christ brought redemption to the world, so the suffering of worthy men in the service of their country shall redeem today's world from the savagery and the unfaith and the wickedness of ruthless dictators. The Glorious Mysteries will speak to us of the certain victory that must come to those who follow in God's way, of the lasting peace with justice that alone can fulfill the Christian ideal.

Make the daily recitation of the Rosary part of your war program. Attend the Rosary Devotions when you can. Pray to the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary for the boon so greatly desired, God's blessings on our cause, God's protection for our soldiers, God's peace for the world!

BUY MORE WAR BONDS!

Coercion versus cooperation! That is the contrast offered us by the appeal of our Government to buy war bonds, war stamps. It is an appeal by a free government to a free people. It is an appeal that could not be imagined coming from a dictatorship. Coercion is the rule, compulsion, in the countries dominated by dictators. Cooperation is the rule in our free country.

Cooperation comes naturally from a patriotic American. He has a stake in America, he is one of the owners of America. He is needed, his help is desired, if America is to be freed once and for all from the danger that now threatens her.

Buy more war bonds! Place in the hands of the government the means of carrying on this war to a successful conclusion. Realize your own personal responsibility to invest your savings in these bonds. You will be helping your country, you will be helping yourself. Continue to buy more and more each succeeding week. Show that you want to cooperate!

CHRISTIAN CULTURE SERIES 1942-1943

The excellent program for the coming lectures in the Christian Culture Series is one to arouse anticipation in the heart of every patron. The 1941-42 series was a valued contribution to our entertainment and our instruction. It was a real addition to our education. Catholics and non-Catholics found in it all that a Christian Culture program should afford.

Now the new season is about to open, the new program ready to unfold. Names that loom large in the consciousness of educated Americans appear in numbers on that program. Some are Catholic, some are of other faiths. All are splendidly equipped to bring to us a better understanding and a more mature appreciation of matters that concern today's world.

Aquinas Institute and Father Haffey, C.S.B., are to be congratulated on the fine contribution they are making to community betterment through this project. Especially are they to be commended for the excellence of the current program for the Christian Culture Series of 1942-43.

Those who wish to combine pleasing entertainment with the constructive influence that comes from close intellectual contact with our great leaders in religion, literature, philosophy, dramatics, will be eager to register themselves for this significant Series.

HELP THE SCRAP METAL DRIVE

It is not of one city or county, it is for all. This Drive for Scrap Metal! Every hamlet, every crossroads, every city, is in on the patriotic move to get out all the scrap metal available and put it in the hands of Uncle Sam for war use.

Years have added to the store of rejected metal articles in our attics, our cellars, our back-yards. Now is the time to seek them out.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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FRANCISCA IN ST. STEPHEN'S
ROMA, ILLUSTRATING
CHIEF TOPICS OF MARTYRDOM IN
THE EARLY CHURCH ARE SO
REALLY REALISTIC THAT
VIEWERS ARE OVERCOME—
YET PARENTS CAN REGULARLY
BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO
SHOW THEM WHAT THE MARTYRS
ENDURED FOR THE FAITH.

FRANCISCA SISTERS OF CHARITY
WERE FOUNDING WOUNDED ON BATTLEFIELD
TWO CENTURIES BEFORE FLORENCE MONTMAGNE
COMMENCED ACTIVITIES.

PAROLA PAPA (WORD OF THE POPE)
is published by Italian
parish priests.
SELLS 200,000 COPIES!

**EARLIEST INSTANCE IN
LITERATURE OF A PACT WITH THE
DEVIL AND ORIGIN OF THE FIRST
LEGION, OCCURS IN A STORY BY A
NUN, HROTSWITHA (D. 997)**

**A NEWSPAPER THAT APPEARS
ONLY WHEN THE POPE
MAKES A SPEECH**

Along The Way

Unnoticed Patriotism

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

Some time ago, one of the men high in the motion picture industry wrote me this simple query: How can we get the Catholics to go to the movies during Lent? He explained what a hole their absence made in box-office returns. And didn't I know some way by which they could be turned back to the theaters, Lent or no Lent? I answered that I was delighted that the Catholics stayed away, and that far from suggesting a return to the box office, I was going to pat them on the back for doing their penitential duty.

But what interested me was that the twenty million Catholics could make so appreciable a dent on a national industry.

Has anyone stopped to think what a contribution we Catholics continuously are making to our meat shortage situation? I write this during an Ember week. This week, we do not eat meat, the twenty million of us, for three days. That's a lot of meat, on a rough guess (based on the two-and-one-half pounds per person mentioned as possible rationing) not less than 25,000,000 pounds of meat.

Suppose the bishops had availed themselves of the permission given by the Holy Father and allowed the Catholics to eat meat on Friday. American meat consumption would have gone up approximately 7,500,000 pounds a week. Instead, the meatless day under consideration is Tuesday, a day that almost never is a day of abstinence with us. If we observed Tuesday and abolished the Friday abstinence until victory, we'd be doing merely our duty as Americans.

But we don't do things like that. So each week we make that important contribution to winning the war through meat. And I like to think that the penitential value of Friday is not overlooked by the Lord of Hosts and Victory.

Several Critics

Three young aviation cadets fresh from the first two months of their training took a passenger plane for their next assignment to training in Pensacola. (Popsi-Copa, as one youngster who likes her soft drinks insists on calling it.)

One of the cadets wired back after arrival: "Safe landing after a rough trip."

Asked his sister, a little worried, "What do you suppose he meant by a rough trip?"

His mother shrewdly smiled. "Oh, just the trip that any other aviator would give them. Can't you imagine those three cadets sitting back and finding critical fault with everything those civilian pilots, with probably several thousand

hours in the air did?"
Right, but then, isn't that the way we all are?"

These Babies . . .

Incredible as this seems I can guarantee it is true.

A young matron moved into a new neighborhood, and on the first day out wheeled her baby down the street. A neighbor called to her from her front porch, came down to look at and admire the baby and then said, "But my poor little baby is sick in the hospital."

The young matron in true Catholic fashion replied, "Oh, I'm so sorry. I'll certainly say a prayer for a quick recovery."

The woman nodded in some slight surprise.

A few days later, the mother was again pushing her baby down the street when her neighbor called to her.

"Do come and see my baby," she cried in real pride.

And she held up her baby — a sleepy-looking Spitz dog.

Some of These Women

Chicago, by no means a Sunday-school-town, got tired of the type of women who cling to the stools in taverns and saloons. Barflies, the men call them, when they are not using the less pleasant names. So the city fathers issued an ordinance that women who want to drink have to sit at tables and be served there. The regulation, they felt, would save men from the casual adhesive female who sits at the bar waiting for some male to pay for her drink; and maybe if women were not seen sprawled along a bar, the return of prohibition might be staved off.

But a Chicago woman promptly sued the city for her right to sit at a bar and drink right along with the men. She was listed in the papers as a "model" — which can mean a variety of things. She should be immortalized as the sort of woman who wants her constitutional right to practice male vices when and as she wishes.

Early Ambition

The yen to fight may be getting into our blood. There's the little seven-year-old who said to his mother recently, "You had better get me up early tomorrow morning, maybe about seven. I gotta join the army and shoot a Jap."

The positive qualities of refinement are poise, dignity, neatness, modesty and courtesy.

The positive qualities of dependability are honesty, loyalty, morality and temperance.

Diocesan Recordings

CHRISTIAN CULTURE

A movement is developing strongly in this Diocese of Rochester which is attracting wide attention. It is a movement which is due to make the people of this portion of Christ's vineyard outstanding in the field of Catholic Action. The term given the movement, the Christian Culture Lectures Series, does not begin to cover the scope of possibilities in the movement.

Rallying around the Rev. Hugh Haffey, C.S.B., of Aquinas Institute faculty as he proceeds with the Culture Series, last year's was successful, this year's will be even more so. A group of laymen and laywomen comprising a cross section of Catholic people in the Rochester deanery. They are spreading the word about the series which opens with Monsignor Sheen's lecturer on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Aquinas Institute. They are offering those who would take advantage of this series the opportunity to subscribe at the bargain price, if you will, of \$2.00 for the series, this including Federal Tax. They are distributing the brochure which tells graphically the treat for the mind and for the soul, offered in the coming series.

As this movement develops the realization will come that this Diocese is in the forefront in the country in disseminating Christian culture. The series is so planned to interest non-Catholics and Jewish people. Two of the noted exponents of Christian thought on the program are of the Jewish race, Dr. Mortimer J. Adler and Franz Werfel. While gas rationing, this year, will not enable many throughout the diocese to participate in the Culture Series, as it develops, the idea may spread and in future years, other diocesan centers may be able to secure these speakers and carry on as at Aquinas Institute.

Godless forces are never at rest. To allay the ravages that can come from pagan culture, as in Europe, the series will be forming a bulwark. It is up to all of us to help build the foundation.

QUERIES and REPLIES

Why Insist On The Supremacy Of The Pope? Did Not Paul Rebuke Peter To His Face?

It is quite true that on one occasion St. Paul rebuked St. Peter for a certain line of conduct which he considered wanting in courage and consistency. "But when Cephas came to Antioch, I withstood him to the face because he was to be blamed. For before that some came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles; but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them that were of the circumcision" (Gal. 2, 11).

This was truly a rebuke but it evidently did not refer to the doctrine but to the conduct of St. Peter. In no wise can it be construed as a denial of the superior authority of St. Peter. Quite the contrary. By way of example our Secretary of State may and possibly often does rebuke or remonstrate with the President for what he might consider inconsistencies or faults of conduct on the part of the head of our nation. But by no stretch of the imagination could this be considered a denial of the President's superior authority and jurisdiction. The more the Secretary of State has the interests of the Chief executive at heart, the more likely will he upbraid him when he considers it necessary. Nor would the Chief Executive consider such action in any other light save as a further proof of his secretary's loyalty and devotion.

So too with St. Paul and St. Peter. The rebuke would lose much of its force did we not regard it as directed to one whom St. Paul held in highest honor and respect because of his superior position. In similar circumstances St. Bernard, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Robert Bellarmine more than once rebuked the Popes while fully acknowledging their supreme authority. Far from being a denial of St. Peter's supremacy, St. Paul's rebuke presupposes that supremacy and proves his devotion and loyalty to the supreme Head of the Church. (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)