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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. KEANEY Bishop of Rochester

## MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

Great is the responsibility resting on Catholic Americans on this Mission Sunday. War and its attending conditions will wipe out practically all that has been given by European countries in other years for mission support. Unless Americans try to make up this loss, missions in every part of the world must suffer.

Improved income will enable many an American to increase the amount of former mission gifts, will warrant gifts by many unable to give formerly. The sermons on Mission Sunday, the publicity on the appalling needs of the missions, a kindred feeling for so many men of God and holy women laboring under adverse conditions for the salvation of souls, will furnish the stirring motive that will prompt Catholic Americans to use their means for a worth while donation to the mission cause on Mission Sunday.

Our mission work is given through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This is the Pope's own organization, spread throughout the world, with papal authorization to enroll as members all who are interested in the missions and contribute to their support. Membership in this Society will impress one with the fact that interest in the mission cause is not a matter of one day in the year, but a constant concern of the real Catholic every day. Membership dues are paid by the Mission Sunday Offering: \$1.00 for Ordinary Membership, \$6.00 for Special or Family Membership, caring for all members of the family group, \$10.00 for Perpetual Membership, payable within a year in four payments. Earnest Catholics can do something significant for the missions by adding substantially to the membership fee by urging others to join the Society. Your prayers, your interest, your concern, for the missions continue throughout the year; remember that at any time when generosity prompts you, you may send a gift large or small to the Office of the Propagation of the Faith at 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N. Y.

Keep the names of deceased parents, relatives, friends, on the Society for the Propagation of the Faith's rolls. Place the name of your sons, brothers, sweethearts, in the armed forces on the roster. The special envelope for Mission Sunday has a place for all these; see that you and yours are listed that you may share in the spiritual goods so abundantly made ready by the Holy Father for members: indulgences, plenary and partial for many good works; a share in the many thousands of Masses offered up by Missionary Fathers; a share in the prayers of Missionary Sisters, Catechists, converts; a share in the merit of all the good works of these consecrated souls.

In your own parish, in your own city, in your diocese, make this Mission Sunday a memorable one! One that will mean encouragement for the soldiers of the cross, one that will mean blessings on your soul for a timely and generous response to an emergency call from the front!

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Only in a land of freedom such as ours could one find place for a happening like that of Monday evening, when the President of the United States spoke to his people words of encouragement, words of direction, words of information on the task of winning the war. Hitler addresses his subjects, but in the manner of a dictator. His words have lost their old spirit of boasting, reflect rather a spirit of apology for plans not fulfilled, objectives not attained, with a warning of difficult days ahead. President Roosevelt speaks to his fellow-citizens, to those who share with him the blessings of freedom in a free nation. His words are full of confidence in his people, in his armed forces, in a growing wealth of military material both here and in our Allied Nations. His message breathes a religious trust in God, that the enemies of religion and right and order shall be so subdued that they may not rise up in a few years to assail a new generation.

Induction of young men of 18 and 19 years of age as a means of bringing the war to a quicker victory, was proposed by the President as a present necessity. The power of the enemy calls for greater power on our part; full use of our manpower calls for the younger men as additions to our armed forces. It is a matter of pride for the American citizen that he can hear from the lips of our Commander-in-Chief a report on conditions that concern our country, an explanation of the renewed grounds for encouragement afforded by his recent visits to the production centers, his appreciation of the splendid loyal spirit everywhere manifested, his timely warning against the typewriter generals who make the noise while those doing the critically necessary work are silent.

## THANK GOD YOU ARE AN AMERICAN!

This is a new slogan for the War Bond Campaign. It is an apt one. It sums up in a few words the many reasons why you should be buying more and more War Bonds. American ways are the ways of freedom. You will appreciate them more when you contrast them with other ways.

You have your church, freedom to worship, guaranteed by the Nation that no man shall take that freedom from you. You have your school, public or parochial, and the recognized right of free men to educate your children according to your conscience and under-

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# STRANGE BUT TRUE

## Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

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**POTTERY**  
SHAPES & METHODS OF PRODUCTION.  
THAT WERE OLD IN THE DAYS OF JEREMIAH'S CRAFTSMAN WHO WROUGHT A WORK ON THE WHEELS.  
(Jeremiah 18: 1-3) STILL PERSIST IN PALERMO!



**ST. JEROME**  
was 18 before he was baptized.



THIS BUILDING, PALERMO, SICILY IS NOT A MOSQUE, WHICH IT SO OBVIOUSLY RESEMBLES, BUT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATALDO, BUILT 1161 AND USED THROUGHOUT FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP.



**DIVES & LAZARUS**  
Flanking center figure of St. Yves and a curious combination of this altar of PORT BLANC, BRITANNY.

## Along The Way Same All Over

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

Newspaper reporters are a breed apart of course and what they can make a man say and the stress and emphasis they can place on his casual remarks are amazing. I thought that was only true in the States. But in Canada...

The woman reporter asked for and got an interview. We talked of youth and the war, of the necessity of training them for homes after the war, of the girls who must be the homemakers and wives and mothers of a year or so from now, and how they must not be allowed to lose their feminine outlook, or virtues, or charm.

"But in the meantime, while homes are being submerged," she prompted.

"We mustn't let them be," I answered. "We have to protect the home at all costs."

"Yet for the women who must work, I suppose we shall have to provide, too, say, for example, day nurseries for their children don't you think?"

I shrugged my shoulders. "I suppose so," I said, for this seemed beside the point.

What I didn't know was that the city's day nurseries were a hot subject in Montreal. The next day, the interview took two columns, but the headline read: "Priest Approves Day Nurseries as Necessary."

The heavy sigh you heard was mine.

### Names

Odd that the same people, or their cousins who named a section of the new world New England and another New Brunswick decided to name a third section Nova Scotia, instead of New Scotland. Was it because being Catholic, they thought of Scotland, their Scotland in the universal language of the times, or in the ecclesiastical language of the "church they loved"?

### Censorship

Censorship of your mail in Canada is mild. You are advised not to mention weather nor movement of troops nor other military matters. Censorship seems to be on the selective plan, one letter out of every six many. Yet it is always with a start that I get a letter that has been opened and resealed with the censor's stamp. It's not a pleasant experience for a priest especially when the letter selected by the censor for investigation was matter of conscience.

### Halifax

Of all the cities of Canada, I wonder if Halifax isn't more frequently on American tongues. Like

oil slang that phrase has changed, but in my youth "Go to Halifax" was polite synonym for a much warmer destination. The citizens of Halifax laugh when you mention this. They have heard of it, but their city with its beautiful harbor and lovely setting is sufficiently gracious and attractive to make any indignation over that silly substitution of places beneath their consideration.

### The Big Disaster

With real terror the people of Halifax still speak of the day when, during the last war the great munitions ship blew up in their harbor St. Joseph's Church, at the hospitable rectory of which I was staying, is still a basement. The church proper was blown away in the explosion. Father Curran, the present pastor, himself prepared six hundred people for death after the blast, and the total cared for by the priests of the city ran into the third thousand. And all because two ships disputed for a right of way. Yet so vast is our continent, that though the events of the last war live vividly in my memory it was not until quite recently that I had so much as heard of the explosion and its terrible toll of wreckage and death.

### Squibs

Until one gets to Nova Scotia, one forgets that on our continent there is also Atlantic time, one hour faster than our Eastern cities. . . . The white waiters in the dining cars are a constant surprise. . . . You soon come to know that a man who cannot speak both French and English in Canada is only half a Canadian with half a chance for success in life. . . . On a street corner are ten sailors representing five different navies: the American, English, Canadian, Norwegian and Free French, and all getting along famously. . . . The English sailors look cold in their uniforms with the wide open fronts and the white diceys. They think our sailors look so poured into their uniforms that a good sneeze would split the seams. . . . An officer on the train daunting his decorations to amuse his very young baby. . . . Lourdes, in case you don't know it, is a small town not far from Antigonish. . . . The English uniform for its soldiers is very businesslike, a most efficient looking battledress, but rumor says the girls didn't like it, thought it looked snappy, so the government recut it to please not the wearers but the girls the wearers were going to take out. Any comments on the power of the womenfolk? . . . The school girls wear long black cotton stockings like their cousins

## QUERIES and REPLIES

What Do Catholics Mean By the Word Faith?

Faith is one way in which we arrive at truth. A little thought on the subject will convince one of the fact that we learn to know things in three ways and in three ways only.

First of all, we acquire knowledge through our own personal experience, sense perception. The child learns that the stove is hot by touching it. Secondly, we may arrive at truth through a process of reasoning, for instance, any argument based on sound principles and leading to a definite conclusion. Most of the truths of mathematics and philosophy are acquired through a process of reasoning.

Some religious truths, in fact, all the truths of what is known as Natural Theology fall within the scope of this kind of knowledge. Thus the existence of the world leads one on to the certainty of a world-maker, a Creator, just as the existence of a watch demands the existence of a watch-maker. The third and last way in which one may obtain new knowledge is through the testimony of others. A great deal of our knowledge has been gained in this manner.

Most of the facts of history and geography we know not by our own experience, much less through any process of reasoning, but on the testimony of others. It was never my privilege to meet George Washington, yet I may know a great deal about him solely on the testimony of others. I have never been to Shanghai or Calcutta yet, I may know much about these cities simply on the testimony of others, or on faith.

Faith then is defined as the intellectual acceptance of the assertion of another the acceptance of any truth on the testimony of another. Many of the truths that we hold to in life come to us on the testimony of others, in other words, through the exercise of faith.

The only difference between this faith, natural faith and Supernatural or Divine Faith is this, that the truths which we hold on Divine Faith are not truths in the natural or social order, but in the Supernatural order, in the realm of revealed religion, and the reason why we accept and hold fast to these truths is not the authority of any man however learned or competent he may be, but the authority of the all-wise God who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

Faith then in the sense of the Church means the sincere and whole-hearted acceptance of all the truths made known to us by God simply and solely on the testimony of God who revealed them to us. This is the Faith without which it is impossible to please God or be saved. As St. John puts it, "He that doth not believe is already judged" (Jno. 3, 18). From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, (Conception, Missouri.)

## Feast Days

- Sunday, Oct. 18.—ST. LUKE.
- Monday, Oct. 19.—ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA.
- Tuesday, Oct. 20.—ST. JOHN BAPTIST.
- Wednesday, Oct. 21.—ST. KRISTINA.
- Thursday, Oct. 22.—ST. MARY SALOME.
- Friday, Oct. 23.—ST. VERUS.
- Saturday, Oct. 24.—ST. RAPHAEL ARCHANGEL.

## My Symphony

To live content with small means to seek elegance rather than luxury and refinement rather than fashion to be worthy not respectable and wealthy, not rich to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, art frankly, to listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never, in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common. This is to be my symphony.

In England, American youngsters wouldn't be caught dead at their grandmother's funeral wearing 'em, but they lack lots warmer than our kids' socks. . . .