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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 through out the world as to rely upon newspaper sources of information or even to seek information elsewhere. Let us have a true diocesan "The CATHOLIC COURIER" in every Catholic home.

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ALL SAINTS DAY

Again the Church calendar brings to us the Feast of All Saints. The eleven earlier months of the year have gone by, and it is most fitting that we should enter on the final month of the Church year with a day of rejoicing with all those who have entered into the glory of the Lord.

The Church Triumphant is now before us. Just as the Church Militant is made up of varied types, some living the life of faith in an ordinary way and in humble circumstances; some serving their God in lay circles, others as religious, priests, Bishops; some fulfilling God's law, keeping His commandments, in a right manner; some in a more pronounced aura of holiness, some in a truly heroic degree as confessors and virgins and martyrs; so the Church Triumphant mingles God's great heroes of every age with the rank and file saints who made no great name for themselves, but pleased God and were found just.

All Saints Day reassures us that Heaven is not for the few, but for all those who live the life of grace and so make themselves worthy of the loving Master Who died for all men and desires that all shall come to the knowledge of the truth, to salvation.

All Saints Day invites us to honor the saints of God, to strive to imitate their virtues, to seek their loving intercession that we may one day be of their number.

ALL SOULS DAY

"The Day for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed," is the official Church designation for All Souls Day. Christians die with the comforting hope that they shall not be forgotten by their friends on earth. The Church would have us pray for the dead that they be delivered from Purgatory and brought quickly to Heaven. Daily the Holy Sacrifice is offered up for this soul, that soul no Mass is said at any altar without the remembrance of particular souls and of all the faithful departed. The coming Monday is the "Day for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed," the commemoration, the remembrance, as referred to in the "Memento" of the Mass.

"Memento, Domine, famularumque tuarum, qui nos praesecrent cum signis tuis, dormiant in pace!" Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants, men and women, who have gone before us with the sign of faith and are sleeping the sleep of peace. To them, O Lord, whose names are mentioned by the celebrant, and to all who rest in Christ, we pray Thee to grant a place of refreshment, light and peace, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

A place of refreshment, such as only Heaven can be to the souls tired with and tired of the sufferings of Purgatory, the pain of sense and the pain of loss. A place of light, where the darkness of Purgatory and its deprivations shall give way to the brightness of God's presence face to face in Paradise. A place of peace, where the eternal unending possession of God shall bring to the soul a calm and tranquil satisfaction in the enjoyment of those things that God has prepared for those that love Him.

Remember the dead! Remember your dead! Enter into the spirit of this day of recollection when every priest is empowered by the Holy Father to offer three Masses, one for his own intention; one for the intention of the Holy Father; one for all the faithful departed. All understand that the intention of the Holy Father includes all the souls of soldiers and sailors and airmen who are casualties of the war. Visit your parish church on All Souls Day or the Sunday following, visit your cemetery, pray there as prescribed by the Holy Father for the dead, and gain for them the rich indulgences granted at this season by the Church.

MASS OFFERINGS

Every priest is ordained to the service of the people of the Church. He is forbidden to engage in secular employment, that could so easily limit his service. He prays for and with his people; he celebrates and offers Mass for them and in their name; he administers the Sacraments; he visits their sick, officiates at the funerals of his flock; he teaches the young, instructs their elders in God's law. His life must be a continued series of daily acts for his people and in their behalf. He must depend on his people for proper support. "The laborer is worthy of his hire." In earlier times, the priest entered into the houses of those to whom he ministered, partook of their hospitality, found his sustenance in eating and drinking what they placed before him.

Church growth called for changes in this primitive arrangement. Productive property given to the Church furnished support for its ministers under the name of benefices. Certain countries seized Church holdings, and supported the clergy through public funds. The United States allows the fullest freedom to religion. Each church in corporation under state law, and gives part of the support to its clergy in a stated salary, part comes from the personal offerings of the faithful.

Mass offerings form an important and necessary element in supporting our clergy. Custom centuries ago prescribed that the person asking a priest to say a Mass for a particular intention should give the priest the equivalent of one day's support. Present day stipends

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Tenth Anniversary Of Our Bishop's Consecration

Yesterday was the 10th Anniversary of consecration of Bishop Kearney. Just a decade ago on his forty-eighth birthday in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, he was elevated to the episcopate by Cardinal Hayes. Then was conferred on him the fulness of the priesthood, then was added to the powers that ordination had given him the power to ordain priests, the power to confirm. He became a successor of the original twelve Apostles, the first Bishops of God's Church.

Even as they in Holy Orders handed down to their successors the spiritual equipment for the ministry of grace and the ministry of the word; even as they thus guaranteed continuance of the Priesthood and its powers for the coming generations; even as they felt within them the abiding presence of Christ giving them power and authority to teach, govern, sanctify and save all men, and through the laying on of hands begot other Bishops and Priests to experience through all the ages the fulfillment of Christ's promise to be with them till the consummation of the world;—so the new Bishop of ten years ago went forth from the altar of his consecration as a modern Apostle, rejoicing as a giant to run his course, to be another link in the chain that began with Christ and will find its last link only when the world shall have ceased to be.

With the power of episcopal order went also the power of jurisdiction. Appointed to the See of Salt Lake City, Bishop Kearney labored for five years among the people of his missionary diocese. He shared with his priests the hardships of the missions, where cold and distance and poverty were in a special degree the portion of a devoted clergy.

Five years ago he came to the Diocese of Rochester. In a wise and fatherly manner he has performed among us the duties of his episcopate, uniting a fundamental priestly piety to a constant zeal for the things of God tempered only by the prudence and wisdom so essential to a Bishop.

Priests and people of the Diocese of Rochester rejoice with their beloved Bishop on this significant and happy Tenth Anniversary. Their prayers go up to God for blessings on their Spiritual Father for the years ahead, and for an act of thanksgiving for the graces and accomplishments of the years that are gone. Our filial sentiments can find no more fitting expression than that of the Church's official prayer for a diocesan Bishop:—

"Let us pray for our Bishop, James"

"May the Lord preserve him and fill him with a living spirit, bless him in his earthly abode, and keep him from falling before the wily machinations of his enemies"

Along The Way

Prince Edward Island

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

You reach it by a ferry that crosses nine miles of strait and though naturally you never get out of sight of land, it's a bit of sea air and wind and water thrown in with your ticket. The Island is famous the inhabitants tell you, for foxes, bishops, and potatoes. The potatoes are delicious, bishops illustrious and you are probably if lucky wearing the furs this winter. They like to tell of the man who started fox farming, the kind of character who makes a delightful hero for a book but often a shiftless enough father and husband neglecting his farm and wandering the woods with a gun over his shoulder. Dalton was his name, and he got the idea of raising foxes in hollow logs that would simulate their own environment. People thought him crazy, the fate of most pioneers. He actually became rich, was knighted, and gave Dalton Hall to charming St. Dunstan's College in Charlotte-town which is rightly proud of St. Dunstan's and its rector Monsignor Murphy boasts too, a most gracious Bishop O'Sullivan, a cathedral which is a minor basilica and looks like one, and the Sisters of St. Martha. Some one of these days, when the war is over, people are going to discover the summer resort possibilities of Nova Scotia and P.E.I. and they'll come up by the thousands to relax in a lovely countryside and mile after mile of glorious beaches.

Doctor MacDonald

He came up to me as I was standing in the protection of the ferry's big chimney. Our ship was crossing from Prince Edward Island to Nova Scotia, our train safely tucked in on the lower deck. We talked for a while about the weather and the scenery and the changes that must have taken place since the pioneers first came to Prince Edward. He told me how the French had called the Island after St. John but when the English took it they decided to change the name since there were several islands with that same name. First they thought of calling it New Ireland. It had never occurred to me before that as far as I have ever heard, there is no New England anywhere on our continent that boasts a New England and a Nova Scotia. But there were objections to that. The island was largely Scotch, with historic memory, the English recalled that one Ireland had given them trouble enough. So it was named for the English general who had done outstanding fighting on the mainland.

He talked a little of his country practice and of his children scattered throughout Canada, all of whom made Catholic marriages, he said in answer to my query.

How old do you think I am? he asked.

I looked him over speculatively, alert, interested, gray but with a strongly colored face.

"Late sixties," I guessed.

"Eighty-four," he replied. "And still practicing medicine."

Our train was late reaching Montreal, and I noticed that he was a little nervous. Possibly he had not slept too well. As a matter of fact with the perfect courtesy of a perfect gentleman, he had let two young women who sat up talking with some soldiers until late pre-empt his section of the sleeper while he waited patiently for them to vacate so that he could go to sleep. I am afraid my patience with the interlopers would not have lasted half so long.

When we finally entered the station the reason for his slightly worried manner appeared.

"I think I shall have time for Mass, don't you?" he asked.

I bow to a worthy son of a pioneer Catholic, Doctor MacDonald of St. Peter's, Prince Edward Island.

Teaching 'em How To Say It

Auto licenses of the Province of Quebec are marked with QUE and a number. A Canadian visitor parked his car in a New York garage over night, and returned in the morning to claim it.

"We ain't got no Canada cars in this garage," the attendant explained.

"Oh, but you have. It's QUE and the number is . . ."

"So that's what that car is, eh?" And he yelled back into the garage depths, "Bill, run out that Quey car will ya."

A Difference of Verbs

The train was pulling into the station. It was Sunday morning. Across the aisle sat two young ladies.

Said the first, "I'll join you as soon as I've been to Mass."

Said the second, "Oh, gosh do you have to go to Mass?"

Said her friend, "The fact is that I want to go to Mass."

The verb made a lot of difference.

Feast Days

- Sunday, Nov. 1.—ALL SAINTS.
- Monday, Nov. 2.—ALL SOULS.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3.—ST. HUBERT, BISHOP.
- Wednesday, Nov. 4.—ST. CHARLES BORROMEO.
- Thursday, Nov. 5.—SS. ZACHARY AND ELIZABETH.
- Friday, Nov. 6.—ST. LEONARD.
- Saturday, Nov. 7.—ST. FLORENCE.

QUERIES and REPLIES

Is Membership In Your Church Necessary For Salvation?

We will let Pope Pius IX answer this question. You know my most dear children and venerable brothers, that those who being individually ignorant of our holy religion observe the natural law and precepts that God has engraved on the heart of every man, and who are disposed to obey God and live virtuously and righteously can by the aid of divine light and grace obtain eternal life because God, who searches the heart who sees clearly and knows the sentiments, thoughts and dispositions of all, cannot in His supreme mercy and goodness permit that even one soul should be eternally punished that has not separated itself from Him by voluntary mortal sin. (Allocution, Aug. 10, 1863)

It is possible therefore for one who is not a member of the Church to be saved. Considering the conditions enumerated by the Pope, however one would be foolish to think that salvation outside the Church is an easy matter. It is extremely difficult. We must face facts: man is a sinner, he is tempted frequently, he falls often.

Without help from on high he will fall again and again. A Catholic too may fall and fall grievously but he has the Sacrament of Penance to put him on his feet again, the Word of God to steady and direct him, prayer and Mass and Holy Communion to strengthen and sustain him. With all of these divine graces at his disposal, even the Catholic sometimes finds it hard enough to save his soul. How much more difficult then must be the matter of salvation for one who has none of these heavenly helps. (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

'Quiz' Corner

It is said that the Good Thief went to Heaven because he had

Baptism of desire. What does that signify?

While Baptism is the ordinary means of salvation every soul that is not baptized is not lost. The penitent thief on the cross made an act of perfect contrition and asked for pardon of his sins, which was granted by our Divine Lord. There is no mention of baptism of desire in the Scripture because what we call baptism of desire is not a Sacrament. It is a condition of the soul which supplies the grace which the Sacrament of Baptism would give.