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In **CATHOLIC COURIER** has my most enthusiastic approval. A diocesan newspaper has become an essential part of the program of Catholic action in Rochester. The **CATHOLIC COURIER** should be found in every Catholic home in the diocese. I had a hard time to understand how any Catholic can be so foolish as to let what is transpiring in his church throughout the world as to let up on available sources of information or even to seek no information whatsoever. Let us have a last dogan "The **CATHOLIC COURIER** in every Catholic home."
♦ JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester

THANK GOD YOU ARE AN AMERICAN

It is a fine statement, a powerful slogan. "Thank God you are an American." Any fellow American could say it to you, because he as an American knows all that citizenship in this great free nation means to him and to you.

Any citizen of the Allied Nations could say it to you, because he knows and perhaps envies you the blessings that are yours as an American. Any citizen of the occupied countries could say it to you, because he knows the many liberties you possess that are now denied to him. Any citizen of the Axis countries could say it to you, because deep in his heart he has the natural longing for the liberties that still are yours, that have been taken from him by the dictator, and that will be taken from you by the dictator should our arms fail.

"Thank God you are an American!" All through November this slogan shall be spoken to us over the air, printed for us in our newspapers, placed before our eyes and emphasized in our theaters, put on buttons and folders and bookmarks. All Rochester is laboring under the sponsorship of the Retail Merchants' Association to make the sale of War Bonds during this month a true measure of the depth of the realization and the appreciation of all that American citizenship means to us. Sweeter cities throughout the state and nation will be striving for like results.

"Thank God you are an American!" We are free men under God. Ours is a government of the people, for the people, by the people. We are safe in the possession of inalienable rights, our government, far from seeking to take them from us, gives the strongest protection to us in our enjoyment of them. We have absolute freedom to worship God according to our conscience, to send our children to school of our choosing, to labor and play and visit and plan, to organize social and business societies. Dictators feel all this is wrong, should be eliminated. America is our strength in liberty, our guarantee of its solid foundation, our protector in its exercise.

Every citizen is urged to enter into the spirit of this November Drive to buy Bonds and more Bonds, to help our government in its hour of need, when it is spending itself so fully in men and money and munitions to destroy the menacing might of the minions of totalitarianism. You are thankful for all the country is doing for you. Express your gratitude in buying Bonds, more Bonds! "Thank God you are an American!"

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

The week of November 1 has been designated as American Education Week. In conjunction with the national program the Education Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has selected as a theme for this observance "Catholics and Community Activities."

The statement issued by Catholic educators when submitting their suggestions for Catholic participation in the week's activities, clearly defines the principles governing our Catholic Educational system. Our achievements in any capacity have been attained "by dint of governing ourselves and not by being herded about at the behest of distant bureaucrats." To know ourselves, and to control ourselves and our activities has been the fundamental teaching of our Catholic Schools. By so doing, as the paper statement points out, "we have educated ourselves in and for democracy by living democracy."

In the suggestions proposed by the Department of Education the fullest participation of individual Catholics in community activities is insistently demanded. The truths learned in the classroom must be elaborated in later years and must surmount schoolroom walls to permeate society generally.

Because each Catholic has the obligation to spread the word of God by word and example, he should never allow a chance to promulgate divine truths to slip by. We have the truth, the truth that can keep men free. When free, we should never hesitate to propound these teachings that others may come to know the truths of salvation.

Our boys in the armed services, particularly those with a Catholic education, are indeed a source of inspiration to others. Frequently their very example has demanded of their associates a greater respect for the name of God. Many times they have objected to salacious conversation, often a barracks topic. And their objection has had its good effect.

Catholic Chaplains claim that they can immediately detect a boy with a Catholic education. He stands out in a crowd of new recruits and becomes an indispensable asset in the Chaplain's work. His application to study and detail generally win him a quick promotion for military authorities soon recognize that he has the stuff to make him a leader of men.

Our participation in American Education Week might be the occasion wherein to rededicate ourselves to the principles of Catholic Education and further resolve that, whatever the sacrifice, our schools shall continue to make boys and girls better Americans because they are good Catholics.

JOIN THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The present Sunday is dedicated to the Campaign for Members in the Holy Name Society. Bishop Kearney is sponsoring the Campaign. He asks every man to join the Holy Name Society in his parish, to sign up on this Sunday. The Bishop knows membership in the Holy

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

the flock passes under the hand that numbereth them (JEREMIAS C. 12:5)

THE METHOD OF COUNTING SHEEP AT EVENING IN PALESTINE HAS NOT ALTERED SINCE THE DAYS OF MOSES!

The Story of ST. MARTIN OF TOURS WHO CUT HIS CAPE TO HELP A BEGGAR, IS DEPICTED ON A SET OF BELGIUM SEMI-POSTAL STAMPS RECENTLY ISSUED.

Unsurpassed for exquisite Sculpture and wealth of detail are the Calvaries of BRITAIN. A GLORIOUS EXAMPLE FROM PLOUGASTEL.

IN SOME ENGLISH COUNTRY DISTRICTS SINGING 'SOULING' SONGS AND SOLICITING CAKES AND MONEY - a debased relic of pre-Reformation days for the dead.

Along The Way

Pulling It Out of Them

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

Father Keating, the delightful rector of St. Mary's College in Halifax was talking about the reticence of the English to talk about the war as they see it. This English officer he said, had been in Dunkerque through the whole thing, and so, thought Father Keating, the ideal person to tell him how it felt to be under a rain of bombs.

"So you were at Dunkerque?" he began.

"Rather," said the Englishman. "Must have been quite an experience."

"Oh quite."

"How did you get there?"

"We'd been fighting along the lines, and then we heard that the war there was practically over. So nothing for it, you see, but to get to the sea. So we made Dunkerque."

"I'll bet you saw it there."

"Oh it was a bit thick on the beach of course. Heavy going and that sort of thing."

"Jarries overhead?"

"Seemed to be."

"Bombs all around 'no doubt'?"

"They were dropping a few eggs."

"So you got away."

"Yes, indeed."

"How?"

"Oh we logged it out into the water, a small boat picked us up, that took us to a motor boat and then to the destroyer."

"It must have been hell."

"Quite nasty, yes, quite nasty."

"What happened then?"

"Frankly, I don't know. I was so dead tired, I just threw myself down on the deck and slept the trip to England."

Father Keating gave it up.

Present

Every priest with special patience has to endure drunks. But sometimes even a drunk surprises one. There was a very inebriated gent sitting in his made up berth on the sleeper. As I made my way past him he looked up and smiled with drunken hospitality and started pawing back in his berth.

"Jess a minute, fazzer jess a minute. I got something here and I'd like to share it wizz you."

"But it would do you good. He thrust forward his hand. Here have a sandwich!"

Sermons By A Layman

When a priest talks to a layman it may be a friendly chat or a Sunday sermon. When a layman talks to a priest, it may turn out to be real news. And this time it is news. O'Brien Atkinson, a New York advertising man and an outstanding member of the New York Catholic Evidence Guild, has just published through Wagner of New York, How To Make Us Want

Your Sermon. And as you've certainly guessed from the title it's advice from a layman to priests on how to write and deliver a sermon.

It must have taken a lot of courage to write the book. But if anyone should know how to present the truths, any truths from the daily war reports to the great truths of faith, it should be an advertising man. What are we priests after all except God's salesmen? And what more necessary for a salesman than that he know how to advertise what he wants to sell?

So a great many young priests will read this new book with avid interest. A great many seminarians will find it completely modifying their approach to their class in sacred eloquence. And a lot of the laity will want to make presents of it to their priest and future priest friends.

Modern Manners

The mother was trying to teach her son some of the fine points in manners.

"A gentleman," she explains

Diocesan Recordings

By the way—BUY BONDS

Success of the luncheon club sponsored by Catholic laymen in forming should inspire other groups in the diocese to conduct a similar program. In the Knights of Columbus of New York State the movement for First Friday luncheon clubs has been growing. These gatherings of Catholic men around the luncheon table stimulate Catholic thought and Catholic views and spread their influence among business and professional men downtown. The practice of eating at noon has to be carried out anyway, men must eat. The opportunity offered by a well organized program of discussion with the luncheon is one that in times like these should be seized.

A First-Alder in Each Home

A box of attractive artistic and Christian in concept and design Christmas cards has reached our desk. They are the work of the Salvatorian Fathers and are especially produced to instill the proper sentiment among recipients on the Anniversary of the Birth of the Saviour. Thoughtless Catholics will continue to send the pagan cards which will continue to spread the ideas which are oppressing the world at this time. Thoughtful Catholics will send for Christmas cards such as these produced by the Society of the Divine Savior and will not only bring the true

QUERIES and REPLIES

How is Confirmation Administered?

The Bishop begins the rite of Confirmation by reciting over those who are to be confirmed this beautiful prayer: "O Almighty and eternal God, who hath deigned to regenerate these Thy servants in water and the Holy Ghost and who gave them remission of all their sins, send upon them from Heaven Thy sevenfold spirit the Paraclete, the Spirit of knowledge and of piety. Fill them with the spirit of Thy fear and sign them with the sign of Christ's Cross unto life everlasting. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son who lives and reigns with Thee forever. Amen."

Before the ceremony begins each of the persons to be confirmed chooses the name of some saint as his special patron and protector. He then kneels before the Bishop, and the Bishop addressed him by this new name. Then taking blessed Chrism the Bishop anoints his forehead in the form of a cross saying: at the same time these words: "I sign thee with the sign of the Cross and I confirm thee with the Chrism of salvation in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Immediately after the anointing, the Bishop gives the person anointed a slight blow on the cheek, saying: "Peace be with you."

The blow on the cheek is not unlike the blow which in olden days was given with a sword in the conferring of knight hood. It reminds the person confirmed that he is now a soldier and knight of Jesus Christ and must be ready to suffer anything, even death itself, for the sake of Christ. (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

Feast Days

- Sunday, Nov. 8.—THE FEAST OF THE HOLY RELIQU.
- Monday, Nov. 9.—ST. THEODORE TYRO.
- Tuesday, Nov. 10.—ST. ANDREW AVELLINO.
- Wednesday, Nov. 11.—ST. MARTIN OF TOURS.
- Thursday, Nov. 12.—ST. MARTIN, POPE.
- Friday, Nov. 13.—ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA.
- Saturday, Nov. 14.—ST. JOSEPH.

"Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

always takes a lady's arm and helps her to cross the street.

"Okeh," said the son. And at the next crossing he crooked his elbow and held it out toward his mother. "Here we are babe. Hook on and let's go."

Even the mother was wordless.

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Christmas greetings to friends but will disseminate the true Christmas sentiment. The cards are colorful, carefully designed and can be sent with the realization that the recipient is getting an artistic greeting. The address is Salvatorian Fathers Publishing Department, Salvatorian Seminary, St. Nazianz, Wis. The "Keep Christ in Christmas" slogan should be even more prominent this year.

By the Way—BUY BONDS

A layman who is not a Holy Name Society member is remiss in his duty at any time more so now when the ideals of that organization must be advanced. Every layman will sign up Sunday in that organization. The 60th Anniversary campaign of the Knights of Columbus likewise offers opportunity now for laymen to lend their efforts to the Catholic organization furnishing strong backing to the Hierarchy in the work for servicemen on land, sea and in the air. Replacements are needed as the knights continue in numbers to enter the armed services. Former members can return to their councils to give a helping hand in the program for Christ and country which the K. of C. carry on. The spiritual home front as well as the war effort needs the support of Catholic laymen in the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus.