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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."

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TO THE BEGINNING

The verdict of history is with the Church. She is today, has been from the very beginning, Jesus Christ continued. Bethlehem and Nazareth and Jerusalem, Mt. Thabor and the upper room and Calvary, Gethsemane of the resurrection and the mount of the Ascension, were preliminaries to the one and only Church which Jesus founded to last till the end of time.

In all the pristine strength and power in which She came into being in all the conscious right to direct in faith and morals Her children throughout the world, to teach as one having authority from God, to sanctify men as the only means under heaven given to men whereby they may be saved. She is in the world today as She has been in the world of the early centuries, of the middle ages, of the later years.

A man need not be a member of the Church to know all this. A man need not be a Catholic to look at the record. Written clearly in every page of the history of Christendom is the glorious and compelling record of the Church of Christ, the Catholic Church! She goes back a mere four hundred years to a Luther, a Henry VIII, a Calvin or Knox or Zwingli. She goes back not a limited time to a Jansenist, a Manichean, and Arian, origin. No! She goes back full 1900 years right to Jesus Christ! Read the record! Let history speak! He who runs may read!

Advent of 1942 should recall all this to us in renewed measure. Our current preparation for the Coming of Christ, will mean more when we consider what that Coming has meant in 1900 years of world-wide events. The Church is the power of Christ unto all men. The Church has today the same unflinching life and vigor that Christ gave Her at His coming twenty centuries ago. The Church today can make the Coming effective in our souls unto sanctification, justification, salvation. She can prepare us for the Coming that shall bless our dying breath, the Coming that shall announce the completion and fulfillment of the mission of the Church in the Last Judgment.

May our prayers be at this time with those who should be of the Church and are not. The secular press recently mentioned Westminster Abbey as having a history that predates the Church of England the Anglican Church. Dr. McQuinn's article in last week's COURIER on the history of the Abbey was timely not only to the Thanksgiving observance for American soldiers there, but also to the subsequent complaint of an Episcopalian Bishop against the press for stating that the Abbey predated the Anglican Church. The Bishop denied the statement, but history affirms it!

Westminster Abbey may stand for many years in the midst of all its present dangers; as long as it stands, it shall continue to speak of the Benedictine Monks, Catholic, not Anglican clergymen; of the Church of Christ in Whose name and for Whose glory the Abbey was erected; of the Mass that has been taken away together with the altar of the Mass from the Catholic edifice; of the defection from unity that marked those who following Henry VIII and Elizabeth and Edward gave up Christ and His Church.

Manning and Newman and Chesterton saw the truth, returned to the Church of Christ. Ives and Kinsman and Brown, in our own country have seen the truth, have claimed for their own the old Church the true Church, the one Church of Christ. Thinking men, prayerful men, sincere searchers for the truth, should study the historical records that trace the Church so accurately back to the beginning. There should be the prayer of Newman: "Lead Kindly Light."

FAMILY ROSARY RETURNS

An old-fashioned custom that deserves widespread revival in the United States is that of the Family Rosary. A move in this direction is already being started, it has met with quite remarkable success.

There are many reasons which, at present, would strongly indicate the need of such a devotion. This movement has as its object the desire to counteract the prayerless schools and prayerless homes of today. The custom is proposed in an effort to fortify young boys and girls against the Spirit of the World. Moreover this practice should be a sure means of changing the homes of America to Homes.

At another time, one might appeal in vain, even for God's sake or Mary's sake, but to appeal to fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, wives and sweethearts to go down on their knees daily and say their beads for their loved ones, now absent in the uniform of a soldier, sailor, aviator or flyer, should meet with a warm welcome.

Under the direction of their Chaplains, as instructed by the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Auxiliary Bishop of the Army and Navy, the boys in the Armed Forces are being encouraged to write home and request their families to start this devotion. "It would be hard," Bishop O'Hara says, "to conceive a better antidote to the night life that imperils the American home. It is hard to conceive of a more beautiful family tie for the inspiration of the men in the field."

Perhaps never again will circumstances so favor a successful appeal to the families of America to revive or begin a custom that Heaven has so richly blessed and Faith has so often tried and never found wanting.

Now that rationing of one sort or another has drastically curtailed our amusements outside the home, fathers and mothers have a ready

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

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Until the 12th century God was represented in art by a HAND, usually emerging from a cloud.

A Catholic, BLAISE PASCAL, INVENTED THE FIRST CALCULATING MACHINE IN 1642.

MODERN METHODS OF MANUFACTURING BUILDINGS WERE INTRODUCED BY 17th CENTURY ARCHITECTS IN MADRID, USING THE MASONRY'S GOTT SIGUARD CASTLE IN PLACE OF STEEL.

The glorious Convent of the Church of SALEM, LISBON, PORTUGAL, WAS BUILT TO COMMEMORATE VASCO DA GAMA'S DISCOVERY OF THE SEA ROUTE TO INDIA IN 1499.

Along The Way

The \$25,000 Limit

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

It looks to a mere outlander as if Uncle Sam had made a pretty stupid mistake in that \$25,000 salary top he set. He is cheating himself out of a tremendous lot of taxes.

The mere quick observer when he hears that people are restricted to a salary of \$25,000, laughs and says, "Why doesn't somebody restrict me to that? What I could not do on that restriction."

But it doesn't work that way. Apparently the ruling is that no one can earn more than the top \$25,000. So with taxes out, that means the highest salary paid this year will be around \$37,000. Now notice last year one radio-screen comedian paid the government about \$450,000 in taxes. This year with the restriction he will pay about \$42,000. The government gets cheated out of nine-tenths of last year's income. And that holds for all the higher-bracket people in the studio. It's the government which is being "gypped" out of millions in income.

The situation goes a lot further than that however. Here is a woman star who last year earned about \$800,000, her share for the enormous amount of money paid by people to see her pictures. Last year she paid the government about the same as the comedian. Suppose that this year she makes her usual four pictures and earns \$600,000. She would if she were allowed to make that money, which she isn't, retain \$25,000. But California also has an income tax. So she would pay to the California state office another \$70,000. Which means simply that she would earn \$800,000 and would be obliged to dig down into her savings to pay \$45,000 in sheer loss.

As a result, she is simply declining to make pictures. She can't afford to earn \$800,000 and at the end of the year find that she has a net loss of \$45,000.

When the ruling first came out, the motion picture companies were tickled pink. Take for example anyone of the really big stars who is paid \$150,000 a picture and makes four a year. He is under contract to make the four, but now the government doesn't allow the company to pay him more than \$37,000. So instead of paying the star \$600,000 for his share in the pictures, the company thought it was going to get four pictures from him at a little more than one-tenth his real value in box office draw.

But the stars said calmly "Not on your life." They announced that if the ruling held, they wouldn't kill themselves doing four pictures. They'd do one a year, and loaf for the rest of the time or do war work. So the studios realized that the tax law meant no more work from the "big time" stars. And no

more pictures to keep up public morale.

Here, for instance is a team like Abbot and Costello. They make four pictures a year normally. Each picture is a gamble. Will it be a success? Or won't the people like it? Now they won't make four a year they'll make one and make it very, very carefully loss to the public... loss to the companies. But why work their heads off when at the end of the year they have actually paid out money for the privilege of working?

The same holds true of the writers. Said one of the big money writers to me, "I'm going to write one picture next year. That's all. After that I'm going to write the novel I've wanted to write and a lot of short stories, but nothing for the screen. I can take the money I earn in selling stories to publishers. What I do for the screen counts on my salary and that goes right down the drain."

One big producer was refused a place in government service largely because the government was taking over half a million from him in taxes. This year he will give the government the pitiful forty thousand and the government loses almost half a million. Besides that, it is a simple fact that this is going to affect the employment of thousands of people. With the studio lacking stars and writers, all the thousands of employees of the studio will be cut. The staffs of the stars and producers and writers will be out of jobs. And the pictures which everyone thought were important to keeping our minds off our troubles won't be produced.

Stars are refusing to sign any contracts. Writers are withdrawing and going into other lines. Producers don't know how in the world they can get their plays on the screen. And the motion picture industry looks to Uncle Sam and says, "We'd love to serve you and generously. But is it smart to kill the film industry and cheat yourself of millions?"

One important man in the industry said to me: "I'm willing to give all I earn in taxes. But I want to be allowed to earn it. I don't want to be told I can't earn what my abilities demand. And I can't dig down into my savings to pay for the privilege of working this year solely for the enrichment of the companies which are paying me one-fifth what they owe me... and by government order."

It's a problem in mathematics all right. And apparently in plain common sense.

If the general's or admiral's magazine article is a sensible, constructive criticism, the last word in the by-line is "Retired."—Chicago News.

QUERIES and REPLIES

Why Do You Say That Hell Is Eternal?

Hell is eternal for the same reason that Heaven is eternal. Without eternity for the one as well as for the other, the moral law of God would have no adequate sanction.

Granted that the sinner is sincerely repentant God can and does forgive even the greatest sins in this life. But if God forgave sins even in the life to come, that is, beyond the span of time allotted to the testing of man's free will, there would be no ultimate sanction for the moral law. The sinner would go on sinning as he pleased once he had the certainty that in the end he would be saved anyway. He would know indeed that his persistence in sin would involve added sufferings for a limited time but just because the sufferings would be for a limited time only, he probably would choose to undergo such sufferings rather than forego his present gratification.

The length and intensity of the added sufferings that would have to be borne for a time might still act as a deterrent but not as a moral motive. However atrocious the crime, it would never mean one's ultimate loss of God. (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

Diocesan Recordings

FRANCIS X. CULLINAN

A layman was called to his eternal reward on Nov. 29, 1942, and the notice read: "Francis X. Cullinan of 281 Genesee St., father of the late Francis X. Cullinan, S.J." The senior Francis X. was an exemplary layman, a man active in the affairs of St. Monica's parish and known widely at one time for his wholesome interest and participation in athletics.

With such a father, the son, Francis X. Jr., had a penchant for sports and was a fine, upstanding American boy. Early in life he turned to religious activities while carrying on the normal pursuits of the average boy. He had a vocation for the Holy Priesthood and entered the Society of Jesus. His untimely death at Woodstock College and the unusual circumstances surrounding it are widely known. The confreres of the late Francis X. Cullinan, S.J. and friends are seeking to advance his cause of nobility his life having been extraordinarily devout and saint-like.

Now his father has gone to join him in eternity. The example set by the father will be recorded, there is no doubt, in the complete story of the young Jesuit whose brief life has become something to emulate by all young Catholic boys.

ATTAIN HEIGHTS

With so many of our priests joining the colors during the past year and attaining high places in the armed forces, it occurs to this department that something must be mentioned about laymen going places in defense of our nation.

The most outstanding one that comes to mind is Brigadier General Francis P. Mulcahy of the Marine Corps. At Old Cathedral High School and at Notre Dame University with Frank, it is not difficult to understand why he has attained the heights in the Marine Corps. A pioneer flyer he saw service over Belgium in World War I and remained in the service since. Then there is Lieutenant Commander Vincent Grady who is another veteran of the last war and has done things in the Navy in an outstanding way to be revealed after this war. Lieut. Col. Cyril J. Kresa, a prominent Knight of St. John is "over there," somewhere, and will give a good account of himself. These and Capt. August Kilcoyne of Elmira, and others from all sections of the diocese are men of exemplary character and a real credit to their home parishes and communities. If you are an outstanding layman in service, has been called here, the department would like to hear of them for future mention in this Recordings.

Our golden rule is: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."—Chicago News.