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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.

JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester.

PLANNING FOR PEACE

No man can predict with certainty when the war will end. Admiral Halsey says 1943 will tell the tale. President Roosevelt says we shall be well on our way to Tokyo and Berlin during 1943.

It is not too early to begin to plan the peace. There can be no just cause for putting off that planning till the war is over.

A terrible calamity that threatens humanity hangs over the world, now gravely ill because of the war and all that led up to it.

That internal peace can come only when men understand that every society worthy of the name has originated in a desire for peace.

THE POORER CLASSES AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Lincoln said the Lord must have great love for the common people, or He would not have made so many of them. The common people are made up in great measure of what some call the "poorer classes."

"Child-spacing" is the pretty title of the abominable teaching sponsored by one of the busy-body organizations that ties the holy name of parent on to its title.

The "poorer classes" will continue to plan their parenthood in accordance with the good sense and the good conscience God has given them.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD THAT IS REAL

A visit to the new St. Mary's Hospital will give you a picture of planned parenthood that is real. The maternity department there has been planned for the mothers and babies of the years to come.

Yes, St. Mary's has arranged a program of planned parenthood! The program is one of which every normal human being may well be proud.

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Along The Way

Catholic Parents, Note!

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

The Bulletin of the Teachers' Alliance of New York City for December is a splendid document. It is a direct appeal to the legislators and the voters to bring back discipline to the public schools of the city and to eliminate what it frankly terms "Hollywood."

THE POINT 6 OF their official report on delinquency is worth reading. It should, in fact, be thrust under the noses of those Catholics who blithely disregard the parochial schools and send their children elsewhere.

Write the public school teachers.

It is our considered opinion that the level of public behavior is far higher in our parochial and denominational schools than it is in our public schools.

Letters From the Navy

His brother writes from "The Only Grasp Hut Barber Shop in the World," and identifies it as "Down Where the Trade Winds Blow."

He talks gratefully of Catholic pamphlets and the use they are to Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Theatrical critics aren't necessary here. Tonight we gathered for a vocal Marine actors, Marine audience, except for a few of us Seabees.

Last Sunday afternoon, I dropped into the cathedral of the Isle's principal town for Benediction. I thought I could spare the fifteen minutes and the benediction would do me good.

the pews, but the girls all sat on the pews. The girls are dressed in pink dresses with thick blue trimmings. The dresses are double-headed affairs.

Unfinished Story

My little story of the chalice left to the Catholic Church in Philadelphia by a convert Quakeress brings an interesting sequel.

"A number of years ago, a friend of mine was visiting Philadelphia. I advised her to be sure to stop in at the old Jesuit Church in Willings Abbey, and she did.

"When she was walking away from the church, she met a Quakeress dressed in the Quaker's plain garb. She spoke to my friend, asked her if there was a Catholic church near by, and walked back with my friend to Willings Alley.

"You may be surprised," said the Quakeress, that I asked to see a Catholic church, for I've never been in one. But two weeks ago, I dreamed a lovely woman came to me.

"My friend took her into the Catholic church and explained the Real Presence, the shroud, the lights, and all.

Sorry to leave my readers with an unended story.

Clips

The oldest known pen was unearthed in Egypt. Older than those in the post office! - "Evansville"

Even if your life is an open book there are times when you should turn over a new leaf. - "Boston Post."

Diocesan Recordings

Private Hebert A. Lucasstein lecturing in the Christian Culture Series at Aquinas Institute last Sunday night presented his serious discussion with commending all who had turned out despite gasoline rationing.

Rochester has a campaign on for used musical instruments and athletic equipment that is being gathered to be sent to our prisoners of war.

"A Client of the Blessed Sacrament," sends in this piece for pondering:

"Feeling that your paper reaches thousands of our Catholic people, I wonder if it would be any good to print an article regarding the apparent letdown of our people for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

Traveling on the buses four times a day, I have been amazed at not only the laymen but a good many times at our own beloved priests who pass by our Catholic churches and never make a pretence of raising their hats.

"In years gone by I have known it to be a fact where some of our non-Catholic brethren have remarked about so many men raising their hats passing a church. It just gave me an inner sense of gratification that our Lord was being honored.

"If this small letter would make just one man remember his God, the next time he passes a Church, it will be worth while."

Our erstwhile movie commentator, Private John Springer worked at one time for the Hutchings Advertising Company in Rochester.

QUERIES and REPLIES

War—War—War. Looks Like God Has Forgotten The World.

War—War—War—because men have forgotten God. The blight of unbelief has so eaten into the souls of men that the roots of righteousness and right living have been deadened to the core.

Only something radical could possibly bring man back to the realization of his status as a creature wholly dependent upon a Creator whose laws he may not ignore with impunity.

The world is indeed a ghastly mess. A quarter of a century of political chicanery and moral evil-doing has come to a shrieking climax.

You have merely to open the pages of one of our metropolitan papers to see as of old the same sickening stories of marital infidelity, quick divorces, quicker remarriages, parties whose lavishness is matched only by their incessant night clubs that are veritable night orgies—everywhere the same old blizz evidencing a total failure to comprehend the meaning of this shattering hour.

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! thou who killest the prophets and stonest those who are sent to thee! How often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen gathers her young under her wings, but thou wouldst not!" (Matt. 23, 37) "I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me." (Exodus 20, 2) - (From THE PEN OF FATHER RICHARD PEAR, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, 1880-1933)

STRANGE BUT TRUE Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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THE GATEWAY to WARHAM CHURCH, ENGLAND. GROWS it is a cleverly trained you tree! A monastic school which flourished at MUNGRET, IRELAND 900 A.D. HAD 500 MONKS AS TEACHERS & 1000 PRIESTS & PREACHERS. St. Barbara Cathedral SPAIN is a shrine of the CHILD Jesus on which FLORENCE III bestowed the WISDOM of a FIELD MARSHAL. It is a well attested fact that during the final apparition of OUR LADY of FATIMA PORTUGAL, OCTOBER 13, 1917, THE SUN REVOLVED COMPLETENLY LEAVING OUT GREAT RINGS OF FLAME.