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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 had a hard time to understand how any Catholic can be so indifferent as to what is transpiring in his church throughout the world as to fail upon available sources of information or even to seek no information whatever. Let us have a trial issue of "The CATHOLIC COURIER" in every Catholic home."

• JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester.

MONSIGNOR BOPPEL'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

The fiftieth year shall be the Year of Jubilee. Thus did the law direct in the land of Israel. This has custom prescribed in the Church of God. Silver jubilees are not uncommon, golden jubilees are rare enough to command especial attention. The Golden Jubilee of a priest is an occasion of happiest rejoicing. Fifty years of consecrated service to God and man, ministering to man in the name of and with the power of Jesus Christ, preaching Him as the strength of good men on earth, as the reward exceeding great of just men in heaven, — this is the theme of the Golden Jubilee of Monsignor Boppel!

Humility in the accepted Christian sense has marked all the life of our Jubilarian, priestly humility that gave an odor of sweetness to all his ministrations. That humility preceded his ordination, went with him through all his priestly years, accompanies his youthful spirit into the golden years of his fiftieth anniversary. As an Assistant Pastor, as Pastor of one of the larger churches of the diocese, as Chancellor of the Diocese, as Vicar Delegate for Religions, as a member of the Bishop's Board of Consultants, as a Domestic Prelate of the Papal Household, Monsignor Boppel has marked all of his years in the ministry with valued contributions to every type of ecclesiastical service, to thousands of appreciative subjects.

Many and varied have been the rewards Christ has given to Monsignor Boppel. He has had the blessing of good parents, the devoted companionship of a reverend mother through most of his years, the gift of physical health supplemented by mental qualities of the highest order, the advantages of priestly training in splendid schools at home and in Europe, the love and respect of his Bishops and fellow-priests, the loyal cooperation of a devoted people, and the opportunity for increasing acts of heroic priestliness in the following of his vocation. His calm, untroubled spirit has been an outward reflection of the life of faith that he has lived within.

May God lengthen his years among us! His lay friends await with eagerness continued graces through his ministry. His first friends among the clergy look forward to more years of that sterling display of the best qualities of a true priest that have meant so much to them in the way of example. God's blessing be with him now and in the years to come!

PEACE WITHIN A NATION

Peace within a nation is never an accident. It must be planned as the most important object of a nation's existence. Yet the modern world has seen enough of the false philosophy that would make war the main object of government, and military service for conquest the vocation of every citizen, that it needs to be informed anew of the false peace should hold in every nation worth the name. The Pope's Christmas message emphasizes this truth. His children of every faith and every race throughout the world should impress this truth on their memory, and insist on it in directing their national leaders.

This should be easy for citizens of the United States. The founding fathers stated their case in the Preamble to the Constitution. There is nothing about war as an end of government in it, there is clear and definite reference to those things that will mean peace for the people of the commonwealth. "To form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." The one and only reference to warfare is the natural provision for the common defense. Far different from the pagan philosophy of domination that would make the citizen a permanent warrior to keep his fellows under domination, and to overcome his peaceful foreign friends.

Peace as the foundation purpose of government, must be to the forefront in preparing for the victory that must bring all the world back into tranquillity. Dictators must be done away with, because they have professed themselves and have proved themselves enemies of all peace. Men of peace will naturally follow the appeal of the Father of Christendom for the only true form of government, that built on a philosophy of peace. Later editorials will discuss what the Holy Father means by peace.

FOR LOVE OF HOME AND COUNTRY

Bishop Gerald C. Murray in his sermon at the consecration of Bishop McCarty, C.S.S.R., last Monday, spoke of the spirit that moves the heart of the new military Bishop: "There is only one sentiment in his soul and that is love. It is love of God, love of Christ, love of the Church and love of men's souls. His primary work is to help men to be good Christians and to be good soldiers—to live well for the love of God, and to fight valiantly for that same love—as well as for the love of home and country."

It is in the same spirit that loyal laymen strive mightily for the welfare of their country, labor for it, suffer for it, pray for it. Constant purchase of more and more War Bonds, is a salutary expression of that spirit. Good soldiers bravely repelling the enemies of right depend on the unflinching support of those at home for success in their effort. Your purchase of war-bonds will help our soldiers to fight valiantly for the love of God, for the love of home and country.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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Along The Way

To Keep Record Straight

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

A group, says Sister Mary Louise of Webster College, was talking of Catholic education. Said one of the women in the crowd, "Well, this much is certain; graduates from non-Catholic colleges get the breaks. People turn to them when they have the good jobs to offer."

"For instance?" asked the man in the crowd.

"Recently, a friend of mine was offered a splendid job in Washington just because he was a graduate of a big-name school. And she described the job with relish, and the high salary."

The man, a young lawyer, grinned.

"Doesn't impress me a bit," he answered. "I was offered that same sort of job too, only at a higher salary. And I graduated from Saint Benedict's in Kansas and St. Louis University Law School, both mighty Catholic."

So the argument died right there.

Didn't Come the Dawn

When I was very youngish, I used to think the saddest poem in the world was the one that started:

In winter I get up by night,
And dress by yellow candlelight.

(I quote from memory, with a tentative bow of apology to—was it Stevenson?)

Well, there's one part of the world where you certainly get up by night. Michigan, by all the laws of geography, is in the time zone once known as Central Standard. But a number of years ago, they moved into the Eastern Standard, which put them one hour ahead of their near neighbors in Chicago. Then came War Time, they were shoved two hours ahead of what God had had in mind when he located the state where it is.

I arrived in Saginaw the other morning and moved out of my Pullman around 7. It might have been midnight. The sky was deepest blue, and the faint outlines of an early December moon rode in the midst of a star-filled sky. A taxi took me over to the bus depot, where a few early risers like myself looked as if they were all ready to admit they'd got up by mistake and go back to bed again. The streets outside were lighted for night. The cop who strolled in looked as if he had just gone off the owl beat.

The bus arrived at 8, and I boarded it for Bay City. Out into the darkness we plunged. As it was Sunday morning, only a few early risers had as yet turned on the lights in upper windows. The streets were deserted. Night lights burned feebly in shops and stores. As we got out into the country, the first faint streaks of light were cutting along the horizon. I looked at my watch. It was 8:30 by this abnormal time. As we entered Bay City the sky was faintly blue.

Feast Days

Sunday, Jan. 31.—ST. MARCELLA.
Monday, Feb. 1.—ST. BRIGID.
Tuesday, Feb. 2.—THE PURIFICATION OR CANDLEMAS-DAY.
Wednesday, Feb. 3.—ST. BLASE.
Thursday, Feb. 4.—ST. ANDREW APOSTLE.
Friday, Feb. 5.—ST. AGATHA.
Saturday, Feb. 6.—ST. DOROTHY.

What Is Faith?

To the question "What is Faith?" we answer "Faith is a virtue, infused by God, at Baptism, into our souls, by which we believe without doubting all those truths which God has revealed and proposes to our belief by the infallible Church He established."

QUERIES and REPLIES

If Your Church Considers Mixed Marriages An Evil, Why Do You Make Exceptions For Money?

Most rules are subject to exceptions. The fact that some mixed marriages turn out very happily for both parties only goes to prove the rule.

Who will maintain that the faith of the Catholic party as well as the faith of the children born of the mixed marriage is favored and fostered by a mixed union? Mixed union—the very term is self-contradictory. Frequently the non-Catholic party manifests her or his antipathy to the Church only after the marriage, and by ridicule, bad example, and moral pressure of various kinds seeks to bring about the apostasy of an ill-instructed or careless consort. Promises are easily given and often enough just as easily broken.

Serious trouble arises likewise from divergent moral views on such important matters as divorce, family limitation, and the vital necessity of a Catholic education for the children. Not infrequently it happens that the Catholic party dies and the non-Catholic remarries and brings up the children in an alien faith. The Catholic Church in the United States loses thousands of her members annually for the reasons just alleged. That is reason sufficient for the Church to consider mixed marriage an evil.

In cases of necessity and when the proper promises have been given, the Church will and does grant dispensations for mixed marriages but such dispensations are granted only to avoid greater evil. It is not true that the Church grants dispensations for money or makes a charge for such dispensation. The Council of Trent decreed that marriage dispensations, if granted at all, should be granted gratuitously (cf. Sess. 4, De Ref. Mat., c. 1). All that is permitted is a small donation for chancery expenses and even this may not be asked of the poor (cf. Canon 1030).—(From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

Getting On In The World

IN GOODNESS AND PEACE

First keep peace with yourself; then you will be able to bring peace to others, says the author of the imitation.

A peaceful man does more good than a learned man.

Whereas a passionate man turns even good to evil and is quick to believe evil, the peaceful man, being good himself, turns all things to good.

The man who is at perfect ease is never suspicious, but the disturbed and discontented spirit is upset by many a suspicion.

He neither rests himself nor permits others to do so.

He often says what ought not to be said and leaves undone what ought to be done.

He is concerned with the duties of others but neglects his own.

Direct your zeal, therefore, first upon yourself; then you may with justice exercise it upon those about you.

You are well versed in coloring your own actions with excuses which you will not accept from others, though it would be more just to accuse yourself and excuse your brother.

If you wish men to bear with you, you must bear with them.

Echold, how far you are from true charity and humility which does not know how to be angry with anyone, or to be indignant save only against self.

The Nurse To-day of the U. S. A.

Please let me tell of nurse L. L. That little nurse of mine, While she progs my pillow up, So sweet and gentle all the time.

I love to see her open the door, Just to say "hello," Hark! the battle field is calling her,

And we must let her go.

Her patients all revere her, Her heart goes out to each, I wonder what her thoughts are, To Heaven they surely reach.

Oh times she's tired and weary, But only One who knows Her life of constant sacrifice: God speed her as she goes.

—S. M. T.