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The CATHOLIC COURIER has the most enthusiastic approval of a Rochester newspaper... The CATHOLIC COURIER should be found in every Catholic home in this diocese...

JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester

AT-TEN-TION!

And 30,000,000 boys and girls in the country stood alert ready to step into a lion. Young hearts pulsating with American patriotism pumped the deep red blood of courageous loyalty through vigorous bodies...

AT-TEN-TION!

And 25,000 boys and girls in the Rochester diocese clicked heels. The high noon was sounded; the command was given. Uncle Sam needed them—young America—to help speed up victory.

AT-TEN-TION!

No military battalion ever went forth with more youthful enthusiasm than did the Rochester diocese contingent of 25,000 Catholic boys and girls. Typical of American youth they entered the battle against war with the buoyancy known only by a young nation.

AT-TEN-TION—PARENTS!

When facts cry out of work well done do not turn a deaf ear for in that call is the voice of your child. During the Schools-at-War Program he has been cooperating with the Government in an effort to help hold the freedom which you as a child enjoyed.

AT-TEN-TION!

Parents of the 25,000 boys and girls in the Rochester diocese you have a rendezvous to make before March 2 at the Columbus Civic Centre.

COURIER SUNDAY

February 28 is COURIER SUNDAY throughout the diocese, by designation of Bishop Kearney. The Bishop's letter was read last Sunday, envelopes were distributed, subscriptions were solicited at the \$2.00 yearly rate...

All subscriptions will now be mail-subscriptions at \$2.00 per year. All subscriptions will now be handled by the Pastor for his parish, who will sponsor the total number of subscriptions from his parish...

Bishop Kearney wants every Catholic home to subscribe for and read the COURIER. It is the Catholic Press for us, giving all the beginning of a Catholic reading program...

The Courier is for YOU!—for YOUR CHILDREN!—for YOUR HOMES! Bishop Kearney maintains the Courier as a necessary instrument for Catholic teaching, Catholic instruction, Catholic news...

Former subscribers, renew now—by using the envelope the coming Sunday; new subscribers, have your envelope ready to drop in the box on Sunday; all Catholics, make your own all that the Courier can give you by subscribing now...

RED CROSS SUNDAY

National observance of the coming Sunday as RED CROSS SUNDAY is asked of all Americans by the American Red Cross. The national office and the state and local offices of this great humanitarian organization are sponsoring a campaign for funds to carry on its meritorious ministrations in all parts of the world.

We ask our readers on this Sunday to consider the work of the Red Cross to visualize the suffering and want that would remain unweared for but for its activities, to think of our soldiers and all that the Red

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WINGS FOR VICTORY



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Along The Way

Fallen Star Reflection

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

The other evening briefly across the screen flashed a familiar face. I had some difficulty placing it, and then recalled it as one of the bright and shining male stars of the silent days.

The flash of his face, which was not permitted much flash, buried way back in the shadows of a fairly crowded scene, recalled the time I travelled on the same train back from California with that star. He was at his zenith and when he got on quietly in Los Angeles, he had hidden himself away in a stateroom.

I suppose in those days he felt, with an insincerity he did not recognize, very scornful of publicity and the admiring throngs. He probably often said to his friends, "If they'd only let me alone, if I could get somewhere where I'd not be bothered by them!"

So on that trip he took even his meals in his stateroom and hid away from the adulation of the throng.

Well, he's found a place now where no one bothers him. No one now demands his autograph or brags that he tossed a smile their way. Just another smiling falling star. And what he wouldn't give for the publicity and the jangling about him of other and happier days.

I can't resist saying, that's fame.

Cause For Rejoicing

When a colored porter of one of the big St. Louis hotels was married recently, this joyous invitation was sent to his friends. Incidentally, the manager of the hotel gave the bride away.

"King Anthony and Marian Ward are so happy about getting married that we want you to come and be happy with us at our wedding. Please let us know if you are coming so we can be prepared."

Don't you feel all in the spirit of the occasion just reading the invitation?

How Can It Be Explained?

People, in the words of the ancient radio gag, are certainly queerer than anybody. For example, the conductors come through the train collecting tickets. They came to the locked door of the bedroom, and rang the buzzer politely. There was no response. They knocked gently. No response. They went into a huddle and consulted their charts. The passenger had, according to the chart, not surrendered his ticket, and they, as mere employees of a road, had to pick up all tickets. They buzzed again, and called announcing who they were and what they wanted. Still no answer. More pounding, more bawling, more cack, no response.

They left and about half an hour later I heard them once more trying to get in. No slightest sign of life. My immediate thought was, "Either the man is dead drunk, fresh judgment on my part, or the heaviest of heavy sleepers" (though how he could sleep through that noise, I didn't know) "or dead" (and against that eventually I said a brief prayer).

The next morning the Pullman conductor stopped and asked me for my name and if I had heard the difficulty of the night before. Then he went on.

"We were frankly scared," he said. "Sometimes people do die on trains, or get a stroke, or get into some sort of faint or panic, and so after we had struggled to get some sign of life, we realized there was nothing for it but to take off the lock. That is quite a job, requiring special instruments made for the purpose, and a lot of time and energy. But we managed it, and opened the door, expecting to find the passenger lying on his berth or possibly the floor dead or collapsed."

"He lay calmly in bed smoking a cigar."

"I just wondered," he said calmly, "what you'd have to do if I didn't answer." And then he told me in unmistakable terms what he thought of me for daring to bother him. And he is reporting me for "discourtesy to passengers." So I thought if I had your name, and your willingness to testify...

So all that time this passenger had laid in his berth, perfectly willing to have the car thrown into a minor panic, put the train crew to worry and physical labor...

QUERIES and REPLIES

Why May the Parties to a Mixed Marriage Not Have the Catholic Ceremony First and Then Have the Marriage Ceremony Required by a Minister To Please the Desires of the Non-Catholic Party?

The Catholic party to any mixed marriage is bound by the laws of the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church claims complete control over Christian marriage because it is a sacrament and all the sacraments have been committed to the care of the Church by Christ Himself.

The canon law of the Catholic Church stipulates that for the valid marriage of any of her members the presence of an authorized priest and two witnesses is absolutely required. A Catholic, therefore, who attempts marriage before a judge or a non-Catholic minister is really not married at all.

The law of the Church likewise expressly forbids a Catholic in her party to a second marriage ceremony before a non-Catholic minister (Canon 1043). Catholics who disobey the law of the Church in this matter incur excommunication for such action is an open profession of heresy or schism. Principle cannot be sacrificed merely to satisfy or please the non-Catholic relatives in a mixed marriage. If the first marriage is binding unto death, as the Church teaches, the second ceremony would be wholly without meaning.

It is true that some countries insist upon all citizens going through the formality of a civil ceremony. In such countries Catholics must and do conform to the law to insure their civil privileges but the civil marriage is then regarded merely as a legal formality not unlike "getting a license" in this country. It has no religious significance whatsoever. From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.

Feast Days

- Sunday, Feb. 22—SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY. Monday, Mar. 1—ST. ALBINUS. Tuesday, Mar. 2—ST. SIMPLICIUS. Wednesday, Mar. 3—ST. CUNEGUNDES. Thursday, Mar. 4—ST. CASIMIR. Friday, Mar. 5—ST. FREDERICK. Saturday, Mar. 6—ST. COLLETTE.

I give it up. People sure is funnier than anybody. And I don't mean funny—laugh—laugh.

Favorite Vocation

The young Catholic girl met the Georgian as he was finishing his course in the officers' training camp. He fell much in love with the girl only to find that he was heading off for war and a future that had no certainty of a swift return.

When he was leaving, he looked at the girl regretfully and then in a melancholy drawl, he said: "Us Georgia boys are lovable not fightable."

'Quiz' Corner

What does it mean when God is spoken of as being simple?

The simplicity of God means the absence of composition in God. That He has no parts, physical or metaphysical. A composite thing is one that is made up of several parts. Physical parts are those which can really be found in the thing, e. g. the limbs of a man, hands, feet, etc. Metaphysical parts are those which do not exist in real distinction, but for whose distinction in the mind there is a foundation in fact. Now in God there is no composition. He is just infinite perfection. The fundamental reason of this is that His Being and all that it means is wholly from Himself. All the different attributes and perfections that are His are identical with His Being.

Are there any Saints outside the Catholic Church? I have heard it claimed that there are Protestant Saints.

A Saint is not merely a good Christian, but a Christian who has practiced virtue to a heroic degree. There are good Protestants,

good Baptists, good Quakers, etc., but there is no one outside the Catholic Church to whose heroic virtue God has testified by working miracles through their intercession.

In the 400 years of its existence, the Protestant Church has failed to produce even one Saint in any of its numerous branches, and the same will be said after another 400 years if the Protestant Church still exists, because the Catholic Church has a monopoly of Saints.

Only the true Church of God can produce saints, i. e., men and women of heroic virtue.

At what time of the Mass is one late?

The obligation to hear Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation means that you should be present when the priest begins the prayers at the foot of the altar. To miss any portion of the service is a sin though it would not be a grievous sin were you present before the Offertory.