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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 a worldly source of information in order to keep his information abreast. Let us have a brief slogan "The CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home."

— JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester

## SCHOOLS 'ALL-OUT'

March has been called these days concerning an "all-out effort" for war. It is a slogan that has been used for every war effort from the beginning of the world to the ending of every crooked reign. Not a war project that has not been organized on to ultimate success but by inclination. It has been used for production, for salvaging wastes, for stamping out crime, for every good cause that has been tried for the schools at War. It is a slogan sponsored by the parochial schools. Authorities are amazed when they view the facts which show how young America has rallied to that timely slogan.

All-out efforts in action will be seen Saturday at the Eastman theater. The early selling of stamps and bonds will be seen in the lobby from 7:00 p. m. until a complete full is met in business. Viewing for the youth side in a friendly competition which is bound to be both stimulating and profitable will be about the men and women from the local Catholic high schools. Spirited to the "nth" degree, the competitive side will more than please Uncle Sam.

Upon the Eastman stage will be another example of an All-Out Effort. Living posters portrayed by seven elementary schools will graphically tell a story of concentrated effort. Junior commandos, football fan club cadets, Red Cross workers will pantomime for an adult audience what has been taking place in classrooms, at scout meetings and on playgrounds since the call to arms has been sounded for Young America.

Before a final curtain call has been sounded, the audience at Eastman Saturday will have viewed America's story in pageant. They will have entered into the mode of Victory by interpretative dance; their feet will have beaten out the measure of martial music; and finally they will have thrilled to patriotism at the sight of the Colors displayed in drill.

All this spells an all-out effort for schools. Every department, from kindergarten through high school, has had its work to do; and it has been well done. Now is the time for adult Rochester to have a turn about and with an all-out effort be present at the Schools at War Rally.

Appreciation and enthusiasm given for a worthwhile effort often bring forth greater work. Thirty-five hundred seats in Eastman Theater are waiting for thirty-five hundred adults Saturday. Get your ticket and join the group for an "all-out effort" by a willing audience in the youngsters' "all-out effort" for a war time cause.

## MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

Dark realities of life in the midst of war and war conditions have turned the minds of many away from trivialities back to the eternal verities. A world gone haywire has become a world threatened with destruction. God had been outlawed from some nations, had been condemned and condemned by some worthies who ride high in geopolitics. Lukewarmness and neglect of things that pertain to God have marked the lives of so many thousands in our cities and towns. War has brought no promise of conversion from neo-paganism of the members of totalitarianism. War has brought the actuality of sincere conversion from irreligion, from lukewarmness and neglect, in the case of many thousands, and the promise of further conversions in the case of many thousands more.

Our boys in camp and at sea have given a most convincing proof of their renewed devotion to Jesus Christ, in the fidelity with which they hear Mass and frequent the sacraments. Relatives and friends at home have shown the serious turn the times have brought them to, culminating in a real rebirth of devotional practices in every parish.

March will help us in this movement toward a better love of God, a livelier faith, an increase in devotion, by representing St. Joseph to us as our Special Patron for this month. Representing is a good word here, a word replete with meaning. Joseph has been presented to us so often by the Church; because our reaction has been listless, meaningless, negative, so often, in the recent past, a new presentation of St. Joseph, a real representation is called for.

Surely the one man among all who appeared worthy of God's choice for the office of Spouse of Mary and Guardian of the Christ Child, can be a powerful Patron for each of us. Solid in his human qualities, faithful to his office, keeping God always in his thoughts, Joseph can well be our model in these trying times for us and for the world. Bishop Kearney has directed the recitation of the prayer—"To thee, O Blessed Joseph"—after each low Mass during March. It would be well for those not at Mass to make it a practice during this month to recite this prayer daily. It sums up the particular graces we hope to obtain through St. Joseph, it keeps us in close touch with our heavenly Patron, May March and St. Joseph bring us into closest communion with Heaven and with Almighty God!

## SPANISH NEUTRALITY

Dr. Owen McGuire is to be commended for the eminently sensible and objective article on "Spain's Neutrality" in the February number of the Sign. His explanation of the part Spain's neutrality had in making possible Britain's continued control of Gibraltar, and more recently the United Nations' establishment of a second front in North Africa, should lead even the most ardent leftist hater of Franco to hesitate in any effort to turn the Allies against him and his country. Some whose interest is surely not American, whose motives are not based on desire for an allied victory, have been laboring with a zeal

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## Diocesan Recordings

Alert Catholic laymen deserve commendation and recognition in this department devoted to laymen's interests, especially when they do as did Howard M. Woods of Rochester, this past week.

President in Catholic by circles and past associate of Rochester's National Knights of Columbus, Mr. Wood was on the job when a resolution of the History of Rochester for emphasizing the importance of "Christianity" in speaking of Christian democracy appeared in "Letters to the Editor" in the secular press.

The article wrote: "Christianity is a secular matter without the use of any god in its foundation."

Mr. Wood replied—and for this effort he merits whatever we can give him in form of an editorial—as follows:

"I am the offspring of American living and dead by reputation of that pernicious doctrine."

"The Declaration of Independence declared 'all men . . . are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.' Thomas Jefferson who drafted it said, 'The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time.' He wrote to Madison, 'I say God that His principles may be eternal.' He knew that man's free will is responsible to no one except God who made him. Deny God and inalienable rights become meaningless as the incantations of a savage witch-doctor."

"General Washington, surrendering his commission to Congress, said, 'I consider it as an indispensable duty to close this solemn act of my official life, by commending the interests of our dearest country to the protection of Almighty God.' The President of Congress replied, 'We join you in commending the interests of our dearest country to the protection of Almighty God.'"

"President Washington in his first inaugural said, 'It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, Samuel Adams moved that the first Congress be opened with a prayer to Almighty God.'"

"Daniel Webster said at Plymouth, 'Let us not forget the religious character of our origin. Our fathers were brought hither by their veneration for the Christian religion. . . . They sought to incorporate its principles with the elements of their society. . . . Whatever makes men good Christians makes them good citizens.'"

"Lincoln's first inaugural address, 'Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity and a firm reliance on Him who has never yet forsaken this favored land, are still competent to adjust in the best way all our present difficulties.'"

"Woodrow Wilson spoke in no uncertain terms, 'America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify that devotion to the elements of righteousness, which are derived from the revelations of Holy Scripture.'"

"President Roosevelt thinks there is a God in our Constitution. His words are 'Attempts to deny God have and will always come to naught. In the Constitution . . . is the right of freedom of religion, but this ideal . . . presupposes a belief and trust in God.'"

"I think the great majority of Americans will hold with Bishop Kearney that Christian principles alone can guarantee the inalienable rights treasured in our democracy."—Howard M. Woods.

## QUERIES and REPLIES

Why do you not have Mass in the afternoon or evening instead of in the morning? The Crucifixion took place in the afternoon and the Last Supper in the evening.

It is not essential that Holy Mass be offered in the morning. Mass in the afternoon or evening would be quite as valid. The Church, however, exercising her God-given power to regulate all that pertains to divine worship has decreed that Mass should be celebrated in the morning. This is done in honor of the fact that Christ was born in the morning and rose from the dead in the morning, thus commencing and completing His work of redemption at that time of the day.—From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.A.B., Defender of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.

## SEE WHAT YOU'RE INVESTING IN!



—Along The Way

## These Soldiers In Transit

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

The troops are so picked with men in uniform that I could well understand the surprised remark from a soldier as he plodded with his companions through our car.

"Hey, guys, look!" he cried in genuine amazement. "A civilian!"

You get a much clearer understanding of the meat shortage when you see the way these lads eat. As a matter of fact, one group of the war's greatest heroes are the waiters in the dining cars. Wherever once on a time these colored men, so polite and efficient a group as 'live' served two eatings, now . . . Well, my California-bound train had on it 250 servicemen. The dining car waiters served them 750 meals a day for the three days of the trip. And where formerly every meal meant a tip, now the boys are the guests of Uncle Sam, and a tip for the waiter is something the sergeants didn't touch then.

They eat steadily and all the time. When the regular meals aren't being served at government expense, they drop in for a snack on their own.

I heard one of them complaining in a very drizzling but indignant voice. "Golly, it's pretty near noon, and I'm so weak I can hardly stand. Gee whizz, what an awful breakfast they gave us this morning! All I had was orange juice, two cups of coffee, a bowl of oatmeal and two rolls. They wanted to give me eggs, but I can't stand eggs. Lordee, I wish it was lunch time. I'm about starved."

If you are overweight and a civilian, you probably will only be a civilian at the end of your journey. It's almost a waste of time to try to get into a dining car. The last evening of our California trek, the steward came through and talked to us civilians. We had been picking up fruit and sandwiches and an ice-cream cone (you can't get candy bars; the soldiers get all of them too), and eating them without leaving our Pullman space. "We've been so busy taking care of the military," he apologized, "that we haven't been very good to you civilians. Tonight, I'm going to have a chicken dinner for you. And I'll call you as soon as the diner is free." He did. But it was eight o'clock before he and his exhausted waiters got around to serving us.

When we boarded the San Francisco ferry in Oakland, the boys made a beeline for the lunch counter. Before we had passed under the bridge, they had completely cleaned it out. A forlorn mustard jar, its top drunkenly on the side, was all they had left behind.

This is merely by way of comment, not complaint. The boys rate the food they get. But I'm advising you civilians who have to travel to pack a lunch and look up from your sandwich as the boys in uniform look by to their hot meals.

## QRS

For years the most famous producer of phonola roles was a firm with the strange initials QRS. I wondered what they stood for, as did many another. Time recently had the same wonder. As it happens, here is what I was told when, years ago, I decided to track down the odd letters.

The man who established the firm met for an informal meeting to discuss their name. "Let's call ourselves the ABC Music Roll Company," somebody suggested. "If you are going to use initials," said someone else, "let's call it the XYZ Company."

Then someone got a new idea, and a bright one.

"ABC is a chestnut. XYZ is an unknown quantity. Let's pick three letters that no one has ever used before. They don't need to mean a thing . . . oh, any three, QRS, for example."

So right out of the heart of the alphabet they picked QRS for their letters and their name. They didn't mean a thing. To this day they don't mean a thing. But they became nationally famous.

## The Futility of Education

My pleasant namesake, Sister Mary Daniel, of Mercy Hospital in Chicago, writes to me out of her teaching past of the youngsters who insisted on saying "I have went . . . he has went" instead of its proper form.

One evening in exasperation, she kept him after school.

"Now write one hundred times, 'John has gone home. I shall be back and see what you have written.'"

She was back, after a bit of delay, and on her desk she found the carefully worked out penance. The lad had written "John has gone home" the required number of times. Then he had a note:

"Dear Sister M. Daniel:

"I couldn't wait any longer. Here's my penance. Good night. I have went home."  
"Joe"

## Feast Days

Sunday, Mar. 7.—ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

Monday, Mar. 8.—ST. JOHN OF GOD.

Tuesday, Mar. 9.—ST. FRANCES OF ROME.

Wednesday, Mar. 10.—THE FORTY MARTYRS. (Ash Wednesday).

Thursday, Mar. 11.—ST. CONSTANTINE.

Friday, Mar. 12.—ST. GREGORY.

Saturday, Mar. 13.—ST. EUTHYMIUS.