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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 indifferent as to what is transpiring in his church throughout the world as to only upon available sources of information or even to seek no information whatever. Let us have a first class "The CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home."

— JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester.

## SCHOOLS 'ALL-OUT'

Much has been said these days concerning an "all-out effort" for war. It's a slogan that has been used for every war effort from production at top speed to the riding of over crowded buses. Not a war project that has not been referred to in ultimate success but by its finish.

If this has been true for production; for salvaging wastes; for stamp buying campaigns; it has been more than true for the Schools in War program sponsored by the parochial schools. Authorities are amazed when they view the facts which show how young America has rallied to this timely slogan.

"All-out effort" in action will be seen Saturday at the Eastman theater. Feverish selling of stamps and bonds will be on in the lobby from 7:30 p. m. until a complete hall is met in business. Vieing for top-knotch sale in a friendly competition which is bound to be both stimulating and profitable will be minute men and maids from the four finest Catholic high schools. Spirited to the "nth" degree, the competitive sale 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, youthful faculty 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 pageants; they will have entered into the mood 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 turnout and with an all out effort be present at the Schools at War Rally.

Appreciation and enthusiasm given for a worthwhile effort often brings 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 to the youngsters' "all-out effort" for a war time cause.

## MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

Stark 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 masters 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 of 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 revival of devotional practices in every parish.

March will help us in this movement toward a better love of God, a firmer 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 as an ideal 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 closer 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 par 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 real

## 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.

Prominent in Catholic lay circles and past advocate of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, Mr. Wood was on the job when a criticism of the Bishop of Rochester for emphasizing the importance of "Christian" in speaking of Christian democracy appeared in "Letters to the Editor" in the secular press.

The critic wrote: "America is a secular nation without the use of any god in its Constitution."

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

"I cite the opinions of Americans living and dead in refutation 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 pray God that these 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 as 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 last solemn act of my official life, by commending the interests of our dear 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 Conception 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.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.

## SEE WHAT YOU'RE INVESTING IN!



U. S. Treasury Dept.

## Along The Way These Soldiers In Transit

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

The trains are so packed with men in uniform that I could well understand the surprised remark from a soldier as he jostled 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 laid-out soldiers in the dining cars. When one on a time these colored men as polite and efficient a group as live served "two seatings" now... Well, my California-bound train had on it 230 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 them.

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 drawling but indignant voice, "Golly, it's pretty neat noon, and I'm so weak I can hardly stand. Gee, 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, Lordes. 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 food 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 dinner 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 to 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 one 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 piano's rolls 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 eight 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 Faculty of Education

My pleasant name-ake, Sister Mary Deibel of Mercy Hospital in Chicago, writes to me out of her teaching past of the youngster 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. 1.—ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

Monday, Mar. 2.—ST. JOHN OF GOD.

Tuesday, Mar. 3.—ST. FRANCES OF ROME.

Wednesday, Mar. 4.—THE FORTY MARTYRS. (Ask Wednesday).

Thursday, Mar. 5.—ST. CECILIAN.

Friday, Mar. 6.—ST. GREGORY.

Saturday, Mar. 7.—ST. EUPHRAZIA.