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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 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 unreliable sources of information or even to seek no information whatever. Let us have a brief slogan "The CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home."

— JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester

BIRTHDAY OF THE ROSARY

Today is the Birthday of the Rosary. The Annunciation was the beginning of the fifteen mysteries, the words of the Archangel were the content of the Hail Mary, the dignity of divine Motherhood was the inspiration of the petition in the second half of the Hail Mary.

Nineteen hundred years have passed since the great Gabriel received from the Almighty Father the commission to go down to earth, to seek out the little town of Nazareth, to approach there a virgin named Mary, espoused to a man named Joseph, to make known to her that she was to be the Mother of God. With what reverence and devotion he fulfilled his duty: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!" "Thou hast found favor with God." "The Holy One that shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Gabriel was one of the great spirits that served before the Throne of God. God made him His great Messenger, His Archangel. He brought to Mary God's message; he brought back to God Mary's message: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to Thy word."

Now the memory of Gabriel and Mary and the incarnate Son of God, of God the Father and God the Holy Ghost, has stirred the hearts of men since the first Annunciation Day! Mystery of mysteries to turn the mind of man away from lowly earth, to the very heights of Heaven! God's will, Mary's obedience! The message of the Father, the words of Gabriel, the response of Mary; the coming of the Holy Ghost, the power of the Most High overshadowing Mary, the miracle of miracles by which the Word was made Flesh, the beginning of the Redemption of man, become the lasting prayer and continued meditation of every Catholic who says the Rosary down the ages of time.

Other mysteries follow in order, joyful, sorrowful, glorious. But each one has its foundation in the Annunciation, in the First Great Mystery. And the ten Ave's of each decade unite closely with each of the following mysteries the unforgettable thought and the very words of the Annunciation. The 23th of March brought to us the Word made Flesh, brought to us Mary as God's Mother, brought to us Gabriel carrying God's message of Redemption. It brought to us that majestic, universal, consoling, summation of the joy of the Incarnation, the Rosary. Today is the Birthday of the Rosary!

INTENDE, PROSPERE PROCEDE, ET REGNA!

America's ward to the Red Cross is a word of encouragement, of approval, of support. That word has been spoken in all our communities! Men and women have arisen to the call for needed assistance to our soldiers and sailors in need. Come along, proceed in abundance of resources, and rule! Patriots everywhere have urged the Red Cross to travel its chosen path; its path of mercy and helpfulness, its path of sympathy and healing, its path of consolation and solace. Patriots all over America have gone down deep into their own purses to furnish the money that will enable the Red Cross to proceed prosperously on its path across the world ministering to soldiers, sailors, war widows, war orphans, to the stricken and the suffering everywhere. Patriots urge the Red Cross to reign, to rule, over the World of Suffering, to make Christian charity operative unto all who are in need.

The COURIER congratulates the Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross for the outstanding record made in the city and its neighboring towns in exceeding by over \$37,000.00 the goal of \$300,000.00 appointed for this district. Mr. Frank Gannett and his helpers have attained well merited success, have put over a worthy cause, have made a record that calls for the commendation of all. God bless the Red Cross and its splendid work!

MORE WAR CHAPLAINS

The Army and Navy are calling for more and more Chaplains to minister to the millions of boys in service. This diocese has a proud record in the number of priests it has sent and is sending into the service, and in the fine qualities and zeal of these priests. Letters come from all the battle fronts, and from the camps and boats, giving us an inkling of the service these Chaplains are giving.

Hours of confessions from early morning till near midnight on board ship, hearing confessions outdoors where the rain is falling on priest and penitent, saying Mass in unusual places and at unusual hours, braving wind and snow and mud and rain to celebrate Mass for the boys, giving our young men the solace and comfort and consolation that only a priest of God can give, — these are some of the routine activities of our revered Chaplains.

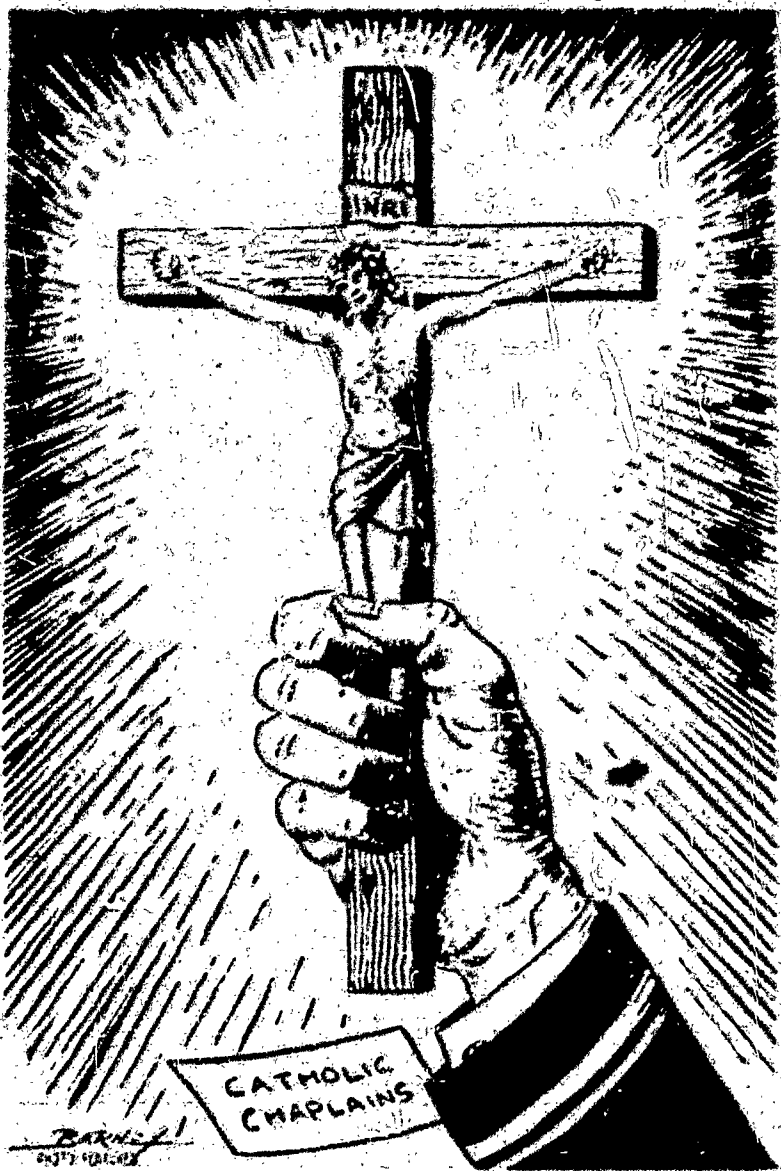
Pray for them, pray for their boys. War conditions awaken many to the need of religious help, to the value of prayer, to the comfort that Mass and Holy Communion bring to the distraught soul. Our Chaplains are doing a wonderful work. Our soldiers and sailors are responding splendidly to the influence of our Chaplains.

NO SLACKERS!

There can be no holding back from proper love of Christ and proper service of God. A man is either for God or against Him. He can not reserve part of his service for Christ, and assign the rest of it to Satan. There is no compromise with Christ; He labors with divine power, the finger of God is with Him as He casts out devils, as He cures men, as He heals souls.

"He who is not with Me, is against Me." There can be no neutrality with Christ; the warfare with sin and the devil admits of no

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Along The Way

Right Down To People

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

In a recent article on juvenile delinquency, reference was made to the appalling number of girls of high-school age and under who are picked up by the police on morals charges. The writer, however, went on to comment: Children had been picked up on the same sad charges during the Jazz Age, the Dixie Twenties, but with a difference. When these children of another generation were brought to court, they hung their heads in shame and confessed their guilt. Now the children look the judge in the eye and cry indignantly, "What's all the fuss about? We haven't done anything wrong!"

So it took about twenty years for the teachings of the university professors to get down to the people; that is about the normal rate. Twenty years and more ago, the professors started teaching that there is no such thing as right or wrong, that sin was merely a biological impulse, that the ten commandments were out of date, and that the future belonged to the free, uninhibited man and woman who defied old conventions and lived courageously.

Twenty years later, their teachings reached the ears of and were put in practice by Hitler and these poor little girls on the city streets.

Brave, fine, patriotic leaders these professors proved to be, didn't they?

Horse! Horse!

The rationing of gasoline seems, as far as I can judge from a train window, to have put a large section of the West once more on horseback.

When we stopped in that last station—Nevada, I think, we were in—a young man and woman rode up to meet the train riding, despite the cold, two shaggy ponies. And you see individual riders and sometimes parties along the once auto-infested roads. An auto on the roads out this way is so rare that you look at it twice. Maybe in the cycle of things, the horse is coming back into his own.

It's a long time since I've straddled a horse. In my boyhood, with the courage of inexperience, I mounted any horse I could find, with or without saddle, and even raced them wildly along the right of way of the Alton railroad near my aunt's.

But early in my priesthood, I found that youthful daring was gone and no equivalent in skill had been acquired with the years. On a bit of combined work and holiday, I visited our Indian Mission in Wyoming, and feeling the call of the prairies, I decided to ride once more. One of the Indians saddled a horse for me in the corral, and then stood and watched me mount.

They say a horse knows the minute you get on his back whether or not you are his master. This one knew quicker than that. He just made up his mind he was not going to be ridden by any tenderfoot like me, and he won. He pranced along the fence of the corral until he had reached the gate. Then, when I tried to put him through the gate, he backed away, and pranced around the fence again. A dozen times or more I got him to the gate; a dozen times he flatly refused to go out. And all the while the Indians, immobile and expressionless, stood and despised the white man who couldn't make a pony do his bidding.

In the end, I gave it up as a bad job, dismounted, and turned the pony back to the Indian who had saddled him. Without a word, he mounted, dug his heels into the brute and flanked out the gate and over the hills.

I decided if I wanted to keep any of the Indians' respect, I'd better stay away from livestock and firearms. I can manage horsepower—throttled, horse flesh had me completely licked.

Problem in Mathematics

A gentleman walked into the little candy shop to get his nephew some much-desired gumdrops. "How much are they?" he asked the young lady behind the counter. "Twenty-five cents a pound," she replied.

QUERIES and REPLIES

Does The Catholic Church Consider The Marriages Of Non-Catholics Valid?

The Catholic Church does not pass judgment on the marriages of any people except her own subjects (Canon 1015). The Catholic Church, however, considers all marriages between two unbaptized persons as a contract (not in valid and binding for life (Canon 1110). The Church considers all marriages between two baptized persons whether Catholic or non-Catholic not only as a contract that is valid and binding for life but as a Sacrament (Canon 1013).

If one of the parties to the contract is baptized in the Catholic Faith or in any other and the other party is unbaptized the marriage is valid and binding for life (Canon 1015). In the case of a baptized Catholic contracting marriage with a non-Catholic, however, the Church requires that the ceremony to be valid must be performed in the presence of a duly authorized priest and two witnesses (Canon 1035). From this it can easily be seen that the Church certainly does consider the marriage of non-Catholics as valid and binding for life. (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

Feast Days

Sunday, Mar. 22.—ST. GONTRAN.

Monday, Mar. 23.—SS. JONAS, VARACHISIUS AND THEIR COMPANIONS, MARTYRS.

Tuesday, Mar. 24.—ST. JOHN CLIMACTUS.

Wednesday, Mar. 25.—ST. BENJAMIN.

Thursday, Apr. 1.—ST. HUGH.

Friday, Apr. 2.—ST. FRANCIS OF PAULA.

Saturday, Apr. 3.—ST. RICHARD OF CHICHESTER.

A pound of gumdrops looked like a lot of candy for a small boy, so the gentleman said, "I'll take a half a pound."

A puzzled look came over the face of the girl. She excused herself and walked over to enter into heavy conference with the lady who owned the shop.

She returned and said politely, "I'm sorry, sir, but you can't have a half a pound. That wouldn't come out even. You have to take either ten or fifteen cents' worth."

So he took what he was allowed, but he hasn't been so puzzled since when strange rulings came out of Washington.

Let's Like That

Sister Mary Ursula's little prodigy, Judy, reappears again in a very human context. She is perfectly willing to say her night prayers, but why bother with the morning?

"Course," she explained, "God has to take care of men when it's night and everybody's asleep. But Mother kin take care of me day-times."

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NAVY EXAMPLE

Our son is in the Army but any parents could not help feel that the spiritual care of their boys and girls in the service is in good hands after listening to Chaplain Eugene B. LeGault, S.J., Senior Catholic Chaplain at Sampson Naval Training Station as he spoke to civilians Sunday in the Cathedral. The story is covered elsewhere in this issue but the observation here is that the sailor boys themselves spoke eloquently of their Catholic training by their appearance in procession and their demeanor at the altar. Serious, reverent and with the air of knowing what they were doing, the twelve young men demonstrated solidly that they have profited by training at home, in their Catholic schools and in the Navy.

SERVICEMEN'S NEED

With another call sounded by Brigadier General William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains U. S. Army, for more and more chaplains for the Army and the Navy call being heard, there is not much

doubt about the need of those chaplains for the things which assist them in carrying on their vital work. The New York State Knights of Columbus have realized the necessity and throughout the state the local councils have been called upon to do their utmost in providing funds for those necessities. Mass kits, Benediction sets, monstrances, censers, candelabras, tabernacles and vestments are but a few of the necessities of a Chaplain. Then there are pamphlets, rosaries, missals, prayerbooks and medals for our sons and daughters who are serving their nation. The Knights of Columbus is the organization through which this fund is being raised, but all Catholic lay persons will find in it an excellent way to help not only the fighting forces but the Church itself for with the fighting forces have gone the Church's emissaries, the heroic Chaplains. The Chaplains' aids are the servicemen's need. Chairman Frank Beaucaire of the Rochester campaign has adopted as his slogan,