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Bishop of Rochester

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.

JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester

IN APPRECIATION

With this issue of the COURIER, our manager, Mr. Howard W. Klippert, brings to a close eleven years of devoted service to our paper.

The outstanding ability and understanding enterprise of Mr. Klippert were given without reserve to the work of building up the COURIER in its list of subscribers and in its acceptance by advertisers.

The COURIER thanks Mr. Klippert for all that he has done. To his official thanks as Editor-in-Chief, Monsignor Hart would add his deep personal appreciation of the close friendship that has grown up in the eleven years between him and Mr. Klippert.

UNAMERICAN LANDLORDS

The life of a landlord is no easy one. Taxes and repairs and depreciation lay so heavy a burden of expense on rented property that it is often difficult to realize any profit from it.

When a landlord refuses to rent to families with children, he is refusing to accept his responsibility for the future of America. No reason of self-interest can justify him in setting a standard which, if adopted by all landlords, would abolish the childhood of today and the manhood of tomorrow.

Thank God for the landlords who answered the verified plea of a desperate parent who had looked in vain for a place in which his family could dwell.

PASSION SUNDAY

There is an eternal side to the Church that reminds constantly of the mysteries of faith, of the life of the Redeemer, of the Church Calendar. Man is made of body and soul, of spirit and flesh.

Just before going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die, Christ hid Himself for a time. So He hides Himself now for a time behind the purple covering on His crucifix, His Sacred Heart statue, and the statues of His close friends, the Saints, are also covered.

Our thoughts will be with our Blessed Saviour as He prepares to go up to Jerusalem, to deliver Himself into the hands of His enemies, to die on the cross for the salvation of mankind.

COLONEL ROMULO

Rochester had a wonderful privilege last week in the visit of that hero of Bataan and Corregidor, Colonel Carlos P. Romulo. Personal Aide to General MacArthur, noted editor in Manila, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, he brought a message on what the war has done to his country that would stir the heart of the most callous.

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Diocesan Recordings

CHAPELAIN'S AID

Letters home from our boys and girls in the service bring word of the extensive work being done by the hard-working Chaplains. The needs of the chaplains are great—not only for their own use, but for the things they want to do for those in the armed forces.

Again this year as last the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus voted \$5,000 for the Chaplains' Aid Association. New local knights are being called upon to do their part in adding to that amount.

My Dear Brothers: I am deeply interested in the plan worked out by our State Council officer in charge of war activity, by which each Council is asked to furnish some definite equipment to assist a chaplain in his work with the men in service.

While it is true that the State Council has already voted considerable sums at the convention for chaplains' aid, we feel that each individual Council would like to do something in a more personal way.

I would therefore, on behalf of that fine group of priests, who are daily leaving their ordinary pursuits to follow our service men, ask your generous and enthusiastic cooperation in each Council, when the plan reaches the floor of the Council Chamber.

The consistent increase in the number of priests in service will make this support more necessary day by day and a generous response from the Councils will mean the maintenance of one of the finest traditions in our order.

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QUERIES and REPLIES

What is the Opinion of Your Church in the Fundamental Purpose of Marriage?

The natural end of matrimony is the begetting and rearing of children. Already in the day of creation we are told that God blessed Adam and Eve and said to them: "Increase and multiply, and fill the earth" (Gen. 1, 28). Throughout the Old Law men thought that they should enter into this holy state only with the disposition of deepest piety and in the fear of the Lord.

The main object that stood before the mind of these God-fearing people was the desire for children who would serve God and give glory to His Name. "Lord God of our fathers," Tobias prayed, "insist knowest that not for fleshly lust do I take this woman to wife, but only for the love of posterity, in which Thy Name may be blessed for ever and ever" (Tobias 8, 9).

This then is the supreme dignity and duty of the married state—the propagation of the human race. In holy wedlock God allows man and wife to be partners with Him, to cooperate with Him in the greatest of all His works—the creation of immortal souls for Heaven. That is God's greatest work and that is the greatest work man and woman in the married state can perform in this world—cooperating with God in the creation of human souls for Heaven.

A Canadian Indian chief from a newspaper, we read. But, what's its name—The Daily "Ugh"—San Antonio "Express-News."

Mrs. Hobby, head of the WAACS, had all of her children on the same date as her own birthday. What an unusual hobby.—Louisville Times.

Along The Way Practical Peace Projects

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

Now that we are all looking forward to the peace that follows victory, we can afford to be a little more practical about it all. For instance, there are the six million Negroes in the country who have no religion—compared with the 20,000,000 colored Catholics. And while we must convert the foreign lands, we can do well with a start right here at home.

St. Augustine's Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, has pioneered in the training of colored boys for the priesthood. The war has hit them as it has hit other apostolic enterprises. But we must have colored priests for the colored harvest, and if you really want to see one sector of America won for the peace of Christ, you'll dig down into your billfold and send to the Turkey Fathers at work there.

Let's not be angry with communistic activity among the colored, if we haven't done something to win the Negroes to the Catholic Faith.

Echoes of A. M. M. D. A best seller on the current list is a fictionalized story of Huey Long.

Sorry for the sisters who don't learn our trick of staying young. There was, for instance, the dear old priest who, after almost fifty years of devoted pastorate in America, made his first and only trip back to see his friends and relatives in Ireland. He returned much sooner than anyone had been expecting him. And he looked very disheveled.

"How did you enjoy yourself?" his American friend asked. "I was glad to come back," he said. "There was a real disappointment. Everyone that I knew in Ireland has grown so terribly old."

And he shook his white head in boyish disapproval of the rest who hadn't stayed mid-twenty as, of course, he knew he had.

Jewelry For Men

He got into the crowded bus and every eye was riveted on him. He was plainly European in features, one of the romance countries. He was well past middle age, extremely well-dressed, though a bit on the formal side, and in his ears, pierced for the purpose, were two beautiful earrings.

STRANGE BUT TRUE Little-Known Facts for Catholics

Advertisement for 'Four Dopes Have Abdicated' by M. J. Murray. Includes portraits of Benedict IX, Gregory VI, Celestine V, and Gregory X. Text: 'CLAUDETTE MARRIAGE... THE FACT THAT OF ANY REFERENCE.'

Of course the hero's name is changed, and his state is transferred. But obviously, so the critics say, it's a famous Kingfish reappearing out of his deep concrete grave. We are reminded of the story that these in the know tell you about the death of Huey Long. You probably remember how he was shot and his supposed assassin shot too. In Louisiana the men who seem to know the history explained it in this way:

Wels, the supposed assassin, waited in the corridor to see Long and talk about an injustice he felt had been done to his father-in-law. Huey Long came out surrounded as usual by his gorillas—a bodyguard, uniformed and ununiformed. Wels, so they say, approached Long. Long called him a name so Southerner will tolerate. Wels hit him, a fact which explains the cut on Huey Long's lip. Long stepped back and cried, "Let him have it!" And the body-guard shot. One of the less expert gorillas fired into the floor. The bullet ricocheted and entered Long's body. It was almost an hour later before a gun was planted on the dead Wels.

That is the story as you hear it from those who should know down there in Louisiana. It would certainly explain why Wels was buried from a Catholic church, with full Catholic ceremony.

I thought, "How strange!" And then an ancient thought realized how standard that equipment for makes of another day—tough males like pirates and generals and machines. Though I often wondered why one pirate didn't grab another pirate by the carriage and pull his head off—the way clean shaven soldiers once on a time gripped bearded soldiers by the whiskers.

Well, the day for male jewelry is over, though perhaps not forever. When you think how drab men's clothes were for a time, and then how gay and colorful they became... well, maybe men will start taking the jewelry back from the women who preempted it. Another glance at the man with the earrings and I hope they don't.

Words For You Have you heard of the youngster who proudly told the class about his sister's marriage? "She married a soldier. He couldn't come to the wedding himself. But she married him anyhow. She married him by peroxide."

Feast Days

- Sunday, Apr. 14 - PASSION SUNDAY. Monday, Apr. 15 - ST. JULIUS. Tuesday, Apr. 16 - ST. BEN. MENEGLIO. Wednesday, Apr. 17 - ST. JUSTIN. Thursday, Apr. 18 - ST. CROCE. Friday, Apr. 19 - SEVEN ROWS OF OUR LADY.