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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 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.

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. Early this year, he asked Bishop Kearney to accept his resignation and has received from the Bishop a commendatory letter accepting with regret his decision to resign. Those who have been associated with him in the years of his administration share in the regret of the Bishop, and join with the Bishop in wishing him continued success in the new activities on which he now plans to enter.

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. No effort was too great, no expenditure of time and energy too large, when it was a question of promoting the interests of the COURIER. The COURIER owes much of the appreciative and friendly associations it now enjoys with its patrons to the constantly courteous contacts Mr. Manager has maintained with them over eleven years.

The COURIER thanks Mr. Klippert for all that he has done. To his official thanks as Editor-in-Chief, Monsignor Hart would add his very personal appreciation of the close friendship that has grown up in the eleven years between him and Mr. Klippert, based on esteem for the manly spirit, the kindly character, the unfailing courtesy, that have marked Mr. Klippert in all his dealings with him.

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. Rent-ceilings, meant to limit the ambitions of the more rapacious owner, occasionally make it impossible for an honest landlord to break even on his investment.

The landlord should in the midst of his troubles insist always on being an American, acting as a true American. His investments should be made with an eye not only to personal advantage, but to the welfare of his country and his fellow-countrymen. No condition should be attached to them that is un-American, unpatriotic, indecent, unjust.

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 versified plea of a desperate parent who had looked in vain for a place in which his family could dwell. Their favorable response indicates the proper attitude of Americans of today toward the Americans of tomorrow.

PASSION SUNDAY

There is an external side to the Church that reminds us 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. The senses carry their material messages to the brain, where they become the basis of thought. The Sacraments include an outward sign with their inward grace. The purple coverings of statues on Passion Sunday impress on us the coming of the time in which the Church would focus our thoughts on the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ.

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 statues and the statues of His close friends, the Saints, are also covered. They are hidden from our view, they seem to hide themselves from us for a time.

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. Our thoughts will be with His Sacred Heart as it prepares to offer itself so completely as a sacrifice of love for men. Our desire shall be to hide ourself from the world, from earthly thoughts, to share with our Redeemer the sacred thoughts of these days of Passiontide.

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. Seared by suffering, tried by the lack of information concerning the whereabouts of wife and family, wondering at the apparent abandonment of his fellow soldiers to their fate, he speaks from a memory filled with bitter experiences. Yet he is not bitter, he is filled with appreciation of all that must be done and is being done and shall be done by America for the Filipinos and for all peoples of the world. He speaks as an Apostle of freedom, he tells the story of courage and suffering and death on the field of battle. His presence has meant much to us, his words have meant even more. He has encouraged our men in their factories to give all they have to producing the materials for carrying on the war to a successful end.

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Diocesan Recordings

CHAPLAINS' 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. Now the local knights are being called upon to do their part in adding to that amount. The effort is summed up in the following letter headed "Helping Our Catholic Chaplains" which appeared in the Empire State Bulletin, published by the State Council:

"My War 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.

✠JAMES E. KEARNEY,
Bishop of Rochester"

QUERIES and REPLIES

What, In The Opinion Of Your Church Is 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. This is shown beautifully in the story of Tobias: "Then Tobias exhorted the virgin, and said to her: Sara, arise, and let us pray to God today, and tomorrow, and the next day . . . For we are the children of saints, and we must not be joined together like heathens that know not God" (Tobias 8, 4).

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, "thou 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 men and women in the married state can perform in this world—cooperating with God in the creation of human souls for Heaven. If all married people kept this sublime thought ever in mind, they would never be tempted to thwart the laws of Nature's God.—From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.

A Canadian Indian chief runs 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. LORD, 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 318,000 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 Techny 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.

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Echoes of A Minor Dictator

A best seller on the current list is a fictionized story of Huey Long.

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 those 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:

Weiss, 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. Weiss, so they say, approached Long. Long called him a name no Southerner will tolerate. Weiss hit him, a fact which explains the cut on Huey Long's lip. Long stepped back and cried, "Let him have it!" And the bodyguards 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 Weiss.

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

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Age Is Queer

Age is a queer thing. It comes to everyone else in the world—except me. And by me I mean you and you and you. All the world around us grows old, but we remain as young as ever, and feel sorry for the citizen who didn'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 disillusioned.

"How did you enjoy yourself?" his American friend asked.

"I was glad to come back," he said. "Sure, 'twas a sad 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 or, of course, he knew he had.

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Jewelry For Men

He got into the crowded bus and every eye was riveted on him. He was plainly European in feature, one of the romance countries. To say: 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.

I thought, "How strange!" And then on second thought, realized how standard that equipment for males of another day—tough males like pirates and generals and marines. Though I often wondered why one pirate didn't grab another pirate by the earrings 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.

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Words By Ear

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 proxide."

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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Feast Days

Sunday, Apr. 11. — PASSION SUNDAY.

Monday, Apr. 12.—ST. JULIA'S.

Tuesday, Apr. 13. — ST. HERMENEGILD.

Wednesday, Apr. 14.—ST. JUSTIN.

Thursday, Apr. 15.—ST. CRESCENTIA.

Friday, Apr. 16.—SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY.