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The CATHOLIC COURIER has my most enthusiastic approval. A devoted newspaper has become an essential part of the program of Catholic action in our diocese. The CATHOLIC COURIER should be found in every Catholic home in this diocese.

PATRIOTISM IN ACTION AT HOME

It is not enough for men and women to be patriots in action. Young men and women are now numbered in millions in our army and navy and their auxiliaries. All of them are fighting for America and for all America holds dear.

The new call for needed war funds comes in the national appeal for \$12,000,000,000 in various forms of government securities. For most of us this will mean War Bonds. Six counties in this district are asked to raise \$20,000,000.00.

HOLY WEEK

The Angel of the Annunciation told Mary that her Son should be called holy. Mary sang her praise of God in the Magnificat: "Holy is His name!"

This week is holy in its events and in its effects. It saw the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem in glory on its opening Sunday, when leaves of the palm trees were strewn before Him in the way, when little children echoed and glad message of their elders in the "Hosanna in the Highest."

This week is holy also in its effects. All the world has shared in the effects of Holy Week, because Christ died for all men. Every human heart has shared in the holiness of this Week of Weeks.

A PROUD RECORD

The Parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel may well be proud of its outstanding record of service to the United States in the eight hundred seventeen soldiers, sailors, marines, Wacs, it has sent forth from its portals.

Catholic parishes, through church and parochial school build sterling citizens for America in time of peace; they prepare brave and patriotic soldiers in time of war.

"Tenebrae" of Holy Week

By Rev. Benedict Ehmann

Every good Catholic wants to spend some time in Holy Week bringing the Passion of His Redeemer close to his mind and heart. What better way to do this than to sit and kneel, like a little child with Mother Church at the moment for the death of her beloved Spouse?

That is why the "Tenebrae" service is so dear to those Catholics who are acquainted with it. Very few churches have this service any more; unfortunately, it will be restored more and more.

HOLY WEEK BOOK

But come prepared with a Holy Week book to Missal does not contain the "Tenebrae" service. Holy Week books are obtainable at any good Catholic bookstore.

On Wednesday afternoon, the "Tenebrae" comprises the Matins and Lauds of Good Friday and on Friday afternoon the Matins and Lauds of Holy Saturday.

The word "Tenebrae" means "darkness" and that is a very good word for this service, because, all during it, twilight is increasing outside, and inside the church, the candles on the large, triangular, fifteen-branched candlestick in the sanctuary are being extinguished one by one as the Psalms are being sung.

A New Law

Mark up a new law in the alleged "causes" for which a man is ready to break the solemn compact of marriage. Out in California an aircraft executive has sued for divorce on grounds that his wife "lacks glamour."

It's the wise Jay who steers clear of the Solomonz. - Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader.

What is the Meaning of the Feast of Good Friday?

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EASTER ESTATE

By Norbert Engels

(Written for N.C.W.C. Easter Supplement)

I give to men the Beauty that He made. And Love and sometimes Peace. I give them grass Green on a gentle hill, each secret blade To bring them wonder; and with each impasse Of groping give them Faith. With this bequest I offer, of my memories of Him. The bleeding Head I held against my breast While all the sounds of Calvary grew dim.

What? Not Churchill Too!

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

Just for fear you may have missed it and might find it in a rather lightsome column rather than on some editorial page, I call your attention once more to the remarks of Mr. Winston Churchill.

"One of the most somber anxieties besetting those who look thirty, forty, or fifty years ahead—and in this field one can see ahead only too clearly—is the dwindling birth rate. In thirty years, unless the present trends alter, a smaller working and fighting population will support nearly twice as many old people, and in fifty years the position will be worse still."

"If the country is to keep its high place in the leadership of the world and survive as a great power that will hold its own against external pressure, our people must encourage by every means large families."

Well, what do you know? England, the land of birth control, right out for big families. Maybe the lesson of France did sink in.

Meanwhile I find that our government allows you to claim exemption for money that has been contributed to the cause of promoting birth control.

Somebody wasn't listening when Mr. Churchill talked.

Paying the Penalty The students in the girls' college had for a long time been calling upon the taxi company to ferry them back and forth to the shopping district.

The girls, he explained, usually came into town and returned in groups of five. The fare was exactly ninety-five cents. All the

QUERIES and REPLIES

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Feast Days

- Sunday, Apr. 14.—PALM SUNDAY.
Monday, Apr. 15.—ST. ELIEGE.
Tuesday, Apr. 16.—ST. THOMAS.
Wednesday, Apr. 17.—ST. WEDNESDAY.
Thursday, Apr. 18.—HOLY THURSDAY.
Friday, Apr. 19.—GOLD FRIDAY.
Saturday, Apr. 20.—HOLY SATURDAY.

The martyrs of Christ feared neither death nor pain. They lived not to themselves, but for Him, and found in death itself the way to life.—St. Augustine.