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The CATHOLIC COURIER has my most enthusiastic approval. A discerning reader has become an essential part of the program of Catholic action in every home. The CATHOLIC COURIER should be found in every Catholic home in this country. I had it hard to understand how any Catholic can be so indifferent as to what is happening in his church throughout the world as to rely upon newspaper reports of information on such a vast and important subject. Let us have a trial of the CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home.

— JAMES T. KEANEY, Bishop of Rochester

## RELIGIOUS AMERICA

The Easter Sunday reports from all our cities and from all our people reflect the place that the Resurrection has in our country. From early morning till setting of sun, religious services were held. Joy in the risen Christ was the constant theme of sermons and hymns. Churches were crowded with worshippers, countless thousands received Holy Communion.

We have seen at close hand the demonstration of faith in our individual parish churches. We rejoice that the same sight has greeted the eyes of our companions of the faith, and of those believers in Christ who are not members of the Catholic Church.

St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City cared for 7,000 at its Pantheonic Mass on Easter, while 7,000 more were gathered outside. Service men and women had places of honor at the Mass.

One of our lawyers had occasion some time ago to search the legal records of the state and of the nation on a matter concerning holding of property by churches. He was surprised in reviewing hundreds of decisions covering practically all the years of American life, to find constantly repeated the statement that religion holds an honored place in our civic and legal proceedings, that America is a religious country. There is no state religion, no establishment of religion, but there is a solid respect for religion and for religious people.

Our prayer should be that this religious faith may grow stronger, may manifest itself more constantly, may not limit its expression to our great feasts. The zeal of the clergy, the earnest Catholic life of the laity, will under God's direction continue to bless America with growing support for the better things of life, the joy of religious faith, the glory of religious observance.

## CITY OF PEACE, JERUSALEM

From the ancient City of Peace, Jerusalem, came on Easter Day a Peace Message from Archbishop Spellman, who pontificated at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. American soldiers and sailors were among the attendants at the Mass. The message of the Archbishop will mean much to all the world, to the Allied countries, because it gives expression to their purposes in this war: to the people of the Axis countries, because it assures them the Allies have no thought of harming the common people of any nation.

The Archbishop speaks of the certainty of Allied victory in this war. He said it would not be easy, would not come soon. He spoke of the terms put forth by the Allied nations, unconditional surrender. Then he gave America's definition of "unconditional surrender": "America's definition has been written—We wish no harm to the common people of any nation." He spoke of the foundation of peace as contended peoples. "Victory is now synonymous with peace—something more than brains, brawn, machines and material, is needed to bring peace to mankind." "A just and lasting peace must be founded on economic security for the average man in every country and on acceptance of the principles of Christ."

Here is a message of hope to the world! Here is a statement of our purpose that should appeal to all people, but particularly to those who have known sorrow and loss and persecution and despair under the sway of men who care nothing for the contentment of their people, who reject the principles of Christ.

## RELIGIOUS CARE OF OUR SOLDIERS

The United States Armed Forces present a religious problem which men of every faith are striving to meet. Millions of men taken from their homes and from their ordinary church contacts, spread in camps all over the country, and in camps abroad, need religious help as a matter of right and as a means of maintaining morale.

The United States Army is anxious to provide properly for the religious needs of its men: it has set up a system that aims to provide chaplains of the various faiths to minister to our servicemen. The chaplains have been placed in camp and on board ship; they have been trained for their duties. They are supervised by other chaplains and are helped also by civilian churchmen. The Chief of Chaplains is a man of our St. Bernard's Seminary, Brigadier General William R. Arnold. With the aid of other officers, he cares for the religious wants of all the chaplains.

It should be of interest to parents of boys in service to note the care being taken of the religious welfare of the servicemen. Archbishop Spellman is carrying on a visitation of the troops that includes nearly all the world: from Africa he has gone now to Palestine, and will see other fields before he returns. Bishop Leonard representing over forty Protestant denominations has recently left America to visit the gullies in the interest of Protestant soldiers and their Chaplains. Rabbi Bernstein has given up his charge in Rochester to care for the spiritual welfare of Jewish servicemen, and their chaplains.

More chaplains are coming up for training and assignment. Some have felt it desirable to urge greater speed in assigning men than has been shown. One thought is in the mind of all, to give the best in the way of adequate service to all our men that they may have the support and the comfort of religious services wherever they may be.

## PASSING OF A PRIEST

News of the sudden death of Rev. Frederic E. Wise brings sorrow to clergy and laity of the diocese. Father Wise was for many years Assistant Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church of Rochester, then

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## QUERIES and REPLIES

Name The Apostles. Name the Apostles.

The Bible answers your question. Now these are the names of the Twelve Apostles: first Peter, who is called Peter, and is brother Andrew; James (the Greater), the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew (Nathanael); Thomas and Matthew (the publican); James (the Lesser) the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus (Judas); Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him (Matt. 10:2).

After the Ascension of our Lord, Matthias was chosen to fill the place made vacant by the treason of Judas (Act. 1:26). Following his conversion, Saul who was afterwards called Paul was made an Apostle by direct call from God (cf. 1 Cor. 15). In the Roman missal, Barnabas is also called an Apostle because he also had an immediate mission from God (cf. Act. 13:2).

Thaddeus (Jude) and James the Lesser were brothers. They were distant relatives of our Lord. James the Lesser is sometimes called the brother of our Lord, though he was only a cousin. In the Aramaic language the same word means both brother and cousin. Peter, James the Greater, and John were distinguished and privileged by the Lord above the other Apostles. They were permitted to remain with Him when He raised the daughter of Jairus to life, again at the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, and finally during His Agony in the Garden. (From the pen of Father Richard Felix, Defender of the Faith, Conception, Missouri.)

## Along The Way

Rachmaninoff

By REV. DANIEL A. LOUD, S.I.

I never had the good fortune to hear Rachmaninoff in person but ever since I remained after the lapse of some twenty years one of the great musical experiences of my life. The last years of the glances about me that many another musician notices, some of the showmanship and theatrical side that many, say, Paderewski or Liszt would have had in his mouth. On the contrary, there was something almost impersonal about him, a kind of musical machine that worked and talked like a man. He slouched in the place, a great tall, lean, thin, haggard-looking fellow, who sat down on the stool in a sort of mope sleep, who looked out at the audience without interest or desire for their approval, who rubbed his hands together gently and then, with some of the accepted gestures of a pianist, began to play. That says it all. He began to play. And you knew that you were hearing the piano at its best. Rachmaninoff has gone home to God. The Soviets didn't like him, which was America's great good luck, for he was one of the many artistic exiles from tyranny who lived in free America. He was buried, you probably noticed, at an Orthodox Greek Catholic High Mass. May he find his place among the musicians who make Heaven a place of eternal melody. He will undoubtedly find all appreciation there he did not have in this new Russia.

The delightful story I just got from my usual source, Sister M. Lucia. The little girl-graduate was at the board having a lot of trouble with her arithmetic. Said the sister, "Now, just stay for a moment and think of the rule. The rule will make it all clear. Think hard."

She thought very hard. Then suddenly the light broke, and he burst forth with this: "When two or more words or groups of words are written in a sentence as a list, divide the numerals by the denominator."

Presently the blushing man took her window rose and left the car. She moved over to the window, an empty seat beside her.

But the young man with the pipe suddenly sat in his seat without moving. Her back seemed to grow stiff, and then a little limp. It bet her day was spoiled.

## No Sale

Some time ago two Jesuit friends of mine met a traveler who had brought back to the United States a perfectly magnificent collection of rubies. He was interested in selling them, but was having no particular luck. My friend friends asked if they might see them, and went with the man to his office.

He opened a vault, turned the combination of a huge safe, took out a small locked box, and then, in a closed office laid out on the desk the rubies. And they were simply superb.

My two Jesuit friends looked at them with great interest, when suddenly they noticed that the man was laughing. In fact, his laughter became almost uncontrollable.

Finally he let them in on his secret: "This is irony," he managed. "I've been trying for six months to sell these rubies, and the only two men who've shown any slightest interest in them both have the vow of poverty!"

## Well, Maybe So

The sister was finding the youngster very, very slow. He stood and thought and thought and thought, so impatiently she cried out: "Oh, dear me! What's happened to you from the neck up today?"

He looked up at her this time with a prompt and sincere answer. "I got a haircut, sister."

## Feast Days

- Sunday, May 2.—LOW SUNDAY.
- Monday, May 3.—DISCOVERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.
- Tuesday, May 4.—ST. MONICA.
- Wednesday, May 5.—ST. PETER.
- Thursday, May 6.—ST. JOHN.
- Friday, May 7.—ST. STANISLAUS.
- Saturday, May 8.—AFFLICTION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCH-ANGEL.

You could still get work if you had some gas if you had some tires if they hadn't drafted the repair man. — Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

nation will on that day, as every day, stand at attention as the American flag is lowered at sundown. It is the daily practice of the "Singing Air Cadets" stationed in Rochester.

Write your own conclusion—persons known to call themselves Catholics seem emerging from a theater on Good Friday.

The Don Bosco Bulletin reports a large shipment of religious magazines and papers sent to St. Mary's Reformatory by pupils of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Schools, Baltimore, and wishes it would be impossible to estimate the amount of good that has been derived from this reading material.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

## Diocesan Recordings

SISTER M. HILARY A large number of grown men and women, many of them known to this department, owe much to good Sister Hilary of the Sisters of St. Joseph who was called to her eternal regard on Holy Saturday. The extent of that indebtedness, of course, is in the memories of those who learned from this kind, but firm when it was needed, Sister, who gave unparaphrasing of herself that her youthful charges would be trained thoroughly.

I think too little of the sacrifices made by the good nuns who taught us. Others are so deeply impressed with the particular teacher that no matter how little we might see them in after years, the memory of their consideration, talent, and zeal is ever present despite the distractions of the work-a-day world.

Washington Park in Rochester was once the gathering place on May 1 of those whose ideology called for overthrow of government by force. This year at 4:55 P. M., stalwart defenders of the