

On what kind of an altar did al writers that Christ instituted Our Lord institute the Blessed Sacrament? It is generally held by liturgical writers that Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist on an ordinary wooden table, such as the Jews in His day were wont to use from.

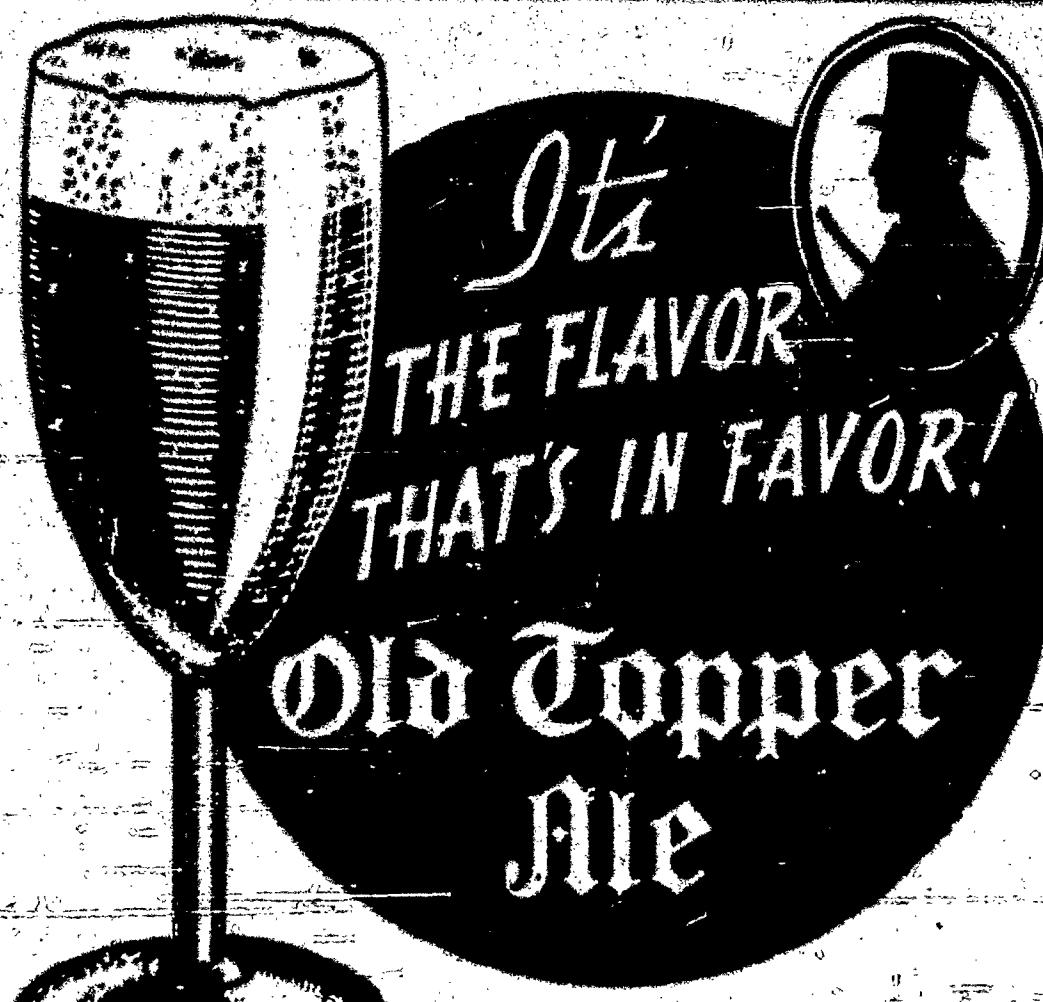
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COURT DENIES GROUP RIGHT TO USE TERM 'CHURCH OF GOD'

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A petition for a certificate of incorporation of a membership corporation to be known as "Church of God World Headquarters, Inc." has been denied by the New York Supreme Court on the ground that the appellation "Church of God" is a generic term which the incorporators should not be permitted to appropriate to their own use.

Justice Wenzel rendered the decision of the court. "The fact that all the incorporators but one," said the jurist, "are residents of Queens (county) might seem to make the words 'World Headquarters' a trifling grandiose, but these words might of course refer to the incorporators' ambitions rather than to their present sphere of influence. The appellation 'Church of God,' however, is one which the incorporators should not be permitted to appropriate to their own exclusive use by adoption as a corporate name."

**Priest's Books
In Five and Ten**

ST. LOUIS, MO. — Three more ornately colored booklets for children—"The Seven Sacraments," "God's Beautiful Ten Commandments" and "God's Wonderful World,"—have been written by the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., editor of "The Queen's Work" Sodality magazine published here. The booklets, which will be sold in drug and "five and ten" stores, as well as in Catholic and secular book stores, have been published by the Devotional Publishing Company of New York City. They bear the imprimatur of Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York.

St. Veronica of Milan
—was the daughter of a peasant family near Milan. She was admitted as a lay-Sister in the convent of St. Martha at Milan. Her duties were to beg through the city for the sustenance of the Sisters in the Convent. She died in 1407.

REPORT ON BLESSINGS FOR HOME AND FAMILY

By the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmideler, O.S.B.

The ritual of the Church is replete with a variety of blessings that relate more or less directly to the home and family life. In the Ages of Faith these were zealously made use of. Various nationalities who came to this country from Europe gave emphasis to at least certain ones of them.

Because of a feeling, however, that there was a growing neglect of these blessings by the families of our day, the writer recently sought information from pastors regarding the following observances: the blessing of children on the Feast of the Holy Innocents; the blessing of homes; the churching of women. The pastors were also asked to volunteer information on similar practices still found in their parishes.

Only eight pastors of 40 answering the inquiry said that none of these practices was any longer observed in their parishes. But fully half admitted that not all of them were faithfully observed by the generally of their parishioners. **Pastors' Responses**

The answers of individual pastors should give a fairly good cross-section of the situation as it stands today. The following are some of them selected at random: "A few mothers come for churching. We bless the children and babies in church on the Feast of the Guardian Angels. The more zealous Catholic families invite the priest to bless a new home."

"Yes, the churching of women and the blessing of homes are observed. We also very often give the blessing for safe delivery and for a sick child."

"We encourage the following: the blessing of expectant mothers; the churching of women; the blessing of homes. Nothing has been done toward having infants blessed on the Feast of the Holy Innocents."

"Over and above the practices specifically inquired about, the custom is observed here of giving the blessing for safe delivery and dedicating infants to the Blessed Mother."

Children and Home
"The blessing of homes is commonly requested. The churching of

Plan Al Smith Memorial

NEW YORK (INS).—A group of prominent New Yorkers marked the 75th birthday of the late Alfred E. Smith on Saturday by launching a drive to raise \$100,000 to erect a bronze statue as a memorial on the lower East Side where he was born.

Smith, fair-skinned governor of New York and one-time democratic presidential nominee, died last Oct. 4. The statue is to be placed at the entrance to Governor Smith Houses, a state housing project to be constructed after the war.

To Remember "Al" Smith

N. Y. Times Editorial
No memorial would be necessary to keep the memory of Alfred E. Smith in the minds and hearts of his old neighbors of the lower East Side. They will remember him to the end of their lives as a friend who stayed with them in the spirit long after the exigencies of a great career had taken him away from the house on Oliver Street. In this area his parents, he himself, his wife, and his children were born. Here his character was formed, his mind given direction, his sympathies deepened. Here was his frontier, here was his log cabin. But the fact that these things cannot be forgotten by the living makes it the more desirable that the knowledge of them should be perpetuated in some form for generations to come.

This is to be done. Between the South Street house where Governor Smith was born and the Oliver Street house to which he brought his young wife some years after their marriage fifteen slum blocks opposite Knickerbocker Village are to be torn down to make room for Governor Houses, a State public-housing project to be built after the war. Included in the project is space for playgrounds, between two of which it is now proposed to erect a memorial statue. Models of this memorial, designed by Charles Keck, make it seem a happy thought. In years to come many children may pause before it and wonder what the man with the shrewd, kindly face is about to say. In this generation, of course, we know—we know that he is about to say, "Let's look at the record." He could say it proudly, for his record was full of great achievement. That he may say it for a long time to come a fund is being raised by a committee headed by Robert Moses. The fund needs dollars, but one hopes there will be many dimes and quarters in it, too—for some of Governor Smith's best friends were those who were rich only in the warm qualities of mind and heart.

St. Theodore
—was born in Cappadocia. He entered religious life and eventually became Superior of the religious community of Palestine. He was noted for his great moral virtue and humbleness of spirit.