

# HOW TO PROFIT FROM A SERMON

Immediately after the Gospel is the usual time for many a yawn or yawn or forty yawns. If you have any difficulty in being a good listener when a sermon is being delivered, here are six little suggestions that may help you profit more from the pastoral office in the pulpit.

1. Listen to the sermon with a clean heart to profit by it. If you go to Mass without any faith, it may be a bad sign; you may be spiritually sick if you have lost your appetite for spiritual food. If you love God, you should delight in hearing His spoken word. "He who is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear is that you are not of God." (John viii, 47).

2. Do not listen in a mere spirit of curiosity, simply to take note of this good language, the pronunciation, the graceful gestures and the novel methods of presentation. Fix your mind on the substance of what is said.

3. Realize that sermons are not for the saying of now and extra-

ordinary things, but to bring to mind common and ordinary things.

"To write you the same things as I do is not useless to me, but it is necessary for you," writes St. Paul (Phil. iii, 1). The Apostle felt himself in no want of things to say, but he felt himself obliged to repeat the same things that he had already said, because that was more necessary for them.

4. Everything that is said in the sermon should be received by every listener as particularly addressed to himself and not as a thing said for the benefit of others. Every wise man that the prudent man shall hear, he will approve and take to himself." (Ecclesi. xii, 12). If at present you feel no particular need for the point made by the preacher, store it up for later; you may need it, perhaps very soon.

5. All should understand and take it for granted that when an evil is mentioned in the discourse, it is not because that the evil is already present in the parish, but

is simply spoken of to forestall its creeping into the parish.

"Apply the medicine before the illness," (Ecclesi. xviii, 20). It would be a great fault to think, "This is said for our friend John," or to utter such a suspicion to others. The speaker does not intend to note any one in particular. — It would not be prudent or profitable, but might rather do harm.

6. Understand that the word of God is the food and substance of the soul. Write always to gather something from the sermon to keep and preserve in your heart, that it may strengthen and sustain you in future action. "But that upon good ground, these are they who, with a right and good heart, having heard the word of God, hold it fast, and bear fruit in patience." (Lk. viii, 15).

A last word of advice may be added to these six points. It is well phrased in the words of Scripture: "The doors of the word, and not heavens only, deceiving your senses." (James i, 7).

## Peggy's Prediction

We are the last, the very last. After we begin the world of those who no longer believe in anything and who make a glory and self-division of it. — Charles Peguy.

who has been called "the most heroic and affirmative appearance of French Catholicism in the days prior to the (first) world war."

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## Urges Groups Uphold Fr. Staub's Ideals

Delegates and members of Rochester Branches, Catholic Central Verein of America, and National Catholic Women's Union, last Sunday observed the anniversary of the death of Rev. Jacob Staub by attending High Mass at Holy Redeemer Church. Rev. F. William Stauber was celebrant.

Following the Mass Father Stauber complimented those in attendance on keeping alive through all these years the memory of one who so well merited the tribute grunions such as the Catholic Central Verein and the National Catholic Women's Union were given more necessary today than they were in Father Staub's time. He urged the branches to continue their efforts and to expand their numbers, so that they might continue to make known to a pagan world true Christian principles.

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## Seminary is Planned For Lakeland Ave

LAKELAND, N. Y. — A preliminary plan for the erection of a seminary in Lakeland will soon be started in the new city on a site that was bought for this purpose soon after the erection of the Diocese, 25 years ago. At present plans for the site of the seminary are being prepared by the Diocese.

## Bowling

Catholic Church League... Bowling... [Detailed text about bowling events and church league activities]

# U.S. WAR PRODUCTION BOARD ORDERS LIGHTING DIMOUT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1st 1945

Use of electricity for Outdoor Advertising, Show Window Lighting, Promotional Lighting and similar purposes is prohibited

## COPY OF THE OFFICIAL ORDER

Under National Defense, title 32, Chapter IX of War Production Board, Utilities Order, U-9

- (a) PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER. War requirements have created a shortage in the supply of coal and other fuels. The purpose of this order is to save fuel used in the generation of electricity by prohibiting certain unnecessary use of electricity.
- (b) DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this order:
  - (1) "PERSON" means any individual, partnership, corporation, business trust, association, estate, partnership, governmental agency or commission or any organized group of persons whether incorporated or not.
  - (2) "ELECTRIC SUPPLIER" means any person who generates, transmits or distributes electricity.

## PROHIBITED USES SPECIFIED

- (a) PROHIBITED USES. No person shall use electricity for any of the following purposes:
  - (1) Outdoor advertising and outdoor promotional lighting.
  - (2) Outdoor display lighting except where necessary for the conduct of the business of outdoor establishments.
  - (3) Outdoor decorative and outdoor ornamental lighting.
  - (4) Show window lighting except where necessary for interior illumination.
  - (5) Marquee lighting in excess of 50 watts for each marquee.
  - (6) White way street lighting in excess of the amount determined by local public authority to be necessary for public safety.
  - (7) Outdoor sign lighting except for:
    - (a) Directional or identification signs required for fire and police protection, traffic control, transportation, search or location, or directional or identification signs for any other essential public service the lighting of which is specifically certified as necessary by local public authority. Certification shall be made in writing to the appropriate electric supplier and need not be in any particular form.
    - (b) Directional or identification signs using not more than 50 watts per establishment, for contact and for health and other public lodging establishments.

## RULES REGARDING EXEMPTIONS

- (a) EXEMPTIONS.
  - (1) Any electric supplier who certifies that compliance with this order by the person whom it supplies will not reduce the consumption of coal or other fuels used in the generation of electricity for the public utility to the Office of War Utilities, War Production Board, Washington 25, D. C., will be exempt from the provisions of this order.
  - (2) The War Production Board may from time to time issue directions exempting designated areas from the order if it finds that compliance with this order will not reduce the consumption of coal or other fuels used in the generation of electricity for the public utility to the Office of War Utilities, War Production Board, Washington 25, D. C.

## NOTIFICATION AND APPEALS

- (a) APPEALS. Any person affected by this order who certifies that compliance with this order will not reduce the consumption of coal or other fuels used in the generation of electricity for the public utility to the Office of War Utilities, War Production Board, Washington 25, D. C., will be exempt from the provisions of this order.
- (b) NOTICE.

## PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

- (a) VIOLATIONS. If the War Production Board determines that any person is using electricity in violation of this order, it may direct the electric supplier serving such person to discontinue service and suspend the person's account until such time as the person complies with the order. In addition, any person who violates this order may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both, at the discretion of the court.
- (b) CIVIL PENALTY. The Federal Bureau of Investigation may investigate and prosecute any person who violates this order.

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