

On Guard!

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of the church the future of patri-
archism. He is disturbed about the
future of Protestantism. As a
practical business man who ap-
preciates the importance of unity

in the oil industry he is dis-
turbed at the chaotic divisions now
ravaging Protestantism. He is
right when he encourages peo-
ple to live a Christian life seven
days a week. He is wrong when
he says that in doing so they may

differentiate what people believe
about Christ seven days a week.
This means that it doesn't mat-
ter what anybody thinks of
Christ. But how can anyone ever
be attached to Christ if he has
no convictions or only
vague notions of how Christ
wants men to live?

Mr. Rockefeller failed to ex-
plain a lot of things about his
New Church. He failed to explain
how Protestants could unite with
him for the banner of Christ and still
remain indifferent to the teachings
of Christ. He failed to explain how
men could be united in the love
of God and still remain divided
about the truth of God. In reality
Mr. Rockefeller is inviting Pro-
testants to form a New Church
in which all would become not
only indifferent Christians but
even indifferent Protestants.

The Protestant problem which
is also Mr. Rockefeller's problem
is how to achieve Christian unity
and this is not the same thing as
Protestant unity. A united Chris-
tendom calls for a return of all
Protestants and Orthodox Chris-
tians to their Father's House. If
they wish to be united in the love
of Christ then they must return
to the Faith of Christ. They must,
as the late Pius XI expressed it,
return to the unity of Faith and
authority which is found only in
the Catholic Church. Christ can
not be divided. His Faith is one
and His Church is one. Protest-
ants appreciate that the Faithful
should not be divided. Catholics
understand also that the Faith can
not be divided. The Faithful can
never be one as long as there is
division of creed. To discuss all
creeds as Mr. Rockefeller sug-
gests, is even worse. Mr. Rocke-
efeller's speech is significant. It
means that Protestants have not
only lost unity but that they are
dangerously close to losing Christ.
It is our prayerful hope that Mr.
Rockefeller's speech will shock our
separated brethren into starting
on the road home to their Father's
House. . . . The Doors are wide
open. They have never been closed.
Now is the time to come
HOME!

Vatican Newspaper Stresses Hopkins On Totalitarianism

ROME (By Wireless)—Observer-
tore Romano, Vatican newspaper,
stresses the statement made by
Harry Hopkins to American cor-
respondents here that it would be
absolutely contrary to United
States interests to permit a lib-
eralized country to choose a total-
itarian government.
The importance attached to this
statement by Observatore is viewed
here as revealing the Vatican's
apprehension that Communism
may gain control in Italy, and its
hope that the United States will
help prevent such a development.
Comments also emphasized the
statement by Mr. Hopkins that al-
though the majority of American
people are in favor of democracy,
it is necessary to guard against the
possibility of their being deceived
by the propaganda of the
totalitarian movement.

Appointed Pastor of St. Augustine's

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for St. Augustine's.
The Rev. Father, who has
been in the Rochester area for
many years, was appointed to
the position by the Bishop of
Syracuse. He will be in charge
of the parish which has a
membership of about 1,000.
Father is a member of the
Catholic League and the
Knights of Columbus. He is
also a member of the Rochester
Catholic Club. He was born
in St. Louis, Mo., and came
to Rochester in 1938. He is
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Rome Daily Opposes Partitioning of Germany

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"It is clear," the paper said,
"that if the Western Powers in-
sist on artificial dismemberment
of great national entities, Soviet
policy will be greatly favored."
The Catholic newspaper warned
that the German problem "cannot
be considered according to old re-

ligious divisions." It stated that
various proposals have sought
about a redistribution of the Ger-
man population, bringing Luther-
ans to the Catholic South and
Catholics to regions normally
closed to Catholicism.

Stressing that the common strug-
gle of Catholics and Protestants
against Nazism has broken down
former prejudices and created "a
new solidarity," Il Quotidiano said:
"It is erroneous to consider the
religious factor as a means for
dividing Germany."

State Education Dept. Denies Use of Public Schools to Parochial Students

ALBANY (RNS)—Refusal of the New York State Educa-
tion Department to permit use of public schools by parochial
schools in an emergency created when St. Joseph's Academy
here was destroyed by fire, was
criticized by The Evangelist, of-
ficial organ of the Diocese of Al-
bany.

"The letter of the law undeni-
ably favors the State's decision,"
the journal said. "But many com-
petent observers, some with no
meager legal experience, feel that
a discretionary ruling by the Ed-
ucation Commissioners to meet an
acute emergency would hardly in-
fringe on the spirit of the law."

The Most Rev. Edmund F. Gib-
bons, Bishop of Albany, announce-
ing that pupils of the Academy
will be obliged to attend public
schools until a new parochial in-
stitution can be built, revealed
that efforts to lease unused space
in adjacent public schools had
failed because "such action would
be apparently unconstitutional."

"We have approached the State
authorities in the matter, but they
state it is not in their power to
assist us," he said. "It is regret-
table that our Catholic parents,
who have so long supported their
own schools in addition to contrib-
uting to the support of the public
school system, are unable in these
trying times to provide their chil-
dren, at their own expense, with
the full moral and religious train-

Plans Chapel For Aged

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (RNS) —
Special chapels for the aged and
infirm and for mothers with small
children are included in plans for
a new \$200,000 church of St. Cath-
arine's parish here.

The church will have a sanc-
tuary with seats for 1,000 and two
chapels, equipped with loud speak-
ers and partitioned from the main
sanctuary with glass. The chapel
for the infirm will be equipped
with wheel chairs, and when ser-
vices are held sessions will be in
attendance to care for those need-
ing help.

The congregation already has a
\$100,000 building fund and expects
to raise another \$100,000 this year.

St. Valentine
—suffered persecution under
Claudius II and was beheaded in
270. He is responsible for having
given a Christian character to the
feast of the golden June in Feb-
ruary.

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