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It includes every form of publication; Catholic books, didactic, devotional, fictional; Catholic magazines, monthly, quarterly, weekly; Catholic newspapers that come to us weekly, a few coming every day.

The Catholic Press is a mighty help to the Church in guiding and directing more than 300,000,000 Catholics. It starts with the Catholic paper, which must be the beginning of Catholic reading in any family. Other publications follow up and supplement the work of the diocesan newspaper. But without the diocesan newspaper, it would be impossible for other Catholic reading matter to find entrance into our homes. Note well that the home into which our Catholic newspaper does not go, does not welcome the other magazines and weeklies that make up our current Catholic literature.

Bishop Kearney tells you of the repute in which the COURIER-JOURNAL is held. From priests and people here, from Bishops and churchmen outside the diocese, he has heard and gives testimony of the very favorable reaction they show to our diocesan newspaper. Your own experience backs up the words of others.

Your Pastor will present to you the annual appeal for renewals and for new subscriptions to your own Catholic newspaper. Be ready to work with him in increasing the usefulness of the COURIER-JOURNAL by adding new subscribers to those already on our list. Be an advocate of good Catholic reading by starting with your own COURIER-JOURNAL.

Month of St. Joseph

March comes to us tomorrow with its promise of some more winter weather. But it brings a more heart-warming rebirth of Catholic devotion in the renewal of our love for St. Joseph. His Feast does not come till the 19th, but to him belong all the days of this month which is dedicated to him. At home and in church, young and old, men and women, will be turning to Joseph all through the Month of March, in meditation on his virtues, in imitation of his happy holiness of heart, in prayer for his intercession on our behalf.

"Go to Joseph," was the direction given of old to the starving people of Egypt. May it be a direction to all peoples in these days of spiritual starvation, that he may bring us new stores of food for our souls!

New St. Andrew's Building Assured

Just to say that the St. Andrew's Building Campaign went over the top would be an understatement. The amount by which it exceeded its goal is so large that it would easily make the total amount sought in a college or a hospital drive. The diocese has seen nothing like it in all its history. $850,284.00 is the amount subscribed, which will be available for the new building and its furnishings, and for an endowment fund for St. Andrew's.

But the large amount of money raised is only part of the story of this successful campaign. There are two other considerations that make it unique. One is the universal report of the parishes with their zealous workers. Men and women from all the parishes were enlisted as workers, and went into the homes of their brethren and fellow-parishioners. They went as men with a mission. They went as men intent on doing a duty and doing it well. They went as messengers of Bishop Kearney to secure the help of his diocesans in building a newer and better St. Andrew's for this generation and for the generations to come. The memory of their zeal, of their noble endeavor, of their splendid success, shall remain as a standing example of love for the Priesthood, of regard for St. Andrew's Seminary and its great work of training young men for the Priesthood.

A second consideration in connection with this Campaign is the enthusiastic and whole-hearted way in which the people at large reacted to it. Over 60,000 welcomed the opportunity to give for a great cause. Men of means united with people [illegible] in helping their Pastor get his quota and a [illegible] amount over his quota. The widow's mite was [illegible] with many a donation that meant a real sacrifice to the giver.

Father Randall and Mr. Harold Coleman will be remembered for the magnificent organisation which they sponsored, which they managed, which they led on to a marvelous victory. Bishop Kearney with his priests and people stand up in [illegible] them and their workers as also to the thousands [illegible] who made the Campaign so signal a success. [illegible] of Mary, the blessing of St. Andrew [illegible] all who made their gifts to this [illegible] to their Catholic

Sursum Corda By Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P.

'Commies' Come Up With More Tricks

Much has been written and spoken about the tactics of Communists. So much, in fact, that you may imagine you know all their twists and turns; their headwork and footwork; their ducking and dodging when evasion seems best and barefaced lying when they can no longer sidestep. It may seem odd to say so but I find their brazen lying less obnoxious than their more shifty strategy. Recently when Pravda attacked the Holy Father and the Cardinals, the Vatican paper Osservatore Romano had only to say after each count in the indictment, "Pravda lies." It saves space and time and yet it is adequate. Pravda did not come back. There was no come-back. Liars do not come back. They rely (should I spell it relie) on the devil's advice, "Never mind! some of it will stick."

With all that sort of tactics we are familiar. We might have imagined that there were no more tricks in the Commies' pack. But they have pulled out a new one. Mr. Rzymowski, Foreign Minister of the puppet Polish Government in Warsaw, made a speech recently in the United Nations Assembly in favor of Poland's being one of the two small countries to be given a seat for two years in the Security Council. His argument ran, "that Poland was the first country to meet the shock of the war; that she alone amongst the Allies had had her capital destroyed; that more than six million Poles had been killed; and that, in spite of military defeat and inequality of forces she never laid down her arms and never wavered in her support of the cause of civilization."

Obviously an excellent record. But by whom was the record made? Not by the "Poland" which the Foreign Minister represents, but by the Poland which his Government has cast out, supplanted, persecuted.

The Weekly Review of London says: "The Government to which Mr. Rzymowski belongs is unacknowledged and detested by over 90 per cent of Poles. Its members, with the single exception of M. Mikolajczyk, had nothing to do with Poland's magnificent war record. On the contrary, not only did they not assist their fellow countrymen in fighting the enemy, but were, and still are, the creatures of a foreign Power bent upon the destruction of liberty in Poland. They have been instrumental in putting to death, exiling, and imprisoning, thousands of Polish citizens for the sole reason that the latter opposed the domination of their country by a so-called ally.

At the present moment they are holding imprisoned some dozen of the men, nominated for election to the Government, who had risked their lives for five years in the Army of Resistance; and they have lately arrested some dozen more of the same patriotic caliber. It is this 'Government,' of which M. Rzymowski directs the foreign policy, that styled the heroic leader of Warsaw a 'fascist' and continually heaps abuse on General Anders and his army. It is difficult to conceive of anything more degrading than that a man should boast of the exploits of the country that he has joined in betraying."

Yes, it is difficult at this moment to conceive of anything more brazen. But tomorrow, or any day now, the Communists may spring something novel. They are full of surprises. Infinitely resourceful. When you think you have heard and seen the ultimate from them, they startle you with something you never could have dreamed of.

Perhaps, however, this appropriation of the glory of the real Poland by the officials of the bogus Poland is not entirely new. Come to think of it, the Russian Communists who for years and years vituperated the Czars, have recently claimed credit for what they now call the heroic exploits of Peter the Great and Ivan the Terrible. It's as though the Irish were now to claim Cromwell as one of their heroes along with Robert Emmet and Wolfe Tone, or as if we Americans were to honor equally George III and George Washington.

No, the analogy is not perfect. There isn't any analogy. A surprising Polish government ousts the legitimate government with fraud and libel and bloodshed. It does its best to extirpate the heroes of that legitimate government, or being unable to extirpate them, exiles and maligns them. Then it presents the virtues of its victims as an argument for itself! Can you beat it? You cannot. Not yet. But watch for something even more amazing.

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The Bishop's Appointments

MARCH

4 Monday — St. Francis Xavier — Novena of Grace — 7:45 p. m.
5 Tuesday — Metropolitan Opera House, New York City — Formal Welcome to Cardinal Spellman.
7 Thursday — St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City — Pontifical Mass for Clergy and Religious, Cardinal Spellman presiding.
8 Friday — St. Francis Xavier — Novena of Grace — 7:45 p. m.
9 Saturday — St. Francis Xavier — Novena of Grace — 7:45 p. m.
10 Sunday — St. Francis Xavier — Novena of Grace—7:45 p. m.
11 Monday — Columbus Civic Center Chapel—Low Mass—8:30 a. m. (This Mass for diocesan employees will continue through Lent.)
St. Francis Xavier — Novena of Grace —7:45 p. m.
12 Tuesday — St. Francis Xavier—Novena of Grace—7:45 p. m.
13 Wednesday — Holy Cross — Lenten Course —7:45 p. m.
15 Friday — St. Michael's Church Hall — Lecture to Daughters of Mary—9:00 p. m.
16 Saturday — St. Patrick's — Pontifical Mass in honor of St. Patrick—10:00 a. m.
Powers Hotel — Knights of Equity Dinner—7:00 p. m.
17 Sunday — Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira—Low Mass for Daughters of Charity—10:00 a. m.
Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira—Elmira Council Knights of Columbus Dinner—6:30 p. m.
18 Monday — Mercy High School — Concert — 8:30 p. m.
19 Tuesday — Nazareth Motherhouse—Pontifical Mass, St. Joseph's Day—11:00 a. m.
20 Wednesday — Holy Cross — Lenten Course —7:45 p. m.
24 Sunday — St. Patrick's — Knights of Columbus Mass and Communion Breakfast — 7:45 a. m.
25 Monday — St. Bernard's Seminary — Ordinations—8:30 a. m.
27 Wednesday — Holy Cross — Lenten Course —7:45 p. m.
31 Sunday — St. Mary's, Auburn — Knights of Columbus Annual Mass and Communion Breakfast—7:30 a. m.

The Holy Eucharist

Bishop Samonas of Gaza had come to Jerusalem. A Mohammedan publicly requested him to answer some questions regarding the Blessed Sacrament. The bishop acceded, whereupon the Mohammedan asked, "How is it possible for bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Christ?"

The bishop replied, "You have grown since childhood and today you have more flesh and blood than you had then. Your body changed the food you ate into flesh and blood. Now, if the human body changes food and drink into flesh and blood, then indeed God can do it also."

"But how is it possible for Christ to be present in His entirety in the small Host?"

"The landscape with the blue sky above it," responded the bishop, "is something immense, while your eye is very small. Yet your tiny eye contains in itself the whole gigantic picture. When you consider this, it will not seem impossible for Christ to be present in His entirety in the little piece of bread."

"How is it possible then for the same Body of Christ to be simultaneously present in all your churches?"

"To God nothing is impossible," answered the bishop. "This answer alone ought to be sufficient. I will, however, show you something similar in everyday life. When I speak to a single individual, he hears me and takes to himself what I say. If I should address the same words to 1,000 people, they would all hear the same thing. In a large mirror, you see your image reflected; [illegible] pieces, you see the same image of yourself in each of the 100 fragments of glass. If such phenomena occur in everyday life, why should it be impossible for the Body of our Lord to be present in many places at the same time?"—Tabernacle and Purgatory.

Going Up to Jerusalem

Christ knew that suffering and death awaited Him at Jerusalem. He could have avoided all His sorrows by remaining away from Jerusalem. But He invites His followers to accompany Him on the way to the Holy City. They did not understand why He must suffer and die, they did not know how much they needed the lesson that His sufferings and death were to give them. During the time of Lent we must join the disciples of Jesus, going up to Jerusalem with Him.

Perhaps the miracle of giving sight to the blind man has a mystical meaning applicable to this particular time. Unable to see, unable to travel, the blind man had lived and remained about Jericho. Now receiving his sight, he joins the disciples of Jesus in accompanying Him, in going up to Jerusalem with Him.

We need at the beginning of Lent a renewal of our spiritual sight, that we may travel with Jesus on the way to His martyrdom. All Lenten days lead inevitably to the sufferings and death of Christ. The words of the prophets must be fulfilled in Him. But the sorrows of this time, the penitential spirit, the fasting and abstinence, the other personal acts of self-denial, lead us not only to the Mount of Calvary; they lead also to the [illegible] of Resurrection. Let us then follow Christ as He tells us He is going up to Jerusalem!