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The Holy Father Speaks

From his Bishops throughout the world the Holy Father at the beginning of May looks for a movement of prayer and devotion to the Blessed Mother of God that peace may come to all men. He has asked his Bishops to promote the May Devotions this year with the particular interior in mind of securing peace for all nations, and for all matters within national boundaries.

You will want to cooperate with the Holy Father and your Bishop in this great movement for peace. War Whe things that promote war are pagan in origin. We be sure that the devil has a part in all the interference stan secretaries place in the way of brotherly meetings that seek peace for all. It is time that we asked Almighty

Mary is the Queen of Peace. Close to Her Divine Son, She will act as our advocate with Him as we pour out our prayers for peace during her own month of May. We ask her to help the various elements in our national life to come together on brotherly principles, that labor and capital may find rounds for mutual understanding, may avoid industrial strife may seek that tranquility which can come only from the exercise of the virtues of justice and charity.

The Holy Father asks especially that peace may come to Palestine. Strife is the order of the day in that unhappy region, where once trod the feet of the Prince of Peace. Arabs and Jews should be able to find in that hallowed land a means of living together in an atmosphere of respect for one another, of consideration for each other's rights and needs. Such amity can well be made the burden of some

of our prayers during May to Mary.
Our diocess with its Bishop and its people has made an impressive start on its program of May devotions. Over the air waves on May 1 sounded the official voice of Bishop Kearney leading hundreds of thousands of his people in the Rosary, and awaiting their response to each of the Hail 's Music hallowed in childhood memories mingled with the more stately compositions of the great masters, in choral and instrumental setting worthy of a devout Mayday Observance. Devout men and women and children will follow the invitation of their Bishop to honor Mary at Mass and hay Devotions as well as in their own homes. Every community in all the world shall repeat what is occurring in the Diocese of Rochester, in seeking the great good of global peace from Our Lady, Queen of Peace,

The First Novema

The first Noveme in the Church of Jesus Christ was an official one. It was not merrly a plan for private devotion conceived by an individual and recommended to his fellows. It was to be a public devotion ordered by Christ, and attended by His Apostles in obedience to His command. Christ told His Apostles not to depart from Jerusalem in the days immediately following His Ascension: but to await in the Holy City the coming of the Holy Spirit.

So we find the Apostles returning from the Mount of the Accession to the house in Jerusalem that was their abode. We find them united in prayer and in consideration of all that Christ had taught them. We find them anticipating their work as preachers of the Word, as missionaries sent by Christ into the whole world. We find them all too conscious of their own human weakness, and mindful of the divine help they would need to carry ou. their mission. We find them praying for the coming of the Holy Ghost, to complete their preparation for the labora of the ... ministry.

So with one mind, over nine full days, they prayed and meditated in the Novena that prepared them for the coming of the Paraclete. They planned and carried out the program of prayer and recollection Christ had proposed for them. The Church today imitates her Leaders in the Novena appointed for all her children in the nine days before ePatecost. Beginning today, every parish church in all the world imitates the example of the Apostles in preparing for the blessings of Pentecost.

America Plans Her Defense

No country can afford to overlook the warlike preparations and plans of its enemies. Foolhardy, indeed, would it is for its to slumber on while the enemies of liberty build up their armies, amass their war supplies, with the one purpose of attacking us. Our leaders, civil and military, show their love for America by planning an adequate defense.

Military service in accordance with our needs will be given by the young men of America. Universal military training is proposed by some, a limited form of draft is suggested by others. We pray that out of the discussions and proposals of our gifted leaders may come a final result that will be the best guarantee against any assault on our beloved country.

Xou May Remember

Christ did not permit His Apostles to go forth to preach the Gospel in ignorance of the trials that awaited them. He gave them full warning that they would be put out of the synagogies, violently expelled from their places of worship, violimized by those who would hate them even as they liad hated Jesus Christ. Some would even seek to murder them as enemies of God.

But Christ aid not tell His Apostles of what awaited them in the thought that they would avoid all these persecutions by remaining at home, by giving up their vocations as measengers of God. He told them that they might be prepared for these acts of violence. He told them "that they might remember" in the day of suffering

the warning he had given them.

"You may remember." Surely in the days just before Penterost, awaiting the coming of the Holy Chost, the Apostles had ample opportunity to review much of what James had revealed to them. But mere human means could never give them that clear memory of all Christ had taught them, that they would need as preachers of the world. Sirest's grace was to be with them, the Holy Ghost was dwellin their souls they were to have from the Holy with the special equipment that would make them worthy essengers of salvation to all mankind. Special blessings sers included in the warnings Christ gave them of sufferand markyrdom to come. That you may remember.

Devotions **During May**

My dear People:



April 29, 1848

The blotory of the Chiften bears eloquent witness to the power of the intercession of Our Lady whenever the reign of her Divine See Mpon darth has been seriously threatened. Hon spon earth has been perfounly incentenon.
Today the pragress of the powers of darkness gives us deep concern, and the attacks upon Chirlet's Church and His teaching at home and abread compet us to seek the special assistance our Lady to whom our beloved country in dedicated.

The month of May is the month of our Lady. May I ask that we dedicate this month in a YERY sincere way to special prayers that the power of her intercession may be once again felt in the world—that She, the Queen of Fence, may obtain for all mankind peace on earth, the peace which the world of itself cannot give, but which must be won as the gift of

I would ask especially during this month: 1. Attendance at daily Mass, this Mass being effered whenever possible at our Lady's Altar.

2. The public recitation of the Rosary before her shrine every evening in every church and every chapel of the diocese, followed by the Linux in her honor, and Benediction of the Blessed Secrement.

3. The inclusion in every Mass during the month of May of a special oration in honor of our Lady, Help of Christians,

In this very powerful way can our entire Bosess be united this month in prayer and supplication to our Lady, Queen of the May, for the welfare of Christendom and for the realization of the ideals for which so many have suffered and died: "Glory to God and Peace on

With a blessing, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ, + JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester.

Gr.HigginsSays:

Just a few days ago I received a long letter from an irate reader of this column charging that certain Catholic writers (this writer included) are preaching socialism in these United States. The editor of a weekly Catholic labor paper comes in for honorable mention as a "rabble-rouser" intent on foisting socialism on the American public under the guise of Cath olic social teaching It so happens that this "rabble-rouser" specializes in popularizing the teaching of the social encycli-

cais on the so-called Industry Council plan. He is a credit to the union of which he is a officer, and a credit also to the Catholic social action movement in the United States: Paul Weber, editor of The Ware Earner. Would that the Church in the United States could boast of a hundred more just like him!

In any event, our corespondent maintains in all sincerity that Paul Weber and some of the rest of us are preaching socialism when we recommend the establishment of an Industry Council system as outlined in the encyclical, On Reconstructing the Social Order. That's one opinion.

EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE opinion was expressed almost almultantously in The Nation by the irrepresible Paul Blanchard, I say "lire pressible" because, in spite of the fact that Father George Dunne in a recent article in The Commonweal makes mince meat of Blanshard's first series of articles on the Church. Blanshard is currently at it again in a second series which reveals an even greater misunderstanding of, and or bias against things Catholic

than did the first) In the April 17 issue of The Nation, under the title, "The Catholic Church and Fascism." Blanshard says that Pope Plus XI's program of social reconstruction is not only anti-socialist (as, of course, it is), but also or at least tends to be fascist, "Meanwhile," says Bianshard, 'the Vatican had been drawing nearer and nearer to fasciam in its economic and social program. Pope Pius XI's ambiguous encyclical of 1931 On Reconstruction the Social Order seemed to advocate an authoritarian, corporate state as a solution of the world's economic ills."

Seemed to whom "to advocate an authoritarian, corporate state. " Perhaps to Mr. Blanshard - but certainly not to such authentic American progressives as the late Mon signor John A. Ryan and his numerous disciples. Could it be that Blanshard is so angry about the Pope's rejection of socialism that his interpretation of the rest of the encyclical is warped and distorted by prejudice?

OUR CORRESPONDENT fears that the encyclical - or at least Mr. Weber's interpretation of it - is socialistic, Mr. Blanshard says that the encyclical is reactionary and that, tends to be fascist. Take your choice.

Both opinions will leave the instructed Catholic perhaps more bored than indignant although it must be admitted that Blanshard is testing the patience of his readers almost beyond the limits of endurance. He says that the Papal program is reactionary. And yet he knows - or ought to know - that the Papal program goes even further than Phillip Murray and Walter Reuther have been able and/or willing to go in their advocacy of the Industry Council plan. Is Blanshard - is The Nationprepared to say that Murray and Reuther are reactionary and that they are tending toward facism? Yes or no? The Dally Worker says "yes." May we hope for an early unequivocal answer from Mr. Bianshard.

Do You Remember?

25 Years Ago - May 11, 1923 Catholica were counseled to cent their votes for candidates who represent real American iteals, irrespective of party affiliations, by Archbishop John W. Shaw of New Orleans.

10 Years Ago-May 5, 1948 A diocesan-wide campaign to curb obscene literature was launched by the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union in convention at Holy Family Auditorium, Auburn.



Today - And Forever!

We See It By Dan Patrick

Mother's Day

ONE OF THE FEW bright lights that gleam from the calendar each year is Mother's Day Coming, as it does, in the month of the greatest Mother of all, the second Sunday in May gives rise to an expression of gratitude which wells in the hearts of all real men and women who love and respect their mother

It is true, perhaps, that Mother's Day has been tainted by the intoads of a commercialism which finds expression in gushing sentiment and the like But Mother's Day essentialling a great institution imbued with a spirit which nothing can entirely destroy.

THE CYCLE of a child's appreciation for mother is most interesting. At the very outset of life, that child is so utterly dependent on mother that his very existence rests on how well she does her job.

Through those early years she lans the apark of life entrusted to her care nurses her baby through a succession of crises and finally watches anxiously as he takes his first step It is mother who first manages to translate to gurgling sounds of a baby into cohe, ent words and sentences. It is mother who cans the fexered brow and keeps the weary might watch so that all may be well

It is mother again who meets the hallenge of childhood with its multiple problems which seem so baffling to the rest of the world yet so simple to her.

It is mother who, unknown to betself be comes the master psychologist in analyting the wants of her child, in weighing is weaknesses and his strength. It is mother who proclaims her youngster's strong points so that all the world might hear and yet keeps his failings locked deep in her aching heart

It is mother who thrills at her viving ster's achievements and grieves at this 'think it is mother who is so utterly biased in the volling ster's favor.

THE ADOLESCENT years bring new prob lems and new difficulties to mother. The youngster who once trailed at her apron strings tastes life on the outside and it proves so attractive that mother is all but lost

It doesn't take long before the youngster gets the idea that mother is a bit old fash juned" and doesn't know the score as far as present day life is concerned.

Then come the inevitable comparison of edu cational records. Mother's is somewhat clouded in the mists of the fifth or sixth grade and here is a youngster who went through elementary school with flying colors and now is finishing high school. Why there simply isn't any basis for comparison Mother isn't in it.

And from that erioneous conclusion grows series of misadventures which strike the younster at every turn, shock him rudely and finally bring him back to his senses

It doesn't take long for him to reasize that, while mother's formal education may have been curbed to a considerable degree she has an allwise knowledge of life gauned in the school of experience. All the schooling in the world can t substitute for that

THEN THERE is the final stage when the youngster grows up and assumes the blessings and burdens of parenthood

With it comes a real assaurning and a greater appreciation than ever of mother # role in this drama we call life

Mother now has assumed the me of gland mother and the tasks she undertook for her children become the responsibility of the generation which she and countless others mothered over the last few decades

Her children still come to he with their problems the grandchildren. These children grope along the road rather unsteadily in utiles wonderment as to how in the world mether ever managed to get things done and do them

And with that wonderment come a sense of pride in mother a pride born by the knowledge that she did a grand job

By every measure under the sun mother's job is the most important and most difficult in the whole world. Other tasks no matter how monumental they may seem for the moment. lade into insignificance alongside the job of being a mother

That's why Mother's Day is so important for all of us. That is why Mother's Day should not be limited to a brief span of twenty four hours once a year but carried on as long as life terrains in the challen she brought into

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4r. Gillis Says:

Gerald W. Johnson, who reviews books for The New York Herald Tribune, is "all het up" about "Hollywood on Trial," a new book by Gordon Kahn, Mr. Kahn, he says, "is a crusader, who fights

a holy war; but his carefully documented account of the treatment accorded ten Holly. wood writers when they appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities last fall leaves no doubt at all as to what happened. That was, to put it bluntly, that Chairman J. Parnell-Thomas and his colleagues made monkeys out of you and me."



Mr. Johnson says it is nobody's business whether the Hollywood writers are commun ists. To make the matter graphic and, as he thinks, ridiculous -he says that the Congressional Committee had not more right to ask those 10 men whether or no they were communists than to ask them whether they were Anabaptists.

The comparison is unfortunate. The Anabaptists not to be confused with the Baptists of England and America-were a fanatical sect that created civil disturbances, terrorism, vandalism, practised polygamy and other sexexcuses , and by a coincidence of which Mr. Johnson seems unaware, advocated a form of communism. In England and Germany they were suppressed by the civil authorities and, in view of their immoralism they are opposed by religious people, just as present day communists are opposed by religious people. The chief antagonists of that peculiar and dangerous sixteenth century sect were Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli, together with such Protestant rulers as the Elector of Saxony, the Landgreave of Hesse (Luther's particular friend) and the Duke of Brunswick.

I HOLD NO BRIEF for Luther or his friends, but it must be confessed that in the Anabaptists they were dealing with some pretty tough customers. Father N. A. Weber of the Marists, as excellent historian, says, in the Catholic Engelopedia

Munster instead of Strasburg, was to be come the centre of the projected conquest of the world, the New Jerusalem, the founding of which was signalized by a seign of terror and indescribble orgies Treasures of literafure and at were destroyed; communism, polygamy, and community of women were introduced Rithmann took unto himself four wives and Jihn of Leyden, sixteen. The latter, was prelaimed King of the 'New Ston,' when Franchol Waldeck, Bishop and temporal lord of the rily, had already begun its seige (1534). In Jine, 1535, the defense became more and more hipeless, and John, as a last means of escape determined upon setting fire to the city His pan was frustrated by the unexpected captire of the town by the besiegers (24 June, 155)"

So there is a similarity between the Anahaptists of luther's time and the communists of our day, If the civil and ecclesiastical au thorities harsat back and done nothing about that earlier nenace to civilization, I dare my that Mr. Junson would complain that they had neglected their duty. So would the Amer ican Congres if it looked with a blind eye upon commissis in Hollywood or anywhere cise in America.

I WONDER HOW much evidence these nonchalant observers of the world scene would desire befor they became convinced that communism is lot a political party on a parthe Democatic or the Republican party, but a conspirate against civilization. This is not the placest go into that matter in detail. Nor is there ned of doing so. The fact is writ ten large fer all the map of the world.

If by the time one does not see that communismii a menace, it must be because he refuses iclook at the fact. A Congressional Committe trying to find out if a man is a Communit is fulfilling its duty as guardian of the ason. If Mr. J. Parnell Thomas and his collectues save us from what happened in some European countries, they will have done a bter job than all of our armed forces

Calmdar of Saints

SUNAY, MAI 9-St, Gregory of Nazianren. Bop-Confessor Doctor, was the son of Grory the Elder. He achieved an outstandarecord as a student and was a schoolmate \$5t Basil the Great. He became Patriarch Constantinople, in 379, expelled the Arian truder and spent his time working for peace sound doctrine.

DAY, MAI 10-St. Antoninus, Bishop-Contain He was born in Florence in 1388, join the Dominicans and governed a number of events until elevated to Archbishop of Flore in 1446

TESDAY, MAY 11-S. Francis of Jerome Resided as one of the most eloquent preachers of hitime, he expended most of his efforts in and ar Naples. He had great devotion to St. Cyfothe Martyr, with whose relic he is said to se performed many miracles.

MONESDAY, MAY 12 - SS. Nereus. ins, Domitilla and Paneras, Martyrs. SS. and Achilleus were two famous Roman ers who were baptized by St. Peter. They banished to the Isle of Ponza and were ided about 100. St . Pancras died in the ntury under the Diocletian persecution.

TURSDAY, MAY 13-6t. Robert Bellar-Bishop-Confessor, Doctor. He first achied his reputation as a defender of the huh in Louvain and from then on busied mild against atacks by non-Catholics through titings and speeches. He was created a Frial in 1598, was named Archbishop of (M in 1602).

IIDAY, MAY 14-St. Boniface, Martyr. as beheaded as a Christian in Tarsus, He had gone to Tarsus from Rome to ter the bodies of certain martyrs. His li repose in a church dedicated to him in

TURDAY, MAY 15-St. John Baptist de lle, Confessor. A French priest, he founded Christian Brothers and became an Apostle instran education of youth. He was born in at Rhiems of noble parents, but gave ail tealth to the poor upon his ordination.

-Just Between Us What's His Athority?

At the time of the last Religious Census, about 75,000,000 Americans were reported as



having no religious affilia tion. As we see the matter of making a

it, this implies that they had found no church to their taste; or that they were perplexed in choice; or that

they were putting off investigation of the problem for the time being Theirs is the very delicate problem of confronting the 256 different Christian denominations in the United States and singling out the one of those 256 denominations founded by Jesus Christ, (" . . . upon this rock I will build my church," the Lord said. Not "churches"!)

HOW RASY it would be if one could shop for a church as one shops for a new frock or a new necktie-the nicest one't—the one with the sweet est smelling incense and the pretizest choir robes; the one with the most eloquent preacher and the old time hymns or has he the authority to preach the church attended by all our business friends How easy.

but how shallow If a church has no more than a parior organ to lead the singing, if the preacher stutters. If the, building is not stone but word; it it is attend ed only by people in rags and tatters what of it? This is what of it? This is

the question Is this man preaching the religion of Jesus Christ? And Fishermen Take

Statue to U.S. Lisbon - (RNS) - Thirty thousand persons witnessed the solemn blessing here of a statue of Our Lady of Good Voyage which is now on its way to the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Good Voyage, a Portuguese-American parish in

Gloucester, Mass. A gift of Portuguese fishermen, the stafte was blessed by Emanuel Goncalves Cardinal Caceleira. Patriarch of Lisbon, before being placed on board a hospital and supply ship attached to the Portuguese fishing fleet which will carry it to the United States.

AUTHORITY? Surely Prac-

By Father

Ginder

tically all of us agree that a man must be ordained or at least licensed by his church be fore he may preach the word of God rabble, minister or priest Before a man can ket into the service as a chaptain, for instance -before he can so much as petition for reduced fare on the railroads - he must fill out a form telling what church ordained him or licensed him to preach. Otherwise, every Tom, Dick and Harry might be crowding the chaplain's corps or claiming a

discount from the railroads. Wouldn't it be silly, then si y in a very tragic way to pay serious attention to every Tom, Dick and Hairy vho got up on a sturn p and claimed to preach the true religion?

One who wants to adore God in truth should be at least as careful as the U.S. Government is in accepting chaplains, or the railroads in issuing clergy-passes. Before we listen. we ought to know what fight any given preacher ha to c'aim hes a minister of rehgion.