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This newspaper is a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations and the Catholic Press Association...

Fr. Higgins Says:

A Brother To All Other Men
"Covenant ruling reaction runs from silence to jubilation."

This runs a headline in one of the Washington dailies summarizing the opinions of a cross section of Washingtonians on the recent 80 decision of the Supreme Court against the judicial enforcement of restrictive property covenants...

Fr. Gillis Says:

Better Late Than Never
Three days after the fateful elections in Italy (fateful, thank God, instead of fatal) there appeared in the newspaper a report from London that the Anglican Bishop of Chichester had declared that his church must now make up its mind whether to follow the Pope in an unmitigated condemnation of communism...

The Bear Rider!



As We See It By Dan Patrick

The proponents of the ban on elementary school children marching in Rochester's Memorial Day parade certainly are having a hard time trying to rationalize their action...

They Shall Not March

covered by parade officials after a half century - and then announce that the elementary school colorbearers, school bands and Boy Scouts will march...

To Canonize Pope Pius X

All the Catholic world is joining in a blessed movement to canonize Pope Pius X. It is not entirely a new movement. It had its beginning in the lifetime of the wonderful man of God who set out to restore all things in Christ...

These were merely the outward signs of the spirit of holiness that marked the whole life of Pius X. They were the greater symbols of a piety and devotion far above the ordinary, which showed itself in the personal and official life of a great man and a great Pope.

Since the death of Pope Pius X the movement has grown. Today it has progressed so far that Bishops and faithful from every part of the world, with the cooperation and blessing of our Church leaders are now preparing a great series of letters from every part of the Catholic world setting forth what the faithful with their Bishops are doing in prayer and masses and other acts of devotion to hasten the day on which this saintly man shall be raised to the honors of the altar.

This Sunday, dedicated to the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, is set aside for our people to offer their rosaries, their prayers, their assistance at Holy Mass, their reception of Holy Communion, their Holy Hours before the Blessed Sacrament, for this important intention. Every Catholic is asked by Bishop Kearney to have a part in this blessed Crusade of Prayer for the Canonization of Pope Pius X...

Do your part! As a Catholic, as one who has profited spiritually from frequent Communion, from early reception of First Holy Communion, from all the things of old so zealously restored by our saintly Pontiff. Be ready to give your Pastor on Sunday a record of what you have done to promote the cause. Help make Pope Pius X a Saint of the Church!

Mourning in Boys' Town

There is sorrow today in Boys' Town. Five hundred citizens of that community mourn the loss of their great founder and patron, Monsignor Edward Flanagan. The call of the angel of death came to him while he was far from home, far from the boys he loved. He was working for other boys, for the boys of an unhappy country struggling to emerge from the aftermath of a terrible war...

There is mourning today in Boys' Town, there is mourning wherever its thousands of graduates dwell today. An army of young citizens of our country look back over the years of service Father Flanagan has given to them, meditate on the change he has wrought in them, thank God for his ministrations, pray for the repose of his priestly soul. Men of every rank and nation and condition join in one great chorus of praise for what Father Flanagan has brought about in his priestly career. Men everywhere mourn the passing of a great leader, a revered father of our boys. May his soul rest in peace!

Disciples of All Nations

Christ sent forth His Apostles to teach all men in an effective way. Their teaching was not to be lacking in results, was not to fall flat on the minds of their hearers. Rather, it was to be fruitful in good results. It was to enter into the mind and heart of every listener; it was to make him a disciple of the Apostles, a follower of and believer in Christ.

"Make disciples of all nations." A disciple is one who has absorbed the teachings of religion, who has made it his own in mind and heart. He is not merely one who has learned, but one who continues constantly to learn. He learns to know more details of Christ's teaching; he gains a deeper knowledge of all that is contained in that teaching. The natural and supernatural power of the teachings of the Apostles was to be made evident in the gaining of disciples to Christ. The gift of tongues enabled them to address any audience; their natural powers of mind enabled them to state their doctrines in a convincing way. But they had also the abiding power of Christ in all their labors. Christ was at their side as they preached His truths. Christ was in the hearts of their hearers as the Apostles preached. "Behold I am with you all days."

The Apostles preached in the name of Jesus Christ, making their followers disciples of the Master. They brought into the souls of their disciples the grace of God through the Sacrament of Baptism; they baptized them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Well may we rejoice that we have been made disciples of Jesus Christ. May we ever prove worthy of the dignity and solemnity that go with our enrollment among the Disciples of Jesus Christ!

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INSTEAD, WE LEARN

and the enemies of democracy also learn, of course - that certain individuals and groups of individuals, banded together into so-called citizens' associations in Washington reacted to the Court's decision rather disgracefully. There was even talk of having the decision reversed. And for what purpose? To reestablish white supremacy!

There is a certain brutal honesty about this statement which takes some to the sting out of it. At least the gentleman refuses to play the hypocrite; he believes in "white supremacy" and he says so, openly and unashamedly. It is to be feared that some of the others who have reacted unfavorably to the Court's decision also believe in "white supremacy" but haven't the honesty to admit it. Some of their best friends are Negroes - but

IT WOULD BE impossible, of course, to estimate what percentage of Americans resent the Court's refusal to sanction the judicial enforcement of restrictive covenants, or to catalogue the reasons for their resentment. But this much is certain: there are enough "white supremacy" people in our midst to present a serious challenge to the churches and the schools of the United States.

We may not rely exclusively upon the courts to guarantee the application of Christian principles in the temporal order. The courts can help and in the present instance the highest court in the land has helped immeasurably. Its decision is indeed a landmark in the never-ending process of giving flesh and blood to the principles of justice and charity. But the courts can't do very much about making their decisions acceptable to the citizens over whom they have jurisdiction.

Strictly speaking, only the grace of God can accomplish the miracle of persuading a human being that "white supremacy" is in theory a heresy, and in practice a serious violation of justice and charity - a grievous sin, to be very brief and very frank as well as theologically accurate about the matter.

IT IS TO BE HOPED, therefore, that American Catholics will assume the leadership which ought to be theirs by reason of their Faith. In trying to convince their fellow citizens that racial discrimination is essentially a moral problem and only secondarily a constitutional problem, in other words, even if we were living under a different and less noble constitution - even if the Supreme Court had ruled that restrictive covenants are enforceable under the law, it would still be true that the spirit of "white supremacy" which too often is the philosophy prompting the establishment of restrictive covenants, is essentially immoral.

Even if our constitution, God forbid, taught the opposite principle, it would still be true that the Negro is endowed with the same human rights enjoyed by everyone else, because it would still be true that the Negro is a child of God, made in His own image and likeness, and made a brother to all other men, as all men are made brother to one another, through the Son of God made Man, Jesus Christ. And it would still be the duty of Catholics to assume the leadership in working for the practical application of this truth to the everyday problems of social and economic life.

Do You Remember?

25 Years Ago - May 25, 1923
Rev. Alphonsus A. Notebaert, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church Rochester, sailed aboard the S. S. Melita for Belgium to visit relatives in Antwerp and Ostend.

Clothing for sufferers in the Near East was pledged by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus to Dr. John C. Curran of New York, associate Near East Relief Director who spoke at the weekly Columbus Luncheon Club session in Powers Hotel.

10 Years Ago - May 19, 1938
His Excellency, Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse was honored by his fellow alumni and lauded for his work especially in social science by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney at a reunion of St. Bernard's Seminary alumni held at Hotel Sagamore, Rochester.

Two all-male altars in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Rochester, were solemnly consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V. G.

5 Years Ago - May 20, 1943
That the great labor Encyclicals of Pope Leo XII and Pope Pius XI offered the only cure for war evils was declared by Rev. Louis Baumann, C.S.S.R., returned Brazil missionary, in addressing Catholic Central Verein of America on anniversaries of both papal documents.

Lauding American servicemen as "real heroes," Army Nurse Lt. Jean Spahn of Elmira was heard in a broadcast from Australia.

Just Between Us

You Can't Straddle Truth

There's something Godlike about truth. Like God, truth is one. It can't be divided against itself. If either of them is right, Protestant or Jew, then we Catholics are wrong. But for heaven's sake, let's not be so stupid "broad minded" as to say that the Catholic Church and the Protestant Churches and Judaism are all of them right; that each is the one true religion founded by God.

IN OTHER WORDS, if Fin kel Kirk and Kelly should get mixed up in a religious squabble it would be very broad minded for a bystander to smile indulgently and say: "How silly! All these of them are right. The Jewish faith is true for Finkel Protestantism for Kirk and Catholicism for Kelly."

Transfer the problem to simple arithmetic and we have it in these terms: three men are wrangling about the product of 5x3. One says 5x3 is 19, another says 5x3 is 25, and the third says 5x3 is 37. Are all three answers correct? Shall we just be broad minded about it all? Or shall we be narrow minded and call two of the answers wrong? That isn't a peculiarly Catholic teaching. It's only the most elementary common sense. And since we find 256 religious denominations in our country, giving 256 different versions of what Jesus taught, that same elementary common sense compels us to force us, actually to say that one and only one of those 256 denominations can have the whole truth.

Moscow Jams Vatican Radio

London - (NC) - Moscow Radio is jamming Vatican transmission in several languages, it is learned. Monitors for the Catholic Times, aware of these jamming for some time, have informed Vatican Radio.

Interference began when Vatican Radio started transmissions in Lithuania.

Calendar of Saints

SUNDAY, MAY 23 - St. Desiderius of Langres, Bishop-Martyr. It is agreed that he served as Bishop in northeastern Gaul and that during a raid by Teutonic barbarians he boldly sought out their chief and begged mercy for his flock, but was struck down and his blood stained hand held the Book of Gospels.

MONDAY, MAY 24 - Our Lady, Help of Christians. This Feast was established by Pope Pius VII in 1814 in thanksgiving for his safe return to Rome after five years captivity in Savona. The invocation was inscribed in the Litany by Pope Pius V in gratitude to Our Lady for the Christian victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto in 1571.

TUESDAY, MAY 25 - St. Gregory VII, Pope. Confessor. Pope St. Leo IX called him to Rome and he seized the Pontifical and four of his successors as successor. He was Archbishop of Rome in 1072 when he was elected Pope. He flexibly asserted the absolute powers and at length the monarch sought absolution of the Pope at Canossa.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 - St. Philip Neri, Confessor. Known as the Apostle of Rome, he was born in Florence in 1515. Noted for his zeal he founded the Congregation of secular priests known as the Oratorians.

THURSDAY, MAY 27 - Corpus Christi. This Feast honors the Eucharist. Based on the early homily in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the Observance of the Feast was extended to the Universal Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264.

FRIDAY, MAY 28 - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop-Confessor. Before his election as Pope St. Gregory had set out to convert the English. After his election he sent 40 monks under St. Augustine to England, where they were received by King St. Ethelbert, who was converted. St. Augustine was consecrated the first Archbishop of Canterbury and achieved great success in spreading the Faith throughout England.

SATURDAY, MAY 29 - St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi. She was born in 1566 and entered the Carmelite Convent in Florence at the age of 18. Despite poor health, she was noted for her long practice of self-denial and was gifted with humility and patience. She served twice as mistress of novices and once as superior.

Quotable Quotes
It is not with discords, with tumults, with fraternal massacres that lost goods may be regained or those in danger saved, but only with active concord with mutual understanding, with peaceful labor. - His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The atmosphere of a family council must pervade the peace conference if the world is to have a lasting peace based on justice and charity. - His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin.

Unless God is paramount as leader of the world, then again and again as the waves upon the shore, catastrophe must follow catastrophe. - His Eminence Konrad Cardinal von Preysing.