

to the poor and needy, they ministered unto Him. How many times is the charity of Christ multiplied in this world in the care given by consecrated souls to the poor and needy I We have an outstanding example of that charity in the career of one who this week was called to her eternal toward, Sister M. Geralda of the Sisters of St. Jeseph. ter years in religion were given to the care of the aged at St. Anne's Home. All of her waking hours were devoted to the welfare of the guests at St. Anne's, first in assisting those in authority, then as Superior of the Home and direc-tor of its manifold activities. Food and medicine, shelter and furnishings, guidance and direction, were her daily gift to the aging men and women who were so dear to her. But her greatest gift to them was her Christ-like charity, her unfailing love for each one of them as a person dear to God. Now God has called her from the scene of her labors, to partake of the eternal reward He has prepared for those who love Him. May she rest in peace! which He shall call us!

remains for the General Motors Corporation and the UAW to think through this whole priceprofit-wage relationship to the bitter end and to muster up the courage to act decisively upon its findings.

The alternative, Mr. Hughes suggests -- rather frankly for a columnist on the financial page the T nes-is an economic recession. "Even as practical business men . . . go along with the outlook for another few years," he says, "there is also the private confession that the boom is artificial. The hope has been expressed on not a few sides that it would be well to see a minor readjustment before things go too far and another major upset becomes necessary."

elry and sheet noise of these gatherings beat the drums of history

It was in such an almosphere that Abraham Lincoln slepped from obscurity to historic immortality. From conventions such as we are about to witness have come good, bad and indif ferent presidents and the selections have been political leaders who stepped in to act made 1 because the people defaulted in their political duty

GRANTED THAT a political convention is not democracy in its purest form, we must concede that it is infinitely better than the sorry processes by which totalitarian states select their leaders

Suppose, for instance, next week's Republi

machine reacts necessarily when power physical chemical power is applied to his brain, his blood, his nerves his heart or what used to be called his "mind" or his "soul"

In ancient days the heathen imagined that the gods on high pulled the strings and man, the pupper did what the gods compelled him to do Now it isn't his gods but his ho

The Call of Vocation

colleges.

Surely there are many among our graduates who will acar and heed the call of vocation. Christ needs helpers in His constant ministrations to souls. Christ calls young men and women to give their talents and their devotion and their lives to His service, and to the salvation of souls. Many souls are in heaven today because God has blessed them with the services of teachers and priests whom He has alled to His service. Many souls today will find their salvaion in the grace of God brought to them through the minstrations of worthy priests and Sisters.

Is Christ calling you? Does your Lord and Master look o you to save your soul through the service you will give o the souls of others?

In Danger of Hell Fire

Christ in all earneatness and truth spoke to His hearers of the punishment of sin. He was speaking factually, He was insisting on avoidance of sin as the only way to escape punishment He was insisting on men having a right con-science in all things, of thinking along with God, and not in deviation from God's teachings. The world today needs to consider what Christ speaks of in the Gospel of this Sunday. It is losing its sense of sin, it is striving to make wil things look good, it is forgetting the eternal punishment that is the sure destiny of sinners who die unrepentant. The same God Who said-"Thou shalt not kill!"also forbids those things that can lead up to murder: hatred of any kind, unjust anger with our brethren, wicked expressions of that anger and hatred, words that publicize the rencor that arises in a wicked heart. All of them are restions of God's command to love our neighbor; all of hem are sinful violations of the will of God. All of them call for punishment. In danger of hell fire." To deny the words of Christ

a to ain against faith. To accept the words of weak and dishonest men in place of Christ's words, is to prepare trouble for our souls. The wise man hears and heeds Christ's words: to call my neighbor a fool, to harbor the stred of him that alone can prompt such name-calling, natred of him that alone can prompt such name-calling, puts me in "danger of hell fire." Let the thought of eternal publishment in hell fire be a strong motive to me to love God sod love my neighbor. God warms us of future punishment: God invites us to some is this. Our set of perfect love of God will be for us a unclus away from ain, will be for us a deliverance from the mentionent reserved for those who persist in mortal

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It would be well indeed.

Calendar of Saints

SUNDAY, JUNE 20-St. Silverius, Pope Martyr. He became Pope in 536 and ruled two years. The Pope firmly withstood interference of Empress Theodora in religious matters and died in exile on an island off Italy

MONDAY, JUNE 21 St. Aloyaius Gonzaga, Confessor. The Patron of Youth was born to s noble Spanish family and entered the Society of Jesus when 18. He died at the age of 23 of a plague contracted while ministering to the sick.

TUESDAY, June 22-St. John Fisher, Bishop Martyr. He was the first and one of the outstanding 16th century English marytyrs He was consecrated Bishop of Rochester in 1504. He defended the cause of Catherine of Aragon against her husband, King Hehry VIII and later refused to subscribe to the oath of Royal Supremacy to the King. He was beheaded in the Tower of London in 1535 with the words "Te Deum" on his lips,

WEDNESDAY, June 23-St. Agrippins, Virgin-Martyr. According to Greek tradition, she was a young Roman who endured cruel tortures and death for her Faith in 256

THURSDAY, June 24-Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The son of St. Zachary and St. Elizabeth, a kinswoman of the Blessed Virgin, he was commissioned to prepare the way for the Redeemer, whom he baptized. Hessuffered martyrdom under King Herod for rebuking the monarch about his adulterous marriage.

FRIDAY, June 25-St. William of Montevergine, Abbot. After a pilgrimage to Compostella, he retired to Monte Vorgine, where he built himself a hermit's cell and began a life of austere penance. Before his death in 1142. St. William founded several other monasteries.

SATURDAY, JUNE 200-SS. John and Paul, Martyrs. According to tradition, they were brothers and officials in the household of Constantia, daughter of Emperor Constantine. They later were put to death under Julian the Apostate when they refused to worship pagan idols.

The sceptic who would destroy our faith; the cynic who would blast our hope; the hater of God or (which amounts to the same thing) the ignorer of God - all these have no place in building up the world they are devastating. What we need are men of faith, men of vision, men of wisdom. We need men who, believe in God, are taught of God and who pattern their lives on God. - Rev. Michael J. Miller, O.S.M.

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Now and then a Wendell Willkie has emerged from the smoky mists of the convention floor as the "people's choice" but by far and large. the ultimate selections have been the results of behind theseenes deals by men who have carried certain delegations in their pockets.

FRANKLIN DELANO BOOSEVELT was the benificiary of such a deal at the 1932 Democratic convention in Chicago.

The first few ballots failed to produce the required two thirds vote and during an adjournment a deal was worked out whereby William Randolph Hearst who had secured the Califor nia delegation for John Nance Garner, obtained the release of that delegation to Roosevelt on condition that the Roosevelt forces would accept Garner for the vice presidency.

That left only the formalities of convention procedure to have William Gibbs McAdoo, as chairman of the California delegation, swing to the Roosevelt bandwagon and start a convention stampede to FDR

THERE ARE SOME people who look down on political conventions from their is ory towers of unreality and nauseate at such proceedings.

They never seem to realize that their very inaction makes possible these deals, some of which have emerged from smeke filled rooms

-Guest Editorial-

There is a general feeting

that the figures for the Catholic

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American Catholle Directory

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THIS QUESTION received

new treatment in the latest is-

sue of the London Tablet where

there are reasons presented for

Are We Forty Millions?

can convention was to be held in Moscow or Nuremberg instead of Philadelphia Do you honestly think there would be any doubt at this moment as to the ultimate convention choice?

Instead of a series of ballots which will result In a GOP selection, we would be confronted with a synthetic unanimity of opinion which would make the eventual choice a foregone conclusion.

What's more the campaign for election which follows these conventions would degenerate into a mockery on free political thought. No de spite all the obvious defects of our system it is infinitely to be preferred to those of other lands.

WITH THE EXCEPTION of the less semaining democracies in today's would America is one of the last great powers which couples the name of God with proceedings in which her national leaders are selected

Perhaps the chaplain's prayer at the opening of each convention session of the major political parties may seems somewhat futile in the opinion of some people. But the very fact that we in America invoke God's blessings on such proceedings sends a refreshing ray of light to pierce the gathering groom of a secularistic Norid

(With this column we conclude our editorial efforts for the present. We are extremely grateful to our tolerarat readers and the editors of the Courier-Jourgal who have afforded us such wide latitude of copinion.)

> The Boston Pilot

OBVIOUSLY THERE is a wide variance between the variance between the twenty-

five and one half million Catholics mentioned in the Catholic Directory and the forty million ar which the Tablet article arraves and we may wonder why.

Beyond the statistical reasons, the inadequacy of the religious census and the rest, one explanation is that parish priests quite understandably count only practicing Catholics while the armed service figures consider the total, practicing and non practicing.

It would be tash to conclude that the difference of almost fifteen million in the figures represents the number of nonpracticing Catholics, but it is clear that there is a vast number of merely nominal Catholics

the same time to search out the sheep that are so nearly lost.

compel a man to act thus and so

One man or a hundred million men it is all the same They think speak act react me chanically. They are driven by powers over which they have no control. The old Christian idea that men are self directed is gone. In its place is determinism economic determinism. physical or chemical determinism. That is to say though the "scientists" don't like the word, fatalism. · · ·

THEREFORE WARS come with the certainty of varthquakes or cyclones or tidal waves. The human race can no more prevent war than it can smother a volcano hold the earth firm when it threatens to thake or push back the uprush and inrush of the ocean

That if you please is fatalism. One phase of it Economic determinism is the first article in the creed of communism. In a word it is Marxism To that extent all materialists are Marxists. The communists have all anti-free will philosophers on their side

Our philosophy is different. We believe that man is free, like God, in that he directs his own actions, that he can put an end to war if he will So the next war will come if we are convinced it will come and must come in spite of us It will not come if we cast out fatalism, determinism, as a heathen superstition, and live by our own Christian phaosophy

Do You Remember?

25 Years Ago-June 22, 1923

More than 600 Knights of Columbus participated in the institution of Bath Council of the order at ceremonies in the State Soldiers' Home Assembly Hall. • • •

Danger of a new Kulturkampf in Germany was pointed out by former Chancellor Constantin Fehrenbach at a jubilee celebration for Centrist Party leader Dr. Porsch

10 Years Ago-June 16, 1938

Solemr, Pontifical Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, celebrated by His Excellency. Bishop Kearney co.nmemorated installation of three imposing altars in the Ithaca Church. . . .

A priest who had seen active battle service with Italian troops in World War I, the Rev. Paul M. Ciaccio pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church Rochester celebrated his silver jubilee in the Holy priesthood at Solemn High Mass

5 Years Ago-June 17, 1943

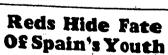
A serious falling off on church attendance resulted in Rochester diocese pastors calling on the OPA to clarify its ruling on use of private cars on driving to church during the wartime emergency.

Devication ceremonies of the newly renovated \$67,000 Federal Recreation Building in Geneva being used for USO purposes listed His Excellency, Bishop Kearney of Rochester as one of the principal speakers.

the vounger age groups and the leakage proportion possibly Allowing for all this it seems legitimate to conclude that the Catholic population must be

ber of professed Catholics. about forty millions. It is in Thus the latest figures, for teresting to note too that the 1946, list almost twenty-five and number of conversions each one-half million Catholics out year is a little less than one of a total population of one hundred thousand, or one out hundred forty-one million. It of every thousand non-Catholics seems very possible with these each year. figures that we have very much

higher too



believing that there may well Madrid- (NC) -The plight be forty million Catholics in of 40,000 Spanish children, now the Spanish Information Office, published here.

Thirty-one per cent of the total population would mean on the part of relatives inside Forty-four million Catholics, but we must presume from the general demographic picture that the Catholic ratio is higher in

The most reliable argument presented is from the statistics of men in the armed service given in the National Catholic Almanac as 31 per cent Cath-All efforts to sectore the return of these children, not only

who while they do not publicly deny their faith at the same tirme quite completely neglect it. It is this thought that should

give us pause, so that while we regoice in the marvelous increase in the fold, we try at

grown to adulthood, who were sent to Russia during the civil war in Spain, is subject of an editorial in the news bulletin of

or outside of Spain but also on the part of the theoretical "government in exile," have proved fruitless, the editorial states.