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The Rosary For October

A vast union of prayer will occupy the Catholic world in the month of October. The Holy Father urges the following of this Church's direction of daily October Devotions, consisting of the Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, the Prayer to St. Joseph. These public devotions will be in addition to the private devotions suggested by the soul of each individual.

The Rosary Triduum

Bishop Kearney prescribes for every parish church the Solemn Triduum in preparation for the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, of the coming week will find the usual Rosary Devotions augmented by a sermon on the mysteries. Devout souls will find increased food for their religious desires, dedicated souls will enter sincerely and earnestly into the spirit of the Triduum.

The Teachers' Conference

It was an inspiring event that brought together more than one thousand Sisters for a two-day conference last Thursday and Friday at Aquinas Institute. Lay teachers and Priest Professors also attended. Leaders in the teaching profession from all parts of the country joined with experts from the diocesan field in presenting a program at once interesting and constructive. All features of the teaching curriculum from the primary grades up to the college course, received adequate attention. Every teacher attending returned home definitely improved in her capacity as a leader of the young; every teacher took home with her renewed inspiration to strive for the better things in the teaching profession. Added to the formal program was the valued opportunity of personal contact with so many personalities schooled in the art and science of teaching.

Signs And Wonders

Miracles were used by Christ to show His divine power. Many who hesitated to believe His Words were unable to deny His works. Some, indeed, began to believe only when they saw some sign or wonder wrought by Christ. Others took the testimony of those who had seen such signs and wonders. Thomas filled with faith in Christ, refused to have faith in His resurrection unless He could see the wonder of Christ's risen body with his own eyes. Christ said to Thomas: "Blessed art thou that have not seen and have believed."

Fr. Higgins Says:

GM and Norman Thomas

Norman Thomas, hardest perennial of them all, was quoted in the New York Times of September 20 as reacting for the nationalization of "monopolistic and semi-monopolistic corporations in which ownership has lost its functional usefulness of management."



He deserves to be taken a little more seriously, of course, but Americans — alarmed by the contrary notwithstanding — are curiously allergic to the wiles of Socialism and, for the most part — as Mr. Thomas himself can testify from long experience — are not even very interested in talking about the subject academically.

IN ACCEPTING the broad details of Norman Thomas' analysis of American industry — as substantiated, however unintentionally by a member of the high command of the General Motors Corporation — we are not in any way of course, concurring in Mr. Thomas' conclusions.

Mr. Thomas is perfectly in order in lamenting the concentration of wealth and the separation of ownership and control in large areas of contemporary economic life. And he's in the very best of company, of course, for it was Pope Pius XI who told us that economic concentration is "the characteristic mark of contemporary economic life."

"In the first place," the Holy Father declared in Quadragesimo Anno, "it is obvious that not only is wealth concentrated in our times but an immense power and despotic economic dictatorship is consolidated in the hands of a few, who often are not the owners but only the trustees and managing directors of invested funds."

ONCE AGAIN, Mr. Thomas' analysis is perfectly valid, but his conclusions are off the beam. He would have us substitute the public concentration of economic power (Democratic Socialism) for that corporate concentration which is all too characteristic of American economic life and which Mr. Thomas, to his considerable credit, has never tired of criticizing.

Pope Pius XI, on the other hand, would have us repudiate both the one and the other. Starting from the premise that "the supreme authority of the State ought... to let subordinate groups handle matters and concerns of lesser importance, which would otherwise displace its efforts greatly," the Holy Father concludes that if we need a "new approach to our problems" — and Mr. Thomas is perfectly correct in stating that we do — that new approach is to be found in the establishment of a system of self-government within industry, a system in which labor will be permitted to share with management in the regulation of industry for the general economic welfare.

The State, of course, would still be the supreme arbiter and would still have an important role to play — "directing, watching, urging, restraining, as occasion requires and necessity demands" — but it would not be dragged down into that "virtual degradation" which, at its worst, is synonymous with collectivism.

This is old stuff for Mr. Thomas who, of all presidential candidates in recent generations, is perhaps the best acquainted with the literature of social reform — but we call it to his attention again if only to suggest, in passing, that he is tilting with straw men when he assumes that there isn't any possible alternative as between our present economic system and his own familiar brand of Democratic Socialism.

Do You Remember?

25 Years Ago — Sept. 28, 1923
Retirement of Very Rev. J. J. Hartley as rector of St. Bernard's Seminary after 30 years service to be succeeded by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Andrew B. Meehan was announced by Bishop Thomas F. Healey.

Bishop Kearney's Pastoral

Daily Recitation Of The Rosary Directed In October

MY DEAR PEOPLE:
As we approach the month of the Holy Rosary, we do so with conflicting emotions. The present state of world affairs and the uncertainty about the future give us deep concern. However, our Blessed Lady's promise of the power of the Holy Rosary in the adjustment of world peace gives us hope and confidence. And even though the Blessed Mother of God had never come to earth with her own personal message of the power of this great prayer, we know it from the history of our Church. Indeed, the history of Christian civilization speaks eloquently and emphatically of the tremendous power of the Rosary to which the Church year after year dedicates the month of October.

IT IS IMPORTANT, then, more deeply important than ever before, that every parish and every individual Catholic make this Rosary month the occasion for special prayer to our Lady to win from her Divine Son that peace for the world which life alone can give. We must also beg the intercession of the Blessed Mother of God on behalf of the nations of the world struggling for readjustment, that all people may live once more as human beings, enjoying the blessings of a decent way of life, of liberty with honor and self-respect, and a measure of human happiness free from the horrors of impending wars.

I request, therefore, as your Shepherd in Christ that the Rosary Devotions this month of October take the following form throughout our diocese.

Red Liquidation

The author is a member of the editorial staff of the Michigan Catholic, newspaper of the Detroit Archdiocese, who has recently returned from a six-week stay in Poland.
By REV. STANLEY F. BORKICI
The Eastern Rite Church in Poland has disappeared. Five Ruthenian dioceses have been liquidated in Soviet fashion. Seven Ruthenian Bishops and more than 2,700 priests are in the hands of the Bolsheviks.

After the conference at Yalta, the Soviets wasted no time in taking over the territories and effecting changes to make them conform with their system. In April, 1945, the Soviet secret police (MVD) arrested all Ruthenian Bishops and their auxiliaries. A mass arrest and deportation of the clergy followed shortly afterwards.

Minister Convert

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Soviets Wiping Out Poland's Eastern Rite

It is no secret that Poland has Soviet missionaries ready to "convert" Catholic Ruthenians in Orthodox fashion. Full government sanction. Orthodox priests have been imported to the Ukraine from other parts of Russia to force the people to leave the faith and join the Russian church. Little is known about their work.

The Latin Bishops formerly ordinaries of dioceses that are now behind the "Curzon Line" have been expelled and are living in Poland. Thousands of Latin Catholics have been expelled forcibly and moved into Polish areas. Many families have now settled on the western lands formerly belonging to Germany.

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The Bishop's Appointments

- OCTOBER
1 Friday—St. Patrick's, Low Mass for the St. Monica Sodality — 9 A. M.
St. Bernard's Seminary, Students' Conference — 5:30 P. M.
2 Saturday—St. Anne's, Laying of Cornerstone of St. Anne's School — 3:00 P. M.
3 Sunday—Holy Rosary, Solemn Pontifical Mass, Patronal Feast — 10:45 A. M.
Seneca Falls, Silver Jubilee Banquet of Catholic Daughters of America — 6:30 P. M.
4 Monday—De Sales High School, Geneva — Low Mass — 9:00 A. M.
6 Wednesday—Washington, D. C. — Executive Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America.
7 Thursday—Dominican Monastery, Elmira — Reception Ceremony — 10:00 A. M.
Columbus Civic Center Auditorium—Mercy Guild Card Party — 8:00 P. M.
8 Friday—St. Mary's School of Business, Low Mass — 9:00 A. M.
St. Michael's, Lyons — Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
10 Sunday—St. Michael's, Solemn High Mass Coram Episcopo, Diamond Jubilee of St. George Commandery, Knights of St. John — 11:00 A. M.
St. Felix, Clifton Springs — Confirmation — 3:00 P. M.
Holy Cross, Ovid—Confirmation—4:30 P. M.
St. Francis de Sales, Geneva — Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
11 Monday—St. Bernard's Seminary — Ordinations — 6:30 A. M.
St. Thomas, Red Creek — Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
12 Tuesday—St. Joseph's — Solemn Pontifical Mass, Rochester Council Knights of Columbus — 9:30 A. M.
Seneca Hotel—Annual Columbus Day Banquet — 6:30 P. M.
13 Wednesday—Diocesan Building, Priests' Conference — 3:00 P. M.
St. Joseph's, Livonia — Confirmation—7:30 P. M.
14 Thursday—St. Joseph's Commercial School — Low Mass — 9:00 A. M.
St. Stephen's Rectory, Geneva — Priests' Conference — 2:00 P. M.
Holy Family School, Auburn — Priests' Conference — 4:00 P. M.
Holy Family, Auburn — Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
15 Friday—Nazareth College, Founder's Day — Low Mass — 9:00 A. M.
St. Patrick's School, Elmira — Priests' Conference — 4:00 P. M.
St. Patrick's, Elmira — Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
17 Sunday—Immaculate Conception, Ithaca — Centennial Celebration—Solemn High Mass Coram Episcopo — 11 A. M.
Immaculate Conception, Ithaca — Confirmation — 3:00 P. M.
St. Patrick's, Aurora — Confirmation — 4:00 P. M.
St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls — Confirmation — 7:45 P. M.
18 Monday — Ottawa, Ontario — Centenary of the University of Ottawa.
21 Thursday—SS. Peter and Paul's — Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
22 Friday—St. Paul of the Cross, Honeyoy Falls — Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
24 Sunday—St. Augustine's—Solemn Pontifical Mass, Golden Jubilee Celebration — 11:00 A. M.
St. Andrew's, Dundee — Confirmation — 3:30 P. M.
St. Michael's, Penn Yan — Confirmation — 4:30 P. M.
St. Stephen's, Geneva — Confirmation — 7:45 P. M.
25 Monday—St. Augustine's — Confirmation — 3:30 P. M.
26 Tuesday—East Rochester Community Center, Dedication Ceremonies and Civic Banquet — 6:00 P. M.
27 Wednesday—Old St. Mary's, Low Mass for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women — 9:00 A. M.
Chamber of Commerce — Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Luncheon — 12:30 P. M.
Holy Rosary — Confirmation — 7:30 P. M.
31 Sunday—St. Michael's, Livonia Centenary Celebration — Low Mass — 11:00 A. M.
St. Cecilia's, Elmira — Confirmation — 4:30 P. M.
St. Patrick's, Elmira—Adult Confirmations 7:45 P. M.

Calendar of Saints

SUNDAY, October 3. — St. Therese of the Child Jesus. She was born Marie-Francoise Therese Martin in 1831 at Alencon, France, and at the age of 15 entered the Carmelite community at Lisieux. Her progress in the spiritual life was such that she was made Mistress of Novices at the age of 22. She died in 1897.
MONDAY, October 4. — St. Francis of Assisi. He was born in 1182 and was early inspired with a love of poverty and humility. Many joined themselves to him and were constituted a religious Order by Pope Innocent III.
TUESDAY, October 5. — St. Placid and Companions, Martyrs. He was born in Rome of a patrician family in 515. At the age of seven his father took him to the monastery of Subiaco and at 15 he followed St. Benedict to establish a monastery.
WEDNESDAY, October 6. — St. Bruno. Founder of the Order of the Carthusians. He was born in Cologne about 1030. He traveled extensively as a natural gift at Paris. He was made canon of Cologne and later held the same office at Rheims.
THURSDAY, October 7. — Feast of the Most Holy Rosary. This feast also commemorates St. Mary of Victory a day which Pope Pius V instituted to be kept each year in memory of the victory granted to the Christians in a naval battle against the Turks after invoking the help of the Mother of God.
FRIDAY, October 8. — St. Bridget of Sweden. She was a member of the Swedish Royal Family and was born in 1303. She received the Holy Spirit of Sweden at the age of eight and from many years ago she and her husband separated by mutual consent he joined the Carthusians and she founded the community of St. Saviour in the Abbey of Wasterin.
SATURDAY, October 9. — St. John Leonard. The founder of the Congregation of Clerks Regular of the Mother of God, he was born in the 16th century in Luni in Tuscany. He cooperated with St. Philip Neri, St. Joseph Calasanctus and other famous lay men of the time in restoring Church discipline and converting sinners.