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Back To God

In a time when so many have turned their back on God...

Here is my great work during Lent, to draw nearer to God...

But by far the more important work of Lent is to use spiritual means to draw nearer to God...

Let our zeal in drawing nearer to God be some atonement...

Live With The Church

To the thoughtful Catholic, the Church will always be the chief object of interest...

We should live with the Church! We should have her teachings ever before us...

We live with the Church when we are aware of her activities...

Our Home Obligation

Missions of all types call for our interest, our cooperation...

This First Sunday in Lent offers us our annual opportunity to make up the fund...

Fasting Forty Days

Christ has given man the example, Christ has fasted forty days and forty nights...

He fasted forty days and forty nights. He fasted in the desert, away from the distractions of human associations...

He fasted for our sake. He would have us know the value of fasting as a penance for sin...

Fasting forty days. So Christ at the beginning of his fast...

Mr. Higgins Says:

Who's a Goon?

The editor of the Michigan Catholic official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Detroit...



Mr. Higgins is a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations and the Catholic Press Association...

IN ANY EVENT, as a part of our normal routine as secretary-treasurer of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems...

We haven't any fault to find, therefore, with management as a class...

The trouble begins when we start to talk about the principles of Catholic social teaching...

If, for example, we criticize Communism in labor movement and pray for its speedy downfall...

On the other hand, however, if we criticize anti-unionism and pray for the speedy organization of the unorganized...

The Michigan Catholic letter is a case in point. The first two paragraphs suggest that we are opposed to management as a class...

THE WRITER OF THE letter is harking back to an earlier column in which we merely said that Catholic social teaching is strongly in favor of unionism...

We didn't say anything about "goons" for the very obvious reason that to the best of our knowledge...

But suppose they were a bunch of goons? It would still be true that the Church favors the organization of the unorganized...

Perhaps we can clarify the issue by the use of a simple example. The Church defends the right to private property...

In summary, then, the issue is fairly simple. We are not opposed to management as a class...

Enough of us ought to emulate the attitude of Pope Pius XI. It was he who said...

Calendar of Saints

Sunday, March 8 - SS. Perpetua, Felicitas and others, Martyrs...

Monday, March 7 - Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, Confessor...

Tuesday, March 6 - St. John of God, Confessor. He was a native of Portugal...

Wednesday, March 5 - St. Francis of Rome, Widow. She founded the Oblates of Tor de Specchi...

Thursday, March 4 - The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste. They were Christian soldiers...

Friday, March 3 - St. Euthymius, Bishop-Martyr. He was a devoted monk who became Bishop of Sardis...

Signature on 'Confession' of Cardinal Indicates Torture

Muriel Stafford, handwriting expert of the New York Daily Mirror staff...

By MURIEL STAFFORD (N. Y. Daily Mirror)

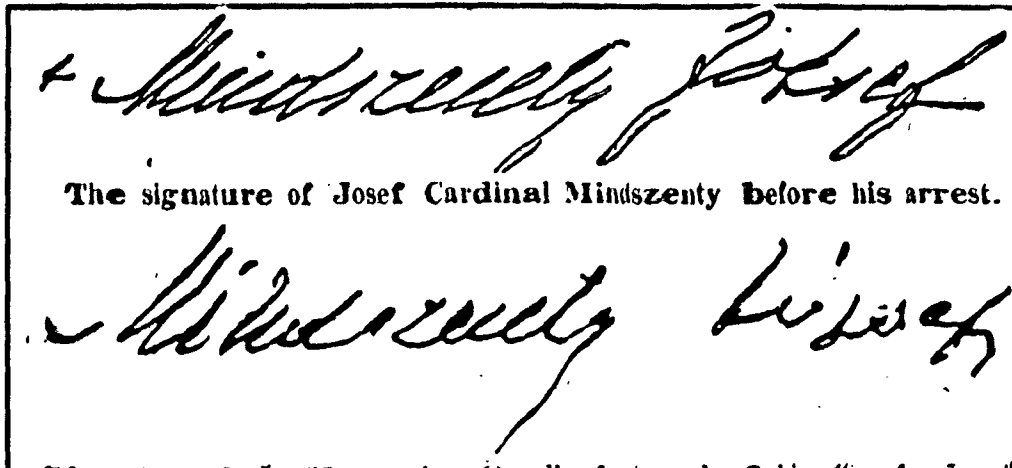
The story behind Cardinal Mindszenty's "confession" is revealed with terrible vividness in these two signatures...

are missing entirely. Others are so blurred and shaken...

Notice the end of each word. The "y" in Signature One is a rounded, gracious formation...

whole word ends with a straight, forceful line. In Signature Two the blurred "f" stumbles to a broken and down-slanted finish...

Throughout history those greedy for power seemed to try to justify themselves by extorting a "confession" from the victim...



The signature of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty before his arrest.

Signature of the Hungarian Cardinal at end of his "confession."

strong-minded person of strong will and courage. The writing is large, steady, firm, clearly formed and fluently written.

From Christ to Joan of Arc to the present day we see the same pattern in horrifying repetition.

There have been accusations that Cardinal Mindszenty was drugged and tortured. To deny these accusations—and to release a "confession" with such a signature—is an insult to the intelligence of every one of us.

Pope of Rome Plus XII First 'Roman Pope' in 2 Centuries

Washington - (AP) - The election of Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli as Pope on March 2, 1939, marked the first time since May 8, 1721...

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POPE PIUS XII was born in the Eternal City on March 2, 1857, so that his election as Pontiff actually came on his 83rd birthday.

THE FUTURE Pope was at the side of Cardinal Gasparri when he became Papal Secretary of State in the Pontificate of Benedict XV.

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However, after one year he was overruled by the Pope because his delicate health was not suited to the office.

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Advertisement for Abbe Bousset's sea worthiness models, featuring a ship and text about scientific studies on water resistance and ship fabric effects.

Dr. Gillis Says:

Disease... or Sin?

In one of the Sunday supplement magazines there appeared recently an article, "Gambling is a Disease."

Next will come cheating and thieving. And lying. And sloth and lust and anger, even the anger that results in manslaughter, and murder. Every thing that used to be called a sin is now listed as a disease.

Throughout history those greedy for power seemed to try to justify themselves by extorting a "confession" from the victim...

WITH THE SENSE of sin has gone the sense of shame. The person who used to be called a "sinner" is now to be thought of as a victim.

Some chemical element in the blood is responsible, or some mental condition for which he is no more to blame than if he had a tendency to tuberculosis...

According to the new theory "praise," "blame," "guilt," "shame" and all other words suggestive of moral responsibility are outmoded...

Of course the law has not yet caught up with science. Law, like theology, lags behind.

Already the law takes account, in a kind of reluctant way, of the scientific fact that a small boy who tortures animals...

So of a young girl who is excessively and precociously fond of boys. She is not to be scolded or spanked still less to be threatened.

UP TO THAT POINT the new theory has made a place for itself since the introduction of experimental psychology or mental pathology.

There will be no penalties or punishments, no jails or other places of enforced detention. There will be only "retreats," "refuges," "rest homes" for burglars, murderers, kidnappers, counterfeiters...

In a word, theology will have to relinquish the ancient notion of sin, and the law must cease to speak of crime.

To push the modern theory so far may seem to be an exaggeration. Perhaps it is a reductio ad absurdum.

Perhaps the keepers of Buchenwald and Dachau and Sachsenhausen were men and hence not criminals. Perhaps there is no real scientific difference between an habitual youthful citizen who suddenly goes berserk...

A LITTLE COMMON sense would seem to indicate that we must not too easily surrender to the new view that excessive drinking and gambling and adultery...

He did it because he would. He simply refused to apply the law of self-defense as the pagan moralists called it...

In the end he got what was coming to him, a helplessness in regard to resisting temptation. To refer to him as a sick man...

It was a wise Catholic bishop of a generation ago who used to say, "It's a sin to be sick."

Do You Remember? 25 Years Ago—Feb. 29, 1914

Members of the Catholic Young Men's Association of St. Joseph's Church, Rochester were urged to remain true to and be proud of their membership in the Catholic Church by Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell and Attorney Eugene J. Dwyer speaking at the 28th annual banquet.

In his first message delivered in the Shrine Chapel on March 3, 1939, the day following his election, His Holiness Prayed for "Peace for all the world."

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