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Dupes of Pagan Ideology
Buildings To Rise In 1949
By Mgr. William M. Hart

The Aquinas Stadium

With the breaking of ground this week, the Aquinas Memorial Stadium passes from the dream stage into the realm of actuality.

Bishop Kearney presided at the function, and pulled the lever that set the diesel digger into action.

The Aquinas Memorial Stadium comes from the people of the community as a lasting memorial to the boys of Aquinas who gave their lives for their country in the late war.

It is a matter of joy to all concerned to see the near-at-hand fulfillment of the plan to give Aquinas Institute a worthy arena for its sports program.

For Culture And Peace

Our country has just witnessed a gathering of long-haired and quiet delegates to a Peace Convention dominated by representatives of and sympathizers with a philosophy and a regime that has sounded the death-knell of true culture and world peace in Russia.

The pictures supplied by the press told a story more eloquent than words could give. It showed a collection of faces and personalities entirely out of line with what normal people are accustomed to.

It is nothing to laugh at easily. The world must be in a sorry state to make possible such a burlesque on truth. But the world of sensible men is not fooled by the antics of these dupes of a pagan ideology.

1949 A Memorable Year

The present year will carry for the years ahead a record of events that will be worth remembering.

Friends of Nazareth rejoice in the accomplishments of the first twenty-five years of that great college in which educational records have kept pace with material developments.

Great credit is due the Sisters of St. Joseph, to President Mother Rose Miriam and Past-President Mother M. Sylvester, to Dean Sister Terese Marie, and to the learned faculty for the excellent history Nazareth has made.

St. Andrew's Seminary

Within a month work on the new St. Andrew's Seminary will be in full progress. Buffalo Road will become the site of a permanent home for our historic school for candidates for the priesthood.

Again we find the dreams of clergy and laity coming true in the new St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary. It will help make 1949 a memorable year.

St. Margaret Mary's Church

Rogers Parkway will join its urban neighbors in giving Rochester a splendid new edifice for a growing parish. The new church is well on its way to completion.

St. Monica's lists a new school along with St. Anne's and St. John the Evangelist's in Greece.

St. John Fisher's College For Men

Soon shall the stately buildings of St. John Fisher's College begin to take form. Bishop Kearney with the Basilian Fathers plan to present to the Diocese of Rochester a fully equipped college approved by the Church and by the Board of Regents of the State of New York.

Jesus Hid Himself

The purple today hides Christ from us. His body is covered on the crucifix; the statues representing Him are likewise covered.

Jesus hid Himself! He hid Himself principally from His enemies: from those who dared not accuse Him of sin even though they sinned themselves by refusing to believe in Him.

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A stinging rebuke to radicals who disparage American students and promote foreign ideologies was delivered by the Rev. Bernard Hubbard, S.J., famed "Glacier Priest," in an Aquinas Institute lecture.

Family Prayer

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN

New York City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII held up the United States as an example in the crusade for family prayer in his annual address to the pastors and Lenten preachers of Rome.

"If the crusade for prayer in the family is received with such fervor in other countries, if even well-known actors of the greatest film center of the world have given themselves to the service of a cause so sacred, how could Catholics of the Eternal City remain behind?" the Pope declared.

"Scores of top-flight Hollywood stars have donated their services in the past two years to take part in the Family Theater radio program, whose slogan is: 'The family that prays together stays together.'"

"He pointed out to his priests that the urgent need of the day is an intensification of the ordinary pastoral ministry in the face of the present spirit of irreligion, even among Catholics, and the violent campaign against God and the Church."

THE HOLY FATHER deplored the spirit of the age, which finds "many — among whom it is painful to see not a few Catholics — who live as if the only object were to make a paradise on earth, without any thought for the last things in the life beyond, in eternity."

"Often God is not derided nor injured, nor blasphemed," he continued. "But He is as if absent. Propaganda for an earthly life without God is open, seductive, continuous."

When one thinks, on the one hand, of the appalling crudeness and indecency which are displayed in newspapers, magazines, on the screen, the stage, and on the other hand, of the inconceivable aberration of parents who go with their children to amuse themselves with such horrible things, one blushes with the blush of shame and indignation."

AS ANTIDOTES TO these evils the Holy Father set forth the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and preaching on the primary truths of the Faith, mentioning in particular the doctrine on Hell.

While the desire for Heaven is a more perfect motive than the fear of eternal punishment, the Pontiff said, "It does not follow that it is for all men the most efficacious motive for keeping them far from sin and for turning them to God."

"There is no time to lose in arresting with all our efforts this slipping of our own ranks into irreligion and in awakening the spirit of prayer and penance," he said.

Looking at the spiritual preparation for the Holy Year, the Holy Father praised the work of pastors who are inaugurating a Sunday Mass for men.

He saw four benefits from this practice: the shaping of men of prayer who will make their families sanctuaries of prayer; the achievement of self-control, mortification and obedience to God's law; a stirring by the men and their families of all that offends decency and the moral law in the press, films and theater; and a final obedience to the Vicar of Christ coupled with a close union among themselves where the defense of the Church is concerned.

DECLARING THAT HE did not wish to discuss the intentions of film producers, the Pontiff nevertheless stated that in films, labeled morally blameless, men live and die as if there were no God, Redemption or Church. This condition, he said, aids in the harmful propaganda deliberately fostered for the formation of an atheistic family, society, and state.

"It is a torrent whose muddy waters seek to penetrate even into the Catholic sphere," he continued. "How many there are who are already contaminated! With their youth they profess they are Catholics, but they do not perceive that their conduct betrays that profession."

Speaking of the violent campaign being carried on by the enemies of the Church through the spoken and written word, the Pope said that for them the most absurd arguments are good if they serve the purpose of scattering the unity and cooperation of Catholics and shaking their faith in the Vicar of Christ, the bishops and the clergy.

"Their favorite weapon is calumny," he said, "because they know well that it is never entirely harmless, but inoculates minds with doubt, suspicion and criticism and heats with dissatisfaction which sometimes becomes even hatred."

Do You Remember?

25 Years Ago — March 28, 1924

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Krass, rabbi of Temple Emanuel told the National Republican Club in New York that with the exception of the Catholic Church, the churches of the United States had not done their full duty in the matter of providing religious education for their children.

"A total of 1,300,000 pounds of food and clothing was sent to Germany through the Catholic Central Clothing Committee with headquarters in New York."

10 Years Ago — March 30, 1939

Consistency in carrying out the teachings of the Church and "saturation" of Catholic homes with wholesome literature were urged by Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester in addressing 7,500 members of New York Police Department Holy Name Society at annual Communion Breakfast in Hotel Astor.

A large Sodality turnout in St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, was commanded by Archbishop Healy as a youth tribute to the Blessed Mother at Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Kearney.

5 Years Ago — March 30, 1944

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Catholic Statement Condemns School Films On Sex Education

(Statement by New York State Catholic Welfare Committee on the two films entitled: "Human Growth" and "Human Reproduction.")

Two films dealing with human reproduction are presently listed in the State Department of Health film library. These films were not produced by the State Department of Health.

The first, "Human Growth" was prepared by the E. C. Brown Trust of the University of Oregon; and the second, "Human Reproduction," was produced under the auspices of the McGraw-Hill Company, with Dr. Harold Diehl, Dean of the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, as Technical Advisor.

AT THIS TIME, these films are being distributed through the State on specific request from recognized community organizations or from duly constituted health and educational authorities. The film, "Human Growth," is intended for school children in grades six to nine. "Human Reproduction" is intended for parents and adults.

The New York State Catholic Welfare Committee is deeply concerned because in some parts of the State local Boards of Education, stimulated by parent-teacher groups, have attempted to show "Human Growth" to children in the public schools. Our Committee feels that great spiritual and moral harm will come to children and youth if this program is continued.

To inform Catholic parents of the threatening moral danger to their children, we make the following observations:

Human sex is sacred, holy, created by God and intended for His high purposes. No youth should be thrust into adult life without a proper understanding of the nature of sex and an appreciation of his own duties regarding it.

Sex education, properly given, is a gradual process of development beginning with the child's earliest years and extending even into adult life; it is so extensive, yet so intimate, it cannot be imposed upon the individual like a new cloak, sex education is so important that the instruction of each child must be directed and controlled by those who are designed by God for this purpose.

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youth against the dangers of sensuality by means purely natural, such as a foiblely initiated and precautionary instruction for all indiscriminately even in public; and, worse still, by exposing them at an early age to the occasions, in order to accustom them, so it is argued, and as it were to harden them against such dangers.

Specific observations may now be made regarding the two films "Human Growth," intended for presentation to pupils in grades six to nine, and "Human Reproduction," a more mature treatment of the same subject matter:

1—HUMAN GROWTH: This film should not be viewed by junior or even senior high school boys and girls, for the following reasons:

(a) Classroom presentation of this subject to children violates principles of sound sex instruction, offends Christian modesty and is liable to leave grave consequences in its wake.

(b) A showing of this film to young people in a school setting assumes that sex education is legitimately a part of general education provided for all children under the compulsory education law.

(c) The picture itself is based on the misconception that all children mature at the same time and that all are ready simultaneously for the

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The Bishop's Appointments

APRIL

1 Friday — St. Patrick's, Low Mass for the St. Monica Sodality — 9:00 A.M. Nazareth Academy, Sodality Reception — 2:30 P.M. St. Bernard's Seminary, Students' Conference — 5:30 P.M.

2 Saturday — St. Bernard's Seminary, Ordinations — 6:30 P.M. Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse, Visitation — 10:00 A.M.

3 Sunday — St. Patrick's, Annual Mass for the Nocturnal Adoration Society — 7:45 A.M. Old St. Mary's, Low Mass, Provincial Meeting of Newman Clubs — 10:30 A.M. St. Joseph's, Weedsport — Confirmation — 2 P.M.

4 St. Mary's, Waterloo — Confirmation — 4:00 P.M. St. Patrick's, Rochester — Confirmation — 7:30 P.M.

5 Monday — St. Ambrose, Confirmation — 8:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

6 Tuesday — St. Anthony's, Confirmation — 8:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

7 Wednesday — Sampson College, Confirmation — 7:30 P.M.

8 Thursday — Church of the Annunciation, Confirmation — 7:30 P.M.

9 Friday — Mercy High School Auditorium, "Lady of Fatima" Play — 8:30 P.M.

10 Saturday — Nazareth Motherhouse, Visitation — 10:00 A.M.

11 Sunday — Mercy High School, Low Mass for Alumnae — 9:30 A.M.

12 Tuesday — St. Andrew's Seminary, Low Mass — 9:00 A.M.

13 Wednesday — Aquinas Institute, Low Mass — 9:00 A.M. Nazareth Academy, Benediction — 11:00 A.M.

14 Holy Thursday — Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Solemn Pontifical Mass and Blessing of Holy Oils — 10:30 A.M. Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral — Terenary Services — 7:30 P.M.

15 St. Patrick's, Holy Hour, Nocturnal Adoration Society — 10:00 P.M.

16 Good Friday — Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Solemn Pontifical Mass of the Proanointed — 9:00 A.M. Pro-Cathedral — Three Hours Services — 12 M. to 3:00 P.M.

17 Easter Sunday — Pro-Cathedral, Solemn Pontifical Mass — 11:00 A.M. St. Monica's, Blessing of New School — 4:00 P.M.

18 Monday — St. Andrew's, Blessing of New Convent — 8:00 A.M. Powers Hotel, St. Elizabeth Guild Luncheon — 12:45 P.M. Powers Hotel, Annual Banquet of the Catholic Women's Club — 7:00 P.M.

19 Tuesday — St. Bernard's Seminary, Ordinations — 6:30 A.M. April 28 to May 28. Bishop's "Ad Limina" Visit to Rome.

Calendar of Saints

Sunday, April 3 — Passion Sunday. Ordination of the Feast of St. Rita, the first female Bishop Confessor. He studied law and a brilliant marriage to the priest, who later became a Cardinal, later becoming Cardinal of the university.

Monday, April 4 — St. Isidore of Seville, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor. Son of a noble family of Castile, Spain, he was the brother of St. Leander and St. Fulgentius and St. Fulgentius was his sister. He translated the Scriptures into Spanish and was a great scholar in the struggle with the Arian heresy. He died in 646 and was declared a Doctor of the Church when he was 16 years after his death.

Tuesday, April 5 — St. Vincent Ferrer, Confessor. He sided in good faith with the Avignon pope. When it became clear to him that the Avignon party was not right, he turned his efforts toward bringing Rome into obedience with the legitimate Pope and he is credited with being the primary cause of the cessation of the schism.

Wednesday, April 6 — St. Timothy and Dionysius, Martyrs. They were martyred at Philippi in Macedonia, probably victims of the Arians, at about 347.

Thursday, April 7 — St. Epiphanius and Companions, Martyrs. St. Epiphanius was an African Bishop but the date of his life and his See are unknown. He is commemorated in the Martyrology with St. Donatus, Paphos, and 13 others as having sacrificed for the Faith.

Friday, April 8 — Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These sorrows are the progress of the Holy Spirit, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the infant Jesus in the Temple, the child's death examinations, a storm which would reach \$200,000 yearly by 1955 is set aside for these purposes for all schools, including non-public schools.

The U. S. Commissioner of Education would disburse funds directly to non-public schools, under this section in those States where State agencies are not permitted to grant tax money to non-public institutions.

THE AID TO needy students under this bill would go to persons between 16 and 65, and would include both tuition payments to the schools and subsistence payments to the students. The bill apparently leaves it up to each State to determine which educational institutions, public and non-public, may be attended by those who are eligible for the aid.

The largest amounts, \$1,000, 000,000 apiece per year in 1953 and after, would go to raise public school teachers' salaries and to expand the public school plant.

School Aid AFL Bill in House Would Help Parochial Pupils

WASHINGTON, N. Y. — A House Education bill which would provide \$1,000,000,000 a year for school purposes has been introduced into the House by Rep. John Lewis.

Members of parochial and other private school children are eligible for health and welfare benefits under the bill.

THE MEASURE, as introduced at the request of the American Federation of Labor and embodies the Federation's suggestions for the improvement of American education through Federal aid.

It divides the aid into five categories: (1) For salaries of public school teachers.

STRANGE BUT TRUE Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. I. MURRAY



Scenes from the life of ST. GERMANUS (378-448)

Cost of completing the rebuilding of ST. ANDREA DELLE FRATTE, Rome, in 1826 was defrayed by selling CARDS, MATCHES, ENVELOPES, ST. GERMANUS' CHURCH, ENGLAND.



Mid Lent Sunday has become MOTHERING SUNDAY BECAUSE THE DAUGHTERS BRING THE DAISY BASKETS OF US BEING OUR MOTHER.

Football is played in the streets of Chester-le-Street and other English towns on Shrove Tuesday. It is said to have originated as a means of driving away evil spirits before the solemnity of Lent begins.

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