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Bishop's Letter

On May Devotions

to our develor to the Blessed Mether of God. Publicly and privately we have fellowed the rule of celebrating

Meaned Melher during her own Month of May. Surely the Mened Mether will be near to all of us furling the Hely Year. She will help us to a worthy hour vance of this time of prayer and penance. She will

els as this for a suffering world the blessings of

during May into all our churches, our families, our homes,

With a prayer that Mary may bring rich blessings

Devotedly your Shepherd in Christ,

+ James E. Kearney,

Bishop of Rochester

The Holy Year should give new and deeper meaning

the gleries of Mary all through the month

of May. We shall follow again this year the

public program of devotion to Mary with

evening services in every church on all the

days of May. Recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loretto, a short meditation, Bene-diction of the Blessed Sacrament, will prove

a naturary fulfilment of our daily duty to the

"love," of it good. There in Inspirational writers and free-lance preschers who nalle their entire appeal on the grapel of

love - love Gretta Palmer without an object, love existing in a vacuum.

Our modern emphasis on nection for the sake of action or the sake of action or wilming along the high-ways on Bunday afternoons at the sailos as hour with no place io go . . . is allied to the other maranama idea that just faving with automatically solve the problems of the human soul.

Yet love can be an dangerous a frate. The man who loves dultery or morphine or his own imbitton is not being saved by new lady-love each meason may se locally known as a "greatin the romantic tradition. But Hollywood's gossip colum-

My Dear People:

INTENSITY OF feeling is at tractive to us all. We are drawn towards those who care deepty. We understand, intuitively, why Mary Magdalene was lorgiven much for loving much. But the conjoined, ains of Mary Magdalene were. But this is not a sentimental the results of much loving, too. world, in which the pleasant Great love is not always beauti- emotion of loving can solve the energy is always admirable.

The love of the saints is distingulahed no more by its inten votion to its purposes may be sity than by their faultless choice of the exact center of the proper target for the heart of man. The mind, as well as the will, must do its job, and do it well if we love perfectly.

THAT IS ONE teason why education about ultimates is so essential, why the lack of religious and philosophical training leads to a host of tragic mistakes in human lives. Men, who have not been taught to ask. as well as a heart You cannot, "What shall I love?" do not, as a result, cease to love.

For our wills are formed for loving, and if they do not op-

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Without an Object, Love is in a Vacuum

erale, we suffer and are sad, Loving anything at all is a joy, because it is our easiest exit from the sell, our quickent way of tossing our attention out, like a ball, so that it is somerate from the self with which it should not be too long conjoined.

ful, any more than energy is all human dilemma. Ardent young ways heautiful, any more than men who join the Communist Party do not fulfill their natures, no matter how fervent their de-

> Rusinessmen who fall in love with success may enjoy all the happy palpitations of the lover approaching a rendezvous when they examine their buiging bank accounts; but what they lave is so much less than what they were formed to love that the action will lessen. rather than complete them.

You may, in a moment of pique, compisin that man has thus been burdened with a head, in any reasonable mood, escape the fact that he is stuck with a head, as well as a heart, and that to use one without the other is to hop through life instead of walking on two lega.

"I LOVE humanity, but I hate people," says a character in an Edna St. Vincent Miliay play. That is what often happens to the muzzy-minded men who wish to love, at any cost. They love an ideal which is so remote from everyday reality that it can never dissappoint them - for they can never meet it face to face. They love the "good"-which ! they are careful never to define lest it should make demands of them to perform some small service for it, here and now.

"Just love" as an ideal is one of the neatest doigen by which man can delude himself, and think himself a very noble fellow, without ever stirring from his soft armchair; to those whose wills are sluggishly centered on the nelf, "just love" cam be a drug.

But to the others-the activista—the ones who have to lose themselves to live—"just love" has an even more dangerous appeal. For it enables them to serve any cause, however base, under the illusion that, so long as they are courting a nervous breakdown by their intensity of service, they are among the wise ones of their day.

Editorials

Let Us Resolve Now To Turn to Mary in May May Germany Be an Example to Men of Faith Permit the Little Ones To Come Unto Christ

.By Msgr. William M. Harl_

Call Mary Blessed

The prophecy of a simple Jewish maiden made nineteen hundred years ago has seen its partial fulfillment in each succeeding century since. That prophecy sees further fulfiliment as each new year rolls around. From the home of her cousin at Hebron, Mary foretold that "from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." How that simple sentence has reverberated in all nations and in all generations! How have the children of each new generation vied with those who have gone before them to sing the glories of Mary as the Mother of God and Our Mother!

All through the days of the year, men and women and children of every type of race unite in one glorious hymn of praise to Mary. Morning prayers put right next to the Our Father the Angelical Salutation—the Hail Mary; the Rosary repeats fifty times in each part, one hundred fifty times in the complete Rosary, this heavenly prayer that unites the words of God's own Angel of the Annunciation to the words of the Church to form a prayer that originated in Heaven and had its development on

The Litany of Loretto gives us Mary celebrated in prophecy and in realization, in titles full of theological and mystic and historic significance—presenting the Mother of God in all the phases that appeal to our devotion as we call her blessed. The "Memorare" and the "Hail Holy Queen," the "Regina Coeli" and the "Ave Regina," the 'Alma Redemptoria Mater," are canticles often on our lips. The feasts of Mary are universal in their observance—the Immaculate Conception, the Annunciation, the Assumption: while she has a definite place in the feasts of Our Lord—the Nativity and the Circumcision.

One might wonder why May should be set aside for the Blessed Mother in view of the constant service given to her on every day of the year. But no true servant of Mary will have any difficulty in giving the answer. The most beautiful month of the year belongs by right to her who brought to earth the source of all earthly and heavenly beauty, Our Blessed Saviour. May emphasizes in a special degree our love and devotion to Mary and helps us fulfill with greater zeal her holy prophecy: "Behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed."

Away With Communism!

All the world witnessed on last Sunday the action of the two great bodies of Christians that make up Germany, condemning the current drive by pagans to overcome Germany by the evils of Communism. Protestants in their churches listened to the strong statement of their leaders assailing the bold attempt of haters of Christianity to deprive the people of their faith and of the means to practice it. Catholics heard an equally strong attack on the pagans of this time and an appeal to the people to be on their guard against Communistic efforts to steal away their

Away with Communism! May the example of Germany be a good example to men of faith throughout the world. Faith and unfaith cannot exist together. Sensible men will not easily believe the claims of these enemies of God and enemies of mankind, in the light of what they have done and are doing to millions of persecuted and sufforing men under their domination.

First Communion Days

The work of the Church goes on. It is a work of faith. behalf, the so It is a work of bringing Christ anew to new generations rising in the Church. It is never taken up merely with the negative mission of answering charges against religion: its apologetic work of giving responses to each new enemy | France of Christ, as he appears on the scene is always a side-line to the great and essential work of preaching Christ and

The Church marches on! Note the activity now on in every parish of preparing the little ones to receive their First Holy Communion. The ancient Church, the Church of the early years, and the Church of Christ today follows the way of Christ in permitting the little ones to come

First Communion days! How the Lord must rejoice as each new group of His little ones present themselves at the Altar Rail to receive Him for the first time in Holy Communion! Faith reigns in little hearts, God's Sacrament begins its work in tiny souls, God's graces begin to affect them even as they come to realize for the first time all that their membership in His Church means for them. May the love and the devotion of these little ones of the Flock of Christ be a reminder to us of our own First Communion Dayl May the work of the Church continue to go on bringing sanctification and justification to all!

A Little While

Jesus had told His Apostles that forta little while they would not see Him, and after a little while they would see Him again. He knew that they were inquiring what was meant by "a little while." Therefore, He spoke words telling them of the sorrows that would be theirs, of the sufferings they would undergo in the world; but He told them that their sorrow would be turned into joy-a lasting joy which no man could take from them. And the cause of that joy would be the fact that they would see Him present with them.

A little while! Compared with eternity, all the years of the world can be considered "a little while." Time passes quickly, More quickly in times of joy, more in a dragging manner in times of sorrow. Every one of the Apostles suffered at the hands of wicked unbelievers. Every one of them was persecuted even as their Master was persecuted. The world rejoiced at the sufferings of Christ, at His seeming defeat in death. The world rejoiced as each Apostle was killed for Christ. The world rejoiced because it considered death meant

ruin for each Apostle and for his work. A little while! Today's Apostles suffer even as did the first twelve. Minor persecutions are with the Church in every place: major persecutions afflict many lay persons today along with their spiritual leaders. Time seems to go on interminably with no cessation or lessening of the wickedness and cruelty of the pagan oppressor. Communists rejoice at what they are doing to make Christians suffer. Especially do they rejoice, at the ignominious state to which they have reduced a

Mindszenty and a Stepinac. We have Christ's word for it that this period of persecution will one day appear in its true light, when modern martyr's are again blessed with the lasting presence of Christ, when eternity will make the time of suffering seem, indeed, a little while.

A little while! The true follower of Christ will have this phrase ever in mind-to help him give himself entirely to the things of eternity, and to have a great contempt for the things that must pass away-that he can have only for a little while!

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

Dr. Alexis Carrel's 'Voyage to Lourdes'

-By Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P.

There has just appeared from pilgrim patient, Marie Bailly the it is that acienilsts about the Harper's press a little book that calls her Marie Ferrandi who scientific method in the coatter I could have used to good effect seemed about to die of tuber of investigating miracies as Grotto and in the hospital. The "tolerant skeptic" got what he it in blang, he "got more than he home, bargained for."

"Here was a girl," he says, "on the point of death at noon and well again by seven in the Fr. Gillie evening." Lerrac (Carrel speif. account of a miracle—any mira-; calm and regular, eighty times

"Confusion flooded Larrac's in nature or was it a new fact, concludes an astounding, unacceptable event-a miracle?

body to a clinical examination which he describes in detail, and came to the conclusion "She was cured In the span of a few hours, a girl with a face already turning blue a distended abdomen, and a fatally racing heart had been restored, except for her weakness and emaciation, to Thereupon the "tolerant skep-

of investigating miracies as cular peritonitis. Having met the lacts, and how it is that they

> Dr Carrel rational rest what he had seen by harboring doubts about his own diagnosis and by the reflection that some day at natural force would be discovered which would explain "supernatural" facts

BY THE TIME he got around to writing 'Man the L'nic nown." (1935) the skeptic had become less skeptical He says point blank ip 149; the attitude of most physiologists and physic cians in regard to miracies can nat be sustained. He enumerates some of the diseases that have mind. Was this merely an ap been instantanously or almost, parent cure, an extraordinary instantaneously cured by inch functional improvement, the re- "influence of prayer upon pathop sult of the violent stimulus of logical lessons." "peritoneal tun autosuggestion? Or had the berculosis, cold abscesses, ostely lesions really healed? Was this its suppurating wounds jupus a rare but accepted phenomenon cancer Potts Disease" and he

"Such facts are of profound significance. They show the reality of certain relations, of atil unknown nature, between paychological and organic processes. They prove the objective importance of the spiritual activities, which hygenists, physicians, educators, and so-8 ciologists have almost atways? neglected to study They open) to man a new world."

We are of course thankful to the eminent scientist for his "Better late than never." But speaking for mysel I would have welcomed "Mai the Unknown' long before 1932 and the account of The Voyage to Lourdes (1903) long before; 1950. It takes science a long

B'NAMOW VIEWPOINT

- By Marie Weidman

cal factors and attributes.

As a nation we are both

harshiv competitive and highly

istic, often puerile, yet there is

a tonic and buoyant quality to

American life which holds out

so much promise to the new

comer. But unfortunately, oth-

er nations judge us by the

most obvious elements in our

society - and so often these

prove to be the most objection-

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ples and often alienate them from us more or less completely. tertainment level' Also, generations of American tourists tramping irreverently

freshes in any of the Montmartie Tower in dollars and confusing dogmatically and summarily cafes, no lemon cokes in the French culture with conditions Louvre, nor anywhere else up or along the Place Pigalle, have not the lovely length of exactly endeared us to the beneficence of the Marshall dislike us? This whole interest on drive, initiative and resource

IT WOULD SEEM as if the French could take our dollars mental cast of American. better than our soft drinks .- thought, which is indeed a comsomehow thru the war years plexity of many quite paradoxicoke and American culture got intermingled, at least in European minds, and the mixture has not been pleasing to Continental

fading culture.

Inherent in the idea of French men sitting in **Maxim's sipping** Cokes instead of aperitifs, is the thought that the next step would be for the French to abundon themselves to the fuke box to all benumbed thereafter by the quiv ering walls of Mr. Sinatra.

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Question Goes Deepel Than Draught of Coke

Although we may find it dif .. Take the whole question of our think the much discussed Ameri angle It is true that there if can way of life is the answer to Hollywood enamel over a lot of precisely all of this planet's our values, and this does not raise either our living or ouf thinking standards, it merely int flates therm Consider just hov THERE ARE elements in our idebilitating an effect our insis! culture which puzzle other peo- ence on the movie and radi hanny and ing has had on over er

BUT IT HURTS to hear vast and truly wonderful tional development dismiss comic book culture Our Was Independence created an almonew ethnic entity, since American character as it gra-Just for social history pur-ually evolved through the poses, then, why do Europeans mands of our history, was base ing question goes deeper than fulness to a degree unheard a long draught of Com Cola. It in the old, static European reaches away down to the funda- ciety.

The idea that anyone can ter his condition, here in Ameca. If he tries, is part of t frontier spirit we developed a still maintain. That it seems li ited to bettering one's materi condition, chiefly, is the unplea ant angle that is making us ra idly a sleeping pill, gastric

We have not had time yet to consolidate our gains or to reflect upon our future. We must slow up now, though, because the world will have to go at our pace—the French, too.

MAY DAY IN MOSCOW



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for which we pray,

The conviction of Harry Bridges | and file of his Pacific longshore | they be concerned now? has brought with it a great deal union. Oddly enough no reporter of applause and inspired some or social investigator has thought warm enthusiasm for the demo- the matter sufficiently important

eratic processes. may be shortlived. Bridges may preme importance. yet encape deportation and his entence aven it upheld, may turn out to be no more than nominal one or two years, al. of his union only second in imwing time of for good be-

It many not be long, therefore, mutil Australian Harry in left was the West Const docks plying: Jula trade and serving begreen and bolder left-wing

nd in not so much the perional fate of Harry Bridges, but rather the effect that his con- By A. C. Tuchy

to find out where stridges now Yet the victory, and the gov. stands with his dockers. And ernment may rightly call it that, yet this is a question of su-

> THERE IS NO doubt that Harry would consider the loss portance to his deportation. Without his union Bridges is a

There is no doubt either that Bridges has held the Pacific longshoremen in a tight of these dockers are not Communist but they tolerated a

grip for fifteen years. Most left-wing labor leader almost without protest ever since the general strike of 1934. If they were not alarmed about his political loyalties then, will

The important question in my detion will have on the rank

TRANGE BUT TRU
Little-Known Facts for Catholics Ry M. J. MURRAY



All is Not Finished in The Harry Bridges Case

Bridges did not reach impor tance on the San Francisco docks because of his good looks, his intelligence or his charm. He produced for the workers. He took over the union when the AFL had failed, when Joe Ryan proved himself unable to the task of holding the confidence of the rank and file, and when the shippers were unwilling to

regularize dock work Due in great part to Bridges' union and the CIO, Pacific longshoremen now have their own hiring hall. The abolition of the scandalous and denumanizing "ahape-up," which still prevails on the East Coast, has brought some form of security to West Coast dockers. The workers will

not easily forget their debt. ON THE OTHER side of the ledger, however, it must be remembered that Bridges has lost some status in recent years. His proposal, after the war, that workers adopt a nostrike policy. was merely the mouthing of the Copyright, 1950, N.C.W.C. News Service. current Communist line and covered Bridges with no glory. His public feud with Phil Mur ray has not strengthened his support among the rank and file.

And the Hawaii debacle was a defeat for Bridges. Nonetheless, Bridges has had ten years and more to put his ewn men into key union poaltions. Left-wingers though they may be, they are skillful parliamentarians and experienced union leaders. They will not easily be displaced.

Some years ago, during the strike of 1934, Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco, on meeting the dock leader, said: "Mr. Bridges, smile. A sense of humor comes in handy at a time like this."

Bridges did not smile then, mor is it likely that he smiled when he was convicted. But he will smile even less if he should lose control of his union. The job of displacing these leftwingers will not be easy.

Let us hope that the ACTU in San, Francisco and other interested Americans there will selse their opportunity and come up with a rank and file movement that will insure good trade unionism while it

30 or 40 years ago, "The Voyage to Lourby Alexia Carrel. In my early days in the spostolate, lecturing to and answering their questions from both pulpit and plat-

form. I badly wanted a careful; and, so to speak, atrictly clinical cle-witnessed by a competent non-Catholic.

I had heard some of the experjence, of Alexis Carrel, who was on the staff of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, but my informant was not the doctor himself. At that larity. time Dr Carrel seemed rejuctant to communicate his information to the public. Later he published "Man the Unknown," in which is to be found a discussion of the phenomenon at the shrine of Lourdes. Afterwards he wrote magazine articles more or less directly upon the subject But by that time it was too late for my particular purpose.

msbre recent years I used to meet Dr. Carrel and had long conversations with him. His philosophy and theology-as far as I could seewere quite Catholic. In the end he died with the sacraments. He had come a long way from the skepticism of his youth.

NOW COMES the publication of a manuscript written in 1903, tic" proceeds to describe the bat found armong his papers after the in his mind between accepthis death in 1944, "The Voyage ance and rejection of the superto Lourdes." It is a step-by step, natural explanation of the phenaccount of a cure witnessed by Dr Carrel himself

On the train from Paris he

had been summoned to assist a

amid resound ing Gallic nasality and without a single ou la la raised in its very American been banned

Plan notwithstanding.

For a long time, western Europeans felt the gradual and even subtle inflitration of American standards, outlook and values into their respective countries. They have not liked it. Therefore, for the French to permit anything so colloquially American as Coca-Cola to flow in their midst, would be to totally raillotine their inimitable and fine, yet

MOST REV. JANES E. KEARNEY, D.D., President.

ed backward) "put his hand on her wrist. The pulse heat was a minute. Yet a few short hours ago it had been so accelerated, so fluttering, that he could hardly count it. Her respiration had also become completely normal; her chest rose and fell with slow regu-

HE SUBMITTED the girl's

omenon. His inward struggle is as interesting a phenomenon as the miracle

Catholics often wonder why

young woman, he decided to still reject the obvious truth pay special attention to her case. that the laws of nature eannot He watched her closely at the explain what happens at Lourdes, Saint Anne de Bemupre, Fatima, Guadalupe and indeed was looking for. In fact, to put in dozens of places meafer

time to catch up with Faith.

Those fifty million Frenchmen, who are never wrong seem to ficult to accept, a lot of people, entertainment, which is a topic have scored again. This time, including the French, do not everyone can discuss from somili

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