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WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

Flowering June World Reveals God's Glory

By Marjorie Weidman

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A LOOK AT LABOR

GM Contract Is a Lesson In Good Labor Relations

By A. C. Tuohy

The recent contract signed by the United Automobile Workers and General Motors is a precedent-shattering in many ways: 1. It marks the first time that a large union and a giant corporation have willingly negotiated contractually for five years.

The average GM worker now earns \$66.00 weekly. At the end of another year his base pay will be \$67.50 for a forty-hour week. In five years his pay will rise to \$74.00. In addition, his take home pay will increase when the cost of living increases.

This year probably will be even more prosperous. GM undoubtedly considered its ability to pay when it made these five-year commitments. 7. It reverses, for a time at least, the bitterness that has characterized collective bargaining in the automobile industry.

Editorials

Diocese Joins In Hailing New Bishop Priest in Retirement Marks Golden Jubilee 5 Diocesan Priests Greeted On Jubilee By Msgr. William M. Mori

For Good Of His Church

Over the priest about to be consecrated a Bishop, the three officiating Bishops pray that the kindness of God providing for the good of His Church may bestow the abundance of His grace upon this chosen one, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

For the good of His Church! From the beginning Christ has provided for His Church. Directly from Him the first Apostles received the abundance of grace that marked them as Bishops. Through them and their successors in all succeeding years the abundance of God's grace has been poured forth upon chosen ones through the imposition of hands in the sacrament of Holy Orders.

For the good of His Church! So did Pope Pius XII provide through the election of Most Reverend David Frederick Cunningham to be Bishop Auxiliary to the Most Rev. Walter A. Foley, Bishop of Syracuse. So acted the Cardinal Archbishop of New York in officiating as Consecrator at the imposing and significant ceremony in Syracuse Cathedral last week. For the good of the Church, Cardinal Spellman, with Bishop Foley and Bishop McIntegart as Co-Consecrators, consecrated Bishop Cunningham to the fullness of the Priesthood.

For the good of the Church! To carry on the ministry of the word and of grace, the Church needs new Bishops in the succeeding years. To ordain new priests, to confirm new soldiers for Christ, to judge, interpret, consecrate, ordain, offer, baptize and confirm, each new Bishop is consecrated—for the good of the Church. To administer diocesan affairs, to aid the Bishop to whom he is made Auxiliary, to look after every interest of the diocese and its clergy and its people. So is the newly consecrated Bishop dedicated to a life of service—for the good of the Church!

Priests and people of Syracuse Diocese join with Bishop Foley in hailing Bishop Cunningham as a Prelate of the Church of God. The faithful of the neighboring dioceses united with their Bishops and clergy in paying their tribute of love and respect to the new Bishop. We of Rochester paid our meed of congratulatory through Bishop Kearney who preached the consecration sermon, and through the large number of priests who honored him by being present at the solemn ceremony marking the consecration of a graduate of St. Bernard's Seminary.

For the good of His Church! May God bring to His Church everywhere, and especially in the Diocese of Syracuse abundant good through the career of Bishop Cunningham! God bless him in his labors for Christ!

The Fiftieth Year

Only a few priests attain to the celebration of their Golden Jubilee of ordination. Fifty years ago the Rev. Thomas M. O'Connor was ordained by Bishop McQuaid. Alone of his class he now celebrates his Fiftieth Year of Priesthood.

Retired from active service after many years in work as an Assistant and as a Pastor, Father O'Connor observes his Jubilee quietly with only a few close friends and fellow priests present with him. But we may be sure that those who have known the ministrations of this zealous man of God, who has memories of his parochial care of the sick and the dying, of his application of every power of mind and body to instruct and edify the faithful, of his eager fulfillment of every priestly duty, give thanks to God on this Golden Jubilee of his ordination.

Father O'Connor was the first Assistant of Corpus Christi Church, where he labored with the first Pastor, Father Leary, and with Monsignor Curran. His memory is still green with the older members of the parish, and the fruits of his ministry in Rochester remain even as does the memory of his priestly acts in other parishes he has served.

May God bless Father O'Connor on his Golden Jubilee with new graces and with the recollection of priestly graces well used in fifty years of sacerdotal life!

Silver Jubilees

Five priests of the Diocese of Rochester observe this month the Silver Jubilee of ordination. Looking back with gratitude to God for the blessings of their younger years, they rejoice to anticipate the years ahead in which new accomplishments for Christ and His Church await them.

Bishop and priests send them Jubilee Greetings. Devoted parishioners are to the front with warm expressions of appreciation for work well done. Friends and relatives vie with one another to wish them joy in work accomplished, God's blessing on their future labors in the Priesthood.

To Fathers Schneider, Sturmer, Wurzer, Szecepanski, John Newcomb, the Courier-Journal extends hearty congratulations on twenty-five years of priestly life spent zealously and fruitfully in God's service. May abundant Jubilee joys be their portion as they contemplate the completion of the earlier portion of the career Christ has assigned them, and look forward with renewed zeal to the promise of the portion that remains.

May the career of priests such as our revered Jubilarians continue to be a benison for God's Church and God's people—may it encourage young men to follow gladly God's call to the priestly life!

Publicans And Sinners

Put these semi-outcasts over against those who looked down on them, over against the Scribes and Pharisees. Whatever made them seem better in their own eyes, surely made little impression on Christ. Christ knew the publicans were reputed as the dregs of Jewish society, Christ knew the sinfulness of many who sought Him out. But Christ knew also the good spirit that led the publicans and sinners to come to Him. Not to carp and criticize, not to find fault with His actions, but to listen to Him, the Scribes and Pharisees came only to complain that He received sinners and welcomed them to eat with Him.

Christ showed His mercy to the publicans and sinners—He looked on them as His lost sheep, as the poor woman looked on the drachma she had lost. He told the hard spirits who felt they were so close to God of the joy there is in heaven on one sinner that does penance, repents of sin.

More joy in heaven! What a consolation to publicans and sinners among us that they are welcome to approach near their Lord, to listen to His word, to seek His pardon! And the attitude of Jesus is no mere passive one—He is eager to welcome them, to forgive them, to pour His saving grace into their souls.

All about Him and His angels are just ones, men and women in whose proven goodness He surely takes much joy. But so eager is He for the conversion of sinners, that for Him and for His angels there is more joy than all the just can give Him in the return of one sinner to His Sacred Heart. Give joy to Him by your sorrow for sin and purpose of amendment.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

The 'Well-Documented' Mr. Paul Blanshard

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

After the spate of book reviews and advertising burbs describing Paul Blanshard's "American Freedom and Catholic Power" as "thoroughly well documented," it was a relief to find Father Francis J. Connell in the "Cornell Law Quarterly" checking up on some of that documentation.

So much for Mr. Blanshard's "documentation" praised so highly by such bigwigs as Dr. John Dewey. I venture the guess, by the way, that Professor Dewey spent little or no time running down the references presented by Mr. Blanshard. The aged oracle of Columbia probably took a quick glimpse at the author's 28 pages of references and jumped to the conclusion that Mr. Blanshard had read and rightly reported the books and articles to which he refers.

There could be only one justification of an outsider's telling us how much money we should spend, or not spend, and that would be if we were to spend it for some illegitimate purpose, like the building of schools, the purchase of books and of lunches, the transportation of pupils, the conducting of hospitals and asylums, the payment of salaries illegitimate?

Even supposing that we were to spend ten billion dollars on construction alone, whose business is that? Also, may I ask where are we? In the land of the free or in an enslaved country behind the iron curtain where the Church cannot move hand or foot, take in or pay out a penny except at the will of the tyrant?

FURTHERMORE, he seems to forget that whatever millions or billions the Catholic Church pays for construction and maintenance of schools, hospitals, or changes and other institutions is just as much money saved for non-Catholic taxpayers.

To make his offense worse, he displays a hypocritical concern for the poor abused Catholics, as if they were dupes, dragged into paying for things in which they don't believe and that they don't want.

THE TOP OF MY MIND

Looking for a Needle In the Wrong Haystack

By Gretta Palmer

The academic world is filled with little stories of research workers who after twenty years of concentrated effort came up with a discovery which someone else had published in a foreign journal a month or two before we had to see people talking about it.

WHAT PERSONALITY factors are responsible for the ability to cooperate with other human beings? It is a question answered by any bright boy in the first grade of a parochial school and the answer is simply "charity."

How can people triumph over difficult circumstances or make a dignified compromise with them? Any Catholic employed at the Institute as scholar or as scrubwoman can answer that one by offering up the pain and difficulty in union with the sufferings of Our Lord.

But the final question is the one in which Catholic assistance (for a much smaller fee than \$100,000, too) might be most usefully sought. For how, the Institute wishes to know, do these same effective and happy people "achieve a satisfactory and satisfying adjustment to their total environment?"

THE ANSWER to that question is the answer to almost all 564 questions of the modern world. It is to expand the heart to a notion of charity that fits the facts of reality. It is to see our environment as something that is not a hindrance but a help. It is to see it as a second to second by the way.

Advertisement for St. Nicholas Tolentino (1846-1906) featuring a portrait of the saint and text describing his life and the availability of his works. It also mentions a special train for Pope Pius IX in Paris and a 115 ft Monte Testaccio.