

Editorials

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The Crowds Saw It

Jesus was so well known that crowds assembled to meet Him wherever He went.

It was no matter of wonder that they had faith in the power of healing that Jesus so constantly manifested in the cure of afflicted men and women.

They were witnesses of Christ's power to cure; Christ cured the paralytic for a speci-

fed purpose—that the crowd might know His power to forgive sin by seeing the exercise of His power to cure the paralytic.

The crowds saw Christ's power in action! They kept it in their memory. They glorified God for giving such power to men.

The crowds saw it; the world sees it today in the historical account given to men not long after the death of Christ.

Holy Hour For Peace

Threatening weather reduced the number of those who took part in the Eucharistic Hour of Prayer for Peace last Sunday.

Bishop Kearney presided as members of five religious orders led in the recitation of the Five Glorious Mysteries, and the Bishop gave the Eucharistic Meditation.

The Holy Name Union is to be congratulated for the sponsoring of this outstanding religious pageant.

Redemptorists, Franciscans, Divine Word Fathers and Brothers, Capuchin Fathers, Carmelites and Capuchinas were among the religious who added color to the ceremony.

Deus Annuit Coeptis

An old expression, applicable in all its fullness of meaning, seems called for in the Solemn Dedication of the new St. Rita's Church in West Webster.

It has given to the Church two prelates in the persons of Bishop Thomas Hendrick of Cuba and his brother, Monsignor Joseph Hendrick, and a churchman of the younger generation in the person of Monsignor Wilfred Craigh, Ph. Mag. Agr., rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

A LOOK AT LABOR

A Law In The Spirit Of Justice and Charity

By A. C. Tuohy

We still need a good labor law, one that would be an improvement on the Wagner and Taft-Hartley laws, but a law devised by the government with a view toward bringing labor and management closer together rather than driving them further apart.

The passing of Robert Denham as General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board can be attributed to four main reasons.

1. The contradictions in the Taft-Hartley law itself. 2. The imprudent conduct of Robert Denham. 3. The opposition of organized labor. 4. The inconsistency of President Truman.

From the beginning the opposition came between the NLRB and the General Counsel, and it is probable that the Taft-Hartley law would have been in trouble.

Deus annuit coeptis! God has blessed its beginnings! With solemn ecclesiastical pomp and significant ritualistic prayers and ceremonies, Bishop Kearney has brought the new St. Rita's Church into the great group of parishes that make up the Diocese of Rochester.

Coldwater Diamond Jubilee

It was the Holy Spirit that in the beginning of the world found the earth void and empty, and darkness on the face of the deep.

Seventy-five years ago the Holy Ghost hovered over Coldwater in this diocese, hovered over the hearts of a faithful German community settled there.

Bishop Kearney joined with the Rev. Albert J. Geiger last Sunday in a solemn act of thanksgiving to the Holy Ghost for the graces of these seventy-five years.

Centenary of Penn Yan

A solemn service in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of St. Michael's parish in Penn Yan has been arranged by the Rev. Francis Waterstraat, pastor.

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Our congratulations to Father Waterstraat and his devoted people on the happy occasion of this centenary celebration.

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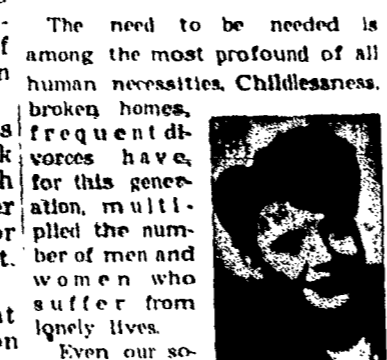
Bishop Kearney's Appointments

OCTOBER

- 1 Sunday - St. Michael's, Penn Yan - Centennial Celebration - 10:30 A.M.
2 Monday - Holy Family High School, Auburn - Low Mass - 8:00 A.M.
3 Tuesday - Carmelite Convent - Low Mass - 9:00 A.M.
4 Wednesday - De Sales High School, Geneva - Low Mass - 8:30 A.M.
5 Thursday - Columbus Civic Center, Opening Campaign for Columbus Youth Association - 8:30 P.M.
6 Friday - Syracuse, Provincial Congress of Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.
7 Sunday - Holy Rosary, Solemn Pontifical Mass - 10:45 A.M.
8 Monday - St. Joseph's, Commercial School, Low Mass - 9:00 A.M.
9 Tuesday - Nazareth College, Cap and Gown Investiture - 2:00 P.M.
10 Wednesday - Holy Family, Auburn - Solemn Pontifical Mass, Carmelite Fathers' Celebration - 10:00 A.M.
11 Thursday - St. Joseph's - Annual Columbus Day Mass - 9:00 A.M.
12 Friday - Auditorium Theatre - Pageant, Tercentenary of Sisters of St. Joseph - 8:00 P.M.
13 Sunday - Nazareth Motherhouse - Solemn Pontifical Mass, Tercentennial Celebration of Sisters of St. Joseph - 11:00 A.M.
14 Monday - St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira Heights - Confirmation - 4:00 P.M.
15 Tuesday - St. Patrick's, Elmira - Confirmation - 5:15 P.M.
16 Wednesday - Convent of Missionary Helpers of the Sacred Heart, Ithaca - Low Mass and Blessing of New Convent - 7:00 A.M.
17 Thursday - Holy Apostles, Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.
18 Friday - St. Bernard's Seminary, Pontifical Requiem Mass for deceased Alumni - 10:00 A.M.
19 Saturday - Holy Trinity, Webster - Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.
20 Sunday - Hotel Sheraton, St. Bernard's Seminary Alumni Reunion Banquet - 1:00 P.M.
21 Monday - Most Precious Blood, Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.
22 Tuesday - St. John's, Clyde - Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.
23 Wednesday - St. Patrick's, Moravia - Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.
24 Thursday - St. Patrick's, Danville - Centennial Celebration - 11:00 A.M.
25 Friday - St. Patrick's, Danville - Confirmation - 2:00 P.M.
26 Saturday - St. Mary's, Danville - Confirmation - 3:00 P.M.
27 Sunday - Church of the Assumption, Mt. Morris - Confirmation - 4:30 P.M.
28 Monday - St. Agnes, Avon - Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.
29 Tuesday - St. Joseph's, Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.
30 Wednesday - St. Mary's, Geneseo - Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.
31 Thursday - St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport - Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.
32 Friday - Immaculate Conception, Ithaca - Confirmation - 7:45 P.M.
33 Saturday - St. Anne's - Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.
34 Sunday - St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York - Centennial Celebration of founding of Archdiocese of New York - 10:00 A.M.
35 Monday - Holy Family, Auburn - Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.
36 Tuesday - St. Leo's, Hilton - Confirmation - 7:30 P.M.

The Top Of My Mind

By Gretta Palmer



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The need to be needed is among the most profound of all human necessities.

Even our social institutions conspire to make the lonely lonelier. Fifty years ago the unattached lived in boarding houses of greater or less degree of elegance.

The suffering that comes from this cause of many modern maladies makes it an important event that Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen has written a new book.

Happiness, he shows, is not to be found on the level of the ego and its whims.

Life of Grace

A Life of Growth

There are no indifferent acts when one is in the state of Grace, the author states.

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Is This A Christian Nation?

Text of Sermon by the Very Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S. J., former President of Fordham University, at the Sixth Annual 'Red Mass at the Opening of the Courts of Justice,' celebrated Sept. 28 by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in St. Joseph's Church, Rochester.

In the summer of 1947 President Truman reassigned Myron Taylor as his personal representative at the Vatican.

In it he said without qualification—"Your Holiness, this is a Christian nation"; and for thus offending certain elements in the country he has been accused of violating the Constitution by an attack on the sacred white elephant that separates church and State.

The accusation is of course fantastic and unimportant except for the fact that it calls our attention to an alarming phase of our national development.

After all was the President right? Are we a Christian nation? The question can be answered several ways.

CERTAINLY WE are not a Christian nation by law established, as England, Sweden and Spain are Christian nations.

The words are clear enough, but the background of that simple sentence is an interesting one.

No, the Church which James Madison and the rest did not want established in the United States was the church which had collected tithes in the Colonies for generations—the Church of England.

So by the First Amendment, which is now violently twisted to prohibit the mention of God in an American school, the Founding Fathers merely wished to make it clear that the Church of England was disestablished in America and that no other was to take its place forever.

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supposed in the Democracy they bequeathed to us a Natural Law binding rulers and ruled, to which all positive law must conform.

The note of warning on our moral standards has been sounded often enough in America to make us mildly apprehensive, but it shocks us to hear ourselves denounced as pagans by the Soviet press.

When they speak of bourgeois morality it has a brand new meaning now. Formerly it was used to sneer at clean-living, upright, truth telling and common decency.

They point out that by 1950 one out of every two American marriages will end on the rocks, so that half of the next generation will never have known the common blessing of a normal home.

AND YET, the President was not altogether wrong. We are a country with at least a Christian past which cannot be ignored.

It was because of the Church's teaching on Personality that we fell heir to the tradition that no man has the right to impose his will on another except as God's representative.

He mentioned the Colonists, too, who either came here specifically to practice Christianity or brought some form of Christianity with them.

The 39 signers of the Constitution, the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence, plus a few great men like John Jay and John Marshall, were almost without exception practical Christians.

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