

Editorials

By Rt. Rev. Msgr.

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To The Crowds

Matthew could count. He was present as Jesus spoke. He noted the large number who listened. He noted it was a small group, so moderate gathering. It was a crowd!

Sunday's Gospel mentions only two of Christ's parables. The mustard seed, tiny among all seeds, but growing up into a large tree—even as Christ's Church was to grow in extent.

The leaven, told of its penetrating effect on all the world, changing it and altering it from pagan darkness into the light of the children of God.

In parables, Christ's hearers were accustomed to the parable as a form of teaching. They were not college men and women—they were from the farms and villages of Palestine.

Thanksgiving Day

A truly Christian act on the part of our national and state leaders was the institution of Thanksgiving Day. Inaugurated many years ago, it continues to call for the proclamation of President Truman and of our state and municipal leaders of the present day.

It should mean more to us today because so many formerly Christian governments have become pagans; but ours still believe in God, still serve God, still give thanks to God.

Spiritual gifts have been ours in abundance. Freedom of conscience, freedom to practice our religion, freedom for our churches and schools, are traditionally ours.

Americans should feel prompted to greater and more devoted public and private practices of religion because we are so singularly blessed among the nations as a free people nationally recognized and respected as children of God.

For America's Harvest

Material gifts are ours through God's goodness. Field and farm, orchard and woodlot, flocks and herds combine their fruitfulness to make us an annual gift of food and clothing and shelter, that mean prosperity to all by God's bounty.

Our great holiday calls us from business and farm duties, from schools and professional offices, to give thanks to God for all His gifts. As good Americans, proud of our heritage of freedom, devoted to the God who has so blessed us, we will be eager to utter our prayer of gratitude in the silence of our own room, and in the sacred solitude of our church, as our pious and personal observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving For Catholics

Thanksgiving is an integral part of all prayer, particularly of the great prayer we call the Mass. Reverent rejoicing in the country of our holiday dinner, with traditional turkey presiding proudly on the festive plate, and cranberries adding a ruddy accompaniment to the golden hue of squash and the hearty brown of pumpkin pie, is all in order.

But fasting is but part of our tribute of thanksgiving. Soul must join body in our program for Thanksgiving. The Catholic who begins Thanksgiving Day with a fervent prayer at his bedside as he rises from sleep; who starts out early in the morning to hear Mass and to receive Holy Communion; who joins with the priest in lifting up his hands and his heart unto God in the Preface of the Mass, the age-old liturgical prayer of gratitude—he is reacting gloriously to the challenge and the promise of Thanksgiving Day.

Faith In Action

In the passing this week of Mr. Michael H. Shea, the Church in this diocese has lost a man of faith and a man of action. Reared in a home where God ruled from the beginning, nurtured in the finest traditions of Catholic culture, Michael Shea lived for God and for God's cause.

A trustee over many years of Immaculate Conception Church, one of the original Trustees of Aquinas Institute and its Treasurer during its early years, a Trustee of St. Elizabeth's Guild House for young women and its treasurer till his death, he gave a valued and skilled service that meant much to his Bishop and to the corporations on which he served.

His career as a leader in business circles was outstanding. His life as a churchman was exemplary. The years he lived will be remembered by the fact of his passing; they will be remembered by the memory of the many good things he has done for God and his neighbor. May his life of dedicated service be a mighty force for good in the hearts of the many who were prompted to make their lives one day for God and love for their brethren.

Substitution



A LOOK AT LABOR

By A. C. Tuohy

Labor Makes Some Political Mistakes

The political analysts will have a field day during the next few weeks trying to explain the failure of organized labor to defeat Senator Taft in Ohio.

This was a political defeat for organized labor in this sense, at least, that many Ohio workers cared little about whether or not Taft had authored the so-called "slave labor law."

Had they been willing to accept some of the more worthwhile provisions of the Taft-Hartley law, they would have been in a better position to convince the voters that many other provisions were unfair and unworkable, as impartial critics of the law long have maintained.

Having taken the position that they were beyond regulation, they created the suspicion that Taft-Hartley law might have some merit after all. Senator Taft skillfully made the point that his labor law was harmful to union officials, not to rank and file workers.

Aspect of Senator Taft Victory

Bishop's Appeal For Sisters of St. Joseph

My Dear People:

The Sisters of St. Joseph celebrate this year the three hundredth anniversary of their foundation. For close to one hundred years, the Sisters have been actively engaged in every phase of Catholic service in the Diocese of Rochester.



In the development of their program, they have seldom asked for assistance from the diocese. I do not feel that this centenary should close without some material expression of our gratitude to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

While the sisters have not been affiliated with every parish, I do feel that there can be few parishes without some men and women whose lives have been enriched by the teaching of some sister of St. Joseph in the past.

We cannot avoid the admission that we are deeply indebted to the Sisters of St. Joseph. I feel that no collection could be large enough to express our appreciation.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ, + JAMES E. KEARNEY Bishop of Rochester

THE TOP OF MY MIND

Modern Schools Putting First Things Last

By Gretta Palmer

(Miss Palmer, widely known author, is a convert to Catholicism.) "How Good Is Your School?" asks Life magazine in a recent issue in which American education is discussed.

Spokesmen for the Church already have pointed out that the Life articles were incomplete and misleading, since they ignored the millions of American pupils who are taught in parochial schools.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

Advertisement for St. Peter's Parish featuring a Christmas tree and text: 'ALL ROMAN CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE BAPTIZED IN ST. PETER'S PARISH. Sometimes 60 babies receive Baptism in a day.' It also mentions St. Felix of Cantaluce and St. Charles Borromeo.

MSGR. SHEEN WRITES . . .

The Three Causes of Love

Every love rests on a tripod. Every love has three bases or supports: goodness, knowledge and similarity.

Take goodness first: a man may be mistaken in his choice of what seems to him to be good, but he can never desire anything unless he believes in its intrinsic goodness.

Without this reaching out towards goodness, there would be no love, neither love of country, nor of pleasure, or friend, nor of spouse. Through loving, each heart tries either to acquire a perfection which it lacks, or to express the perfection it already owns.

THE GOODNESS which we love in other people is not always a moral goodness. It may be physical goodness, or utilitarian goodness. In such cases, an individual is loved because of the pleasure that he gives us, or because he can "get it for us whole sale."

THE THIRD leg of the tripod on which love rests is similarity. Similarity between two persons, leading to love, need not indicate that they are alike in actual fact. It is merely that one possesses actually what the other would desire.

Because the human heart, itself imperfect, desires perfection, we seek, through love, to make up for our own deficiencies. The homely young man will wish to marry a beautiful girl; the potential boss a lady (which he does not possess himself, but for which he has a hunger) attracts him to that which is beautiful beyond himself.

Knowledge, in the early stages, is a condition of love; but as the relationship deepens, love increases knowledge. A wife and husband who have lived together many years possess a new kind of knowledge of each other, deeper than any spoken word or any analysis of motives could provide.

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