

# Editorials

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## Will Not Pass Away

We have in St. Luke's Gospel of the First Sunday in Advent the same message of Christ recorded for us by St. Matthew in the Gospel for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost. The end of the world, the general judgment, the nearness of the fulfillment of the prophecy of Christ concerning them—all are proper thoughts for meditation as the Church year closes and a new one begins.

Let one thought from Sunday's Gospel will serve to sum up the lesson Christ would teach us here. It is the passing nature of this world, and the lasting nature of spiritual things. Heaven and earth will pass away; all that we have here below will one day be no more.

But the words of Christ will not pass away! These words on which our faith is based, on which our lives have their only right guidance, are never to be supplanted by

any other teaching, are never to be declared outdated or outgrown for present-day conditions.

My words will not pass away. Let us cling to the words of Christ! Let us find in them ready direction for our course of action in the world. Let us know them as the revelation of a loving Father to His children on earth. By following the words of Christ, we shall pass a useful and happy life on earth—we shall attain to a happy eternity in Heaven. My words will not pass away.

Let us begin Advent with this thought in mind! The greatest event in all history is the Birth of Christ. Our spiritual welfare depends entirely on Him. All other things must fall, must pass away. Christ and His words will be with us always, all through our life here, and for all eternity hereafter.

## Our New St. Andrew's

A dream dear to the hearts of all diocesan Catholics is the dedication and opening of the stately gem of architecture that is the new St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary. Our minor seminary has always been an object of hearty interest to our Catholic people. In its new setting it is far more than a school; it is the gift to the diocese and to the priesthood of the many thousands of the faithful that make up our parishes.

Leaders of St. Andrew's have made signal sacrifices for the new building; they have prayed for its early completion; they have cooperated with Bishop Kearney and their priests in making possible a school of ecclesiastical training second to none in the country. They mourn as a unit the sad passing of Monsignor Lyons on the very eve of the fulfillment of the hopes of many years. They welcome the new Rector, Rev. Maynard Connel, M. A., as a worthy successor of Monsignor Lyons and the earlier Rectors, Monsignor DeRogge, Monsignor Michael J. Nolan, Father Luddy.

Founded eighty years ago by Bishop McQuaid, named by him after St. Andrew, the Apostle revered as patron of the ancient

see of Rochester in England—poor in material means, but rich in zeal and talent for the rising up of young Levites and preparing them for the Holy Priesthood—the school has had an eventful history.

The years have brought increased registration, with accompanying increase in the faculty, and a constantly growing list of graduates who have gone on to the Priesthood to be leaders in our parishes and diocesan councils. St. Andrew's appeals to all for what it has accomplished—St. Andrew's appeals to us of the present generation for what it promises to give the Church in the future.

So on the Feast of St. Andrew with Solemn Pontifical ceremonies, in the presence of Bishop Foley of Syracuse, of Bishop Gibbons of Albany, our beloved Bishop Kearney pronounced the prayerful words consecrating all the building to its cherished destiny of housing students and faculty for the years to come for the building up of God's Priesthood, for the preparation of men called of God for their higher studies at St. Bernard's Seminary.

## Memories For Old Graduates

Gathered with their Bishop were the clergy of middle and advanced years, reliving their old days at St. Andrew's and thrilling to the happy future facing their beloved Alma Mater. Younger priests came from their parishes and schools and offices, to add their prayer for God's blessing on the

school that fostered their vocation and made ready the way to the Priesthood. Still younger priests just welcomed to God's altar in Holy Orders, added their part to a ceremony whose solemnity was matched by its singers appeal to the emotions of thoughtful, and grateful alumni of St. Andrew's.

## Memories For The Student Body

Over two hundred members of the present student body will carry with them in their coming years of study and into the days of hope accomplished as they follow out their ministry, the glorious picture of the dedication of St. Andrew's. Crowned by the sublimity and stately ceremonial of the Pontifical Mass, by the presence of clergy and laity adding their fervent prayers to those of Bishop Kearney, by music at its best in the school's tradition, the scene shall not easily fade from the memory of any beholder.

Surely surrounding the solemn dedication ceremonies were the spirits of the men of old—founders and teachers in the Seminary, in-

spiring and gifted guides of their pupils. Monsignor Bergan, Father Killean, Father Ryan united with Monsignor DeRogge and Doctor Nolan to mention just a few leaders. Revered professors of an earlier day still living included Father Luddy, Father Simpson, Father Curtin, Father Kohl, Monsignor Burns.

The students will find the memories of these revered teachers inseparably connected with the solemn rites of this Patronal Feast, by which St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary is launched on its blessed career in a building worthy of the great cause of training young men for the Priesthood.

## For The Catholic University

The principal endowment of our great Catholic University is the continued interest of the millions of Catholics throughout America in its support. The First Sunday in Advent finds in every heart the desire to answer the appeal of Bishop Kearney to his people to find a worthy gift for the collection.

God has not blessed many of our people with riches—we cannot endow our University as do millionaires for secular universities and colleges. But we can merit God's blessing by our gift made in accordance with our means. Our dollar added to the dollar of our brethren will mean needed support for the great national school of Catholic culture.

## St. Ann's Of Palmyra

To Father Doran and his people at St. Ann's in Palmyra go the congratulations of clergy and laity on the Centenary of the parish. A century of service to God's people has meant great things spiritually to the present generation and to the many which have preceded it. Worthy priests have labored with a faithful flock to carry on the work of God's Church.

Bishop Kearney presided at the solemn centennial exercises at St. Ann's on last Sunday. The Bishop felicitated Father Doran on the happy occasion, and thanked him and his people for the accomplishments of these later years, which match so well the record of priests and people of the earlier years at St. Ann's.

## Look At Labor

By A. C. Tuohy

The twelfth annual CIO convention opened in Chicago last week. Even though it was the most sedate assemblage in CIO history, the delegates managed to discuss the manpower crisis, the recent Democratic "victories," the Long Island train wreck, and the election of Mike Quill to a vice-presidency.

Philip Murray, as usual, vigorously controlled the convention. So great is his respect among CIO officials that an expression of opinion by him is sufficient to resolve any controversy.

This respect is well deserved. Murray has been the CIO at a time when some Lewis thought that by organizing he would have a reputation for being president of a labor union. He has presided over several conventions and is a contributing factor to the great success of the American Labor Union.

Joseph Fisher, president of the Utility Workers Union, was afraid the preamble to the resolution was somewhat socialistic. When Murray assured him that it was not, all opposition to the resolution subsided.

The layman legitimately can inquire as to what will happen within CIO councils when Murray passes from the scene. There are deep-rooted differences in the thinking of many officials which are bound to break out into the open when the paternal hand of Murray is no longer there to resolve them.

November debacle was really a "victory."

GEORGE BALDANZI, however, vice-president of the Textile Workers Union, really ruffled the calm of the delegates when he implied that labor was in great part responsible for the defeat of many progressive candidates, and the victory of some reactionaries, by its support of political "shacks" put in nomination by the political machines.

He pointed out that the people will not elect mediocrities, simply because they are endorsed by labor unions. He suggested that the CIO should not become wedded to any one political party and implied that the primary elections should concern organized labor more than they do.

There is no way of knowing what effect Baldanzi's trade will have on the official political policy of the CIO, but it came as a breath of fresh air into an otherwise stultifying convention hall.

THIS KIND of thing—long known in "historical novels"—was hard enough on the dead, even when serious historians had already written the truth of their lives. But it is a very grave disservice to the living.

Perhaps the best known recent case to Catholics is "The

## Holy Father Honors Archbishop Rohlfman

Dubuque, Ia. — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has named Archbishop Henry P. Rohlfman of Dubuque, an Assistant at the Pontifical Throne, it has been announced here by Archbishop Leo Binz, Co-adjutor of Dubuque, who has just returned from Rome.

Assistants at the Pontifical Throne are prelates who belong to the Papal Chapel. At solemn functions, wearing cope and mitre, they are privileged to surround the throne of the Pope. They rank immediately after the Cardinals. The distinction is granted to members of the hierarchy by the Pope in recognition of outstanding service to the Church.

### Bishop's Appeal For Catholic University

Feast of St. Cecilia 1950

My Dear People:

The first Sunday of Advent has for many years been known as Catholic University Sunday because the collection for the support of the University is taken up throughout the United States on that day. Hence I appeal once again for your support for this center of Catholic learning which is, in a special way, the University of the Holy Father and of the Catholic people of America.

My own position as a member of the Board of Trustees makes me particularly anxious that our diocesan contribution be a worthy one. Many of our departments here in the diocese are staffed by Catholic University graduates, and many of our priests and nuns have studied there through the years.

The University is now engaged in an extensive building program forced upon us by the increased number of students and the increasing demands of nation-wide educational departments which have listed the Catholic University of America among the very high ranking universities in the country. It is imperative that we keep that high rating, and your generosity will make that possible.

Therefore, I ask you please to be generous to us in the collection for the Catholic University on next Sunday. With a sincere blessing, I remain

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ James E. Kearney  
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER



## THE TOP OF MY MIND

By Gretta Palmer

The chasm that divides truth from falsehood, in the Catholic scheme, is wide and deep and there for anyone to see. Even in the subtlest points at issue among the schoolmen of the Church, the discussion is always as to which of two contradictory viewpoints is false and which is orthodox — for both cannot be true.

Lately and incidentally, there has crept into literature a kind of writing that is the very antithesis of this Catholic thing: this clean-cut division of the true from the imaginary, the actual from the lie. We now have novels and plays about real people with unreal names.

And this half-true, half-false method is used on contemporary figures on celebrities who are in themselves, so notable that people will buy any book that promises to tell the "inside story" of their lives. Books of this strange type do not give the "inside story," they cheat the curiosity seeker.

The recent novel by Budd Schulberg, "The Disenchanted," does not tell us what happened to F. Scott Fitzgerald when he went to Dartmouth College on a Hollywood assignment for the moving picture, "Winter Carnival," produced by Walter Wangler. It merely narrates what happened to an imaginary writer (whose past career closely resembles Fitzgerald's) when he visited a fictitious college (Webster) to write a scenario (Love On Ice) for an imagined Hollywood producer.

Yet no review of the book has failed to point out that this story is woven around Scott Fitzgerald. Admirers of the Jazz-Age novelist will buy it for this fact alone.

## The 'Inside Story'— A Libel Loophole

By Gretta Palmer

No warning sign, "truth ends here," ever appears to guide the reader through the confused maze of real historical events and unlikely fantasy. To numerous naive, non-Catholic readers the entire account is probably accepted as the history of an authentic American Cardinal. (And that assumption, in view of the odd coverings of the hero in Roman society, does small service to the Church or to her prelates.)

THE NOVELIST plays it safer than the columnist: the laws of libel and of slander prevent the meretricious reporter from writing lies about living people with their own names attached; a novelist can run up his royalties to a figure that is really royal by giving a celebrity a fictitious name and archly hinting that this is the inside story, the low-down on that person's intimate affairs.

The reviewers will do the rest for him. "Thinly disguised," they will point out, "this is understood by all insiders to be an account of the exploits of the dashing Supreme Court Justice," or the well-known dowager, or the famous prelate, or the illustrious historian.

But truth should surely be sold as true, fiction as fantasy. For when the two are merged, the public is invited to forget that truth and lies are not the same.

Slander about living people is, by this new method, circulated in a manner that escapes the punishment of law: a woman who is known to have worked for years for a brown-eyed college president, in Wisconsin, can sell a scurrilous book called "College President." Everyone who buys it expects to learn the scandalous life of her former boss. Yet she need only point out that the man in her book has blue eyes and lives in Michigan to escape the libel laws.

SATIRE, FRANKLY labeled, is a respectable literary form. Honest reporting that names names and takes chances on being sued for inaccuracies or slanders is a useful and forthright craft. Fiction, whose characters are spun out of the imagination of the novelist and presented as imaginary, is a creative art. But the recent spate of books and plays that lie about the living under the guise of "art" are ugly hybrids in the literary field.

Worst of all, from the point of view of Catholics — who like clear, clean categories of thought — these mongrels in the world of letters mix truth and falsehood so inextricably that they diminish the essential difference between the two. Black becomes white, bad passes for good, and soon there are no questions in all the universe to which the muddled, modern mind will not give the popular and indefensible answer of the day: "Yes . . . and no."

And that is never the right answer to any question in the realm of thought.

## Bishop Kearney's Appointments

- DECEMBER
- Friday — St. Andrew's Seminary, St. Monica Sodality Mass — 9:00 a.m. Sheraton Hotel, First Friday Club Luncheon — 12:15 p.m. St. Ann's, Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
  - Saturday — Mercy Motherhouse, Low Mass for International Federation of Catholic Alumnae — 8:30 a.m.
  - Sunday — St. Charles Borromeo, Greece — Blessing of School — 12:15 p.m. St. Philip Neri, Confirmation — 2:00 p.m. St. Francis Xavier, Confirmation — 3:30 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Confirmation — 5:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament, Confirmation — 7:45 p.m.
  - Monday — St. Agnes Institute, Low Mass for Mission Society of the Holy Childhood — 9:00 a.m. Nazareth College, Sodality Reception — 2:00 p.m. St. Charles Borromeo, Greece — Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday — St. Anthony's, Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday — St. Francis Assisi, Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
  - Thursday — Immaculate Conception, Sermon and Benediction — 7:45 p.m.
  - Friday — St. Bernard's Seminary, Solemn Pontifical Mass, Patronal Feast — 9:00 a.m. Convent of the Sacred Heart, Benediction — 4:00 p.m. St. Francis Assisi, Family Rosary Radio Program — 10 p.m.
  - Sunday — St. Stanislaus, Burning of Mortgage — 11:00 a.m. Corpus Christi, Confirmation of Adults — 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Confirmation of Adults — 7:45 p.m.
  - Monday — St. Joseph's Villa, Anniversary Mass for Archbishop Hickey in Memorial Chapel — 9:00 a.m.
  - Wednesday — Nazareth College, Low Mass — 9:15 a.m. Nazareth College, Christmas Program — 8:00 p.m.
  - Thursday — Chamber of Commerce, Aquinas Victory Banquet — 7:00 p.m.
  - Friday — St. Andrew's Seminary, Low Mass — 9:00 a.m. Academy of the Sacred Heart, Christmas Program — 2:30 p.m. Nazareth Academy, Christmas Program — 8:15 p.m.
  - Saturday — St. Bernard's Seminary, Christmas Concert — 7:15 p.m.
  - Sunday — St. Cecilia's, Solemn Dedication of New Church — 10:30 a.m. St. Helen's, Gates — Blessing of School — 4:00 p.m. St. Thomas, Blessing of School — 8:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday — Mercy High School, Christmas Program — 8:15 p.m.
  - Friday — St. Monica's, Anniversary Mass for Msgr. Bergan — 9:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Christmas Pageant — 7:45 p.m.
  - Saturday — St. Mary's Hospital, Low Mass and Visitation of Patients — 8:00 p.m.
  - Sunday — Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Solemn Pontifical Christmas Mass — 12:00 Midnight.

## MSGR. SHEEN WRITES . . . The Mystery Of Love

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There comes a moment in even the noblest of human loves when the mystery has gone. One has now grown "used to" the best, and has come to take it for granted, as jewelers may casually handle the most precious stones without troubling to admire them. What we completely possess, we can no longer desire. What we have already attained, we cannot hope for. Yet hope and desire, above all, mystery, are needed to keep our interest in life alive.

When wonder has vanished from our days, then they become banal. Our minds were made to function at the stretch and to reach out, for ever, towards the solution of some lofty problem that forever eludes us.

It is possible that the popularity of mystery novels in our day is occasioned by the fact that so many people have ceased to dwell on the mysteries of faith and are looking, in any cheap substitute that comes to hand, for something to replace what they have lost.

Readers of mystery stories spend all their wonder on the method by which someone was killed; they do not, as the contemporaries of Dante and of Michaelangelo would have done, wonder about the eternal fate of those who die.

When the children reach the age of reason, a third mystery unfolds: that of motherhood and fathercraft—the disciplining of young minds and hearts in the ways of God. As the children grow to maturity this mystery continues to deepen; each child's personality is something for the parents to explore and then to form closer to the likeness of the God of love.

THE FOURTH mystery of the happily married involves their social living, the contribution that they jointly make to the well-being of the world.

Here lies the root of democracy for in the family the individual is not valued for what he is worth, nor for what he can do, but for what he is. His status, his position in the home, is granted him by virtue of merely being alive. If a child is dumb or blind, if a son has been maimed at the war, he is still loved for himself and for his intrinsic worth as a child of God.

This reverence for personality for its own sake in the family is the social principle on which the wider life of the community depends and is a potent reminder of the most important of all political principles: the state exists for the person, and not the person for the state.

Whenever any person is thus taken for granted, there is a loss of the sensitivity and delicacy which are the essential condition of friendship, joy and love in human relations. Marriage is no exception; one of its most tragic outcomes is mere possession without desire.

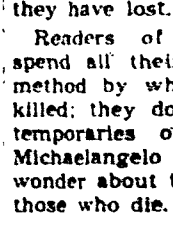
There is no love felt when one hits bottom, or imagines that he has; the personality we have exhausted of its mystery is a bore. There must be always something unrevealed, some mystery we have not probed, some passion that we cannot glut . . . and this is true even in the arts. We do not want to hear a singer constantly reiterate her highest note, nor have an orator tear a passion to tatters.

IN A TRUE marriage there is an ever-deepening mystery and therefore, an ever-enchanting romance. At least four of the mysteries of marriage can be tabulated.

First comes the mystery of the other partner's physical being, the mystery of sex. When that mystery has been solved, and the first baby is born, a new mystery begins: the husband sees in his wife a thing he has never seen before — the beautiful mystery



Msgr. Sheen



MAN CANNOT be happy if he is satisfied; our zest comes from the fact that there are doors not yet opened, wells not yet lifted, notes that have not been struck. If a "love" is only physical, marriage will bring the romance to an end; the chase is ended, and the mystery is solved.

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