

# Editorials

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## You And The Rest

Of the very great number of people who went out into the desert to hear the word of God, Christ made a significant division. He divided His hearers into two classes, those who belonged to Him through faith and were known as His disciples, and those who came through curiosity to hear His word but had no faith in Him and no desire to follow Him. When asked the meaning of the parable of the sower and the seed by His Disciples, Christ made answer: "To you it is given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God; but to the rest in parables."

You and the rest! You, My followers, My Disciples, filled with faith and eager for every gift of grace I can give. You, blessed by God with present knowledge of all the truths that He has revealed, so fully equipped that Christ can say of you that you know the mystery of the Kingdom of God.

What a blessing for all in every age who make themselves disciples of Jesus, hearers of His word and believers in His doctrine. The mystery of the Kingdom of God, the

power and glory of the Church of Christ, the complete blessing of inclusion within the number of those whose faith and devotion to Christ have marked them for salvation!

To the rest in parables. The rest, not disciples of Christ, not believers in His word, but cold and worldly men and women only too ready to reject Christ and all His teachings. Their unfaith, their neglect of the grace Christ was offering them, their rejection of Jesus and His doctrine, render them unable to understand Christ's teachings, to know the meaning of His parables. "To the rest in parables that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand."

Christ intended His teaching for all; it was made effective for His disciples because of their good will, their faith; it was ineffective for the rest because of their ill-will.

Let us cultivate within our hearts a true and perfect spirit that will make the seed, Christ's word, bring forth in us fruit in abundance.

## Dedication Gift To St. Andrew's

Bishop and Priests and the people of the Diocese are happy in the realization of the hopes and plans they have had for our new St. Andrew's Seminary. The school is now in operation caring for four years of a high school course and two years of a college course. Students and Faculty, under the direction of the Very Reverend Rector, Dr. Maynard Connell, are hard at work, and the prospect of all the years ahead is currently realized in the daily curriculum.

The sacrifices of our people have given us the new St. Andrew's. Bishop Kearney is asking for a gift from each member of the Diocese to raise \$50,000 to help complete

payment on the building and its equipment.

The Bishop suggests that each contributor make a gift of twice the amount he would give to any special collection. Many will feel prompted to give larger gifts on so auspicious an occasion. Many unable to give before will now make their initial contribution. Gifts of \$100, \$50, \$10, will be of great assistance in raising the total required.

Here is an opportunity to be a real benefactor for the great ecclesiastical school that means so much to all of us. The Bishop will be looking for your gift through your parish church on Sunday, February 4. Look for your envelope on this Sunday.

## Candlemas Days

Friday of next week will be the Feast of the Purification, usually known to us as Candlemas Day. It commemorates the presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple just forty days after His birth. The first born of every Jewish family was taken to the Temple to be presented to the Lord. The happy parents in connection with this ceremony redeemed their child through the presentation of a lamb, or a pair of turtle doves or pigeons.

Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple, heard the inspired words of the aged Simeon and the holy woman, Anna; heard also the comments of the people to whom Simeon and Anna made known the significance of this presentation. Mary and Joseph made their gift to the Lord and returned to their home with the Child Jesus.

It has been traditional in the Church from the earliest days to mark the Feast of the Purification by initiation of Joseph and Mary in making a gift for use in God's Temple. The customary gift consists of one or more candles given for use in the Church. These candles are of wax, are blessed in special ceremonies on Candlemas Day and are used at Holy Mass, Vespers and other

Church Services.

The devout Catholic on this day also procures for use in the home one or more blessed candles. They are used when the Priest comes to bring Communion to the sick, to pray for and anoint those who are in danger of death. The devout Catholic will greet the Priest at the door as he brings Holy Communion, leading the way with the lighted blessed candle to the side of the communicant. Catholics love to light blessed candles at other times, in storms, in time of prayer, and in any adversity. Catholics of the present generation should see to it that the age-old custom of presenting candles to the church and securing blessed candles for the home, shall not be allowed to die out.

Be as good a Catholic as your parents and your grandparents were before you. Honor Mary and her purification. Honor Jesus in His presentation in the Temple. Buy the candles that will burn for you before the altar of God and before your own shrine at home. Be sure that the blessed candles in your home are in perfect condition, not warped with age and discolored, but in all the native beauty that befits the sacramental.

## Sacramentals

There are many Sacramentals in common use in the Church. The Sign of the Cross, the use of holy water, the signing of the forehead, the lips and the breast in the reading of the Gospel, are examples of the combination of prayer and action familiar to all of us.

Blessed ashes, blessed palm, crucifixes, holy pictures, rosaries, etc. are sacramentals in everyday use. They are set aside by the Church for devotion, private and public; they are blessed with the simple blessing in which the Priest makes the Sign of the Cross over them, or with the more formal blessing that the Church prescribes for some of the sacramentals.

Sacramentals do not give grace, as the Sacraments do; they have no power in themselves; their power comes from the aid they give us in practicing devotion and in turning our thoughts to the things of God. A crucifix, a medal, a medallion of the Blessed Mother, bring no grace to our soul; but they

do remind us of the sufferings and death of Christ; of His love for man, of Mary's care of her children on earth, of the Saints who through prayer and devotion have entered Heaven.

Sacramentals and our religious life—how close to our daily practice of religion are the sacramentals! Our meditations, our daily prayers, are bound up intimately with the rosary, the crucifix, the stations of the Cross. Added to the natural power which these things have to excite in us good thoughts and to prompt devotion, is the benefit that comes from the blessing which the Church bestows upon them.

Added to the ordinary supernatural effects of such use of the Sacramentals is the wealth of indulgences which the Church has attached to many of them. Remission of the temporal punishment due to sin in whole or in part is available to every Catholic by use of these holy things, holy practices. Let Candlemas Day renew in you the love for all these aids to religion.

## Look At Labor

By A. C. Tuohy

The machine of government is years certainly will prevent a steady grinding its way toward warlike expansion. Bureaus and agencies, caught short by the present international dilemma, are on the lookout for thousands of employees to execute and administer the laws passed during the national emergency.

But there is another danger, hardly less acute, that non-Communist socialists will move into the jobs formerly occupied by party members and be as harmful to the American cause, both here and abroad, as the Communists once were.

In this country we are inclined to say little about a man's ideology as long as he has a Ph.D. or has been trained in labor relations or politics, or at least is willing to take a \$20,000 job for \$10,000. Yet since these newly-acquired government agents are going to frame and administer our price control machinery, our wage stabilization program, the allocation of our natural resources, our relations with foreign nations, their ideology becomes of paramount importance.

IT IS APPARENT now that during the period 1940-1945 there was too much emphasis on getting the job done without proper consideration for getting the job done right. The tragedy of that short-sightedness is only too obvious today.

At the present time, America is overwhelmingly represented in countries receiving Marshall aid by what are euphemistically called "wild Marxists."

TOO MANY qualified Americans are not aware of the opportunities in government service.

But if these Americans shrink their obvious duty in this time for patriotic service, they can not complain when they find their government taken over by Socialists or anyone else. The labor movement has a serious responsibility in this regard. Practically all rank and file members of trade unions are non-Socialists.

Not Saved, Are You, Son?



## THE TOP OF MY MIND

It's Later Than We Think

By Greta Palmer

Ours is a prodigal and spendthrift age; we are spending our capital of Christian virtues with the cheerful abandon of any bankrupt-to-be. Ours is a generation which is always writing checks and never filling out deposit slips in the moral order.

There are many signs abroad to tell us that it is later than we think. There are the well-thought-out men who advocate murder of the innocent under the soothing name of "euthanasia."

There are the committees of celebrities who urge that obscene and blasphemous books shall freely circulate—who carry on under the misleading banner, "Freedom of Speech." There are the professional groups who plead that traitors and proven communists shall be allowed to pass on their poisonous doctrines to the young—whose slogan is "academic freedom."

All these sick phrases have a common purpose: they try to make acceptable some form of conduct that has been, for the past 1000 years, condemned by Christians as a mortal sin. THE LIBERALS who are most vehement in fighting all the legislative efforts of Catholics today would like, almost to a man, to believe that they are lovers of humanity. They are—and they will tell you so—eager to advance the Brotherhood of Man; they do not realize that unfathered men cannot be brothers.

They are—and they are never tired of reiterating it—on the side of "truth"; they do not realize that truth never contradicts the teachings of the God of Truth.

They believe that they can forward a society which can know peace without bending its knees to the Prince of Peace, and which can be blessed without acknowledging that blessing stream from any source more venerable than the Council of Aldermen who make their laws.

IT IS later than we think. This fact has been thrown into high relief by the continued appearance in New York of a moving picture film in Italy by Signor Roberto Rossellini, father of Ingrid Bergman's latest child. The picture is called "The Miracle." Efforts to forbid its showing by the city's License Commissioner have met with a storm of legal protests.

The picture has been disapproved by the Legion of Decency. It has been excoriated from the *Courier Journal*.

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## Character in Crisis

By Mgr. Fulton J. Sheen

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Our modern world, which for several generations believed that right and wrong were only two different points of view, or that truth and error were relative to the observer, has within the last few years suddenly become convinced that there is such a thing in the world as evil.

Communism for thirty years has been trying to sell the world on the idea that there is no God; though it has not convinced the world that there is no God, it has convinced it that there is a devil.

This represents some moral progress on the part of the Western World, just as it represents some progress in a savage to know that sickness and health are not equally desirable. Once he learns that poison is to be avoided, he is on the way to learning the beauty of health.

A "broadminded" civilization, in like manner, develops the passion for justice, goodness and love through sad experience with tyranny, evil and hate.

THE PARABLE of Our Divine Saviour of the man who sowed good wheat in his field, which the enemy oversowed with cockle during the night, illumines our modern situation.

This is one of the few parables Our Lord Himself explained. What is particularly interesting is His explanation of the enemy who sowed the cockle. He simply says that the enemy is the devil. But the devil acts through the instrumentality of men.

Dostoevski, writing before the close of the last century, spoke of Communism that was to come upon the world. He makes Satan speak and say: "The lawyers in our courtrooms who ridicule justice will be on our side, though they know it not. The school teacher who laughs at the idea of God will be on our side, though he knows it not. Whether men are conscious of it or not, they are all working under an evil spirit or God."

IF AN ATOMIC bomb bursts upon our cities, few men and women would be different than they are now. They would merely act more intensely.

A crisis does not make character; it just tests off the masks, removes temporary inhibition, gives free play to dominant impulses, makes men steal who always wanted to steal and were half afraid.

Those who hate will hate more; those who love will love more, but those who hate will not begin to love, nor will those who love begin to hate. Those who ridicule faith and virtue will become persecutors; those who love their neighbors will become heroes and heroines.

Wood thrown into a fire burns, steel glows, paper is consumed, wax melts, and flesh smelts. But the wood never takes on the character of steel, nor does paper act like flesh. Few persons will not undergo a transformation in a sudden catastrophe; they will merely reveal themselves in their true nature.

THE PARABLE also reveals that evil has no originality of its own; the cockle oversows the wheat; evil is a parasite on the capital of goodness. Evil is a copyist, and a mimic of goodness as the monkey is the mimic of man—and it is that precisely which makes him so ridiculous trying to be something which he cannot.

But the Lord is patient. He forbids the uprooting of the young cockle with the growing wheat. "Wait until the harvest." Then the cockle shall be bound and burned, and the wheat shall be gathered into barns.

The time of crisis or judgment will come—and crisis means

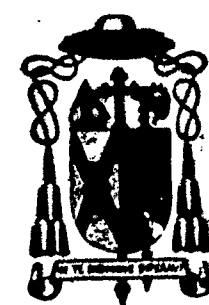
will act in a time of great trouble. But psychology has failed to get man outside himself. It has locked him in with his own impulses, psychoses and neuroses, like a man shut within a cave away from the light of the sun.

He has found evil within himself, though he generally refuses to call it by that name. But he need not despair. He who knows he is sick may go to the physician, as he who knows he is weak may appeal to the Divine Source of energy and grace.

THERE is still plenty of time to change our characters, but we cannot do it alone. The light is outside the window, but we must open the blinds. The Mercy of God is high, but we must desire mercy.

The tragedy of life is not what men suffer; it is what they miss. There is not a mortal human who could not be different than he is. The only reason we are not better is because we do not wish to be better—we only wish it.

Happy, the will to improve is improving.



## Jubilee Indulgence Regulations

By virtue of the authority given in the Apostolic Bull, "Per Annum Sacrum," the Most Reverend Bishop herewith establishes the following conditions for gaining the Jubilee Indulgence in the Diocese of Rochester.

### 1. Churches to be visited.

- Those who live in Monroe County or attend church therein are to visit each of the following churches ONCE:  
Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral  
St. Mary's Church on Washington Square  
Our Lady of Victory Church on Pleasant Street  
St. Joseph's Church on Franklin Street
- Those who live in the city of Auburn or attend church therein are to visit each of the following churches ONCE:  
St. Mary's Church  
Holy Family Church  
St. Alphonsus Church  
St. Hyacinth's Church
- Those who live in the city of Elmira or attend church therein are to visit each of the following churches ONCE:  
St. Patrick's Church  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church  
St. John the Baptist Church  
St. Anthony's Church
- Those who live in the city of Corning or attend church therein are to visit each of the following churches TWICE:  
St. Mary's Church  
St. Patrick's Church
- Those who live in or attend churches in Dansville, Geneva, Hornell or Mt. Morris are to visit each church in their respective towns TWICE.
- Notwithstanding the above regulations any person may gain the indulgence by making the visits to the prescribed churches in the See City (Rochester).

### 2. Prayers to be recited.

On EACH visit to each church the following prayers are to be recited:

- FIVE Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorias.
- ONE additional Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory for the intention of Our Holy Father.
- The Creed.
- THREE Hail Marys to which is added each time the invocation, "Queen of Peace, Pray for Us."
- The Hail Holy Queen.
- The Holy Father also suggests the recitation of His Holy Year Prayer although it is not prescribed as a necessary condition.

In addition, the Faithful must receive worthily the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist each time they would gain the indulgence. The annual Confession and Paschal Communion do not suffice.

### 3. Other things to be noted.

- The Jubilee Indulgence may be gained for the living and for the dead.
- The Jubilee Indulgence may be gained as often as the above conditions are fulfilled. It is to be noted, however, that all works for gaining the Indulgence once must be completed before those for a second or subsequent Indulgence are begun.
- All priests enjoying regular faculties in this Diocese are hereby appointed Jubilee Confessors. They will exercise their faculties in accordance with the provisions of "Per Annum Sacrum" and the Instruction, "Quandoquidem" of the Sacred Penitentiary.
- Special regulations will be issued subsequently to cover the cases of those who because of illness or occupation find themselves unable to fulfill the above conditions.

Rochester, New York  
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BY DIRECTION OF THE MOST REVEREND BISHOP.  
JAMES C. MCANIFF,  
CHANCELLOR

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

BOROUGH OF HOLBORN  
**BLEEDING HEART YARD**  
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One of LONDON's most curiously named thoroughfares "BLEEDING HEART YARD," MATTON GARDEN marks the site of a medicinal herb garden.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

THE FAMOUS ROMAN PICTURE "MADONNA DELLA STRADA" (OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE) WAS ORIGINALLY PAINTED ON THE OUTSIDE WALL OF A HOUSE AND WAS THE OBJECT OF DEVOTION FOR CENTURIES BEFORE BEING REMOVED TO THE GENUINE CHURCH.

Mary's name is quite often given to boys in England. In Rome is EUGENIE, MARY JOSEPH, JOHN FACELLI.

The burning Vigil candle or light before a shrine symbolizes Christian faith and the spending of oneself in adoration.