• Editorials •

By

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Closing The Books

Some three years ago Bishop and Priests and people of the Diocese of Rochester united in a building campaign for St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary. The hopes and ambitions of all concerned received primary fulfillment in the wonderfully generous amount raised in the campaign. Payments on pledges have been coming in and the building has been completed and dedicated to its sublime career of training future generations of Priests.

Our Bishop is asking us to close the books on the campaign by raising a final amount of $50,000, to complete payment for the building and its furnishings. Sunday, February 4, is set aside in every Parish for the St. Andrew's Seminary Dedication Collection.

Closing the books! Your contribution on next Sunday, added to that of other friends of St. Andrew's, will place in the hands of our Bishop $50,000. This amount will close the books on the campaign and on the fulfillment of the purpose of the campaign, to give us a new Seminary entirely free from debt. The books will stand as a permanent roll of honor of men and women who love the priesthood and have made a signal sacrifice for its perpetuation.

Closing the books! Some will have in mind the new edifice as a complete unit in making their gift. Some may prefer to make their gift with the intention of feeling that it is applied to help furnish a classroom, a study hall, a gymnasium, a kitchen, a dining room, quarters for the students and rooms for the professors. Some may wish to give a substantial amount to sponsor one of these items in whole or in part. The individual contribution will have to be something more than we give even to a special collection—perhaps twice the amount of such a gift.

It is a privilege rightly prized by all of us to join with the Great High Priest, Jesus Christ, in this great and lasting campaign for our Preparatory Seminary. God bless St. Andrew's! God bless all its benefactors!

Catholic Press Month

A substantial and invaluable instrument used by the Church in her teaching office is the Catholic Press. The written word was for many centuries confined to manuscripts that were the product of the devoted labor of monks and religious in their monasteries. The invention of the printing press provided for a multiplication of books and papers and magazines, bringing great gain to the secular world and multiplying the power of the Church to send her saving message into every home. Succeeding years have brought improvements in printing and countless publications have sprung up over all the globe.

Catholics do well to follow the recommendation of the Holy Father and of the Hierarchy in the reading of books, the support of magazines and the sponsoring of Catholic newspapers in every great center of Catholic population. Catholic Press month gives us a new invitation to be benefactors of the Catholic Press and at the same time beneficiaries of its blessed influence.

The Catholic Courier-Journal appeals to all of us as the foundation source of our Catholic reading. Later this month the annual campaign of our Diocesan newspaper will seek to enlist all former subscribers and an army of new patrons of our newspaper. Plan now to help your Pastor secure a one hundred per cent coverage in your Parish. Yours for a profitable and successful Catholic Press Month.

Military Plans

One of the greatest responsibilities of our President and of our Government is that degree of military preparedness that will protect our country in these dangerous days. Every American shares in that responsibility.

Every American is ready and eager to cooperate with the Government for the protection of the United States against the nations that would overwhelm us. Skilled men are at hand to advise our leaders. Trained military men add their experience and their expert understanding to our great leaders from the civilian population.

Not every mind shall have the same understanding of ways and means to be used; not every eye shall see the same vision of the best set of adequate plans for our defense. All will agree on the one thought—that only the very surest in the way of defense plans can be accepted by our Government and by our people.

Universal Military Training, drafting of 18 year olds, plans for higher taxation, plans for limitation on credit, rationing of foods and of materials needed for armament, are among the items now under discussion in Congress and in the Executive Department of our Government.

May we pray that a third world war may be averted! May we urge that everything that America can do in the way of preparedness to ward off any aggression by the foes of American freedom be planned for now and carried out as effectively as possible. Enlistment of the very young will make a greater appeal to our people if it can be shown that it will definitely give us a greater guarantee that there will be no third world war.

America should summon all of its spiritual might to match its military preparedness. Prayers to Almighty God; to Mary, Queen of Peace; Masses and Communions, united with a closer attachment to Almighty God and His precepts, will give our petitions a character that will make them worthy of God's blessing.

Be sure to do your part in every patriotic endeavor and particularly in augmenting our spiritual strength by your good example, by your petitions to the Almighty.

A Prophecy And A Miracle

What blessed moments rewarded the apostles for their following of Christ! Their faith in Him was increased by the daily incidents and messages, by the almost daily miracles and prophecies that came from Him. The ancient books had described prohecies and miracles as signs of the power of the promised Redeemer.

In Jesus were fulfilled those promises; He prophesied, He wrought works that no human power could perform.

The Gospel of this Sunday tells of one of Christ's most important Prophecies. He told the twelve that they were going to Jerusalem there to behold Him seized, scourged, spit upon, crucified, done to death!

They were soon to see the fulfillment of that prophecy in the tragedy of Calvary. They were to see its glorious completion in His resurrection on the third day. The memory of this prophecy, the certainty in which they had seen its complete fulfillment were constantly before them as they persevered in preaching the doctrine of Christ, even to the day of their deaths.

This Gospel gives us also the record of the healing of the blind man. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me . . . Lord that I may see." These were the words spoken by the blind man. "Receive thy sight, thy faith hath made thee whole." They saw Christ restore sight to the blind man. They found in this new evidence of His Divine Power, encouragement to continue to walk with Jesus, to persevere in the vocation to which He had called them.

This prophecy, this miracle had been preceded and were followed by many other wonders in the life of Jesus; but this particular miracle and this particular prophecy were to remain in their memories as most powerful among the signs that led them to supreme faith in Jesus as the Son of God, the Lord and Saviour of the world.

Look At Labor • • •

By A. C. Tuohy

The changeover of the American economy from peace to defense production is bound to have profound effects on the American and Christian way of life.

However much these effects may be against the national will, the pattern is already forming. The two most noteworthy results will be:

1. The expansion of big business at the expense of small and medium sized enterprises.

2. The growing importance of women in the labor market.

The Church has never looked upon with great favor the complete dominance of large-scale enterprises in national economies. As late as 1947, Pope Pius XII said: "Small craftsmen as a class may be regarded as a middle element in defend the personal dignity and character of the worker."

"But for more than a century, they have had to fight for their existence against great industrial enterprises. The Pope does not [illegible] pro-gress makes large scale enterprises inevitable. Rather would he impose limitations on the subordination of man to the machine.

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IN THE VIEW of the Church, one of the greatest evils of capitalism has been the growth of large masses of nonowning workers, commonly called the proletariat.

Yet in this country, if we can take World War II as a judge, the great corporation was likely to obtain war contracts of any size and to take over the government-built war plants for a song once hostilities had ceased. The small businessman, holding the lollipop and five percenters of the great corporations, was forced to scurry the crumbs from the government table.

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FROM A sociological and religious point of view, the second effect is liable to be given more devastating. Up to the present moment, women form nearly one-third of the labor force.

As this tendency grows, the problem of bearing and caring for children will become acute. So many married women are working out of the home and so many future wives intend to continue working after marriage, that the place of children in family life is becoming less and less secure. Divorce and birth control are the offshoots of this development.

The Holy Father has been highly critical of modern economic systems because in many respects they have been so hostile to Christian family life. Hardly anyone can deny that working mothers, the financial independence of women, the one-child family, the declining importance of the father in the home, competition between men and women for jobs, "momism" in all its various aspects, do not augur well for the future of the American family.

Top of My Mind

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By

Gretta Palmer

The most useful protection we can carry against confusion, heresy and loss of faith is vest-pocket size. It costs no more, at most, than a thin dime. It is high among the ten books that every Catholic might well take with him on his travels to that lonely Desert Island of the mind that he encounters whenever he visits a pagan or a "liberal Christian" home.

Gretta Palmer

It is the Baltimore Penny Catechism—and if we consult its pithy answers to the ultimate questions of human destiny, we need never go far wrong in thinking any question through.

Many of the elaborate debates being waged today on our platforms and in our press could be stopped short if the protagonists would stop short, walk to the front of the stage and ask, "Is there a catechism in the house?"

Page one will be enough to put a stop to half the noisy arguments of our day if both contestants will agree to treat it as an umpire. Question 6, alone, will often serve as a Cease-Fire agreement.

It tells us, you will recall, the end of human life in exactly twenty-six short words: "God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next."

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NOW TURN to your daily paper. What paper? What day? It hardly matters: the same kind of confused thought is sedulously reported in every newspaper which takes cognizance of the speeches made in any metropolitan area the night before. Here, for instance is a quotation from a New York Times of recent date:

"If being a good Christian were enough, we would not have people suffering from depression, anxiety and lack of faith."

What does the speaker think a man is here on earth to do? If he is a communist spokesman, we know that he considers man's primary duty to be the service of the state. Such things as the individual's "depression" and "anxiety" are trifles to be brushed aside. This speaker, then, cannot be a communist.

Is he, perhaps, a psychoanalyst or a follower of the same? If so, we know that he considers the end of human life to be "adjustment" to the crowd. Never mind how wrong the crowd may be, never mind whether society is evil or sick or psychotic, if the individual gets along smoothly with his contemporaries, he is doing fine. He is "adjusted." Mental hygiene will give him its benison.

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WELL, THE speaker who declared that being a good Christian was "not enough" was, indeed, a psychiatrist. He was Dr. Smiley Blanton, Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Vanderbilt University, speaking before the Youth Consultation Service of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York. This group, which deals largely with the problems of unmarried mothers, boasts that it makes available to its clients eight psychiatrists, four psychologists and a "part-time chaplain" too.

But where was the part-time chaplain when Dr. Blanton spoke? Where was the Protestant Episcopal voice to ask, "What does the church say about that?" The New York Times does not report any such interruption.

"A great many practicing Christians," Dr. Blanton told the assembled practicing Christians, "haven't got any faith in themselves or anyone else."

Modernists and their psychiatrists consider the end of human life to be happiness on earth combined with the approval of society. This narrow philosophy does not find room for the "divine discontent" with temporal things for which Christians are all supposedly prepared.

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THE RELATIONSHIP between man's real end (which is simply sanctity) and the subjective happiness modernists seek as an end has been clearly put by the Dominican Father Pie-Raymond Regamy in his book, Poverty. Speaking of the serenity and fervor enjoyed by most holy souls, he says:

"The finding delight in everything, the conscious possession of the Kingdom as it is granted here below, can only be a by-product, never in any way a goal. If we chase after its charm, it grows less and finally disappears. The Christian's only job is to seek the Kingdom of Heaven and not concern himself with personal gain.

"We cannot allow our desires and our spiritual methods to have for their object the enjoyment either of ourselves or of this world. . . This is not a piece of deep mysticism applying only to very advanced souls. It is simply a fundamental law of human psychology. In whatever way man has tried to cultivate himself for his own enjoyment, he has always failed."

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THIS IS a longer way of saying what the catechism has already told us—happiness on earth is not the goal of man. Being a good Christian is "not enough" to make man completely happy at all times—and neither is anything else. Not human love. Not success or wealth. Not "adjustment." Not even psychiatry.

But being a good Christian is "quite enough" to realize man's proper goal. And by a benign provision, not mentioned in the catchism, but kept back as a sort of birthday treat for those who try, the serenity that pagans seek for themselves is often given to the man who takes his catechism seriously and who goes about his business of knowing, loving and serving God. The part-time chaplain might have mentioned that!

Bishop Kearney's Appointments

FEBRUARY

2 Friday — St. Joseph's, St. Monica Sodality Mass — 9:00 a.m.
St. Bernard's Seminary, Students' Conference — 5:30 p.m.

3 Saturday — St. Mary's Hospital, Mass and Blessing of Throats of Patients — 8:00 a.m. until noon.
Iola Sanatorium — Blessing of Throats of Patients — 12:30 p.m.
Hotel Seneca, Annual Banquet of the Noble Degree of the Holy Cross, Knights of St. John — 7:00 p.m.

7 Ash-Wednesday — Diocesan Building, Chapel on third floor — Lenten Mass — 8:30 a.m. (The weekly Lenten Mass will be celebrated here every morning at 8:30 a.m.)

9 Friday — Mercy High School, Closing of Students' Retreat — 3:30 p.m.

11 Sunday — St. Joseph's, Catholic War Veterans' Annual Mass — 9:00 a.m.
Sheraton Hotel, Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, Annual Lincoln Day Banquet — 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis Assisi, Family Rosary for Peace — 15:00 p.m.

12 Monday — Mercy Motherhouse, Dedication of New Chapel — 10:00 a.m.

17 Saturday — St. Bernard's Seminary, Ordinations — 8:30 a.m.

18 Sunday — St. Joseph's, Knights of Columbus Annual Mass — 7:30 a.m.

20 Tuesday — Hotel Rochester, Knights of Columbus Speakers Bureau Dinner Meeting — 7:00 p.m.

24 Saturday — St. Bernard's Seminary, Ordinations — 8:30 a.m.

25 Sunday — St. Joseph's, Post Office Employees Holy Name Society Mass — 9:00 a.m.
Columbus Civic Center, Scouters Rally — 3:00 p.m.

MSGR. SHEEN WRITES . . . • We Must Not Be Without Hope

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Our world is full of prophets of gloom, and I would be one of them if I did not practically believe in God. Thirty years ago the one word on everyone's lips was "progress." Now everyone speaks of defeat and the atomic bomb.

This attitude of pessimism varies in direct ratio and proportion to the frequency with which one follows world news. This is not necessarily because world news is depressing, but because one seldom allows time for counterbalancing war news with other factors. As a result people lead political lives, not spiritual lives.

Msgr. Sheen

It would be interesting to see a commentator take the medical reports of sick patients in hospitals and broadcast them; or to read the headlines after one detail of the report was selected to the exclusion of others. We might read something like this: "Appendix lost! Life despaired!"

Tremendous disproportions are created by headlines and news reports, as too often the startling is identified with the true.

Parents who live in love and affection for one another, and rear their children for the triple piety of God, neighbor, and country make no headlines. But let Glamorous Glamor separate from her husband after eighteen months of biological unity, and it becomes news. The worst is taken; the good is forgotten.

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SO IT IS with the war and the world situation. Times are bad! They have never been worse; for never before has a world civilization turned against the Divine Light.

We are indeed witnessing the transfer of the Christian heritage from the West to the East. Not that the West will lose it, but that the East will begin to do with it what the West did with it in its Springtime.

But despite these facts, this is not the end of civilization; nor are we to be without hope.

We have simply reached a moment in history where God is permitting us to feel our inadequacy, so long as we trust only in ourselves. Very often a father will allow his son, who "thinks he knows all about it," to fumble and to err in building his playhouse, until in humility he calls upon the father to help him.

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INSTEAD OF this being a time of disaster, it is rather a period of humiliation. We are being left to ourselves, to our own devices, to our own conceits. Day by day we are learning that Scriptural truth:

"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help, trusting in horsemen because they are many and in horses because they are strong, and have forgotten the loving God."

A farmer went with his son into a wheatfield to see if it was ready for the harvest. The son pointed to the stems that help up their heads, saying: "Those that let their heads hang cannot be good for much." The father replied: "See here, foolish child. This stalk that stands so straight is lightheaded, and almost good for nothing, while these that hang their heads so modestly are full of beautiful grain."

In national life, as in nature, humility, with a head bowed before God, is the beginning of greatness.

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OUR GREATEST days are ahead, though in between intervenes the purging, where we will learn that as the rays cannot survive without the sun, so neither can we prosper without God.

This hope can be translated into victory in either of two ways: by prayerfully rewaking our hearts, or by being brought within an inch of disaster, until from the depths of our insufficiency we cry out to the Goodness of God.

The world, and in particular our own country, is filled with thousands and thousands of good people, there is an intensification of spiritual life that is inspiring; intercession has multiplied; the young are craving for spiritual sacrifice. We are not lost. We are only losing our pride.

God never puts the crown of victory on a swollen head. As the shadows of the sun are longest when its beams are lowest, so we are greatest when we make ourselves least. Pride slays thanksgiving.

Our next greatest victory in making peace will be celebrated by a solemn national act of thanksgiving to God. How far away it is!

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Lest We Forget

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.**

a) 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

b) 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

c) 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

d) 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

e) Those who live in or attend churches in Dansville, Geneva, Hornell or Mt. Morris are to visit each church in their respective towns TWICE.

f) 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:

a) FIVE Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorias.

b) ONE additional Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory for the intention of Our Holy Father.

c) The Creed.

d) THREE Hail Marys to which is added each time the invocation, "Queen of Peace, Pray for Us."

e) The Hail Holy Queen.

f) 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.**

a) The Jubilee Indulgence may be gained for the living and for the dead.

b) 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.

c) 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 Instructio, "Quandoquidem" of the Sacred Penitentiary.

d) Special regulations will be issued subsequently to cover the cases of those who because of age or illness or occupation find themselves unable to fulfill the above conditions.

Rochester, New York
January 6, 1951

BY DIRECTION OF THE MOST REVEREND BISHOP.
JAMES C. McANIFF,
CHANCELLOR