

Editorials

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None That Thinketh

"Because there is none that thinketh in his heart..."

Lack of faith, lack of correspondence with the teachings of Divine faith were evident on every side.

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The Prophet knew that it was neglect and neglect alone that was the cause of pagan thinking and irreligious living.

Religious Indifference

Even those who have faith in God often neglect the religious manner of life that should accompany such belief.

We know that things could be very much better if we could lead our people to do a little more thinking.

To help us do a little more thinking in our heart, we should make a regular practice of attending Holy Mass.

Postal Workers Holy Name Society

A very important and significant addition to the Holy Name Society in the Diocese of Rochester inaugurated its work on last Sunday at St. Joseph's Church.

It was an inspiring sight to see these men, who make so valuable a contribution to the social and business life of our country, gathered as a religious body.

There Was Much Grass

John, the Apostle, was a skilled recorder. He was close to Christ and able to write down in detail the events that marked the public life of Christ.

There was little in the way of food to feed so great a crowd—five barley loaves and a few fishes.

plenty. John saw the progress of this meal; John noted the details of the scene before him; John was even able to count up the twelve baskets containing the remnants of the barley loaves left over after all had been fed.

The 5,000 had travelled a long distance with Christ. They had heard the word which attracted them to seek further instruction from Him.

John saw the people as they seated themselves. John saw the Lord take the five barley loaves and the few fishes that were at hand, saw Him multiply them, saw Him give them to the Apostles to distribute among those who were seated on the grass before Him.

It was no accident that Christ had John present to note this great act performed to feed the hunger of his hearers; it was no accident that John was able to know clearly the details of the event.

Look At Labor

No group in the country will be so adversely affected by wage stabilization as the white collar workers.

John gives us a perfect picture for the record. We note the minor detail that enabled John to give us a close-up of the event, the minor detail: "There was much grass in the place."

John was a contemporary of Christ; John was a companion of Christ on His journeys; John was an observer of all things in the life of Christ, even as our War Correspondents are observers of the activities of our armies.

THIS DEVELOPMENT will create serious problems for the union movement as well as for the economy.

The one institution capable of forestalling the evils of this trend is trade unionism.

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Whereas almost half the wage workers of the country are organized, only 16 per cent of our salaried employees, about two and one-half million, belong to unions.

Monsignor Sheen For Better Or Worse

How resolve the trials and sorrows and disillusionments and tears which sometimes come to married life?

Magr. Sheen not let a man live in his pleasure, why should it let him love as a pleasure?

SUPPOSE THE promise of marriage "for better or for worse" turns out for the worse; suppose either husband or wife becomes a chronic invalid, or develops anti-social characteristics?

IF A FATHER wills to pay his son's debts to keep him out of prison, if a man will give a blood transfusion to save his friend's life, then it is possible in marriage for a spouse to redeem a spouse.

Most of God's gifts are sweet; a few of them however are bitter. But whether that other person be bitter or sweet, sick or well, young or old, he or she is still a gift of God for whom the other partner must sacrifice himself or herself.

WHAT SICKNESS is to an individual, an unhappy marriage may be to a couple; a trial sent by God in order to perfect them spiritually.

THIS SPIRITUAL communication may not have the romantic satisfaction in it that carnal communication has, but its returns are eternal.



An unhappy marriage is not a condemnation to unhappiness; it is a noble tragedy in which one bears the "blows and arrows of outrageous fortune."

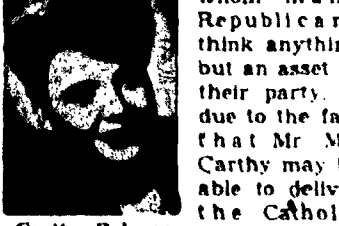
Most marriages fail not because of selfishness, but because of the refusal to make sacrifices when needed.

Sometimes moods cannot be reciprocated. Then it is that Christian love climbs to the peak counting its sweet sorrow a cheap price for the blissful monopoly of loving while yet unloved.

What a blood transfusion is to the body, that reparation for the sins of another is to the spirit.

Gretta Palmer

The London Times February 11 carried a fascinating item from Mr. O. H. Brandon, its special Washington correspondent.



Gretta Palmer, who in the past has been the exclusive property of the Democrats.

THE "Catholic vote" is a phrase to throw the Ku Klux Klan into a state of the most intense and paranoid fright.

This bogey might have been quietly dismissed if the London Times' correspondent had taken the time (say, ten minutes) to consult so elementary and inexpensive a reference book as the Catholic Almanac.

Boston has a population that is 74.5 per cent Catholic. Massachusetts, as a whole, has 2,817,582 Catholics, nearly 50 per cent of the total population of the state.

THE 13,000,000 Catholics of this country have so notably failed as a pressure group that their nuns are forced to remove their habits to teach in New Mexico's schools.

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Bishop Kearney's Appointments

- Friday - St. Joseph's, Mass for the St. Monica Sodality - 9:00 a.m.
St. Bernard's Seminary, Students' Conference - 1:20 p.m.
Sunday - St. Peter and Paul's, Elmira - Annual Mass and Affirmation Ceremony of the Ladies of Charity - 8:45 a.m.
Columbus Civic Center - Regional Meeting of Newman Clubs, Sermon and Benediction - 5:30 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier - Opening of Novena of Grace - 7:45 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi - Family Rosary For Peace Program - 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Convent, Lake Ronkonkoma, N. Y. - Reception of Habit and Religious Profession of the Religions of the Convent.
Wednesday - Good Counsel Convent, White Plains, N. Y. - Reception of Habit and Religious Profession of the Religions of the Divine Compassion.
Thursday - Nazareth College, St. Thomas Symposium - 2:00 p.m.
Friday - Nazareth College, Fratin Mission Unit Meeting - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday - St. Bernard's Seminary, Ordinations - 6:30 a.m.
Sunday - St. Patrick's, Mass for the Nocturnal Adoration Society - 7:45 a.m.
St. Francis Xavier, Novena of Grace - 7:45 p.m.
Monday - St. Francis Xavier, Closing Mass, Novena of Grace - 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday - Holy Family, Confirmation - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday - Nazareth Academy, Parents-Teachers Meeting - 8:15 p.m.
Friday - St. Agnes Institute, Closing Exercises of Retreat - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday - St. Patrick's, Solemn Pontifical Mass - 10:00 a.m. Powers Hotel, Knights of Equity St. Patrick's Day Banquet - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday - Mercy High School, Annual Alumnae Mass - 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday - St. Andrew's Seminary, Annual Retreat, Mass - 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Nazareth Academy, Closing Exercises of Retreat - 11:00 a.m.
Holy Thursday - Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Solemn Pontifical Mass and Blessing of Holy Oils - 10:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Teobras Service - 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Solemn Pontifical Mass of the Pre-Sanctified - 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Good Friday Service - 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday - Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Solemn Pontifical Easter Mass - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Columbus Civic Center, Convent Convent Benefit - 8:00 p.m.

The 'Catholic Vote' Is Arrant Nonsense

most arrant of nonsense. If there ever was the faintest justification for anyone's believing in such a pressure group, the failure of Al Smith to win the Presidency should have laid it to rest 22 years ago.

THE "Catholic vote"—if it had one—would have changed history to a marked degree. A "Catholic vote" would have seen in communism the menace that it is and would have prevented our granting recognition to Soviet Russia in the '30's.

It would have prevented anyone's daring to make the commitments to Stalin made at Yalta. It would have treated the Chinese communists as communists from the start, and not as mild "agrarian reformers."

But to speak of the "Catholic vote" as a reality is to suggest that one of two persons should be immediately discharged for egregious incompetence: either we Catholics should fire the rascals who have so often fumbled the vast opportunities the "Catholic vote" has afforded him for bringing Christian principles into our national politics, or the London Times should cast about for a new Washington correspondent who will write facts instead of fantasy about American life.

THE "Catholic vote" has not managed to get an exchange of ambassadors between the Vatican and the United States, although such Protestant countries as Great Britain, Finland and Holland have so quibbled about such an exchange.

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Lenten Regulations

- 1. All the days of Lent, except Sundays, are fast days. The Lenten fast ends at noon on Holy Saturday.
2. All between the ages of 21 and 59 inclusively are obliged to fast, except the sick and convalescent; women in delicate health and condition; those to whom fasting would cause grave injury to health or produce such illness or exhaustion as would interfere with their daily duties; and those whose occupations are of a very laborious and exhausting nature.
3. Those obliged to fast may take only one full meal a day. This meal may be taken either at noon or in the evening. The law also permits a light breakfast as well as a lunch at midday or in the evening. No other food is allowed.
4. During Lent every Wednesday (except the Wednesday in Holy Week), every Friday, the second Saturday and Holy Saturday until noon are days of abstinence. However, by special privilege of the Holy See, working people and their families are obliged to abstain from meat only on Ash Wednesday, Fridays and Holy Saturday until noon.
5. Those who are excused from fasting or abstinence during Lent should practice self-denial in some other way.
6. In all Churches having a resident pastor there will be a sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evenings, and the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Pastors in charge of two churches will give a sermon in each church during the week.
7. Parish parties or similar activities on the church premises are to cease during Lent.
8. The time for complying with the precept of Paschal Communion extends from the first Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday inclusive.

+ JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester

On Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, and on St. Patrick's Day, Mar. 17, the Most Reverend Bishop grants to the faithful of the Diocese a dispensation from the Lenten law of fast and abstinence.

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