

Editorials

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To Instruct

To show that He was truly risen from the dead, and to instruct His Apostles...

To instruct His Apostles; this was the second reason why Christ remained on earth for forty days after His Resurrection...

In all ages for all men for all conditions of life, Christ's infinite wisdom had made complete provision in this deposit of faith...

To instruct! We must note that this final work of instruction was intended for the Apostles. It was to be their equipment for teaching men as Bishops of the Church of God...

God. It was to be sacred to them because it was the word of Christ. No other word of God was to be expected as an addition to this official body of doctrine...

Christ's teaching was the right teaching, the orthodox teaching. Contrary teaching was to be known as the "other" teaching, heresy. The New Testament declares any man who would teach doctrine other than that of Christ as deserving condemnation...

To instruct! Christ's instruction to His Apostles included His direction that they remain in Jerusalem for ten days to wait the coming of the Holy Spirit. The coming of the Holy Spirit was to be their consolation as they witnessed with joy Christ's ascension...

They knew from Christ that the Holy Spirit was to remain with them and their successors in the Church even to the end of time. Joyfully does the Church in every age hail this final instruction of the Risen Christ.

Called By God

The call of God summoned from life one of the younger Priests of the Diocese, the Reverend John E. Cielesinski, Assistant Pastor of St. Stanislaus Church...

persecution of religion have not weakened the allegiance and lasting loyalty of Polish Catholics in their native land or in this home of their adoption.

Father Cielesinski was a true Apostle to our Polish Catholics in the Rochester Diocese. We feel sure that the salutary effects of his priestly life will remain in the persevering love and devotion of his charges for the Church of God.

To his Pastor and parishioners at St. Stanislaus, to his Bishop and his host of other clerical friends, to his sorrowing relatives, we extend our deep sympathy. May his soul rest in peace!

Follow The Constitution

Americans are traditionally devoted to the Constitution. God blessed us in the beginning of our nation with men of Christian principle and unusual insight...

long to the President. The power and authority of the President of the United States as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces should remain intact. Any change in the constitutional provision should be made only through the orderly process of a Constitutional Amendment...

Follow the Constitution! It has been our unflinching guide in times past; its wisdom has been demonstrated by long experience. It still remains as a wise provision for the future of our Country.

Shepherd Of Our Souls

Christ is the Good Shepherd of our souls. As the Good Shepherd, He leads them into the verdant pastures by the streams of living water, protecting them from danger even at the risk of His own life...

rule over their subjects not as a Shepherd cares for his flock but as men who know not God and therefore refuse to respect the rights and liberties God has given to man. Their work is not to protect but to exploit. They seek their own good, not the good of their subjects.

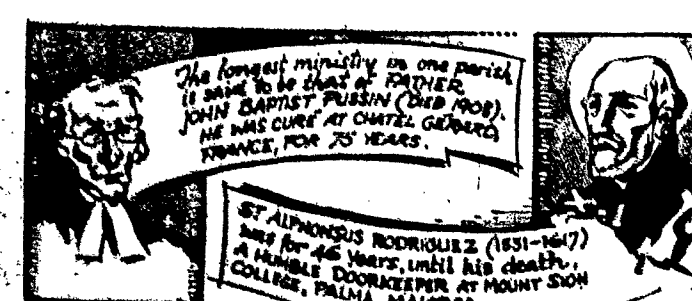
Christ, as the Good Shepherd, blesses and cares for all the needs of every member of the flock. His Vicar on earth exercises the same ministry toward the flock of Christ. Man's liberties, man's rights, man's sojourn on earth and man's eternal destiny in Heaven are the ob-

New Ship Honors St. Francis Cabrini

Each (N.Y.C.) - A large sculptured plaque of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, patroness of emigrants, has been given a place of honor in the main salon of the new French ocean liner, the Provence...

STRANGE BUT TRUE Little-Known Facts for Catholics

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Monsignor Sheen

We live in the most talkative age in the history of the world. It would take ten or fifteen million men in previous ages to communicate to others the same information which one person today gives in a single broadcast.

The love of noise and excitement in modern civilization is due in part to the fact that people are unhappy on the inside.

Noise exteriorizes them, distracts them, and makes them forget their worries at least for the moment. There is an unmistakable connection between an empty life and a hectic pace. To make progress the world must have action, but it must also know why it is acting and that requires thought, contemplation and silence.

The world is in danger of becoming like a turnstile that is in everybody's way but stops nobody; it is a place where we look into everything but see nothing.

Felix Frankfurter with the effect of excessive illumination on government; everything is done under bare and noisy, the deliberative process is impaired and government becomes too susceptible to quick thinking.

It is, I believe, of deep significance that the Constitution of the United States was written behind closed doors, and it is well to remember that earth was thrown on the streets of Philadelphia from the noise of traffic. It might also be added that when the Apostles received the Holy Spirit it was behind closed doors

too, and after they kept nine days of silence awaiting the coming of heavenly Wisdom.

ACTION is the great need of the Eastern World; silence the need of the Western. The East with its fatalism does not believe that man does anything; the West with its actionism believes that man does everything.

Somewhere in between is the golden mean wherein silence prepares for action. He who holds his tongue for a day will speak much more wisely tomorrow. Even friendships are made by words; love is preserved in silence. The best friends are those who know how to keep the same silence.

As Maeterlinck wrote "Speech is too often not, as the Frenchman defined it, the art of concealing Thought, but a quiet still-

God Speaks in Gentle Breezes



news the night before - all these make people live on the surface of their souls. The result is very few live inside themselves.

THROUGHOUT THE United States there is growing what is known as the "Retreat Movement." In which busy men betake themselves over a weekend to a quiet place where they spend time in silence, prayer and purging their consciences.

In silence, there is humility of spirit or what might be called a "twice passiveness." In such the ear is more important than the tongue.

God speaks, but not in cyclones only in the zephyrs and gentle breezes. As the scientist learns by sitting passively before nature so the soul learns wisdom by being responsive to His Will.

FROM THIS learn the lesson that he who would become wise must become silent. A mirror is silent, yet it reflects forests, sunsets, flowers and faces.

What is really important is what happens within us, not outside us. The rapidity of communication, the hourly news broadcasts, tomorrow's

They have their moods determined by the world, instead of carrying their own atmosphere with them, as the earth does as it revolves around the sun, they are like barometers that register every change in the world outside. Silence alone can give them an inner sanctuary into which they may retire for repose, as hidden gardens wherein like man before in the Fall they walk with God in the cool of evening.

ONLY IN solitariness is true spirituality born, when the soul stands naked before its God. In that moment these are the only two realities in the universe.

In this discovery is born love of neighbor, for then one loves his fellowmen, not because of what he can do for us, but because one sees that he too is a real or potential child of God. Though truth is not personal, we make it personal by contemplation.

Reds Producing Anti-God Films

Frankfurt, Germany (NC) - Eight anti-religious motion pictures are now being produced in the Soviet Union...

The titles of four of the pictures are reported to be: "The Fairy Tale of the Divine Origin of Life," "Religion as an Instrument of Capitalist Oppression," "Princes of the Church as War Mongers" and "The Church in Its Struggle Against the Delivery of the Working Classes."

"As You Sow . . ."



Gretta Palmer

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Everywhere the slogans are the same, and everywhere they distort the truth so as to make men imagine that the Church does not need the rock on which it has been built. Peter's successors in the Vatican.

It is a trap as old as Christianity. The early martyrs were persecuted because they would not worship Caesar with the little pinch of incense that spelt apostasy.

It is like asking the amputated hand to live cut off from the heart that has pumped blood to it, like asking a branch to grow in separation from the vine.

BUT THIS worldwide attempt to cut the faithful off from Rome is somewhat surprising in our day. For we have been assured for years now, and with a growing insistence, that nationalism must go.

We have been told that U.S. sovereignty must be sacrificed, and soon, to give the world. We have been assured that all the spread-seeing people were on the side of rejecting all the nationalistic egoism.

That is why the Communists, with diabolic accuracy, aim all their hardest blows today at Rome. They do not (yet) deny the poor people of Poland and

Catholics Thank God There is One World

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It is somewhat surprising that the radicals who have implored us to become international should now try to break up, along nationalistic lines, the one truly international body in existence.

For the "brotherhood of man" is just a dream—but the Communion of Saints is a living reality. The destruction of tariff barriers is only a debating-society theory—but the Church Militant stretches across every boundary in the world.

WE MAY now sit back and wait for the thundering applause to rise from the many liberals and radicals in our midst who deplore national divisions among men. We may look forward to the approving speeches of all the editorial writers who deplore isolationism in the modern world.

Those who have baited the Chicago Tribune for its lack of cosmopolitanism may now address the same castigating attacks to the Czech Communists. Those who consider Senator Taft too narrow and nationalistic can now aim their fiery phrases at Mao Tse Tung with his China First mentality in the religious sphere.

But while we are waiting for the enthusiasts of world government to come out strongly for world church government, we may thank our God that the clear, plain words of the papist and Romanist are still around to be worn as badges of honor and reminders of the thing for which men are ready to die.

Daniel Sargent: Church's Culture

By JOHN A. O'BRIEN, Ph.D.

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His interest in the Catholic Church was aroused by a course in the traditions of European literature under Barrett Wendell of Harvard. This was followed by a course in Dante where he came to perceive something of the magnificent culture which the Church had brought to a rich blossoming in the Middle Ages.

"Since I have read Dante," he remarked, "I cannot help thinking that someday I will become a Catholic."

During his service in World War I he was brought face to face with the universality of the Church: in every country it loomed up as the central fact in the history of Europe. The work of the Catholic chaplains made a deep impression upon him.

THE READING of "The Voyage of the Centurian" by Ernest Psichari and a volume of "Selected Verse" by Charles Peguy further deepened his insight into the Church and enhanced the impression first made by Dante.

He attended midnight Mass on Christmas eve in a little chapel in Monastir and discovered then and there that this sacrifice is no invention of man but is God's own act—Christ offering Himself as the Victim for the sins of man.

Returning to this country after the war, he applied at a priest's office for instruction only to learn the priest was out. Later he circled twice around another Catholic rectory but couldn't quite screw up enough courage to knock at the door. When finally he began his instructions under Martin Scott, S.J., he was told: "State your reasons for thinking that Jesus Christ is God."

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