

# Editorials

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## Vacation's End

Vacations are drawing to a close. Back to school, back to the school go the men and women and the boys and girls whose vacation program has been given to play, to relax and frolic they return. Some reluctance at leaving camp and seashore may show itself, but usually there is a real touch of happiness in getting back to the real business of life.

Once more the school boy's shining face appears on our streets. His bag of books contains the elements of learning that are to make up his new school year. Joy is in his face in the ceremony of passing from a lower to a higher grade, perhaps from grammar school to high school or from high school to college.

The varied odors of field and stream and camp, of the tennis court and the baseball

field give way now to the pungent scent of the newly sharpened pencil, to the less pervasive smells of books fresh from the press, telling clearly of the dye and glue that have gone into their makeup. New shoes, new clothing, new bookbags and brief cases all add their individual scent to make up the atmosphere of the school room.

Back to shop and store and office go the great army of vacationers. Their real work awaits them. They must produce that our country may have all things needful for its happiness. With them will go happy memories of days in the country, at the seashore, in the mountains. Many an evening will find them regaling the family and the neighbors with still pictures and movies of the accomplishments of the summer season. Vacation is ending. Now for study, now for work!

## Labor Day

No longer is the life of a working man considered a lowly occupation. The first Monday in September is set aside to give honor to every man in America that bends his energies and uses his skilled craftsmanship to produce the things that make for the wealth and happiness of our people.

All who labor share in the honor of this day. They may be white collar workers, they may be mechanics, they may be the engineers and other workers on our railroads, they may be the farmers in the field or the merchant in his store. In a general way under the name of labor should come all who give of their efforts to promote the well-being of our country and its people.

Appreciation of the honored place labor deserves to hold in a commonwealth is shown by the attitude of all thinking Americans. Recognition of the rights of workers to or-

ganize and to bargain collectively with capital is afforded by all true Americans.

The two great labor Encyclicals of Leo XIII and Pius XI have set forth the true philosophy on which the rights of the laboring man are founded. The worker may rejoice that today he can see this philosophy being applied in the consensus of public opinion and in the great body of labor legislation that has been enacted in the State and Nation.

Labor Day of 1951 dawns for us in a condition which should promote the best of feeling and constant cooperation between labor and capital. The true American will hope and pray that the proper use of collective bargaining will bring to employer and employee an era of good feeling that will eliminate strikes in all our industries. God bless our workers. God bless our employers.

## Builders Of Men

Our great army of teachers will soon begin their work of building men! On all the different levels of educational effort our teachers will meet their classes and will begin a new chapter in the training of our new generation.

Builders of men! This is a proper title for every teacher as he presides over his class. The subjects he teaches may be of an elementary grade, of an academic type, of a collegiate or professional character. Whatever the subject the true teacher's ambition is to develop the mind of the pupil in ac-

cordance with the curriculum and to develop the powers of his soul in preparation for life in this world and life in the world to come.

The type of citizen for the years ahead will be determined by the skill and zeal of our faithful teachers. Parents may well salute the day of the opening of school with a special prayer for the consecrated men and women who staff our schools and give themselves so unselfishly to the development of Christian and American ideals in the hearts of their pupils. God bless our teachers!

## RIGHT AND LAWFUL

Laws are made for the benefit of mankind. A man does right when he keeps the law. A man sins when he breaks the law. Wise men interpret the law in a way that is right. Foolish men insist on the letter of the law without making provision for its proper application in individual cases.

Servile works were forbidden on the Sabbath. The Pharisees extended this prohibition to works of charity such as the healing of the sick. Christ points out clearly that it cannot be unlawful to minister to the sick on the Sabbath Day. The well instructed Catholic knows how to apply every law reasonably and justly. Servile works are lawful on the Sabbath whenever the honor of God, the good of our neighbor, or necessity requires them.

The labor of snow cleaning enables us to honor God by getting to Mass on a stormy day. Workers on buses and railroads enable their neighbors to attend church and fulfill other social and business appointments. Preparation of meals in the household is therefore lawful. All this is in accord with common sense.

The Lord in today's Gospel teaches a lesson of humility. Pride was in the hearts of his hearers to lead them to forbid the healing of the sick on the ground that it was unlawful. The same pride led these people to seek for themselves the higher seats at the table. He told them to choose the lower seats and thereby avoid the embarrassment of being sent into a lower place. Humility in dealing with our-

selves and charity in dealing with our neighbor should be our watchword. Let us gladly grant to our neighbor every liberty that God's laws give to him. Let us honor God by avoiding any false interpretation of His laws.

## Red Blow Aimed At All Missionaries

Hong Kong (RNS) Chinese Communist authorities are planning to expel or imprison all remaining Roman Catholic missionaries in China within the next three months, according to Catholic sources here.

The informants said Communist officials in Peking and Shanghai have revealed that they were preparing to "step up" their campaign against the Catholic Church in China.

Archbishop Antonio Riberi, Papal Internuncio to China, has been under house arrest since June 26, despite the fact that under international law he is entitled to full diplomatic privileges.

Canon Cardijn (RNS) Santiago, Chile.—(NC) Canon Joseph Cardijn, founder and chaplain of the Young Christian Workers, was named by the Government of Chile Commander of the "Bernardo O'Higgins" Order of Merit, in recognition of his social work.

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# Tools of Moscow



## JOSEPH BREIG

Let's say for the sake of argument that you have suddenly awakened to find yourself in the Age of Nuclear Transportation.

And let's say for instance that you have not as yet acquired one of the new chain-reaction automobiles.

And suppose that in an idle moment you cut out a box-top, write a slogan, and win a Super-Deluxe Atomic Eight.

Suppose that you don't know a blame thing about how to operate it or care for it.

Nevertheless, one day a man in a weird helmet brings the contraption to your house, hands over the title and keys, shakes hands and walks away.

Then what? Well, if you are the sensible man or woman I take you for, you won't try to take a ride right off.

After all, atomic power is not to be trifled with, and you don't want to blow yourself sky-high, or even ruin this bright new machine.

So you get out the book of instructions and study it.

Then you behave accordingly. Why not? The manufacturer knows the machine, doesn't he?

He knows what it's for, and how to get the most out of it. So you accept his suggestions.

You don't toss the book aside, saying "Pshaw, that's a lot of malarkey," and then do exactly what it says not to do.

Not unless you're being in a straightjacket, you don't. Now at this point let's suppose something else.

LET'S SAY for the sake of argument that you're a parent. Say that somebody has left at your house a brand-new Super-Deluxe Jet-propelled Boy.

Suppose the Boy is approaching the age of formal education and you're wondering what kind of school to send him to.

You don't want to make a mistake. This is an important matter. After all, a Boy (or for that matter a Girl) is not to be trifled with.

You don't want anybody or anything ruining this bright new being.

You don't want him blowing his happiness and his future sky-high, along with yours and maybe some other people's. So what do you do?

If you are the sensible man or woman I take you for, you consult the Blaker.

You say to yourself that after all, He knows what He made this youngster for, and what is best for him.

So what do you discover? You discover that the Boy (or the Girl) was made for:  
1. Know God.  
2. Love God.

## Educating A Super Delux Jet Boy

Education for a Boy or a Girl consists in knowing, loving and serving God.

Well, all this is just my roundabout way of calling your attention to something that Radio XII said the other day in a radio address to the Inter-American Congress on Catholic Education in Rio de Janeiro.

Here is what he said, and you can paste it in your hat:

"EDUCATION which is not moral and religious is mutilated in its highest and greatest function. It neglects the noblest faculties of man, deprives itself of the most efficacious and vital energies, and ends by diseducating by mixing errors and uncertainties with truth, vices with virtue, and evil with good."

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# Bishop Kearney's Appointments

- SEPTEMBER
- 2 Sunday—St. Joseph's, Communion Mass, National Convention of Kniping Societies—9:00 a.m.
  - Hotel Seneca, Banquet of Kniping Societies—4:30 p.m.
  - 6 Thursday—Framingham, N. H., National Convention of Newman Club Federation.
  - 9 Sunday—Framingham, N. H., Sermon, National Convention of Newman Club Federation.
  - 19 Monday—Nazareth Academy, Low Mass—9:00 a.m.
  - 11 Tuesday—St. Agnes High School, Low Mass—9:00 a.m.
  - 12 Wednesday—Mercy High School, Low Mass—9:00 a.m.
  - 13 Thursday—St. Joseph's Commercial School, Low Mass—9:00 a.m.
  - Mercy High School, Alumnae Banquet—6:45 p.m.
  - 14 Friday—Aquinas Institute, Low Mass—9:00 a.m.
  - 15 Saturday—Nazareth Academy, Alumnae Day—3:00 p.m.
  - 16 Sunday—St. Bernard's Seminary, Ordinations—6:30 a.m.
  - St. Beniface, Preside at Diamond Jubilee Mass for St. Boniface Convent, Knights of St. John—11:00 a.m.
  - Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Annual Ceremony of the Blessing of the Graves—9:30 p.m.
  - 17 Monday—De Sales High School, Geneva, Low Mass—9:00 a.m.
  - Mercy High School, Alumnae Banquet—6:45 p.m.
  - 18 Tuesday—Sacred Heart Academy, Low Mass—9:00 a.m.
  - 19 Wednesday—Nazareth College, Low Mass—9:00 a.m.
  - 20 Thursday—St. Joseph's, Annual Red Mass for the Opening of the Courts of Justice—9:00 a.m.
  - 21 Friday—St. Andrew's Seminary, Low Mass—9:00 a.m.
  - Aquinas Institute, Diocesan Teachers Conference—3:00 p.m.
  - 23 Sunday—Holy Cross, Ovid—Centenary Celebration—10:45 a.m.
  - 24 Monday to 29 Saturday—Aurlesville, N. Y., Sacred Heart Retreat House—Bishop's Retreat.
  - 30 Sunday—St. Michael's, Union Springs—Centennial Celebration—10:30 a.m.
  - St. Francis Assisi, Auburn—Dedication of New School—3:30 p.m.

## GRETTA PALMER

## Sound Advice From Catechism On Fantasy

A vast and usually well-intentioned effort is carried on today by many liberal writers to minimize the differences between peoples. We are forever being asked to love the Chinese or the Eskimos—a faultless and completely Christian goal. But very often this plea is accompanied by a long, misleading listing of the common qualities we share with foreigners.



The clear implication is that men are unable to love another man who differ markedly from them. The insulting suggestion is made that we can only love ourselves, and that those remote from us in place or temperament or training will never awaken our sympathies unless we are fooled into thinking that we are all pretty much alike.

We are not all pretty much alike. We are all equally precious in the eyes of God and we owe love, as Catholics, to the vastly-varied population of the planet. But if we have been assured that Polyneesian witch doctors and Siberian peasants think and feel and live in a moral atmosphere like our own, we shall be really provincial.

For then our first encounter with a creature of another culture will disillusion us. Because we had been told he was no different from our Main Street neighbors, his patent differences will scandalize and disappoint us, and immensely increase the difficulty of trying to love him.

A realistic admission that he is different, and has every right to be different, and is still worth understanding is the beginning of truly broadmindedness, of a truly cosmopolitan view of life.

THERE is a phrase used by editors of mass magazines when they are trying to weigh the popular appeal of a story or an article they ask, "Has it reader identification?" In other words, will the reader see himself going through the thrilling or tragic or glamorous experiences the writer narrates?

St. Thomas tells us that "fantasy and imagination are the same" and defines them as "a storehouse of forms received through the senses." Received through whose senses?

Quite obviously, our own. Our own senses have received a great many impressions but not all possible human impressions.

Holy Spirit for faith and hope in the future. "I Had to Know" is a notable addition to the already noteworthy literature contributed by recent converts through their autobiographies. It may stand beside "Seven Store Mountain," "Pillar of Fire," "Beyond East and West," and the two compilations of Father John A. O'Brien: "The Road to Damascus," and "Where I Found Christ."

Everyone is privileged to make a fool of himself, but that is neither a reason nor a justification for doing so. There are many things possible which should yet ever remain improbable.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

**PAST OBSERVATORY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WAS RUNNED BY FATHER JOSE MUIZAS AT BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, IN THE 18th CENTURY.**

**Most Rev. Laurence Fitzgerald, Bishop of Amarillo, Texas, collected in the U.S. Navy during the war.**

**The old bridge over the Meritway at Ayresford, England.**

**Leading to the re-established Priory, built by CONNELL'S 700 YEARS AGO.**

**Home of King of Kings, ANGELUS WALEY, near the church of St. Mary in the Hollow of White Hagel near the rapid whirlpool and to St. Tullio's church 1842.**