Editorials

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Seminary Sunday

Again we welcome the coming of Seminary Sunday. It is a day to awaken happy memories in the great army of benefactors that have marked Seminary Sunday each year by a worthy contribution. Friends of the Seminary are setting aside during these days their 1951 gift and their prayers go out with their gifts for all our ecclesiastical students and for the faculties that teach them.

Seminary Sunday has blessed our Diocese with a loyal and devoted priesthood. Pastors and assistants in their parishes, professors and officials in their schools and in charitable and institutional work are available in sufficient numbers because of our two seminaries. We all share in the fruits of the priesthood; we rejoice in our American freedom to give needed support to this cause.

Seminary Sunday! Once more the great and growing group of friends and benefactors of our seminaries is making ready a large and needed amount to support these schools over twelve months. God's blessing will be upon every man and woman in the Diocese who responds to the Seminary Appeal of Bishop Kearney.

Union Springs' Centennial

The great Archangel Michael has been the Patron of Catholicity and of the parish church in the village of Union Springs for one hundred years. Devoted men and women have looked to St. Michael to keep them near to God as they tilled the fields of this parish. Zealous priests have covered the homes in the parish, have brought the consolations of religion to its people. The parish church has held an honored place in the religious program of every parishioner. From the earliest visit of the newly-born infant to the parish church for baptism, through the years of childhood marked by first Communion and Confirmation, through the time of youth happy brides and bridegrooms have been united in marriage before the parish altar through all the weeks marked by regular assistance at Holy Mass on the Lord's Day and at the close of life the final visit for Christian burial—the program has been carried out. It has been God's way of bringing to every Catholic the particular graces he has needed for every part of his life.

Father Ayers and his people are to be congratulated on this happy anniversary. May God continue to bless them and to make their parish church fruitful in many graces for all of them through the intercession of their great patron, St. Michael.

Tragedy In Brighton

Many of our friends and neighbors in Brighton during the past week saw tragedy come into their homes and into their families. Property destruction to an extent never known before in this community has been matched by a terrible threat to the lives of our people and by the death of two little children. That the tragedy did not bring a much greater number to death is surprising in the face of the large number of homes destroyed or damaged. Our sympathy goes out to the parents of the two children. We extend our sympathy also to all those upon whom has descended the loss of their homes. One effect of the tragedy must be cooperation between the corporation and the civil authorities to prevent all possible repetition.

Legislation has been in the hands of the federal and state governments governing the distribution of gas in communities. Added to all that the corporation can do to promote safety in its services should be a definite and constant control on the part of the civil authorities. Final decision on the absolute safety of general and house installations must be put up to the government personnel. Brighton and other communities must be given a guarantee that a tragedy such as this shall never recur.

Football At Aquinas

Not a tame sport, not something that you can take or leave, but a "must" is the opening football game Sunday at the Aquinas Stadium. Everybody wants to go, everybody must go. School boys and girls, pupils of our high schools and the great alumni association made up of graduates and friends will be represented. Resplendent in their maroon and white uniforms, the Aquinas eleven have high hopes of overcoming their formidable opponent, Notre Dame Prep of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sunday will be a great day for the many thousands who will witness the opening game. Enthusiasm will run high. There will be great rooting for the home eleven and generous applause for the prowess of the visiting team. Music and marching pop corn and pop and hots, noisemakers galore will all have their part in promoting the great sporting event. Plan to be present to be thrilled by the mighty spectacle of our own boys demonstrating the very best in the way of football strategy and skill. See you at the stadium!

UNLESS YOU SEE

So many signs and wonders had Jesus worked in Judea, Samaria and Galilee that every witness had reason to know that He was the Son of God. Those who were well disposed believed in Him. Those whose hearts were not right refused to believe. These last were constantly seeking for more signs and wonders, but they were just as constantly refusing to recognize the Divine Power shown by Christ.

The Ruler in Sunday's Gospel was a man of Faith. He was not seeking any proof of Christ's Divine Power; he believed in Christ, he turned to Him in confidence that He could and would bring from the brink of death his afflicted son. "Lord, come down before my son die," and Christ in that very moment cured his son. It was the seventh hour and the messengers from the Ruler's home told him of the time of the cure as they met him on his journey home.

"Himself believed and all [illegible] ruler and his son and [illegible] definite reason to believe [illegible] Divine Power of Christ. [illegible] The evidence of Christ's Divine Power had come into their very home. They believed.

Christ has come into all of our lives with evidence of His Divine Power. He comes with all the signs and [illegible] us as an open book. He and His teachings are before us in the [illegible] preachings of the Church.

Our good will [illegible] by the faith we have in Him. [illegible] Christ, as the source of [illegible] of salvation was [illegible] blessings. May [illegible] and [illegible] reward" in every [illegible]

Quick, Grab This

GRETTA PALMER

Crossroads of Our Century

Manila, P. I. There are two giant forces opposed to the Anti-Christ of communism today: the Catholic Church and the United States and they meet here. The Reds who know their enemy as [illegible] Christ as our [illegible] propaganda issued by our Communist critics refers to as magnates Peter Washington and [illegible]

Gretta Palmer

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THE TWO BEST FORCES in [illegible] which has emerged as the greatest enemy ever of Christ today. The Filipinos are the beachhead of Asia on the Orient, and they are also the sands on which the ideas of Washington and Jefferson have left a deep impression.

The American Faith has [illegible] per cent of the people [illegible] per cent would send their children to parochial schools. Negro children were denied the same public schools were even more opposed to integrated parishes [illegible] and abstinence.

The [illegible] is that the leaders of Marx's parish are now [illegible] their think [illegible] where the social teaching of the Church affected their personal convenience.

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THIS PIECE [illegible] merely lends to confirm what other men have written [illegible] pastoral life have a [illegible] deluded from their own personal and less scientific experience. It points up the divergence that exists between the ideas of the Church and the common acceptance or rejection of these ideals among the laity.

It serves to underline the fact that the great need of the Church in this age is adult education in encyclical thinking and a reinforced spiritual life in American parishes.

face as arises the modern Moses of America both have staffs in Manila.

BUT THE PHILIPPINES do not need to learn their philosophy from Washington; their philosophy is wiser and truer than anything the State Department knows, for their philosophy is the perennial philosophy of the Faith. It would be more fitting if the Philippine people converted the U. S. Embassy personnel to their views and their Sacraments than that these leaders should try to lead the native Catholic mind.

Chungking Prelate Ordered Expelled

Hong Kong [illegible] Bishop Francis X. Jantzen, Apostolic Administrator of Chungking, has been ordered expelled from the city by Communist authorities, it was learned here. He was accused of opposing plans for setting up a so-called Independent Catholic Church in China.

The expulsion order was issued late in August but it is not known here when the French-born Archbishop will be escorted out of Chungking.

Archbishop Jantzen, who is 65 and in ill health, has already been turned out of his official residence. He is living with several priests in a small three-room apartment.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

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Bishop Kearney's Appointments

OCTOBER

1 Monday—De Sales High School, Geneva—Low Mass—9:00 a.m.

2 Tuesday—Holy Family High School, Auburn—Low Mass—9:00 a.m.
Knights of Columbus, Testimonial Banquet—7:00 p.m.

3 Wednesday—Carmelite Monastery, Low Mass—9:00 a.m.
Nazareth Academy Auditorium, Lecture by the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, D.D.—8.30 p.m.

4 Thursday—Nazareth Academy, Low Mass—9.00 a.m.
Columbus Civic Center, Opening Membership Campaign, Columbus Youth Association—6.30 p.m.

5 Friday—St. Joseph's, Mass for the St. Monica Sodality—9:00 a.m.
Niagara Falls, N. Y., Address First Friday Luncheon—12 Noon.
St. Bernard's Seminary, Students' Conference—5.30 p.m.

6 Saturday—St. Andrew's Seminary, Low Mass for International Federation of Catholic Alumnae—8.30 a.m.

7 Sunday—Holy Rosary, Solemn Pontifical Mass, Patronal Feast—10.45 a.m.
Immaculate Conception, Ithaca—Confirmation—3.00 p.m.
St. Aloysius, Auburn—Confirmation—5.00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn—Confirmation—7.45 p.m.

11 Thursday—Old St. Mary's, Consecration of High Altar—7:30 a.m.
St. Michael's, Lyons—Confirmation—7.30 p.m.

12 Friday—St. Joseph's, Columbus Day Mass—9.00 a.m.
Knights of Columbus Banquet—7.00 p.m.

13 Saturday—St. Patrick's, Elmira—Family Rosary for Peace—10.00 p.m.

14 Sunday—St. Patrick's, Elmira—Preside and preach at Solemn Mass, Elmira Community Chest Campaign—10.00 a.m.
St. Joachim's, Canisteo—Confirmation—2.00 p.m.
St. Ignatius, Hornell—Confirmation—3.15 p.m.
St. Ann's, Hornell—Confirmation—4.30 p.m.

15 Monday—Elmira Catholic High School, Low Mass—9.00 a.m.
Nazareth College, Reception Tea—3.00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception, Confirmation—7.45 p.m.

16 Tuesday—Holy Family, Confirmation—7.45 p.m.

18 Thursday—Cincinnati, Ohio—National Catholic Youth Convention.

21 Sunday—New York City, Address Grand Central Holy Name Club Communion Breakfast.

22 Monday—St. Alphonsus, Auburn—Confirmation—7.30 p.m.

23 Tuesday—St. Michael's, Newark—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.

24 Wednesday—Old St. Mary's, Low Mass for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention—9.30 a.m.
Hotel Seneca, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Luncheon—12.30 p.m.
Columbus Civic Center, Clergy Relief Society Meeting—8.30 p.m.
St. Patrick's, Macedon—Confirmation—7.45 p.m.
Columbus Civic Center, Carmelite Monastery Benefit—10:00 p.m.

26 Friday—Albany, N. Y.—Fourth Regional Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Preside at Clergy Meeting—10.30 a.m.

29 Monday—Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira—Annual Banquet of the Elmira Catholic Charities—7.00 p.m.

30 Tuesday—Columbus Civic Center, Conference for the Clergy 4.00 p.m.
Holy Rosary, Confirmation—7.45 p.m.

31 Wednesday—St. Columba's, Caledonia—Confirmation—7.45 p.m.

JOSEPH BREIG

Church Beaten? We Say No!

Joe Breig

[illegible] Hauser's [illegible] piece which could have stood a lot of refuting described in some detail how Catholic bishops priests and laity in Eastern Europe have been resisting Communist atheism even to the point of [illegible] death, torture and death.

Hauser then proceeded to draw from these facts the conclusion that the Church is beaten in Eastern Europe, that Stalin has won the day, ties up his loose ends and dusts his hands. And there is a distinct suggestion that if the Church is beaten in Italy it is because the bishops and priests have surrendered.

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ALL THIS strikes me as a rather odd sort of reporting.

I do not specially quarrel with Hauser's facts although I think he might have watched the reader, as many of them are unreliable because they come from Communist sources. But I do emphatically quarrel with Hauser's misinterpretation of the facts. I do not say that the misinterpretations were deliberate. Perhaps they were due to innocence and ignorance.

Many modern minds are handicapped by what Chesterton called a certain simplicity and it may be that Hauser and the editors of the Saturday Evening Post do not possess the intellectual subtlety to see through the Communist tricks, or to understand the careful strategies and delaying actions by which the bishops of Eastern Europe have [illegible]

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HAUSER COMPLETELY [illegible] to comprehend why thousands [illegible] after the last [illegible] and the last [illegible]

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HAUSER SEEMS [illegible] of the [illegible] from [illegible] and keep the [illegible] if they were not [illegible] anything against [illegible] and human freedom. That put the government on the spot.

Hauser also fails to see that the agreements signed by the [illegible] that the government [illegible] gives him the best evidence of this since [illegible] the agreements [illegible] have been favorable to Communism.

I will merely remark that the truth is that the Catholic Church is stronger than ever in many of the persecuted countries, and [illegible] Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist breath.

A LOOK AT LABOR

Educate Catholics In Encyclical Teaching

By A. C. Tuohy

Father Joseph Fichter, S. J., recently published the results of his research in a SOUTHERN PARISH (which is the name given to the book). Apart from its value as a record of religious observance among Catholic people, the last chapter entitled "the Catholic Mind of the Parish" is a revealing account of the extent to which the laity have accepted the social teaching of the Church.

At the end of his study, Father Fichter selected a group of parishioners who had best fulfilled the laws of the Church concerning Sunday Mass, Easter Duty, marriage, etc., and surveyed them for their opinion and attitudes on pressing social and moral problems. He wanted to find out the extent to which these practical Catholics "thought with the Church."

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THE FIRST SERIES of questions dealt with authoritative matters which had been clearly decided by Church authority and which should be known by well-informed parishioners as the official teaching of their Church.

Ninety-one per cent of the parishioners polled opposed mercy-killing; 86 per cent were against the relaxation of laws of divorce; 76 per cent thought that God was unjust for sending to hell a person who committed only one mortal sin; 54 per cent believed that the devil was a [illegible] and only 44 per cent would bother to ask the permission of their bishop before they sent a child to a public school.

The second series of questions dealt with intrepretable matters, in which differences of opinion are permissible, but where the ideal of the Church is clearly known. When asked: Do you think that it is better to raise two children in comfortable circumstances than five children in decent poverty?" 68 per cent answered affirmatively.

Fifty one per cent of the parishioners questioned thought that it was a good idea for persons of limited income to practice rhythm for the first few years of marriage. Thirty five per cent agreed that young people, very much in love, should marry even though they are not of the same religion.

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ON MORE SPECIFIC social questions, where ideal answers should be known by well instructed and spiritually formed Catholics, the results were even more varied. Ninety four per cent believed that Catholics over 21 had the obligation to vote; 91 per cent thought that tax money should be expended for social welfare, such as maternity hospitals for the poor, clinics for disabled persons, etc.; 82 per [illegible]

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