

Editorials

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Say The Rosary

Our Holy Father has put before all his children in the current encyclical an urgent invitation for daily recitation of the Rosary. In terms of deep confidence in the Queen of the Holy Rosary, he asks all his children to place before her the sad condition in which the world is today and to ask her help in overcoming the enemies of religion. Their hatred of the Church, their persecution of many millions of Catholic people, their attacks even upon the young, have made the world a very dangerous place in which to live. The Holy Father is confident that these dangers can be overcome through the all-powerful intercession of Mary.

his invitation to that of the Holy Father. Rosary devotions will be held in every parish church. The true Catholic will make a real effort to attend these public devotions and to recite the rosary in the family circle before a Rosary Shrine. Many of our people will continue during October their regular practice of joining in the Radio Rosary from the Shrine at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Remember the Holy Father has spoken to you, your Bishop has addressed himself to you. You with your friends and neighbors will make up the great Rosarian Army that will help to bring to our distracted world supernatural help from Mary, the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. Yours for a prayerful Rosary Month!

Geneva's Pride

The City of Geneva may well be proud of the attention it has given to Catholic education during the years. Each parish has had its own parochial school from the beginning. For many years the two parishes have supported a splendid high school. The ambitions of the years were fulfilled in the dedication last Sunday of the additional drama and auditorium that complete DeSales High School.

Bishop Kearney spoke in his dedication sermon of the great gift Catholics bestow upon their community and upon their country in the institution of the maintenance of Catholic schools and high schools. Thinking Americans appreciate what a great gift this means to our civic life. Unthinkable people show no appreciation; but Catholics will go on bearing their double share of educational costs in order that their children may be trained in full accordance with American tradition and with proper instruction in their religious faith. God Bless the people of the parishes in Geneva for the work they are doing so courageously, so generously and so effectively.

Many generations of young men and women have been prepared to go forth into the world blessed with all the advantages of a grammar school and a high school education under religious auspices.

Bishop Sheen Visits Rochester

The Thomas More Lecture Series opened its fall sessions with an address by the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, D.D. His visits to Rochester have been traditional over a long period of years. This is the first time in which he has come to us in his new dignity as a Bishop of the Church of God. He has always had an inspiring and instructive message but we feel that there is a special grace in the words that he speaks to us as one who has been raised to the Episcopate. The results of his first few weeks as National Director of the Propagation of the Faith are

a standing tribute to his ability as a speaker and his zeal for the missions. We feel sure that the missionary endeavor assigned to the month of October will find encouragement and renewed interest because of the visit of our esteemed prelate. Every Catholic can feel that in Bishop Sheen God has given a worthy successor to his predecessor in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one who will be a source of more general and more generous gifts to the missionary cause. God bless Bishop Sheen!

Father Dennis Mayer - R. I. P.

The blood of the martyrs has been the seed of the Church. Where death has come to God's loved ones in the faith a lasting impression has been made on many souls and many converts have been won to the faith by the grace of God and the good example of the martyrs.

the years of training that led to his profession and to his promotion to minor orders. He looked forward as a dedicated Trappist to a long career of prayer and work in the service of his Master. His call from life came even before he could be made a Priest, but the influence of his short life in religion, particularly of his patience in suffering and of his holy preparation for death will remain with his brethren for all the years to come. The new monastery will have a special heavenly patron in the person of Frater Dennis Mayer. May his soul rest in peace!

Surely a rich series of blessings will be laid store for the Trappist Monastery recently founded in this Diocese under the title "Our Lady of the Gethsemane" through the death of one of its young members. Following God's vocation he entered the Order at Gethsemane, went through the novitiate and

MUCH GRIEVED

Men have a natural love for fair dealing. It is perhaps one manifestation of the love of our brethren to rejoice at any kindness shown to them and to resent any ill-treatment given to them. Christ's parable shows a very kindly act that led a king to forgive a debt of 10,000 talents to one of his servants. No doubt his fellow-servants were pleased at his good fortune, but his own vindictive act against his fellow-servant who owed him a hundred pence soon changed their attitude toward him, for he

showed no mercy to his fellow servant but jailed him for his inability to pay. Over this action his fellow servants were much grieved. Much grieved. We would do well to imitate the servants that rejoiced in the cancelling by the King of this great debt of 10,000 talents. We could well imitate them also in being grieved at any injustice against our fellow-men. We are all children of God. We have all sinned against God and incurred His wrath. We have all also

AC FULDA ABBEY CHURCH, GERMANY, A WHEEL 30 FEET DIAMETER, WITH 14 ARMS CARRYING 150 LITTLE BELLS, WORKED BY SILKEN ROPES ATTACHED TO A TREADMILL, IS RUNG AT THE ELEVATION.



The Ritual for an Infant's funeral provides that a crown of sweet smelling flowers be put on the child's head as a sign of bodily integrity and virginity.

"THE CATHOLIC ADVANCE" now the ADVANCE REGISTER, WICHITA DIOCESE, KANSAS.

Two years after its foundation in 1901 was left with a one-man staff - BISHOP JOHN HENNESSY. He was editor, reporter, advertiser, writer, business manager.

A CURIOUS RELIC OF EARLY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST POISONING

SURVIVES IN THE RUBRICS FOR PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS AT THE THRONE WHEN THE SACRISTAN PARTAKES OF A PORTION OF THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE BEFORE THEY ARE GIVEN TO THE BISHOP FOR CONSECRATION.

Balancing The Books A Mystery and a Pearl White Serial

By Rev. John S. Kennedy

Out of Bondage: The Story of Elizabeth Bentley is informative, as might have been expected, but it has not been expected. It leaves a many questions in the reader's mind as it answers. Miss Bentley hardly needs identification at this late date. She is the American woman who for 19 years (1935-1954) was a member of the Communist Party and, for a somewhat shorter period, an underground worker and a spy for the Communist cause.

After renouncing Communism she attained celebrity by the details she gave of Soviet espionage, its methods, collaborators, and accomplishments in this country.

Because she has been a frequent and valuable occupant of the witness chair her book offers very little in the way of fresh data about Communist underground activities and infiltration of American government life.

As she did, why? Because, she says, she regarded American capitalism as predatory, because she saw the need of radical social reform, because she felt that Christianity had betrayed itself and its adherents. Communism represented to her the cure for the ravages of capitalism, a quick and infallible method of permanently restoring social justice, and a glorious new form of Christianity.

She is in a tight spot. She was taken up with meetings she was made to feel important, and at the same time learned to accept the rigorous party discipline. She was saturated in Communist reading matter to the exclusion of all else. She was subjected to intensive Communist schooling her entire social life was within the party.

She paints a shocking picture of the extent of Communist penetration of the government, of the power they here exercised, of the ease with which they effected what they wanted.

By now, war had come. And all during the war, she gives one to understand, the Communists were privy to practically everything being thought and planned in Washington, as well as to disposal of troops, airplane design, etc. She names names, in specific and detail; this is no vague, general suggestion, but blunt and categorical; surely, the exactitude could and should be tested.

BIT HERE IS the mystery. All the time she was engaged in this spy routine, Miss Bentley thought that it was for the exclusive benefit of the American Communist Party and would help that party effect a Communist revolution in this country.

She believed that, although associated with Communism, she purified the world over, the American party was autonomous and not the subordinate or the tool of the Soviets.

Her book abounds in theatricals, and the reader will very likely pepper its margins with question marks. Still, it contributes something to our knowledge of the mentality and moods of Americans who become Communists, of the Communist skill and success in handling dupes, manipulating opinion, worming their way into government agencies.

GRETTA PALMER Familiar Treasures Bring God Close

Even a fleeting contact with the persecuted Church in China, and with the expelled priests and nuns on her borders, convinces the reporter of the tremendous importance that sacramentals take on for a Catholic in time of trial.



Again and again the feast is made by some missionary. "As soon as I obtained a Rosary, my jail cell was transformed and I found peace." In cases where Rosaries could not be smuggled past the guards many Catholic prisoners made their own, kneading the beads from hardened bits of bread and stringing them on a piece of wire or twine.

Prayer books and prayer cards are doubly treasured by those who can no longer attend Mass. They are the only form of outward fancy dress. Nothing carries the mind on beyond itself to larger realities; everything, therefore, becomes a treasure in a little while. The mere prettiness of art cannot long satisfy the mind. The world of the Godless is made of pebbles; but to the believer, it is a world of shining gems.

It would be hard to explain to any materialist the reason for this stubborn holding on to religious articles. He could point out, with some logic, that it is possible to say the Rosary on our ten finger tips, if beads are not accessible. . . . that Catholics in some areas lived very saintly lives without the use of Holy Water. . . . that holy pictures do not belong to the substance of the Faith. But in saying that he would be overlooking one of the loveliest and least proclaimed aspects of Catholicism—the homeliness of the Faith.

Men who worship science can

Letters To The Editor

Editor: Last Tuesday a very fine mother of ten children passed away at her home 179 Warwick Ave in Rochester. (Ed. Note: She was Mrs. Marie Frances North.) Her daughter, Winifred is married to my son here in Elmira and the few years I have known this fine woman she was a great inspiration to me as one who in spite of seeming handicaps greater than human strength could meet, raised a family of eight and two now with God, and before her first was born she was afflicted with a malignant growth, advised by doctors to never become pregnant. Her love of children and faith in God overcame all fear and all these fine healthy children which I today praise that God work in her all the way.

Before her own she took in to her home a young girl, a brother's child, and with our mother or father giving them the same love she had for her own. And a widow these last five years she in spite of pain and suffering guided these children as well as caring for their physical needs, laundry, meals and care of home.

As I observed her going to her duties, just as if she were

JOSEPH BREIG 'No' Is Easy If It's True

Let us suppose (for the sake of argument) that you are not a burglar.

Let us further suppose that you are asked by a government investigating committee:

"Are you a burglar?"

Obviously the most effective answer you can give will consist in five words:

"No; I am not a burglar."

Then suppose that the government committee further inquires:

"Do you associate with burglars? Do you serve on committees with burglars? Do you hold the door for burglars as they enter? Do you attempt to justify burglars? Do you consent when burglars are interferred with in their burglary, that their constitutional rights are being invaded? Do you regard burglars not as burglars, but as high-minded patriotic redistributors of property? In short, are you pro-burglar?"

Let us suppose that you are asked by a government investigating committee:

"No, sir, I am not a pro-burglar. I have nothing to do with burglars. I am opposed to burglary. I think that burglars ought to be locked up."

Now if that is the way for a man to answer when he is asked whether he is a burglar or a pro-burglar, why is it not the way for him to answer when he is asked whether he is a Communist or a pro-Communist?

Dr. Stephen H. Fritchman, minister of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, was summoned the other day before a government investigating committee.

ACCORDING to newspaper accounts, Rep. Donald Jackson, a committee member, accused Dr. Fritchman of having given "aid and comfort" to the Communist cause by being an "unfriendly witness" and of possessing a long record of activity in behalf of more than 25 well-known Communist front organizations from coast to coast.

Emerging from the hearing, Dr. Fritchman delivered to newsmen a statement of several hundred words.

According to the newspaper accounts, he denounced the House Committee

Epilogue to San Francisco

The Mexican daily "Revolucion" published under the headline "an IM" (an IM?)

The Mexican cartoonist published under the headline "Mexican cartoonist published under the headline"

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