

Editorials

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Our Trappists

Take an hour's ride from the City of Rochester to a community of Trappist Monks. You will find a "Monastery" under the title "Our Lady of the Genesee." Twenty-three monks make up the community. Six are priests, seventeen are lay-brothers or students for the priesthood. Their life is an asceticism to all. It stands in contrast to the pagans of our day who are so taken up with God's works that they cannot find God. Here are men whose every moment is given to God in prayer, in meditation, in work. Their day begins at two o'clock in the morning and continues until retiring time at seven p.m. Work for several hours at manual tasks, silence, study, prayer make up the rule for these men. Father Gerard is the Superior.

One monk deals with visitors and is allowed to talk to them. Poverty is the portion of these men. They are not allowed to eat meat or fish or eggs or butter. I asked the Superior on a recent visit if they were allowed milk. He said "Oh, yes, except during Lent"—their Lent begins September 12th and continues to Easter Sunday.

Their mainstay is homemade bread, made according to an age-old recipe and repasted with nourishment. Their first meal is about 6:30 in the morning, after three hours of prayer. The full meal of the day comes at 11 o'clock, and is made up of vegetables and bread. Supper is around 6:30.

I saw one monk, perhaps over sixty, walking along with some lumber on his shoulder. His religious garb was adapted for a working uniform. The young Frater pointed him out to me as his Professor of Theology. Later I saw the classroom with

the blackboard containing a lesson in the theological course on the grace of God. In the classroom, the study, in the dining room the stools have no backs on them. The chapel gives mute testimony to the poverty of the community, but it contains the benches and stalls for the monks and of course the altars at which Holy Mass is said.

Very large books containing the office and Cistercian prayers rest upon massive bookstands built by the Monks. There was an evident cheerfulness about them as they performed their manual tasks, as they studied, as they spent the long hours in the Chapel. They are men who have come close to God. They are men who depend on God. If you want a real picture of the monastic life at its best, take a trip out to this Monastery at Piffard.

Our Trappists are building from the ground up. Their headquarters is an old farmhouse which they have refurnished for monastic use and they have added to it a sizeable building as a Chapel. Some distance away they are erecting a series of buildings which will be the permanent home of the Community.

They have many friends among the laity who have contributed gifts, large and small, to the building program. There is no solicitation of funds but the Monks will be glad to receive any gift their friends may be prompted to make. It is a wonderful grace for the Diocese of Rochester to have in its midst a Community of this kind, a real powerhouse of prayer and a glowing testimony to the joy that comes with deep faith in God.

Jubilee Of Cardinal Mooney

On Saturday of this week Edward Cardinal Mooney will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his consecration as a Bishop. Guests from far and near will join with him in the Jubilee Ceremonies at Detroit's Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Only four years of his episcopate were spent in the Diocese of Rochester, but Bishop and Priests here join with the laity in sincere gratitude for devoted service that came to them from one who was destined to be numbered among the Princes of the Church.

An intense zeal for the things of God, for the welfare of the Church, a hearty interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of clergy and people endeared him to all his subjects. The Diocese felt a real sense of loss at his departure, but rejoiced that he was called to a position where he could labor more fruitfully in a larger and more important field.

Cardinal Mooney has had a useful and interesting career as a Prelate. He has given signal service to the Church as Apostolic Delegate in India and also in Japan. He came to Rochester in 1933 and remained here until 1937, when he was made Archbishop of Detroit.

His elevation to the dignity of Cardinal gives him a place among the Princes of the Church who are closest to the Holy Father. The Jubilee observance prompts us to unite with the many other friends of Cardinal Mooney in congratulations on the many blessings that have come to him and on the great good he has done for Holy Mother Church in the course of twenty-five years. May his years by many and may he find added opportunity in the days ahead to continue to labor in the Vineyard of the Lord. Ad Multos Annos!

Thanksgiving Day

All Americans are called upon once in each year to give public thanks to Almighty God for his innumerable gifts. It has been traditional with us to mark the close of the harvest season by thanking God for the fruits of the field and the blessings of good flocks. Gladly do we join with our President, our Governor, our Mayor in adding our

prayer to this great American act of thanksgiving to a bountiful Father.

In our prayers at home, in our thoughts throughout the day, let us mark Thanksgiving as a day of gratitude to the Almighty. Catholics would do well to hear Holy Mass on this day and to make it a holy sacrifice to thank God for all that He has done for us. Happy Thanksgiving!

THINGS HIDDEN

The great body of truths revealed by Jesus Christ were hidden to all who lived before His time. From the foundation of the world up to the time of Christ these doctrines were unknown to the people.

Christ taught His hearers in parables. The parable gave a vivid setting to Christ's teachings. Today's Gospel pictures the Church as going from small beginnings to a condition in which it rules all the world. Christ pictures it as the mustard seed, smallest of seeds, but growing into a great tree. The Church has indeed gone forth from Palestine, smallest of countries, into all nations under Heaven.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By M J MURRAY

700 YEARS OLD, NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, PARIS.

IS SUFFERING FROM A MINERAL LEPROSY WHICH IS RUINING THE STONEMASONRY. Other Christian churches are similarly affected. A REMEDY HAS YET TO BE FOUND.

Houses in SAN MARINO, INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN REPUBLIC, ARE STILL BUILT FROM STONE Hewn FROM THE SAME QUARRY USED BY ST MARINO'S, FOUNDER OF THE TOWN IN 301.

A case for St. Anthony
The People of Corral, Mexico, buried their CHURCH BELLS on the Napoleonic wars in 1798 - BUT THEY HAVE NEVER DISCOVERED WHERE.

Saint Emily had 10 CHILDREN - 4 of them SAINTS.

Beware The Bear



JOSEPH BREIG

I wish we could feel sure that the Protestant churchmen who are talking so much about separation of the church and state really believe it. They would be welcome, if they believed in separation of church and state, to join in the union of church and state. But they do not.

Joe Breig

conscious group of Protestant spokesmen who are living in that atmosphere and trying to do the rest of us that we live in it too.

LAST YEAR, the American Institute of Public Opinion polled a cross-section of Americans on whether they thought of a good idea or a poor idea for the President to have a representative at Vatican City.

Forty-five per cent answered "good idea." Fifty per cent said "fair idea." Thirty per cent had no opinion. Only 11 per cent said "poor idea."

That was as far as the group of Protestant spokesmen who are creating the uproar against the Vatican envoy could get.

But I think that if we could see the good idea that is being brought up by the government, we would be more ready to understand that the government is not Protestant, but that it is a government of all the people.

Separation of church and state is a high time.

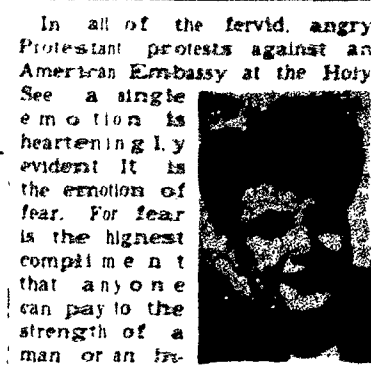
Churchmen Creating Uproar

Here in America there is today a noisy and violent movement to prevent the diplomatic recognition of the Vatican. It is too springs from fear. The fear men feel when they are confronted by something which may threaten all their pleasant illusions and even demand a violent self-sacrifice from them.

There is only one enemy whom we as Catholics need

GRETTA PALMER

Hatred — Shortest Shortcut to Love



In all of the fervid, angry Protestant protests against an American Embassy at the Holy See, a single and significant emotion is hearteningly evident. It is the emotion of fear. For fear is the highest compliment that anyone can pay to the strength of a man or an institution.

Gretta Palmer

Eyeing a Modern country, is not afraid to exchange Ambassadors with the Vatican. England, a country with a firmly established Church of which her King is titular head, is bold enough to set up diplomatic representation in Rome. France, once so fearful of the Faith that she suppressed convents and scattered their inmates, has plucked up sufficient courage to accredit an Ambassador to the Holy Father. The China of Chiang Kai-Shek, a pagan country with some Protestant leaders also dared to set up an Embassy in Rome.

But it is not that easy for certain other states in the modern world for Russia or Communist China for Tito's Yugoslavia or the puppet Polish government. The Soviets view the Church, in every land they occupy, with a fear out of all proportion to her apparent temporal strength. The Communists are taught to hate the Church and hatred is, as much as love, a passion which cannot live side by side in the same soul with calm indifference.

THE COMMUNISTS pay one Church and only one the compliment of such an unremitting and passionate opposition. And this according to those priests who understand the devious workings of the human soul, may be a heartening thing. Passions can be turned inside out. The reverse side of hate is love. And Saul was not the only zealous enemy of the Church in the Church's history who became a zealous Apostle of the Faith.

really dread religious indifference in America. The lukewarm threaten us because they tempt us to softness and security. In difference can be caught. But opposition and persecution, passion and animosity are bracing things. The Inter-Nuncio Antonio Riberi of China said, when he was expelled to Hong Kong a few weeks ago, "If the persecution of the Faith in China does not last too long, it will have been the greatest possible help to spreading the Faith."

WE ARE not asked as American Catholics to risk martyrdom today. All that we are meeting with is a tide of confused anti-Catholic bigotry on the part of men who seemed a few months ago to be our friends.

We are discovering that all the bland sermons preached on inter-faith Christianity from the Protestant pulpits aimed at tolerance on their terms not ours were predicated on the notion that we might all get together and shake hands in the passionless and unthinking area of indifference.

Let the non-Catholic American leaders be reminded that there is a Man in Rome who is able to speak to us ex cathedra and they will raise a storm of noisy and irrelevant protest against acknowledging the very fact that he still lives and reigns.

The countries which have exchanged diplomats with the Vatican because they are Catholic in spirit and recognize the Holy Father's status, in spiritual and temporal affairs are the fortunate ones their leaders have a conflict over this political decision because there is no parallel conflict in their own hearts or minds.

BUT IF A country is not Catholic in spirit, then it is surely a more hopeful thing to have its leaders locked in passionate debate about the question than to have it passed one way or the other, by a Senate of yawning men who do not care.

To hate a thing well you must think hard about that thing. To love a thing well you must study it. When the thing you hate is the Mystical Body of Christ, hatred may be the shortest of all short cuts to love and the furor raised over the appointment of General Mark Clark may well be the prelude to the greatest debate of conversions that America has ever seen.

A LOOK AT LABOR

Phil Murray Is Church-Labor Link

By A. C. Tuohy

For all the puffing and puffing that went on last week at the Catholic Labor Convention in New York City, the AFL-CIO merger is still the dominant issue. The AFL-CIO merger is still the dominant issue. The AFL-CIO merger is still the dominant issue.

UNFORTUNATELY, Murray has not always been justly appreciated by his own people. There is a tendency in Catholic circles to see him as a person who has been too long in the political arena. Murray's personal life is not the subject of his public work, but his personal life is not the subject of his public work.

This convention marked the first official break between the AFL and the national administration in Washington. For more than fifteen years now, the AFL and the New Deal have been in a state of open warfare. The AFL has been the enemy of the New Deal, and the New Deal has been the enemy of the AFL.

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ments on religious and moral conditions. Because of that, an enemy of the Church is Murray. Murray is an enemy of the Church. Murray is an enemy of the Church.

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Gandhi's Marriage Views Similar To Holy Father's

New Delhi, India (NC)—The recent pronouncements on marriage by His Holiness Pope Plus XII are being compared here with statements by the late Mahatma Gandhi and show striking similarity of thought.

The Pontiff's pronouncements were made to delegates of the Catholic Union of Midwives whom he received in audience. Both the Pontiff's and the great Hindu leader's statements are being examined with great interest here because of the national birth-control propaganda that is being planned for India.

An examination of the Pope's address and writings on marriage and Gandhi bring out these striking similarities.

THE POPE: "In very delicate cases in which the risk of motherhood must be completely avoided, you will leave no doubt that every contraceptive act and every direct attempt on the germ of life is forbidden. There is but one way open: complete abstinence in the use of the natural faculty."

GANDHI: "There can be no two opinions about birth control. The only method handed down from ages past is self-control or 'brahmacharya.'"

THE POPE: "The marriage contract which confers upon husband and wife the right to satisfy the inclinations of nature set them up in a certain state of life, the married state. But upon couples who perform the act peculiar to their state, nature and the Creator impose the function of helping the conservation of the human race... Therefore, to embrace the married life."

GANDHI: "If we begin to believe that indulgence in animal passion is necessary for happiness and unless we shall want to give rein to it and shall be powerless to resist it, whereas if we educate ourselves to believe that such indulgence is harmful, sinful, unnecessary and can be controlled, we shall deserve that self-restraint is perfectly possible."

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