

Editorials

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Jubilee At St. Charles Borromeo

The silver jubilee of St. Charles Borromeo Parish was celebrated at a Solemn Mass in the presence of Bishop Kearney on Sunday. A Parish Supper on Wednesday of this week made up the civil observance of the event.

Just twenty-five years ago Bishop Hickey sent Rev. John M. Sellinger to found a new parish just outside the city in the Town of Greece. Father Sellinger erected the first church on the former Sheehan farm. Father William A. Doran was Pastor from 1920 to 1929 when the present Pastor, Father Kaiser, succeeded him. Twenty-five years have seen a wonderful development. From humble beginnings St. Charles Parish now takes its place among the larger parishes in the Diocese.

New homes in large numbers have taken the place of the garages in which people made their homes fifteen, twenty and twenty-five years ago. New families, young families, have settled in such numbers that

there are now over eight hundred children in the parish school, with its newly erected addition. The Church building fortunately is large enough to take care of the parish for the present time. The plant is complete, with a rectory, convent, hall, school and church.

Bishop Kearney emphasized in his Jubilee Sermon the theme of Thanksgiving to God. He called upon the people to send up their thanks for the great blessings God has sent them in a completely equipped parish and a Pastor eminently fitted to minister to their spiritual wants.

The future offers the prospect of continuing growth that will make the second quarter-century of the parish more notable than its first twenty-five years. May the spirit of St. Charles Borromeo remain with Pastor and people to help them build for God as they prepare their permanent homes in this beautiful section of Rochester and Greece.

Cease Fire By Christmas

After seemingly unarmountable difficulties, after hope for a successful outcome seemed almost spent, the U. N. and the Chinese have finally agreed on the terms of a cease fire around Christmas. We can never be sure that any word of the Chinese will be honored indefinitely, but we are bold to hope

that this great boon so essential to the peace and happiness of the people of Korea will have its proper effect.

It will be a great blessing for soldiers on both sides in Korea to be able to bring hostilities to a close. The world can give them no greater Christmas gift.

Beginning and Ending

The word Advent means the beginning of the preparation for the coming of the promised Redeemer. It brings us back to the very beginning of the world, to our first parents and their fall, to the beginning of their life of penance which was the result of their sin. So the coming Sunday is for us a day of beginnings.

It is the day of beginning of hope in the world. It is the beginning of a life of grace for our first parents. It is the beginning of the long series of promises and prophecies which for more than four thousand years were to keep man mindful of his means of salvation, believing in the Redeemer to come and keeping the Commandments. Advent today is the beginning of our preparation for the nineteenth hundredth anniversary of the fulfillment of those promises and prophecies.

Advent brings us beginnings and endings. It follows the ending of the Church Year. The last Sunday of that year spoke of the ending of the glory of the city of Jerusalem. It spoke also of the ending of all things on the last day. The first Gospel

of Advent brings Christ to us speaking in prophecy of the ending of the world. The end of the world with all the portents that will precede and accompany it was spoken out by Christ as being near at hand. It is a portent of sorrow and suffering, but it is also an omen of the good things that Christ has in store for those who believe in Him and follow His law. The ultimate salvation of the elect is assured by Our Lord and Saviour.

Our beginning was from God and the ending of our career is in God's hands. Advent comes to renew our faith in the works of our Saviour. His graces have brought us by Baptism into full membership in His Church. The blessings of His Sacraments are with us through life. The mercies of His Sacred Heart are with us daily to bring us on our way toward Heaven. May Advent be to each of us a new means of grace, a preparation for the special gifts that the Christ Child will have ready for us on the coming anniversary of His birth into the world.

WILL NOT PASS AWAY

The Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent presents the action of Christ in foretelling the end of the world. He tells His followers of the portents which shall precede the signs of the Sun, in the Moon, in the stars, in the distress of nations, bewildered by the roaring of sea and waves. He foretells the coming of the Son of Man upon a cloud with great power and majesty. He urges His Disciples to look up and lift up their heads because their redemption is at hand. The Great Judge will pronounce upon them the blessing prepared for them from the beginning of the world — the entrance into life everlasting in Heaven.

The closing sentence of this Gospel presents the contrast of the word of Christ which shall endure forever. The day will never come when the truth and validity of the word of God will be made dependent on a popular vote, will be subject to change, will perhaps be allowed to give away to

contrary teachings. Christ's word was the infallible truth of God when it was uttered; Christ's word retains for all men and all ages the same truth it possessed in the beginning. "My words will not pass away."

Advent should teach us to weigh things according to a just measure; a proper attention to the things of time that we may use them for our sanctification; a sincere devotion to the word of God which alone can guide us through the passing things of this world to the eternal values of eternity. We came from God and in our Baptism found the beginning of our spiritual life. We go to God and in the ending of our life on earth find the beginning of eternal life with God in Heaven. May the Word of God be our guide and our comfort during this Holy Season of Advent to bring us many new graces on Christmas Day.

Friends Aid Flying Priest Get Plane

Foley, Ont. (NC) The Rev. Gustave Lampron, parish priest here whose missions include lumbermen, railroaders and trappers over a radius of nearly 300 miles, has a new four seater airplane equipped for year round travel to carry him on his far flung pastoral visits.

Friends in Buffalo, N. Y., collected \$12,000 to help buy the plane, these funds being boosted through sale of the booklets "From Snowshoes to Wings" which describes Father Lampron's work in the north.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. I. MURRAY



There are no elaborate tombs in Catholic churches. All conditions of men are equalized together in oblivion. Where are preserved the bones removed from the graves.

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GRETTA PALMER

Ours is a very child-conscious age — an age that spoils its children, devotes whole magazines to the study of its children, permits them an undisciplined freedom in their grandfathers.

But there is a very serious disservice that it does its children in non-Catholic homes. It denies them the early self respect which the Catholic children get from the Confessional, which can be a kind of Court of Appeal from parents' judgments in the moral area.

The Catholic's Precious Possession

"What is life all about?" is a question most of our non-Catholic neighbors answer differently from year to year. They look for a working answer in over work or "causes" or love affairs. But the Catholic child knows what life is all about and that love of God and neighbor is his true vocation.

Everything else follows from that. A technique of living can be worked out from that single premise. Sorrow and pain and disappointments can be put to use, can be "offered up" and sanctified. But have you ever considered how baffling and frustrating a child will find his daily difficulties if they seem to come to him from a confused and indifferent fate?

JOSEPH BREIG

A Definition or Two, Mr. Blanshard!

Dear Mr. Blanshard, The National Conference of Christians and Jews has proposed that Catholics, Protestants and Jews, whenever they have differences discuss them calmly, and try to understand one another's points of view.

I think that I understand yours. You have stated it often. You are lecturing around the country to the effect that the Catholic Church is a totalitarian organization, an enemy of freedom and democracy.

I write, therefore, in the hope that I may help you, and those who hear you, to understand my point of view as a Catholic.

You accuse my Church of being totalitarian anti-democratic, and opposed to liberty. Since you are the accuser I may properly ask you to explain your terms.

What do you mean by totalitarian?

What do you mean by democracy?

What do you mean by freedom?

Do you consider it, for instance, totalitarian of God to have handed down the Ten Commandments?

Is it your point of view that the Ten Commandments are an unjust infringement on your freedom?

Do you regard the Ten Commandments as anti-democratic and un-American?

creatures to overrule God; because God is recognized and obeyed as the Supreme Being, whose Commandments are not subject to veto.

If that, Mr. Blanshard, is what you call totalitarian; if that is what you consider anti-democratic; if that is what you attack as un-American, then we Catholics are content to rest our case in the fair judgment of our fellow-Americans.

WE SAY that America in many respects is much like the Catholic Church; we say that being an American and being a Catholic are two things that go very well together.

Being an American is a privilege and a matter of choice. Being a Catholic is a privilege and a matter of choice. A man who chooses not to be an American is free to depart from our shores. A man who chooses not to be a Catholic is free to depart from the Church.

There are certain responsibilities to being an American; and every man who lives up to them casts a continuous vote in favor of being an American. There are certain responsibilities to being a Catholic; and every man who lives up to them casts a continuous vote in favor of being a Catholic; and a continuous vote in favor of the Ten Commandments.

This is what you describe as totalitarian; this is what you call anti-democratic; this is what you denounce as un-American; this perfect freedom of every man to follow his own conscience.

LET ME THEN state briefly our point of view as Catholics. We are Catholics because we believe that the Church is the Church of Jesus Christ, God-become-man, who died on the Cross for our salvation. We are Catholics because we choose to be Catholics.

We choose so strongly that if necessary we will die for our faith, as did the early martyrs of totalitarian Nero, and as our new martyrs die now under totalitarian Stalin.

For 2,000 years we have voted against totalitarianism, with ballots when possible, with blood when necessary. That is our vote, Mr. Blanshard, and we pray that some day you may understand.



IT IS MY impression, after listening to one of your lectures, that your answer to each of these questions, if it is an honest answer, must be yes.

During the lecture I heard you criticized the Catholic Church on the ground that Catholics do not vote on whether abortion is right or wrong, on whether divorce with remarriage is right or wrong, and on whether the kind of birth prevention which is accurately described as moral pollution is right or wrong.

In other words, you complained because in the Church there is no attempt by God's

A LOOK AT LABOR

Opportunity That Labor Lost

I am rather surprised that organized labor has taken the revision of the Taft-Hartley law of October 2nd in such stride. A bill signed by the President put an end to the union shop elections, whereby workers had the opportunity of voting for or against the union shop.

The affected section of the Taft-Hartley law was originally written in 1937, not so much to protect the individual worker but to weaken unions. When the union shop elections made unions stronger, management and management's friends on Capitol Hill found the Taft-Hartley law embarrassing and moved to have it changed.

As of last month, therefore, a labor organization was again free as before, to get a union shop, much the same way as it got a two dollar raise by direct negotiation with the employer without reference to the rank and file.

of view these union shop elections were the best thing that ever happened to labor unions. From a bargaining point of view they strengthened the hands of labor leaders in negotiating a contract with an employer.

No employer likes to believe that 80 per cent of his workers want all the employees to join the union under penalty of losing their jobs. Furthermore the unions I give the rank and file some opportunity of weakening the power of Communist labor leaders and were used successfully in many instances by right wing labor leaders themselves.

IT SEEMS to me that for these free organized labor should have resisted the latter day attempts to do away with these elections especially since labor was being asked to give up an advantage without getting something in return. If labor demanded some revision of the Taft-Hartley law in exchange for giving up the union shop elections, its position would have been more understandable. I suppose labor leaders felt that the abolition of the union shop was a condition in their contract and they were happy to see them fall by the wayside.

However, the memory of the public is short. Within a short time, the Hearsts and the Peglers can go on repeating the same old charge with the same success they always had. Management will find it easier to resist the demands of labor for the union shop.

Weak unions will not easily convince strong employers of the legitimacy of their demands. In individual minority groups within unions will find it harder to resist union tyrants.

All in all I believe that the abolition of the union shop elections is not a victory but a setback for labor. What labor should have fought for was a union shop election with a straight majority vote decisive. Labor, it seems to me, lost a golden opportunity to turn a management weapon to its own advantage.

THE CATHOLIC has an added dimension to that of the unbeliever. The temporal species less important when it is not seen as existing, there is the soul engaged in a lifetime love affair with Divinity, casting off the imperfections of earthly loves and friendships, as there is no such spiritual stock another provided for the pagan child.

He looks for perfection where it is never to be found in other human beings. His life is apt to be a series of sharp disillusioning shocks. Parents and teachers turn out to have faults; after all he has a hunger for perfection which begins to seem a reasonable and never to be satisfied.

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FATHER LOMBARDI

'Anguished World' Awaits New Brotherhood Message

Quito, Ecuador (NC) — The anguished world awaits a new message of brotherhood based on common affiliation with God, the Rev. Riccardo Lombardi, S.J., noted Italian religious speaker, said here.

Father Lombardi, who is visiting Latin America as herald of the "Crusade of Goodness," said that after the collapse of economic liberalism, which had oppressed the poor, and after the failure of materialistic communism to solve social problems, the world finds itself in need of this new message.

Even a radio station of leftist tendencies, that of the Ecuadorian House of Culture, broadcast Father Lombardi's sermons on a network with Radio Catolica and other stations of the capital because of the great enthusiasm of the people to hear this eloquent messenger of the Gospel. In homes, business firms, factories and clubs the voice of the Jesuit preacher was heard over the radio.

Today's world, Father Lombardi said, hopes that the message of Jesus, God's emissary, be preached anew. Capitalism, unbridled freedom and its social injustices, and communism must be replaced by brother-

Religion Broadcasts To Russia Urged

Akron, O. (RNS) — A plea that the Voice of America bring God's name and religion into more broadcasts to Russia was made here by the Rev. Leopold Braun, A.A., pastor of the only Catholic church in Moscow from 1934 to 1943.

Father Braun, a member of the Assumption Fathers of the Assumption, spoke here under the auspices of the Akron Deanery Council of Catholic Women. He is lecturing on "Religion Behind the Iron Curtain."

The Russian people are eager for religious news and services, the priest said, adding that during his stay in Moscow he never really found an atheist — only agnostics and those who were indifferent.

OF COURSE, Senator Taft and his cohorts operated on the assumption that the rank and file did not want the union shop in the first place. They felt that most workers were strong armed into a union shop without a chance to express their distaste of unionism.

How wrong management, Senator Taft, and the enemies of labor were in this assumption was proved by the union shop elections of the past four years. In spite of the voting obstacles and the unfair method of voting, the union shop won 97 per cent of the elections conducted. More than 91 per cent of the workers favored the union shop.

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