

Editorials

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1952 For Peace

The gift could do as much to make a Happy New Year than the coming of a peaceful world. The Holy Father has sent forth his Christmas Message. All men and all nations are called to strive for a peace that will be lasting and universal. No nation can hope to prosper by continuing in war. No aggressor nation can now hope to attain victory by its arms. The peace-loving nations of the world would gladly lay down their arms were they assured that the aggressor nations would do the same.

to the world at large, so peace in our homes will bring happiness to all our people. Peace in our homes means first of all peace with God. No man can hope to look for the peace of Heaven while he alienates himself from God through a sinful life. Man's happiness must come from close communion with God. Time is God's gift. Time must be used by man to please God. When all the days of 1952 are numbered and each one credited as a day spent in God's service then we shall have fulfillment of the blessed greeting of this holiday time — A Happy New Year, 1952 for Peace!

The Greater St. Mary's Hospital

In a long and active history St. Mary's Hospital has rendered service to millions of people. The Sisters of Charity have endeavored themselves to our community by the excellence of the hospital services they have given to men and women of all faiths, of all races. They have served the sick, they have raised up a generation of nurses who have attained the highest professional ratings in their nursing school. They have given opportunity to many generations of young doctors who as interns and house physicians have obtained their final perfection of their preparation as doctors and surgeons.

which St. Mary's has entered. Our community has every reason to be proud of the record of St. Mary's Hospital. From its earliest years it has given to the city leaders in the medical and surgical profession. Names that stand out readily occur to us as we recall members of the staff in the older years and also those of more recent years. The present day staff includes the best medical men and best surgeons and specialists in our community. They will continue their work at St. Mary's and labor to make the new system build up this hospital's ability to serve with even greater efficiency than in the past.

St. Mary's now takes a step forward. It enters into a close relationship with Georgetown Medical School. The Hospital and the Medical School will cooperate in a way that will increase the prestige of St. Mary's and will give to it an annual quota of doctors to serve its patients. These interns will have a special year of training at Georgetown as the final preparation for their appointment as interns. Doctor Butler has been appointed to care of the new responsibilities upon

for perfection in the way of equipment, for the very best in professional provision for its patients, for raising up generation after generation of well trained nurses. St. Mary's has made a record for itself. All its friends unite in congratulations on the present contract with Georgetown Medical School to improve its ability to serve the people of this community.

Holy Name Sunday

More than a thousand representatives of the Holy Name Society in our parishes will be at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, this Sunday in a corporate observance of Holy Name Sunday. Bishop Kearney will offer up the Mass and the Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Father Connolly, will preach the sermon.

Every Holy Name man throughout the diocese will feel that he has part in this great observance through the representative of his parish. It will be a wonderful expression of the respect all Holy Name men have for the Catholic faith. It will be a public manifestation of the determination of every member of this ancient society to express in his own life the highest ideals of Catholic practice.

The Courier-Journal congratulates the officials and the members of every Holy Name Society in the parishes of the diocese, also extends its best wishes to the officials of the Diocesan Holy Name Union. America can well be proud of the living patriotism and religious solidarity of this great group of men. May continued blessings fall on our communities and our parishes in the growth of the Holy Name Society.

FINDING THE CHILD

For two thousand years men of all nations under Heaven have been called to find the Christ Child of Bethlehem. The shepherds found Him on the day of His birth through the message of an angel. The Wise Men from the East, led by a star, undertook a costly, wearisome and dangerous journey that they might find Him. Mary and Joseph found Him in the Temple. His neighbors and friends found Him just at the beginning of His public life when He changed water into wine at Cana. A short time after that disciples of John the Baptist found Him as He was baptized, when the voice of the Father told them "This is my beloved Son." His Apostles reported that they found Him of whom the Prophets of old had spoken.

which first manifested the promised Redeemer in the person of Jesus Christ men of good will down through the ages have sought Him out and found Him. Finding the Child! Men of good will in our time strive constantly and courageously that they may find the Child, find Him in all the beauty of His infancy; find Him as a youth growing in wisdom and grace and truth; find Him in the hidden years at Nazareth; find Him in the three years of public life that led to His crucifixion and resurrection. May all men find Christ in the world today. The shepherds had the angel to speak to them and the angels to sing to them. The Magi had the star to lead them on. The early Apostles had the miracles of Christ to teach them to find in Him the

Redeemer of the World. Christ's death and Christ's resurrection stand as the most certain of all historical facts, that clearly marked Christ as the Son of God and the Redeemer of the world. Finding the Child! No man in the new dispensation can attain to a right faith and salvation unless he finds the Child. Through Him alone man must be saved. The light that illumines every man that comes into the world, the only satisfactory source of faith and of grace, the light of all lights are to be found in the Christ Child, and in Him alone. May this Feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, find us well equipped with the graces and blessings that have been promised from on high to those who find the Child.

A LOOK AT LABOR

Westbrook Pegler was the only American known to shed any tears last month when Big Bill Hutcheson retired as president of the carpenters' union (800,000 members). During his thirty-five years' regime as boss carpenter, Big Bill provided plenty of grist for Pegler's mill and much more excuse for Pegler to vent his spleen on trade unions. Just by concentrating on the carpenters' union, Pegler could "prove" his case against labor.

There is little doubt that Hutcheson represented all that was bad in the labor movement. He was a "book shop" manager whose basic philosophy was summed up in the one word "monopoly." The moral aspects of trade unionism, the place of organized labor in the community, the rights of rival unions, workers or employers, meant little to him. He built a labor monopoly to match the worst of monopolies in American business.

There is little question that he and he alone, forced John L. Lewis to take the C.I.O. out of the A.F.L. Hutcheson was death on industrial unions. He did not mind how Lewis organized heavy industry, but once organized, he wanted its workers carved up into the various crafts.

Voice In The Wilderness



FATHER KENNEDY

You can be sure that Robert Gibbins would have another go at it. At Ireland, I mean, and plucking Ireland in words and woodcuts. The author of the delightful *Lovely Is the Land* now gives us the no less delightful *Sweet Cork of Thee* (Dutton, \$4.50).

This is the Fr. Kennedy record of a visit he made to Cork and the West of Ireland in 1949. He had had a letter from his old friend, Batty Kil, in which was expressed the wish "Please God I'll see you soon." The wish was gratified. Batty Kil, who lived in Gougane Barra, was a mere 82 and poor but not poorly. He started to work when he was 11, one of an orphaned family of seven. He had his first taste of bread when he was 21. When I ate a couple of slices I felt that light I could have jumped over the house. All down the years he had labored for no more than enough to keep body and soul together. And now from his tiny, thatched cottage with its bit of garden, he was calling Robert Gibbins back to Ireland.

Mr. Gibbins found again the beauty of which he had previously written so lyrically, and strong suggestions of which he had caught in his puns. Once again he rephrases over it, once again he gives us graphic glimpses of it.

FOR INSTANCE, there is the countrywoman whom, on a Sunday morning, Mr. Gibbins gave a lift to Mass. "Four miles there and four miles back every Sunday," she told him, "on our feet, if we don't get a lift. Isn't it a hard road to travel with Purgatory at the end? But is the Almighty going to have an empty heaven with only His few saints around Him? Sure He'll have to forgive some of us."

The faith of Ireland gleams all through the book not least in the story of the building of St. Finbarr's Cathedral. There was a workman who was inclined to cut the tiles on the spire stones a bit on the rough side and the foreman came along and spotted it. "It won't do, Jerry," said he. "Why?" says me old fellow. "Sure it's going up two hundred feet or no one but the crow will see it." "God will see it," says the foreman, "an He's damn particular."

Then there are the hospitality and generosity of the rustic folk. When Mr. Gibbins' car broke down in a district where he was not acquainted, the people in the very first house he went to received him like royalty, and when he asked the repairman how much was owed for the job the answer was "Yerra, don't be talking!"

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics
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GIOVANNI DA MILANO gives a delightfully homely touch to the story of MARTHA & MARY in his 14th Century fresco in S. CROCE, FLORENCE, when he depicts MARTHA reproaching MARY for ALLOWING THE FIRE TO DIE OUT.

St. Basil's Church has been used as a BLACKSMITH'S FORGE, a FACTORY, A PRINTING SHOP, STABLES AND AN INN DURING ITS 800 YEARS' EXISTENCE. Now restored to worship.

Father GEORGE NICHOLSON, former English Ambassador, has given nearly 1000 MISSIONS in his 60 years' Priesthood.

LUGO has the extraordinary privilege of continual opposition of the BLESSED SACRAMENT.

JOSEPH BREIG

The Peril For 1952

For the New Year I offer one main counsel to people of every religion: be on guard against a new kind of kidnapping. A world-wide intellectual abduction is being attempted. Two evil forces are scheming to capture the minds of our children and our children's children. Those forces are communism and secularism.

drawn a longer or crookeder bow. THE FIRST Amendment reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Congress has made no such law. But the Supreme Court, although it has no right to make any law arbitrarily made a law which establishes secularism as the official religion, and prohibits the free exercise of other religions. Is that too much to say? It is not.



To communism's danger, we are now fairly alert. To the menace of secularism, we are not yet awake. But the attitude of the U. S. Supreme Court is a loud alarm. The court, in the McCollum case in Champaign, Ill., ruled God out of public schools. The court also ranged government against God. The court interpreted the Constitution's First Amendment to mean that government may not do anything whatever to encourage religion.

THE COURTS' ruling means that secularists — those who ignore God, and atheists — those who deny God, may have their children educated in secularism at public expense. But the vast majority, who believe in God, cannot so much as have God mentioned to their youngsters on public school property. That is nothing short of an establishment of religion, the religion of irreligion. That is nothing short of prohibiting the free exercise of religion. That is bringing economic, social, political and intellectual pressure to bear against those who believe in religion.

THE SUPREME Court handed off attempted to hand the power and the machinery of government, and of the public school system over to those who oppose religion. The court repealed or attempted to repeal our inalienable God-given right as parents to have a voice in the way our children shall be educated. The court's reformers took a very long step in the direction of the destruction of religious freedom and of all freedom.

Perhaps the First Amendment should be amended to read, "Neither Congress nor the Supreme Court shall make any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting... THE CHAMPAIGN opinion does not only violate religious freedom in the long run if not corrected, it will destroy all freedom. If politicians may teach children whatever they please without parents having anything to say about it then the politicians can regiment the minds of future generations. And we will go the way of Hitler Germany and Stalin Russia. Then will the Declaration of Independence be cancelled. If the Supreme Court's ruling repeals the Declaration already would be outlawed from public schools. For to tell children that they have a Creator, and that they are all created equal, is to encourage religion. But the Supreme Court has said that to encourage religion is unconstitutional. That is what secularism is doing to us. The movement to kidnap our children's minds is well advanced.

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GRETTA PALMER

Are Catholics Catholic Enough?

Barbara Ward, the most brilliant convert to the Church of this generation, as G. K. Chesterton was the most brilliant of the last — has won her spurs as an economist, a social expert on monetary reform, a political theorist and a curbsome theologian. All this before the age of forty when the English woman speaks. It is a rare gift while to listen, regardless of the topic. She has a light up any area on which the beams are played.

"How these Christians love one another!" was the spontaneous comment of those outside the parish church of people scorched by sparks that flew from the flame of Catholic fervor. MEN AND WOMEN in love rarely say to themselves, "It is time to get on with it." They say, "I'd better watch my step and try to give love a good name. Their being in love is the last that turns the whole universe into a play of joy, the world of the angels and the merriest of companions to all they meet. So I must have been with the first Christians, no deliberate or conscious attending found ever have wrong from the pagan bystanders that cry of astonishment admiration. How they love one another! But their love of their Lord was a fact so overwhelmingly evident that no one, meeting them, could mistake them for followers of any other faith.

1. Our numerical strength today is fantastically greater than that of the Apostles, who topped a world that seemed far stronger and more hostile to them than the one in which we live; and, 2. The Apostles accomplished this by refusing, at any time, to merge into their background. They were so vividly distinguishable from those around them that the mere presence of a Christian in any city caused tongues to click and heads to shake. Both their doctrine and their behavior set them apart as so many freaks. But their freakishness consisted of a radiant joy and a spontaneous love which the ancient world had never seen before.

MISS WARD would have us draw our courage from the same supernatural Source which filled the hearts of our happy fore-runners of 1900 years ago. In the year 52, the Church was still an infant; nobody seemed distressed by the fact, any more than a modern mother laments the small dimensions of her baby. She knows that he will grow, by the grace of God. There are quite enough Catholics to save society today, according to Barbara Ward the only question worth asking is whether we are Catholic enough to do the task?

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