

# Editorials

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## Catholic Solidarity

The Holy Father in his New Year's Message made a plea for Catholic solidarity. When a common faith is a natural and supernatural bond of union between all the members of the Catholic Church there should be a universal reaction to all world problems on the basis of this faith. The Divine law and the natural law receive full support through this faith. Therefore there is a solid and correct answer for every moral problem in the faith of the individual Catholic.

There can be no occasion for a Catholic to depart from the principles of right and wrong so clearly taught by the law of God and the law of nature. Others may wander

from the right path; Catholics have no reason to imitate them.

Our duty toward our government and our community binds us to the strictest honesty, the most unswerving morality in all our dealings with those about us. In public offices and in our private associations our faith must guide us. False attitudes on world questions that come up from time to time must have the steady opposition of men who have faith in God and in God's Church. Every Catholic will be glad to add his part to this Catholic solidarity. It is really merely another way of saying that we should live our faith.

## First Things First

The Law of God has no place for divorce. The bond of Christian Marriage cannot be dissolved by any human power. What God hath joined together let no man put asunder. That there should be constantly growing difficulties in regard to the divorce legislation of the different States; that there should be intense dissatisfaction with the patent results of this legislation; that any semblance of a proved morality should be looked for all in vain among those who by law have sought to make themselves candidates for divorce, is all to be expected.

Evil is evil wherever you find it. God is not mocked. Any attempt to go against God's will by permitting the divorce of lawfully wedded Christian people is bound to bring with it all the evils our communities are now experiencing.

First things first! Marriage is a Sacrament. Only by the Sacrament of Matrimony

can a Christian man and woman be united in lawful marriage. Marriage is indissoluble. Persons entering into it should realize it is indissoluble except by death. Every non-Catholic who enters into a marriage with a Catholic makes a definite declaration that he in entering into the marriage union, understands it is indissoluble except by death.

The Catholic has the same attitude because of his adherence to the teachings of Christ as revealed in the Catholic Church. Couples who have these facts in mind at the time of their marriage should strive earnestly to keep away from anything that could weaken the influences that promote domestic tranquility, mutual happiness and the enduring quality of their marriage happiness. Only by keeping away from divorce can society hope to avoid the evils that are essentially connected with divorce itself.

## Catholics In Action

There can be no such thing as a passive practice of the Catholic faith. A man who really loves God and has faith in God and God's Church will be eager to express that love and to put that faith into practice in his daily life. God calls some to the ranks of the clergy. God calls the laity to cooperate with the clergy in the work of the Church. The ordinary parishioner gladly supports his Pastor and is ready to help him in all that concerns the running of the Parish.

Many men and women feel the urge to be members of the Church Societies. The material set-up of the Church calls for the active attention and interest of those who serve on the boards of the various corporations, the trustees of the parish Churches, of our hospitals, charitable institutions and

other corporate entities that carry on the work of the Church. Every city and every parish owes much to these men and women who are called upon to use their varied talents in the field of education, religion, charity and social service.

Catholics in action! Clergy and laity unite to make the influence of the Church effective in the blessings it brings to individual Catholics. This is Catholic Action. Be ready to serve where your Bishop or Pastor calls on you for service. Be ready to show esteem and regard to those devoted men and women among the laity who have responded so faithfully to their Bishop and their Priests as Trustees and Directors to the organizations that administer to the well-being of our Catholic people.

## THE WEDDING AT CANA

Most important among all the wedding contracts since the beginning was that which took place at Cana of Galilee. It was most important because Jesus was there. It was most important because Jesus on that occasion raised the natural contract of marriage to the dignity of a Sacrament. There was the outward sign that sign. There was the grace imparted by the Sacrament. The Grace of Jesus Christ entered into the souls of bride and groom, increased the friendship of God within them and consecrated them to each other throughout their lives.

Wherever a Christian after that date entered into the holy state of Matrimony he bride and groom as they did it through the reception

of the first miracle of Christ, marking the opening of His public career. Christ knew how great a help for Christian living would be the great Sacrament of Matrimony. He was willing to bless the bride and groom with the special graces proper to the Sacrament of Matrimony. He was willing also to give an added joy to their wedding feast by providing them with wine that was good. We find some in every age that reject the holiness of the Sacrament of Matrimony. We find some that object to the good wine that Christ furnished for the wedding feast. But followers of Christ instinctively know that they cannot be wrong when they follow the lead of Christ our Saviour on both of these points.

The Mother of Jesus was there! What a blessing for both bride and groom to number Mary among their guests. Mary, the mother of God, Mary, the patron of all Christians, Mary, the Queen of the Holy Family.

The Marriage Feast of Cana should be before every bride and groom as they approach the altar. It was the

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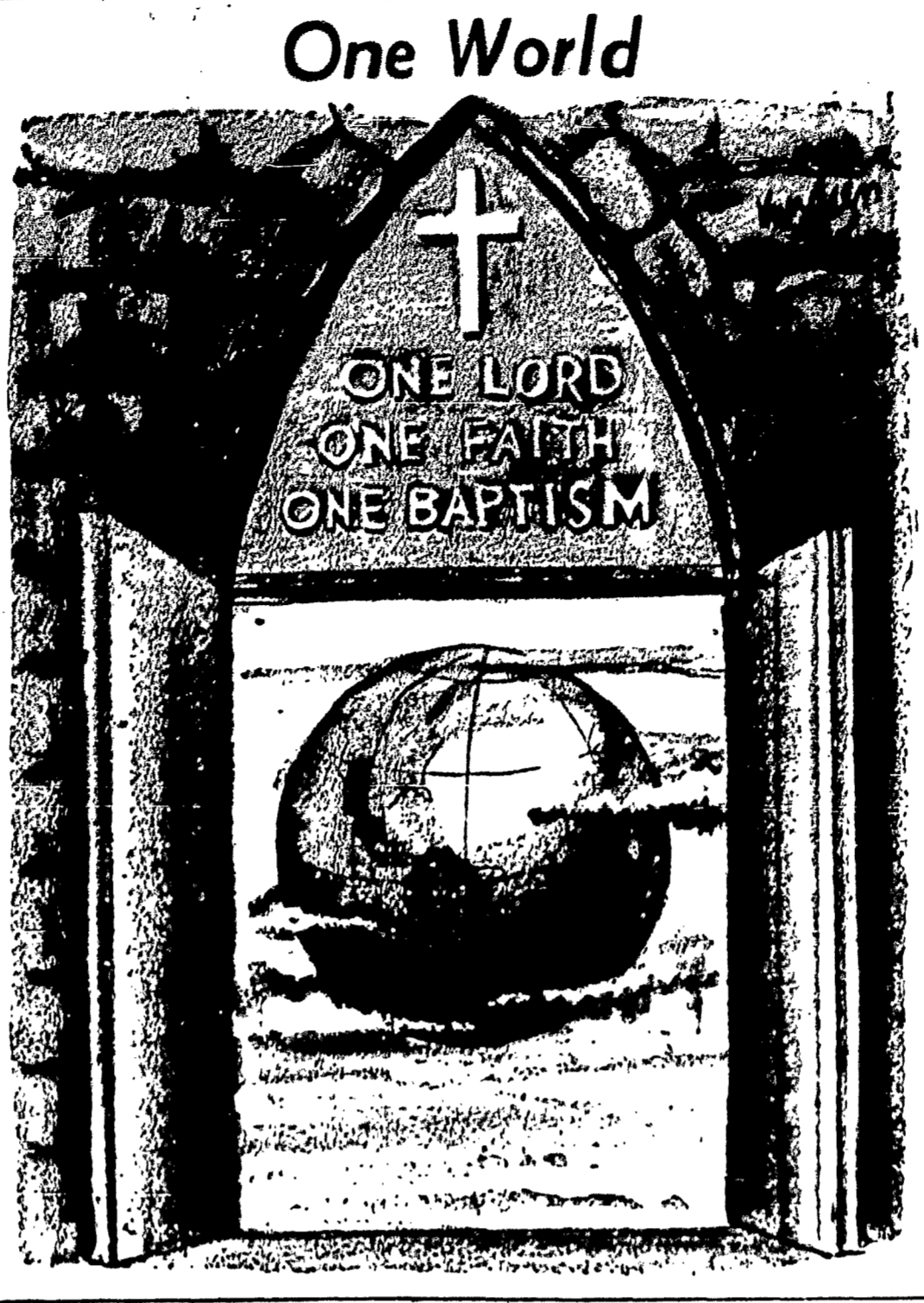
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## GRETTA PALMER

Quack remedies for the soul appear to be on the increase in the year 1952. The advertising columns of formerly sedate, even stodgy, literary periodicals are filled with pleas to buy the spiritual equivalent of those electric belts once offered as a cure for cancer. Indian tonics once sold as cures for every human malady. There is no Pure Food and Drug Act operating in the field of spiritual

## Horse and Chariot Beliefs

the laws of nature, while it is man's glory and risk that he can disobey the laws laid down for him. No scientist can predict man's actions for man's will is free, and a science whose prophecies are worthless is no science at all. Philosophy has made that very clear.

## Secular Newspapers Given Religious Feature Article

Buffalo, N. Y. (NC)—Under a newly arranged plan, 106 secular newspapers published in the Buffalo diocese receive a regular weekly religious feature article. The Rev. Michael J. Harrington, Director of the Buffalo Information Center has announced.

## THE LABOR MOVEMENT

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## A LOOK AT LABOR

There is nothing that makes my blood more than to have a good argument run afoul of cliches and shop-worn slogans. The good argument is bound to lose. The motto is on (labor) reporting and comic book editorials, the cliches represent irrefutable truth and irrevocable principle.

## JOSEPH BREIG

I am willing to leave aside for the moment the fact that athletes and agnostics seem unduly prominent in writing of a History of Mankind under sponsorship of the United Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

## Has UNESCO Lost Its Buttons?

But what I want to know is, what's it all about? Who sold this bill of goods to UNESCO? Who authorized the thing? Who appropriated the money—and by what authority? Who selected Turner as top man?

## Anti-Business Labor Rhetoric - A Stuck Pig

Much of the terminology employed by organized labor is a throwback to the day when the Socialist intellectuals provided most of the arguments for trade unionism. Labor leaders even today use the class warfare jargon forgetting that on the shoals of such beef and apple pie all principle.

## IN THE ENDKAVOR

IN THE ENDKAVOR to keep Catholic thought flowing to the secular press, all papers published in the eight counties of the diocese have been contacted and presented with the free service. This is believed to be the first use of a "blanketing" technique on a diocesan scale in the United States.

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