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This edition of the missal is dedicated to St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. Hence the designation of St. Joseph, which also helps to identify it among other missals on the market.

The editorial presentation of the Mass texts will appeal to all missal users. But most appreciated should be the choice of sharp black readable type. Particularly eye-arresting is the presentation of the Ordinary of the Mass in extralarge red and black print, with the Latin and English text on opposite facing pages.

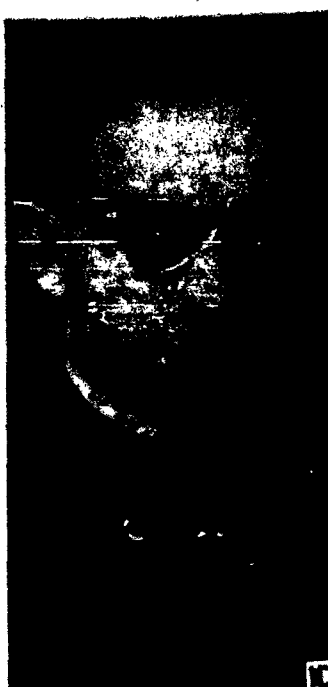
As a very practical feature the editor has added a Treasury of Prayers, which includes the Litany of the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross and preparations for the Sacrament of Penance. Holy Communion, the Last Sacraments and Marriage. Enhancing the service is a large and readable edition of the full-page color pictures and many more smaller illustrations in black and white. An introduction by Father Richard Nugelman provides an explanation of the principal parts of Mass, the vestments, and the different kinds of Church feasts.

The production of a missal is a professional challenge to any printing house and the flawless perfection of the ST. JOSEPH DAILY MISSAL testifies to the expert know-how of the Catholic Book Publishing Co. and Lawrence J. Manning.

Atheist Professors Wrecked Private Enterprise, Bishop Tells Businessmen

Reno — (NC) — The road back to peace, profits and prosperity is to be discovered by prayer, a Catholic Bishop told a group of businessmen here.

"The world of personal responsibility, private enterprise, human rights, private property lies murdered before you very eyes," Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of Reno told the Rotary Club of this city, "dead from the stroke that killed truth and free will."



BISHOP GORMAN

"YOU ARE in the presence of the crassest materialism, a world devoid of truth and benefit of moral and spiritual values, peopled by men without reason or freedom," said the Bishop, who is Episcopal Chairman of the Press Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. He spoke at the invitation and as the guest of Edward P. Cayate, former Nevada Governor and United States Senator.

"While the American business and professional man slept happily on in his dream world, counting his profits, making a 'fast buck' now and then, as he thought, at the expense of the crackpots and their stupid theories, and carrying on his business as usual, the philosophers and planners have stolen his world from under his very eyes," the Bishop declared.

"You have been hit by the club of atheistic materialism with the purpose of eliminating you and your 'reactionary' ideas from circulation," Bishop Gorman explained. "It is as simple as that."

"PERHAPS YOU WILL learn again," he said to the businessmen, "that the road back to peace, profits and prosperity is to be discovered by prayer, the way of truth, virtue, spiritual and moral values and the love of God, their Source, and is to be discovered by prayer."

Bishop Gorman warned that this "crass materialism" is at work everywhere, in the fields of human rights, law, economics, government "and most fundamental of all, if we only realized it, even in the field of religion."

"This atheistic materialism has marched out of the books, the classrooms and the debating clubs into the market place, into the legislative halls, into the courtrooms, into the seats of government," he declared. "To the ends of the earth it has penetrated, its wave of so-called scientific and materialist solutions bearing down upon your world of reason and freedom, threatening to sweep us all under the wheels of the chariot of the absolute state."

Because the average businessman was too busy making a "fast buck" to think deeply, atheistic materialism has turned the world into a "horrible advancing nightmare of war, famine, exile, genocide and fear," the prelate continued. "If you want to know the wave of the future, tune your ear to what the professors are saying now."

THE THEOLOGIAN, the philosopher and theorist is looked upon as "a sort of a weather-vane and a driver unworthy of notice in a world of big, important business and political affairs," said the Bishop, "yet an old fogey by the name of Karl Marx certainly upset the economic apparatus from his armchair."

Urging businessmen to delve beneath the surface indications "to discover the disease that has made your world sick," Bishop Gorman called for "a little heavy thinking for a change."

Because the "architects of this strange new world" began their work in fields seemingly far removed from businessmen and their interests, few seemed to notice them or care, he explained. "Would you save your world?" asked the Bishop. "Then recapture the philosophical ideas upon which it was built. Salvage and reestablish absolute truth and absolute morality under the aegis of the Absolute God, their Source and Protection, or forever languish in slavery to an other absolute — the absolute state come to drive them out and take their place."

'Be Good Sports'; Face Fact Of Social Changes

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has given a bold exhortation to the Roman nobility: Face the reality of today's social changes. He exhorted the Christian nobility to a willing cooperation in the common good.

The Pope spoke at the traditional audience given to members of the former noble Roman families at the beginning of each year. The nobles customarily give the Pontiff the season's greetings and pledge their fidelity to him and the Church.

AFTER paying to their greetings in an audience (see 2), the Pope gave his exhortations.

"In the first place, since the present reality continuously and undeniably changes, the Pope told the group, "A page of history has been turned. A period has been closed which includes an end to a social and economic past. A new chapter has been opened which inaugurates an entirely new form of life."

"The Holy Father warned the nobles to be 'good sports' about the loss of their economic power, and to act with nobility of character instead of making the necessary sacrifice."

Their "unconditional fidelity to Catholic doctrine, Christ and the Church" should be seen even by practicing Catholics as "a spectacle of irreproachable example and exemplary education in the domestic life," the Pope said. He warned them against "ruthless principles... and pitiless intolerance which could contaminate or sicken the purity of matrimony and the family."

IN THESE relations to public life, the Pontiff said, "only one attitude is prohibited: 'ostracism.'" Both an attitude of desertion and a refusal to be obedient to the original spirit of their state and would be equally reprehensible.

"Whatever might happen, whatever it might cost, it is above all necessary to maintain a tight union of all the Catholics firm against every danger of even the slightest crack."

"It might well be that one or the other houses of the present state of things disappear soon."

Catholic Press Sets Convention In Reno

Washington, Ind. — (NC) — The 1952 Catholic Press Association convention will be held from June 4 to 7 in Reno, Nev. Fr. A. Flak, president of the association, was announced.

Mr. Flak, managing editor of Our Sunday Visitor, has discussed the dates after consulting with Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of Reno, who will be host to the 41st national meeting. Bishop Gorman is Episcopal Chairman of the Press Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Red Terror Fails To Break Chinese Boys Seminars Starve, Reject Traitor Role

Tokyo — (NC) — For several months now, 49 Chinese students for the priesthood in the Diocese of Wuhu, Anhwei Province, have been held on a starvation diet in their seminary in order to force them to accuse the foreign missionaries of the area, according to reports from Red China. But not one of the 22 major and 27 minor seminarians, although suffering from lack of food, has offered to "accuse" the priests.

The communists first attempted to have the young men accuse the priests by a long course of indoctrination. When this failed, the seminarians were "frozen" in the tank. Although the boys work the garden themselves, they are unable to produce enough food to support their numbers. Some of them have asked permission to return to their homes, but the required "pass" is always denied.

One of the seminarians has been imprisoned since October. No negotiations were made regarding him and no one in the seminary knows the charges on which he is being held.

Two other Chinese priests are also in communist prisons in Wuhu. Father Sun has been detained, manacled, in the city jail for over a year; Father Tan was arrested in October and charged with starting a fire in a public granary on the mission property. Prison officials are trying to force him to confess that he was setting under instructions of the Bishop in starting the alleged fire.

New U.S. History Cites Church Role

New York — The religious and moral values that have shaped American society and the role played by the Church in the nation's development are given special prominence in a new history of the United States, a new textbook published by Fordham University Press.

The authors, all Catholic historians are: The Rev. Thomas T. McAvoy, head of the history department and assistant of Notre Dame University; the Rev. Bernard J. Fiering, dean of studies at Cardinal Hayes High School in New York; Aaron I. Abel, associate professor of history at Notre Dame; A. Paul Leveck, chairman of the history department of the Fordham University Graduate School and president of the American Catholic Historical Association; and Lawrence J. Manning.

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Seven Spanish Jesuit priests are in the Wuhu Regional Seminary. Not only the Chinese priests and seminarians, but also the local Catholics have been used to force the foreign missionaries.

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