

### The Book Corner

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**CARDINAL SPELLMAN'S PRAYER BOOK.** The Edward O'Toole Co., New York City. Editions variously priced according to quality of binding selected.

Here is a prayer book that should become the most popular of all prayer books with American Catholics, if not the entire English speaking world. In selection of content and technical production it is superb.



Cardinal Spellman - New York knows that he has a wise and practical understanding of the devotional need of the faithful. It is geared for use in private devotion as well as participation in the official liturgy of the Church, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Divided into five main sections, Cardinal Spellman's prayer book includes: I. Prayers For the Day; II. Prayers For the Week; III. Prayers For the Month; IV. Selected Prayers; V. The Mass (The English text of the Mass, all the complete English text, including Epistles and Gospels, of all Sunday and special Feast Masses, and the Masses for the Dead.)

The devotional sections present all the familiar prayers associated with morning and evening prayer, novenas, special prayers for special intentions, prayers to the saints, and the official litany. Included also are an excellent church calendar, an exhaustive index, and a number of full page illustrations. The Ordinary and Canon of the Mass are attractively printed in two colors, red and black.

Some citation should be given to the craftsman who produced the Cardinal's Prayer Book. It's large, readable print, pliable binding, light weight, and compact size (easily fits a man's pocket or a lady's handbag) mark a rare achievement in the

specialized work of prayer book publishing. We urge Catholic book stores to stock up on **CARDINAL SPELLMAN'S PRAYER BOOK.** We feel sure that it will be in ever growing demand among lay and religious.

**SAINT JOSEPH DAILY MISSAL.** Edited by Rev. Hugo H. Hoever, Ph.D. The Catholic Book Publishing Co., New York City. Editions variously priced according to quality of binding selected. Father Hoever and the Catholic Book Publishing Company have teamed up to give us one of the most beautiful missals we have seen. Designed for the churchgoer who wishes to participate more intimately in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, this missal provides in English text the official prayers used by the Church in the daily celebration of the Mass.

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.

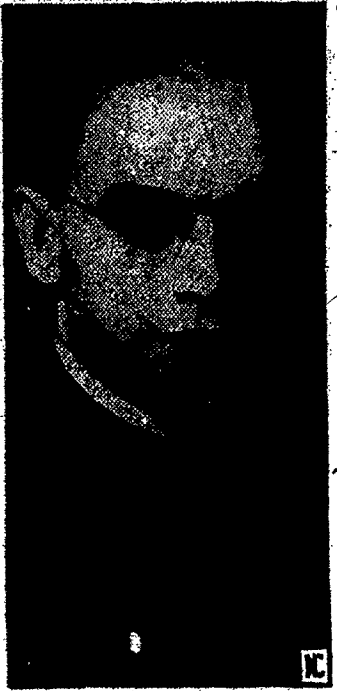
The editorial presentation of the Mass texts will appeal to all missal users. But most appreciated should be the choice of sharp, black readable type. Particularly eye-catching is the presentation of the Ordinary of the Mass in extra-large, red and black print, and with the Latin and English text on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

As a very practical feature, the editor has added a "Treasury of Prayers" which includes Litany, Benediction hymns, instruction on the Rosary and Stations of the Cross, and preparations for the Sacrament of Penance, Holy Communion, the Last Sacraments, and Marriage. Enhancing this very usable and readable edition are many full-page color pictures and many more smaller illustrations in black and white. An introduction by Father Richard Kuechman 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 knowhow of the Catholic Book Company.

## 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.



BISHOP GORMAN

"The world of personal responsibility, private enterprise, human rights, private property lies murdered before your 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."

"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. Carville, former Nevada Governor and United States Senator.

"While the American business and professional man sleep 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, by some strange paradox, 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 socializing tendencies and marxism 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."

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 reinstall absolute truth and absolute morality under the aegis of the Absolute God, their Source and Protection, or forever languish in slavery to another 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 triple exhortation to the Roman nobility: Face the reality of today's social changes. Be models of the Christian ideal. Lend a willing cooperation to 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 replying to their greetings in an audience today, the Pope gave his exhortations.

"In the first place, face the present reality courageously and undaunted," the Pope told the group. "A page of history has been turned. A period has been placed which indicates 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 urged the nobles to be 'good sports' about the loss of their economic power, and to act with nobility of character instead of sulking like mediocre souls.

Their "unconditional fidelity to Catholic doctrine, Christ and the Church" should be seen even by practicing Catholics as "a spectacle of irreprehensible conjugal life and exemplary edification at the domestic fireside," the Pope said. He warned them against "ruinous principles . . . and pernicious tolerances which could contaminate or smirch the purity of matrimony and the family."

IN THEIR relations to public life, the Pontiff said, "only one attitude is prohibited: 'abstentionism.'" Such an attitude would be opposed to the original spirit of their state and would be desertion rather than flight, he said, adding: "Whatever might happen, whatever it might cost, it is above all necessary to maintain a tight union of all the Catholic forces against every danger of even the slightest cracks."

"It might well be that one or the other feature of the present state of things displeases you,"

### Catholic Press Sets Convention In Reno

Huntington, Ind. — (NC) — The 1952 Catholic Press Association convention will be held from June 4 to 7 in Reno, Nev. F. A. Fink, president of the association, has announced. Mr. Fink, managing editor of Our Sunday Visitor here, disclosed the dates after conferring with Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of Reno, who will be host to the 42nd national meeting. Bishop Gorman is Episcopal Chairman of the Press Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

### In Your Hour of Need

## Red Terror Fails To Break Chinese Boys Seminarians 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

knows the charges on which he is being held. 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 bank. 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 accusations were made against 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 Sou 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 selling under instructions of the Bishop in starting the alleged fire.

Seven Spanish Jesuit priests are in the Wuhu Regional Seminary. Not only the Chinese priests and seminarians, but also the local Catholics have been most loyal to them, refusing even under threats to accuse the foreign missionaries.

### New U.S. History Cites Church Role

New York — (NC) — 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 History of the United States," new textbook published by Fordham University Press.

The authors, all Catholic historians are: The Rev. Thomas T. McAvoy, head of the history department and archivist of Notre Dame University; the Rev. Bernard J. Fleming, dean of studies at Cardinal Hayes High School in New York; Aaron I. Abell, 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. Mannion.

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