

# Editorials

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## Buffalo's New Bishop

The Apostolic Delegate has announced the appointment of the Most Reverend Joseph A. Burke as Bishop of Buffalo. Bishop Burke has served as a Priest in Buffalo since the time of his ordination and since 1943 as Auxiliary Bishop to the See. His experience among Priests and people of Buffalo will be an excellent preparation for carrying on the work of this important Diocese. We congratulate the Diocese of Buffalo on this appointment.

The Courier-Journal also extends its felicitations to Bishop Burke on his promotion. His many friends in Buffalo among the clergy and laity and his host of friends outside the Diocese will rejoice with him on his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo and pray that God will with him to bless his labors in this very important part of the Lord's Vineyard. Ad Multos Annos!

## The Courier-Journal Drive

As an item in Catholic Press Month the Courier-Journal puts on its annual drive for subscriptions. Bishop Kearney has written every Pastor in the Diocese urging the cause of our Diocese newspaper. Many parishes have attained the proud record of 100% coverage. This means that every family in the parish is receiving regularly the Courier-Journal. The purpose of the drive is to secure renewals from those who are subscribers and to build up a large subscription list by the addition of new subscribers.

Who have set up their own households Bishop Kearney feels that the regular reception and reading of the Courier-Journal will do much to improve our knowledge of the doctrines of the Church and the activities of the Church here at home and throughout the world. We urge every Catholic to work with his Pastor in making this drive successful. There has been no raise in the annual subscription rate. Be sure and cooperate with your Pastor in extending the coverage of the Courier-Journal and in enabling every family to benefit by the advantages of a splendid Catholic newspaper.

## Catholic Press Month

Catholic Press Month belongs to all the country. Every Diocese and every Parish is interested in this movement. Its purpose is to awaken our people to the importance of the Catholic Press and of all the elements that go to make it up. Diocesan newspapers, weekly and monthly magazines, pamphlets, text books, devotional works and fiction, as well as histories and doctrinal essays. All of them have a very definite value. Yet they can mean little to us unless we learn to buy

and read Catholic publications regularly. Above all, at this time we should insist on having in our homes a recent copy of the Bible, particularly of the New Testament. We ask all our readers to feel that Catholic Press Month is making an appeal to each one of them. Your knowledge of your religion will grow, your appreciation of all that the Church is doing in the world will increase by each new book or magazine or paper that you bring into your home.

## Sexagesima Sunday

The Church begins with Septuagesima Sunday, the remote preparation of the penitential season of Lent. The present law of the Church restricts Lent to forty days, but in days gone by Lent consisted of seventy days, sixty days and fifty days and their penitential practices are still observed in the Lent of various Religious Orders. The first Sunday of Lent in days gone by was Septuagesima Sunday, or a seventy day Lent; Sexagesima Sunday a sixty day Lent and Quinquagesima Sunday a fifty day Lent. The ordinary Catholic finds that the days following Septuagesima Sunday impose an obligation of fasting or abstinence. The principal observance is confined to the liturgy which prescribes purple vestments for Mass and

Vespers and the omission of the Gloria in the Mass and the substitution of the Benedictus Domino for the Ite Missa Est. The liturgy of the Church is a constant source of inspiration and instruction to the faithful Catholic. These Sundays of the penitential season remind us of our obligation of doing penance at all times. They remind us of the ancient rules of the Church. They should lead us to a more sincere attempt to put all sin out of our lives and to strive to live according to the perfection of God's law. Perhaps more frequent Communion and attendance at daily Mass will help us in our remote preparation of the coming Season of Lent.

## WAYSIDE, ROCK, THORNS and GOOD GROUND

Christ's parable would fascinate that all the seed that the sower planted was of like high quality. Yet some of it was trampled under foot, eaten up by the birds; some of it withered away because it had no moisture; some of it was choked by the thorns growing up about it. Only some of the seed, these were good seed. It was not given a chance. So also the Lord's seed to every man that sows faith. If it is good seed, it will be all the possibilities of sanctification and salvation and will not be frustrated. The Lord's seed is given to all of us, but we can and we should do reject God's word.

This seed that fell upon good ground was no better than the seed that fell elsewhere. Those represented by the good ground should be imitated by those who fall into the other three classes. There is a serious responsibility resting upon every man to listen carefully to God's revelation and to be guided by that revelation. It is no slight thing to refuse faith in God when He speaks to us. Unbelief is one of the most serious sins a man could commit. It is contempt for God. It is disregard for the purpose that led God to place us here, our sanctification and salvation. Let every man strive to hear the word, to hold it fast and to bear fruit in patience.

## A LOOK AT LABOR

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# Who Needs Maps?



## GRETTA PALMER

A lively little dispute on the use of prayer in the public schools blew up a few weeks ago. It arose between the New York State Board of Regents and two Protestant groups, the Sunday School Board and the First Methodist Church. The First Methodist Church and the First Unitarian Society. And who is Gretta Palmer? You think opposed the proposition with considerable heat? Your guess — if it is a kindly and charitable one — is wrong. It was the State Board of Regents representing secular forces, that recommended opening each school day with a prayer. It was the men of cloth who drew back in horror from the shocking innovation.



This nation was founded by those who learned the tragedy of a society in which the state and church were one," stated the Methodist Church Board. "The place for specific teaching and formal practice of religion is in the home and in the church." At the time when "those who founded this nation" were founding it, every blessed educational institution in the country, from the New England Dame Schools to the universities, was primarily engaged in teaching religion, according to the historians. The first heresy of religion in the schools would hardly have occurred to men who had never heard of any school that was not church-supported. It was not until 1817 that state-supported schools began — and then, only in Michigan.

## Discuss Anything But Don't Mention God

Let them discuss any subject that they wish, save one. Let them inculcate any unwholesome, unsubstantiated theory of economics or psychology or sociology. There is just one word that is a forbidden word, and it is GOD. There is just one activity our children must not engage in as a group, and it is prayer. To such men, the Regents' prayer is an obvious affront. Any prayer, the indignation of the Freethinkers of America the Regents' action springs, logically, from their intellectual stand. Hating religion, they are consistent in hating it when it crops up in Secularized. But the Methodists, the Unitarians, the Jews have not retreated to boycott God. They have merely mouthed two of the shallow catchphrases of our day: "separation of church and state" and "secular practices."

## Priest Launches Spiritual Unity Crusade in Rome

Rome—(NC)—The Rev. Riccardo Lombardi, famed Italian preacher, stated that the world has so "freed" itself of spiritual authority that it no longer knows what to believe and has become a "slave" to doubt and blindness. The Jesuit preacher launched the crusade for a "mighty reawakening" of Rome and the Christian world called for at a mass meeting here commemorating the 23rd anniversary of the reconciliation between the Vatican and Italy through the signing of the Lateran Agreement.

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## JOSEPH BREIG

## Chuck The Whole Idea

I offer myself as a test case for the U. S. National Commission for the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The commission is seeking means of allaying "misapprehensions" among Catholic scholars and laymen about the proposed History of Mankind which is to be financed, to the tune of \$600,000, by UNESCO.



I am not a Catholic scholar, but I am a Catholic layman. And speaking personally, I must say that as long as Prof. Ralph E. Turner of Yale is chairman of the board of three editors, I do not see how the U. S. Commission is going to allay my "misapprehensions." I am afraid the misapprehension will continue to be apprehension.

Prof. Turner is surely no friend of religion. He says himself that he is an agnostic, and that he has no use for the Catholic Church. But it is my understanding that it is not alone the Catholic Church he dislikes. He was dismissed from the University of Pittsburgh on his charges of students that he belittled their religious beliefs in the classroom. I believe he denied that. I am in no position to judge; and perhaps it is too much to insist that a professor be like Caesar's wife.

But we are talking about allaying my apprehension, and I say frankly that I do not see how it is to be done. I have a strong distaste for the kind of thing of which Prof. Turner was accused, and I cannot forget that the case ended in his dismissal. A teacher in a classroom has a special obligation of courtesy and consideration. He has all the advantage. He is in much the position of a judge in a courtroom. He has, on his side, the weight of authority and of the school's prestige. He is older than the students; he is more self-assured; he has presumably better-informed he has had long practice in talking; he can easily make a student look a fool.

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own size?" seems the proper question. Most of us consider it exceedingly bad manners to poke fun at anybody's sacred beliefs, especially in public. Furthermore, it is easy to deride, attack and misrepresent any truth. Anybody can do that. It requires no brains. To expound and defend a truth is another matter. That takes knowledge, skill, wisdom and an exceptional ability to express oneself. Further, it requires some information and understanding in the audience.

I know almost nothing about mathematics; but I could go before a gathering of average people and ask Prof. Einstein questions which he would be hard put to answer neither I nor any of the others would understand. The attacker almost always has all the advantage.

But Prof. Turner does not seem to understand that what we are objecting to is the fact that his particular point of view is sitting in the editor's chair.

Further, the chairman of the International Commission on the history has announced that: "Neither Catholics nor Protestants, nor Moslems, nor Jews, nor Hindus, nor Buddhists, nor Confucians need fear historical interpretations which would reveal any kind of bias on the part of the numerous collaborators who will be called upon to edit the various chapters."

ARE WE TO understand that the proposed 3,000,000-word History of Mankind is going to displace nobody? It can't be done; and if it were done, it wouldn't be history. No; I am a strong supporter of the United Nations; but the defenders of the history have only succeeded in heightening my apprehensions. I reiterate my original position: no such history is needed, and history writing is not UNESCO's business. For the good of the United Nations, the project should be chucked, and the \$600,000 used to feed hungry refugees.

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