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Nicknames For Sport Teams Urged By Newsman To Avoid Irreverence In Headlines

A criticism of headlines in sports pages of Catholic newspapers which result in irreverent use of sacred names for parish or school teams appeared in last week's issue of The Amarillo Register in the column, "Wise and Otherwise."



JUST BEFORE THIS paper reached the Catholic Courier Journal, a letter from Stephen J. Fitzgerald, of the Democrat and Chronicle editorial staff came offering a suggestion for eliminating the objectionable sports headlines, not only in Catholic papers but in the secular press as well.

The West Texas Catholic paper said in citing the headlines "Witness this starter: 'Plus XI Wins In Last Three Seconds.'"

"The story describes how 'Plus XI took over first place in the Catholic basketball conference. The reporter then posed this interesting question: 'Whether the Pope's can last out the rarefied atmosphere of first place with Don Bosco hot on their heels will be decided in the coming few weeks.'"

HAVING THE problem of writing heads for the morning paper's sports department, Steve Fitzgerald told of receiving a story with a suggested headline, "Mother of Sorrows Cops." Near the deadline, he changed this to "Paddy Hill Cagers Win" to show how his idea would work out.

The veteran newsman complained about the first suggested headline saying it could lead to many other irreverent headlines citing "Mother of Sorrows Joins Blessed Sacrament" or worse.

To ensure that sacred names would not be missed in headlines, Fitzgerald said that anyone having anything to do with parish or school teams should

name their teams something like the "Rangers, Indians, Tigers, or Panthers" to avoid using Church names in what he said are "rasping headlines."

Plagued by this for years, the J. Courier Journal staff joins in endorsing Fitzgerald's sound idea.

Catholic Press Directory Due In May 1953

The 1953 Catholic Press Directory will be published on May 1 by the Catholic Press Association. It was announced in New York by Msgr. John S. Randall, chairman, after a meeting of the CPA Advisory Committee.

The committee announced there will be no increase in rates for advertising space, although the CPA board of directors has recommended consideration of a raise.

The committee announced that the 1952 Directory proved a successful medium in securing advertising lines for publications whose ads appeared in it. This will result in an increase in space sales for the 1953 issue and the estimated increase in directory ad lineage makes a rate hike unnecessary, it was said.

"IT IS also expected to add further new advertisers since the Directory under association auspices is now a definitely established success with two profitable issues to its credit," the committee stated.

The committee also decided to increase the print order to 10,000 copies; to increase service to Directory advertisers, especially in preparation of effective space messages; to improve house ads designed to heighten interest in the Catholic market, and to revamp market and circulation data.

The committee said "great attention will be given to Catholic writers this month and that space contracts for advertisers also will be sent out. Closing date for corrections and ads, the committee said, will be March 16.

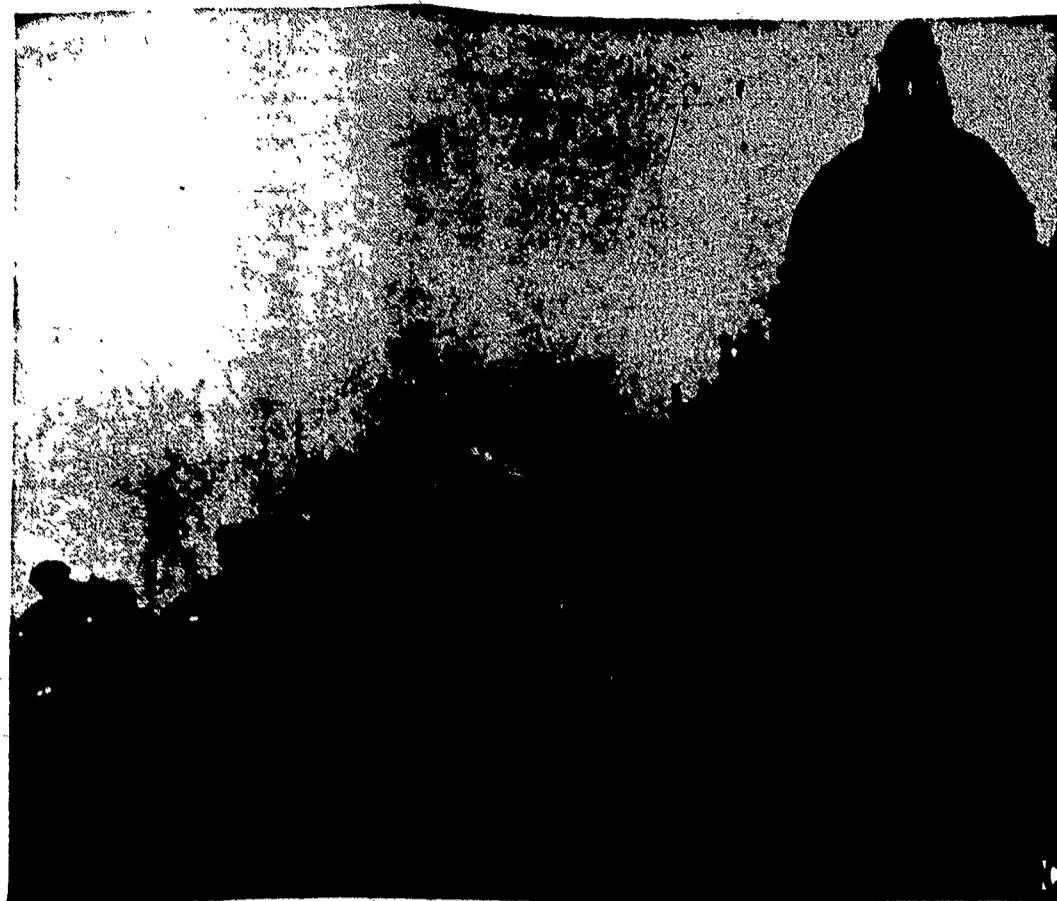
Monsignor Randall again will be assisted in publication of the 1953 edition by J. Louis Meyer of The Official Catholic Directory, and Charles S. Murphy of The Catholic Review, Baltimore, Md.

Georgetown Receives Cancer Study Gift

Washington (NC)—For the fourth consecutive year the Georgetown University Medical Center has received a \$25,000 gift from the Alexander and Margaret Stewart Trust to carry on the Home Care Service program for cancer victims, Father Edward B. Bunn, S.J., university president, has announced.

The home-care program, begun in 1950, provides the equivalent of hospital care in terms of medical, nursing and medical social services for pre-terminal and terminal cancer patients who remain at home. The Stewart trust gift will cover home-care expenses for 1953, according to Father Paul A. McNally, S. J., medical center director.

New Cardinal's Funeral In Venice



"The Gondola of the Dead." Venice's hearse carries the casket containing the remains of Cardinal-designate Carlo Agostini, Patriarch of Venice, to the cemetery for burial, December 31. One of the 24 named to receive the Red Hat of the Cardinalate on January 12, the prelate died December 28 at the age of 64 following a long illness. At the right is the Church "Santa Maria della Salute." (NC Photos).

Canisteo Student Sermon By Father Beaton Earns 2 Honors Opening Octave For Unity

Canisteo—Two honors at Canisteo Central School were won by Robert Piesher, senior, and a member of St. Joachim's Church, here.



He was one of two students selected to represent his school in Albany later, this month. The program is sponsored and financed by Assemblyman John D. Young to stimulate interest in state government. Selection was made by the school principal and faculty members and was based on the student's standing in the school and his "in community" work. The winner, who won the Canisteo Central School oratorical contest and is eligible for the Streuben County finals at Bath, His subject was "The Constitution in Every Day Life." The contest is sponsored by the American Legion.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Piesher, 2 Laine Ct., Canisteo, Bob served as an altar boy at St. Joachim's for nine years.

Cardinal Explains Duty To Jobless

Toulouse, France.—(NC)—"It is not necessary that a business earn profits. It is necessary that it exist and provide men with a living."

So stated His Eminence Jules Cardinal Sallage, Archbishop of Toulouse, in a pastoral letter on the duties of Catholics in regard to unemployment.

At present, the Cardinal pointed out, there are 5,000 unemployed workers in Toulouse, of whom only 1,000 are eligible for unemployment relief. To prevent further hardship for worker's families, he urged employers "to do the impossible" and keep on all their present employees even at the sacrifice of profits.

Those who don't mind their own business are rarely equipped to take care of other people's business.

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hell shall not prevail against it. I will give to thee the keys to the kingdom of heaven. And whatever thou shall bind upon earth shall be bound also in heaven, and whatever thou shall loose upon earth shall be loosed also in heaven." (St. Matt. 16:18). Behold I am with you all days even to the end of time. (Ibid 28:20).

Placing His Divine approval on the church, Christ said: "He that hears you, hears me, and he that despises you, despises me, and Him that sent me." (St. Luke 10:16)

TO HIS CHURCH Christ also gave a unity of doctrine binding upon all. Of this truth the Master said: "He that believes in Me, he shall be saved; he that does not believe shall be condemned." (St. Mark 16:16) And if anyone preach a gospel to you besides that which you have received, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:9)

There can be no doubt then that Christ willed His church to be one, one in faith, doctrine, and government. The Catholic Church today teaches the whole doctrine of Christ, the truths which He and the apostles handed down to the early church.

When we pray therefore for the return of the lost sheep to the fold of unity during the octave, we do not pray for the unity of the Catholic faith, but for those who have strayed outside the fold of Peter. Christ will thirst for these separated souls, and asks us to pray and sacrifice that they all may be one again. But His thirst today is for a world which has gone half pagan.

Fifteen or twenty years ago one could discuss religion with many God-loving and God-fearing people — people who lived righteous lives, who lived according to the standards of the commandments, who believed in the divinity of Christ, people who were familiar with the Sacred Scriptures.

Today, however, materialistic and pagan living has paralyzed the minds of many, and in their confused state of mind they cling only to a belief in God and to a few general moral principles. I am convinced that we must consider this class of people as a religious cult to be numbered among the other sheep.

CHRIST MUST have experienced a bitter thirst as He beheld those who, although nominally belonging to a recognized religious sect, live a semi-pagan life.

Unknowingly, they have made a god out of their bodies, and have forgotten their souls. To accept laws and deal in graft, but don't get caught because you may lose your job, and may be included in a social group.

There is no room for God and His religion in such behavior. For

such people are immersed in self and have a religion all their own. Christ thirsts and asks your prayers for those sheep that they may return to the harbor of truth and salvation. For in the sheepfold of Christ, the Catholic Church, souls have all the channels of grace at their disposal. They can be guided by a moral code and a dogmatic teaching which has the stamp of God's divine approval.

The Church has never failed anyone, and when a Catholic falls into the gutter, of pagan thought and practices, his fall can be traced to the fact that he has failed to follow the complete teachings of the Church founded by Christ. He has failed the church, the church has not failed him.

WE PRAY ALSO tonight for those souls throughout the world who, although following the teachings of a particular religious sect, are separated by heresy or schism from the true church established by Christ. In the words of Pius XII, we pray that each and everyone of them be quick and ready to follow the interior movements of grace, and to look to withdrawing themselves from that state in which they cannot be sure of their salvation.

For even though unsuspectingly they are related to the Mystical Body of the Redeemer in desire and resolution, they still remain deprived of so many precious gifts and graces from heaven, which one can enjoy only in the Catholic Church.

THIS IS AMERICA'S hour not only to assist in alleviating the material conditions of unfortunate peoples, but it is America's hour to help quench the thirst of Christ for souls by its prayers and sacrifices for the religious unity of the world.

Do not pray during this particular period only, but every day, uniting all your efforts with those of your brothers and sisters throughout the world. Only in this manner will you be able to quench the thirst of Christ for souls. Only in this manner can the clenched fist be pried open, the torn down crosses reset, pagan thought be destroyed, and unity finally attained.

Family Life Group Sets Convention

Washington — (NC) — "The Father: The Head of the Home" will be the theme of the 1953 National Catholic Conference on Family Life in Philadelphia, March 16 to 18. It has been announced here by the Family Life Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference, convention sponsor.

Philadelphia's Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., host of the convention, will offer a Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, formally opening the sessions. Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle, of Washington will preach the sermon.

Father Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., director of the N.C.W.C. bureau said that among specific areas in the field of marriage and the family which will be given attention at the convention will be: family interests, international family activities, marriage counseling, preparation for marriage, religious practices for the home, the home and economic life, child care and training in the home.

Ithaca PTA Hears Report On Group's 275 Members

Ithaca — A total of 275 members belong to the Parent Teachers Association of Immaculate Conception School of Ithaca, Mrs. William Sherman announced at the January meeting held in Parish Hall.

Mrs. Leslie D. McKee was presented as the new Brownie leader and Mrs. Thomas Sheehan as her assistant.

PLANS WERE discussed for a Silver Tea for the Sisters of St. Joseph who teach in Immaculate Conception School.

A shrine, depicting the Holy Family, arranged by Mrs. Richard Taber, was on display.

Sgt. Donald E. Wallenbeck of the Traffic Division of the Ithaca Police Department spoke at the meeting on "Courtesy on the Highway" and showed a film entitled "A Day in Court."

Dr. Ralph P. Baldini told about National Children's Dental Health Day scheduled for Monday, Feb. 2.

Refreshments were served by mothers of third and fourth grade pupils.

St. Bernard's Grad Appointed Pastor

Rev. William F. Brennan, of the 1916 class of St. Bernard's Seminary became pastor of St. James Church, Johnson City, yesterday. His appointment was made by Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse.

Father Brennan was formerly pastor of St. Bridget's Church, Syracuse.

OLD IDEA The essential ingredient for success is still hard work.

India Rites Ernakulam, India — (RNS) — Some 100,000 persons marched in a solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament to nearby Christnagar at the conclusion of Roman Catholic celebrations honoring St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Francis Xavier.

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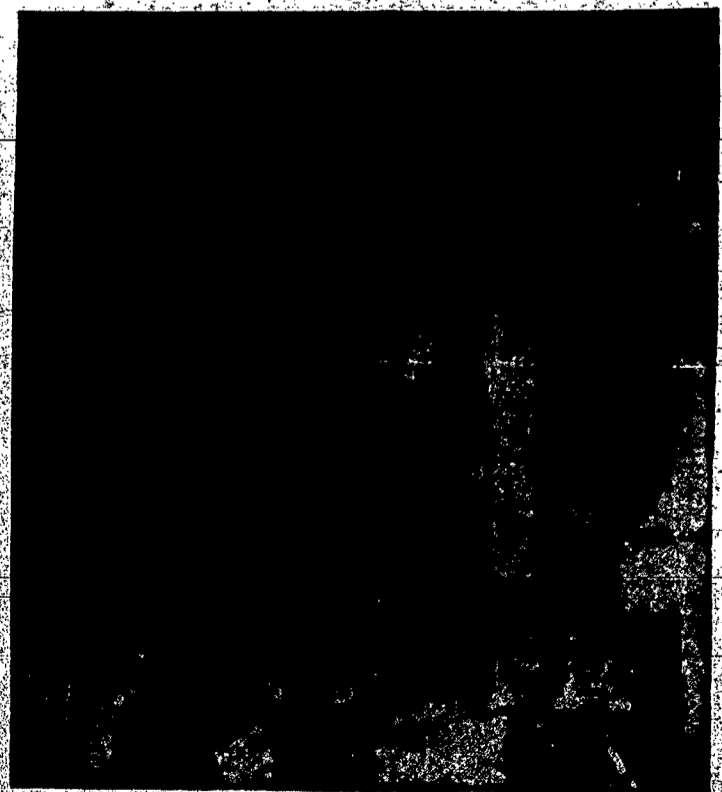
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CROWDS VISIT ST. FRANCIS' TOMB



Marking the fourth centennial of the death of St. Francis, thousands of pilgrims, Catholics and non-Catholics have thus far visited the Cathedral of Our Portuguese Lady, to pray at the coffin (above) containing the Saint's body and to touch religious objects in honor of the great missionary. St. Francis' remains were carried to the altar on their shoulders to the Cathedral where the remains will be exposed for a month.