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By MONSIGNOR HART.

Joy in The Lord

Even in the midst of the Lenten Season the Church calls Then he stood back, scanning on her children to rejoice. Four weeks of penitential and prayerful programs have passed by. There has been a nearer approach to God as we have turned away from ain and from the love of worldly things. For so many daily Mass has been a.must, and frequent visits, to our church at the public serve ices and in private have brought us into intimate union with Our Eucharistic Lord, into contemplation of His passion at the Stations, of His teachings in Wednesday sermons.

We have joined with our brethren in congregational singing of our beloved hymns, we have sung the Stubet Mater. Perhaps our own parish has invited us to make the Lenten Mission, and dedicated Missionary Fathers have made their abode with us to enlighten and instruct and inspire us Jim's anticipation, and preparing with a greater love of God.

Joy in the Lord! Lent is but half over, but its effects are already manifest in us. Love of the Lord makes us rejoice. once, and opened like a book. May we take from this Lent a lasting realization of the happiness religion should bring us all through the year. Let us Naturally, my eye fell first on always have with us the joy of Lactare Sunday!

The Bishops' Collection

The coming Sunday brings us the opportunity to join There were a couple of A's and with all our Bishops in preparing for the Holy Father a fund B's, and one C. The C did not on which he may draw to bring succor and support to war raise my eyebrows one lots, besufferers. Food and shelter and clothing and every form of cause it was for handwriting; timely assistance will be among the blessings guaranteed to and Jim, like his father, is leftour needy brethren in every part of the world by the sub-stantial contribution we make on Lactare Sunday to the Bishops' Relief Fund.

one, even as the sad plight of suffering people and nations right-hander to get an A. continues as a current fact calling for our continued assistance. Show your interest on this Lastare Sunday by the gen- in a manner of speaking, crosserous gift you make to the Bishops' War Relief Collection. wise. The fighties have arbitrar-

St. Patrick and St. Joseph

Two great Saints call for our veneration and love par-ticularly as the Month of March reaches and passes its me dian day.

More than four hundred years had passed since the beginning of the work of Christ's Church when Ireland gruted If you doubt that, I suggest the saving mission of her first and greatest Apostle. From that you try using scissors left-432 A.D. till the dawn of the sixth century Patrick labored handed. If you hold them right and taught and suffered for the people he loved, the tribes of for cutting, your thumb is in the Ireland. New missions saw beginnings that soon blossomed inger-opening, and you must in the dioceses and parishes, into cathedrals and churches. somehow squeeze your fingers cannot die - the Fountain of life can no more run

into monasteries and convents, into catheorais and churches into monasteries and convents, into schools and universities into the thumb-hole. What was over the years a country given to pagan teach-ings and practices within less than a century became a thor-ought. Catholic nation. New Patricks ensulated their leader, descent the hand, and becomes countless convents Irdand begin to be the Island of Saints entring.

and Scholars!

In every country on earth the sons of Patrick's converts sci

Apostle Of Ireland



JOSEPH BREIG

Fer. Good Young Jim, home from school handed me his first report card.

my face with etger eyes, waiting for the exclamation of approval he anticipated; I was dimly conscious that my wife and

the other chil-

'were watching me Troig also, sharing in to share in his gratification. The report card was folded

the left-hand page, where was recorded Jim's proficiency - or lack of it - in such affairs as reading, writing and arithmetic.

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WE LEFTIES to through life, ily arranged the world for their

own convenience. The lefty therefore is forced to develop, in many

special determination and per-Severance.

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HE DIED-Christ's death was more than the heroic act of a death of a Man who is God. But we know very well that God, in Himself,

dry than fire can cool. God. as such, did not die:

That sort of thing cramps and it was a man who is God. The life He laid down was not His divine one: it was Human life. Often firemen race to a smoke-filled home

CONVERSELY, if you hold the such alarm, the firemen beat the fire out of it.

ors right for your thumb



for James L. McGrory, the gracious charge d'affaires of the pamphlet room at St. John's Church, 13th and Chestn.u t. Streets. Philadelphia, it is a full-time Father job. How well

he does it may O'Brien be judged from the fact that he has led more than 250 converts into the fold.

Though he would disclaim the title, Mr. McGrory is probably the champion lay convert maker of Pennsylvania. Gray - haired, kindly, eager to help, he has been in charge of the pamphlet room since it was founded in 1936.

Indeed he has lifted it to the status of a Catholic Information Center and is now affectionately called "Mr. St. John's."

"I've heard a great deal, Mr. McCrory," I said, "about your work in leading so many people into the Church. The lay Catholics of this country would like to know how you manage to interest so many in the Faith."

"IT'S A SIMPLE method," he replied, "and it could be used everywhere and by everyone. Hundreds of thousands of outsiders drop into the Catholic churches. Some come to witness the Mass and other devotions. Others just step in out of curiosity to see what a Catholic church looks like on the inside. "Here is our opportunity. And at St. John's we try to make the most of it. Being located in the downtown district, we probably have more visitors than most churches. So instead of the simple pamphlet rack holding a couple dozen titles, which you churches, we have this entire large room devoted to paraphlet display."

"How many pamphiets do you have?"





My Dear People:

Sunday, March 15, is Lactare Sunday. In recent years, this day in Mid-Lent has acquired a new significance for American Catholics and also-we hope-for a great multitude of afflicted people all over the world. Laetare Sunday is the day on which Bishops of the United States collect funds for the victims both of war

and of the current uneasy peace. There are 40,000,000 of them. They lack such necessities as bread, shoes, cough medi-cine, and soap.

The Bishops have set a goal of \$5,000,-000, which they are going to ask of American Catholics on March 15. The fact that the Bishops feature this collection so

---- prominently_indicates the urgency of thecharity it serves. It is a drive to relieve desperate distress, such as supplying milk for thin, glassy-eyed, tubercular babies, or warm shirts for infants who have never had any protection from the cold but a wrapping of outdated newspapers and their mothers' arms.

Directly from the pen of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. comes the appeal:

"The appeal which you are about to launch, Venerable Brothers, to your beloved flocks throughout the Archdioceses and Dioceses of your country affords Us the welcome opportunity to express once again Our paternal commendation of that apostolate of charity which has become a distinguishing mark of Hierarchy, clergy and faithful of the United States of America. From a heart buoyant with hope and comfort We give renewed utterance not only to Our gratitude for the magnanimous support you have so constantly rendered to the charitable works of the Holy See, but also to Our appreciation of the manifold beneficient activities sponsored by your own relief organizations, and We would have you interpret to your priests and people the sentiments of Our warm thankfulness for their ready cooperation in this admirable labour of love and mercy.

"There is no need for Us to tell you, Venerable Brothers, the pitiful, pressing needs which still exist. Numberless and heart-rending are the pleas that reach Us daily from the poor, the unemployed, the sick, the homeless, who turn to Us -and through Us to their more fortunate brothers and sisters throughout the world-for assistance in their distress. Our paternal heart goes out to them in compassion and We do Our best to bring them a measure of relief, but in order to do so We rely in large part on a continuation of that genuine understanding which Our beloved children of the United Stateshave always shown for the requirements of the Holy See."

There you have from the Vicar of Christ a tender appeal. I know you will all be generous so that our offering may be worthy of the traditional generosity of the Rochester Diocese. Almsgiving is a part of our Lenten obligations. Here is a charity that can flood your souls with God's choicest blessings.

Yours devoted Shepherd in Christ,

+ James E. Kearney. **BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.**

P.S: The collection is to be taken up at all the Masses on Sunday, March 15,



By Rev. Albert J. Shamon

(This is a series of articles on "The Apostles' Creed" written by Father Albert Shamon, professor at St. Andrew's Seminary and author of "Behind the Mass.")

holy person obedient to His Father even unto death. It was the find in the vestibule of some





join next Tuesday to honor their great Patron! May it be a day to thank God for the Faith St. Patrick brought us.

Patron of Church Universal

All nations look to Joseph, even as the Irish look to St. Churchy of Christ was founded. But he was the spouse of that buttons and threads don't God's judgment fell on human nature. Mary and the guardian of the Child long before the work of give a fig one way or the other. Christ was made eternally effective in the establishment of either. His Church.

down the years. He has been with the landers and the mil- ber? Ether you would pay an Hons of humble members of the Church from the beginning outrageous price (I imagine) for All who love Jesus and Mary have been close to Joseph. All left handed scissors, or you generations may well call him blessed

Patron of the Church Universal! What a blossing Joseph has been to all of us! What a grace to be so closely associated the heads of your customers with one of the Great Princes of the Human Family! What while you worked. That would be worse than telling God to mind His own business. Of course that an anticipation of further bleasings in life and of unending inconsortable for you, association in death we find in the Patron we love and revere. TOOLS ALSO TEND to favor St. Joseph, +

Death of State

Not a prayer was said at the fumeral last week of Joseph Stalin. He followed in death what he and his cohorts had taught in life-Religion is the spinte of the people." right. I understand that in Hebrew it is the other way across.

taught in life - Religion is the opints of the people. But many a prayer was said in secrecy by those who looked on him as their great leader. Many a prayer was said by true Christian followers of the faith he persecuted. Even the Holy Father found opportunity to offer prayers for his conversion before he field and for prayers to the God of all Mercy for his departed soil. We can initiate the example of the great it, so to peak, back all men of God who are inspired by their faith in God to offer ward. Denty to all men. T Inch

at at the A's and the R' carver that was the life of Joseph Stain, is the picture that movel. "Fine, Jim," I said. And might have been had he host and acted on the faith in God I put my band into my pocket to that was his is the beginning ! A non of the Church called to the life of a summarian and the costs." The second de the life of God, he might have been in held it my and pointed it is independent of mon to God. Instand he gave up his faith. If the right had page "Look at that beginning to mon, an anony of God, a prevention." What a contrast with the picture of futility and wasted and the C, and amind my ap

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Human nature was once wrenched from its and fingers, the blades are in the orientation towards God. Ever since, it became wrear position for easy cutting, the seat of all sin, sending up such a smog as to

I would not want to be a left- becloud the vision of man causing him to stumble handed tailor; although I will ad. and tumble into sin after sin and crime after crime.

mit that a needle is neither is done which is repuisive to God. Human nature, therefore, be-Patrick as their Patron. His earthly life was over before the right handed nor left-handed, and came the object of divine wrath; it was the culprit in the case, So

THE 50N OF GOD TOOK IT with all its frailities, save sin, and allowed the life to be beaten out of it so that God might But what if you were left. no longer be angry with man and man might no more be blinded He has fived as Heavinly Patron of Christ's Church all handed and wanted to be a bar- by the deadly fumes of and consumed by the flames of hell. All that is another way of saying that Christ's death is redemptive or Christ died to redeem man.

Redemption means "to buy back," "to ransom." We usually would have to suspend yourself ransom someone from captivity. Thus we pay ransom to kidnapfrom the celling and dangle over pers or money to a pawnbroker to redeem an article.

WELL BY SIN MAN HAD OFFENDED GOD. Sin was far uncomfortable for you, and made God, to speak humanly, very angry. He, therefore, literally let man go to the devil; and man, like a proud man who could not feed himself and would not let anyone else feed him, threw the gifts the right-hander, as do doors and and graces of God back into the lap of God and went merrily to the all links of other things. But the devil.

groutest unfairness to the lefties For centuries, man stood-like a ruined chapel-stripped of the a the way in which most written life of God and prey to sin and satan. If an infant is cast into the languages move from left to streets of China, because it is unwanted, it becomes the victim to sickness and death. By the just judgment of God, sin left man exposed to sin and subject to the slavery of Satan.

Christ's death was the price said to smash the ch and Sains forget for man. Such tremendous love, obodi and adoration of God was expressed in Christ's douth that it wiped away the from from the face of God and lit there on a smile that no sin could ever again efface. It was coin enough to redoem man from His slavery to sin and Satan, for God the Fathor level the life Christ offered more than God detected the offennie of man's pla.

CHEMPTE DEATH OPENED THE GATES of heaven, but it doef reach, but not within his grasp. The death of the Divine Physician was a panacon, that could cure the spiritual ills of all in the world on the condition that such one-personally-availed himself of the

medicing Christ had done the lion's share—that explains why it is so easy, to receive the Sacraments, the channels of salvation.

A small share remains for men-he must receive them. A father may life his child within reach of an apple on a tree, the child has only to pluck it-but he must pluck it.

IN THE CATREBUAL OF MEXICO is Mexico City, there is blackened status of the crucified Savior. Once the status was a and gratitude. I should have been masterplear of snow while marble. In 1649 it saved the life of Don a Catholic years ago, many say. Fermin And

Don Fermine most to pray every day at the foot of this statue. He was a Spanish grandee, loved of the poor for his Christian vir-tues but mand by nome of the worldly members of his class, par-ticularly by Dee lower Treving. In other words, the right hand AN AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE OWNER OF THE

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and Articles TO Marke that man might have the A second se tation, sterness, suffering and

lat vear. 1952, we passed the 300,000 mark. Altogether we've distributed over 2,000,000! That's probably a record for a parish church.



"Since we have carefully cata- FEEDING over logued the topics treated, we are So many miraculous cures of would do-and He did it. Two able to answer almost any quest the sick wrought by Christ at barley loaves and a few fishes tion by handing the person a tracted the attention and the adpamphlet. Then when he comes miration of many thousands in were multiplied by Christ and back with another question, we and about the region of the Sea given to the 5,000. This is plenty locate another suitable pamphlet of Galilee. They had witnessed for each diner, and twelve for him. The first thing you the cures; had not merely heard baskets of bread-fragments left know his misconceptions are cor of them from eyewitnesses. They over,

rected, his prejudices removed recognized in these cures signs, Five Loaves, a few fishes; 5,000 miracles, open evidences of the servings and plenty left over. and he's ripe for instruction." divine power of Christ. There. Hungry men, in dire need of food "How," I inquired, "do you fore, they sought out Jesus be and with no food at hand to make that transition from the cause they knew Him as one satisfy that need, see Christ pamphlet to the course of in- endowed with divine power, and furnish food aplenty and give it struction?" they wished to see more of Him to them. Here was One of divine power, here was One that should

"I SIMPLY say to them: Here, and to hear His word, you've been browsing long en- THEIR FAITH in Christ meritbe their King

ough among these pamphlets, pecking here and pecking there. see Him not now ministering to for about 5,000 but for all men Why not so about this is see Him not now ministering to for about 5,000 but for all men Why not go about this in a the sick, not to a small group of all ages the Divine rood of systematic way? Why not start of sick men, but to about 5,000 His body and blood! He is, inat the beginning and learn about strong and sturdy men who were ideed. Our King! He brings to us the divine foundation of the able to make the long and diffined needed nourishment, the Bread Church and her authority to cult journey up the mountain of Life!

teach all mankind all the truths where Christ had gone with His THE 5,000 were among the which Christ brought into this disciples. many who had witnessed His world? Then you'll get some Several days on the road, per- cures, had now witnessed His

where!' haps a day or two more listening power to preserve the life of "Practically all agree that such to Christ, and then came the men through the miracle of the is the best and most profitable realization that they were loaves and fishes. The world has way to proceed. Then I take hungry, that they were in the known of all His signs and wonthem to the Inquiry Class con-wilderness far from sources of ders. All have joined themselves ducted by Father Laurence F. food, without money to buy food in His Church to witness his Kelly and Father John J. Lynch for so many. Philip is called on continuation of blessings for all every Tuesday and Friday eve- by Christ for a solution of the in His seven Sacraments. Let not carry men. through them. It put heaven within man's ning. If they're from out of town urgent problem. Philip had no us make Him Our King, let us be or can't come, we arrange for solution, only an explanation of near Him as His faithful subthe urgency of the crisis. their instruction by mail." jects.

"How many are received each year?"

"MORE THAN a hundred. I've been a sponsor for Jewish converts, Negro converts, Oriental converts and converts from all walks of life. They're full of joy

are neither "phenomena caused by light reaction nor secret The just beginning to live,' others remark. 'How wonderful to weapons," was expressed here by Father Francis J. Connell, receive our Blessed Lord each day,' exclaim others,

"We use our pamphlet room to ton. recruit members for the Inquiry Class, A paughilet in the hands and then follow through by vent.

> CONTACT WITH these other worlds, Father Connell declared.

other worlds inhabited with in

Are 'Flying Saucers'

Other-World Visitors?

Philadelphia --- (NC)-- Possibility that "flying saucers"

"THE CHURCH without four TO EXPLAIN WHY he con- cannot be established unless desor five well-stocked pamphlet sidered it possible that "flying times coincide. In saying that racks," Mr. McGrory says, "is saucers," might have come from "flying saucers" may be a natural missing a spiendid opportunity of another world, Father Connell phenomena, Father Connell stat-wianing souls. If every Catholic pointed out that the earth was of the natural causes only one of several planets cir- could be light mactions. In this cling the sun. a pamphlet each week, we'd win He took cognizance of science's against alternate layers of hot more than a million converts a discoveries of still other planets and cold air, could appear to your."

C.SS.R., dean of the sacred the-ology school at the Catholic Uni- was possible that there may be versity of America in Washing-

telligent beings. "Our Earth," Father Connell Father Connell spoke before said, "we now know is only a small piece in the universe." Referring to the works of ec-

clesiastical writers, Father Con-Class. The two go together, like natural or man-made phenomena: nell said that some believed that other "states" may exist where dreds of pamphlets, properly dis- called saucers are from another intelligent beings may "perceive played in the church vestibule, world and carry beings endowed the glory of God.".

priest said.

of as many people as possible 250 persons at Sacred Heart Conbringing them to an Inquiry 'Flying saucers' are probably a hand flitting into a glove. Hun- It is quite possible that these so-

to an Inquiry Class."

will bring scores of truth seekers with supernatural abilities," the