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Courier-Journal Doubles Circulation In Ten Years

The COURIER-JOURNAL now has an alltime record of 48,048 paid subscribers as a result of the annual subscription K campaign conducted throughout the diocese last month.

This is a gain of 9,418 subscriptions over last year and marks the greatest circulation gain in the 64-year-old history of this official weekly of the Diocese of Rochester.

The new total of 48,048 paid subscribers (certified by the Audit Bureau of Circulation) reveals that the COURIER-JOURNAL has increased its paid circulation over fifty per cent in the last ten years. Ten years ago our paid circulation

The past decade has seen the COURIER-JOURNAL make steady circulation gains. Only in one year, 1951, did points of view; but in the pro- the most honest and truthful editors would not run articles this newspaper suffer a slight loss in circulation.

THE FOLLOWING CIRCULATION figures for the past ten years reveal a story of progess and growth in the history ing and unbreakable belief in of this diocesan weekly:

Year	Total Subscribers
1943	21,367
1944	23,815
1945	25,568
1946	25,583
	27,090
1948	27,223
1949	27,943
1950	30,414
1951	30,827
1952	30,630
	43,048
	And these facts, we feel,

bespeak a growing acceptance of the COURIER-JOURNAL among the Catholics of the Discass.

PICLUDED IN THE NEW subscription total of 48,048 is another mignificant fact. At the present time \$4 perishes, or 60 per cont of all the parishes of the Diocese, have an 85 a fact which seems too good to a myth created by the physicists days, it seems, is a piece about to 100 per cent subscription coverage of their families.

This brings up the question of readership. How many readers are represented by the 48,048 COURTER-JOURNAL subscribers? Allowing an average of four readers for each berigition, we conservatively estimate that this newspaper to secture Him to death, well, that does indeed stagger the now has a potential rendership of 172,000 renders.

Many factors have contributed to this abovy of progress. First of all, we are seavinced that Bishop Kenrney's con-tinued appeal that the COURING JOURNAL be received in every Catholic home in the Disease has been fruit. As the annual learness in subscriptions over the part ton years something much more unbelieveach year. This year a record of almost 10,000 new families have joined the ranks of COURTER-JOURNAL readers.

AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER of the Diocese of the statement that a triangle has Rechester, the COURIER-JOURNAL is in a very real same three sides and three angles.

No; it is possible to doubt the wide the Bishop the best opportunity for meaning to all the Resurrection; but it is more difficult to be the best opportunity for meaning to all the rest to dealer without the rest to dealer with the rest to dealer with the rest to dealer with the rest to dealer without the rest to dealer with the rest to dealer without the rest to dealer with the rest to dealer without the rest to dealer without the rest to dealer with the rest to dealer without the rest to dealer with bers of his farflung flock at any one base.

Here too in these pages, all of us-Bishop, clerry, re Marious and laity—are united in a common forum or meeting place. Here is these pages we read together the great story that is the Cathelle Faith today in the world, in our nation,

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JOSEPH

The Meaning Of Easter

I remember reading, not long by Ernest V, ago, a criticism of the great G. Heyn and Chesterton for having re-called The marked, in one American of his essays, Weekly. There

Now there is

all the truths of religion is im-That is why faith is a gift of God. That is why it is a theologiwhat Chesterton meant. Faith is times doubt.

"Incredible" does not mean untrue. It means that something

wickedness of other men, is of spiritual reality. such quality and such propor- It assumed, for one moment, of academic snobbery.

cause we are not good enough or "I am an atheist about atomic becomes a nun. to appreciate God's goodness. That the Creator should take the form of a creature and atone

for their sine by allowing them Yet the fact of the redemption

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Resurrection; but it is more diffi-cult to doubt it then to believe see. Once a man had done that, we within the safety-ropes of MARY IS ALWAYS there.

this work, reasons—first, the believer has been allowed the process of the process for the process of the process of the process for the process of the process for the process of the process o paratively little effort, for two

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There is a magazine to which takes Ged for granted, as the no intellectual would give houseroom, or even admit to the rumble-seat of his car, if he could help it. It is edited

that "faith is believing the college library in this country Faith, re which extends Grotte Palmeer plied GKC's to it the hospitality of its library critic, is not racks: few professors boast who buy this magazine will have said, "Ralph," I believing the around the Faculty Club, that faith in God and will know that

incredible; it is they are having tear-sheets sent it is a fine and lovely thing for music to my believing the to them from their forthcoming a young woman to give up a condition was in the militian of the article in the A.W. career in films for Him. But I tell you, and I urge you If the people of this country a great deal to be said for both to look and see for yourself, that did not acept that premise, mass

toundest sense, it seems to me and uplifting article of this year like this. You do not find the that Chesterton was more right appeared last month in the up. American Weekly siming at the FIRM, CONSTANT, undeviation Weekly for March 29. IT WAS WRITTEN by Mark cranks.

possible to the unaided human framest and called "Retreat riarri-oned editors, who will mind in our fallen human nature."

It was the story to please a public that runs into mind in our fallen human nature. of why June Haver abandoned a millions, recognize with Mark \$3,500-a-week job in Hollywood Flanders that June Haver's from St. Theresa of Lisieux in who reads only our intellectual her day or from Thomas Merton magazines and our most highly-

"It was a simple, unpretentious despair; we will seem to him like with 48 members. account of one small factor in one a nation headed for a precipice The goodness of God staggers small young woman's decision to because we lack a compass to "what brought you into the fold?" the mind. The malice of Satan enter a convent. But it was writ- lead us on to safer ground. But Catholics like to know what first staggers the mind. Even the ten-for once in the blue moon the intellectuals are not the men attracted a person to the Church goodness of some men, and the of the 1950's-in terms of stark, who lead Americans; unlike most and then what convinced him it's

in ours.

tions as to stagger the mind. Yet that prayer in a reality as power. Americans read such simple all these things are facts. They ful and unanswerable as, say, the weeklies as American Weekly, placement Training Center, Camp are facts which seem, if not all atom bomb. (None of us has edited by men knowing in their ly incredible-humanly speaking. plode; none of us is impertinent readers want and will accept. Little Rock. THE REDEMPTION of man is enough to say, "Atomic energy is And what Americans want these be true. It seems too good be for their own selfish purposes," why a successful Hollywood star

> question prayer. He does not smart-alecks who defy God. He

Rectitude is a severe word, a

You Can Win Converts

"Father, that's the first time ever heard a sermon urging lay

people to win converts. I'm a convert myself and if Catholies only knew what a vacuum their holy religion can ill in the lives of others, they'd be share it.' Weekly assumes that the people

> follow me in the pulpit and tell that to the congregation." Ralph Hartmus, his family and

I were standing at the door of St. Christ's resurrection. John's Church in Hialeah, Florappeared last month in the un- American Weekly aiming at a ida, as the people were leaving prefentious pages of The Ameri- readership of vegetarians or of after the nine o'clock Mass on nudists: they do not play to New Year's Day. Father Peter Reilly, the pastor, wanted to get Flanders and called "Retreat Hard-bolled editors, who wish an Inquiry Class started and had tolate at all the Masses.

DESPITE AN extensive buildwords of a pledge to try to re history. cruit one prospect each year. The

"Tell me, Ralph," I continued Europeans, we are a people free the true Church."

"I was a master sergeant in Company A. 114th Infantry Re-Robinson, Arkansas, when I met ways, at least sometimes, frank- ever seen an atom bomb ex- craft-men aware of what the Betty Mulrenin at the USO in

beth's Hospital and a devout Catholic, She was the first Catholic girl that I dated. I admired her fine character and sensed the deep satisfaction and happiness which she got out of her religion. She encouraged me to look into and gave me a copy of 'Father Smith Instructs Jackson.' It got men at the camp.

said I'd regret getting roped into such an outfit."

Banger, C.P. Translated by the to a ball as if jealously guarding I asked Park, Cal. Mac Nulles Books, which impels him; but reflection "Not would only render his attitude more intense were he truly aware praying day and night that God it, once one has chamined the evi- chalk line; not alluring. Aren't of what he thus takes hold on would help me to decide aright. good intentions, isn't the Lite Sometimes seem given to Him I should take a complete course Unbelief requires a great deal hilariously flounder, flop, and first; sometimes she gives us of instruction and have the chapof effort. Belief requires comsplash? Must we swim, learn to Jesus when our comments in lain clear up all the charges. It strokes? Do we have to be per- first called upon her . . . Our was like the seeling that comes necess—first, the believer has fect? Oh, beg pardon, yes—salvation will forever claim her to one when he's been ailing, that is help of God in believing. Somebody did say we had to be, as its cause after Him

de character of prely a part of the character that showed me I the character for Christ's nied look no further for Christ's true Church.

Two months later, on Peber ary 11, 1945, Betty and I marched down the slale of the Little Rock Caledral, Corporal Like was our best man. The new chaplain, Father Comelius J. Lynch, S.J., gave us a beautiful wedding with all the trimmings. Like Father

The Apostles' Cross

and author of "Behind the Mass.") ON THE THIED DAY ABOUT AGAIN FROM THE the life of Christ, the Gospel-writers record only three Christ's raising someone from the dead. Undoubtedly, the many more instances of similar miracies. But

these three served the purpose well enough; they offered sufficient evidence of Christ's power over death. The daughter of Jarius was raised shortly after she had died; the son of the Widow of Naim, while being carried to the tomb; and

Lazarus, after burial had been made and putrefaction had set in. These three cases, therefore, touched every stage of death—the pronouncedling blunders of a Lestrade of Scotland Yard

are used by Conan Doyle to highlight the genius of Sherlock Holmes, so (by contrast) the resurrection of the young man and woman and Lazarus in the Gospel spotlights the uniqueness of THE GOSPEL THREE WERE RABSED from the dead; Christ arese. Life came to the three through the power of another; life

came to Christ through His own power. They had to die; Christ will to die. "I lay down my life of myself." To dispel any doubt of this, the dying Christ-just before He gave up the ghost-cried out me preach on the convert apos. in a load voice. Dying persons can scarcely whisper. By rights, Christ's sufferings should have left hardly a whimper in Him, Yet He cried out in a loud voice.

The Centurion in charge was keen enough to detect the imcal virtue. And that, I think, is in order to become a nun. No, it choice is something to wonder ing program, Father Reilly has plication. He was so struck he confessed: "Truly He was the son dit not tell the whole story. No, at, and to admire, for most set a goal of 100 converts a year of God." Only God has power to lay down His life. This man did. for his parish. I had all the con- Since He did He was God. As God, He had power to pick it up believing what the human mind, it was not a spiritual diary, Americans.

In the parish, I had all the con-Since He did He was God. As God, He had power to pick it up in its present state, would at their superiors have wrung AN OBSERVER of this nation gregations repeat after me the again. Since He did, His resurrection was unique in the annals of

> Again Christ's resurrection diverges completely from that of Jarius' daughter and the widow's son and Lasarus. All these received life only to lay it down when their sands of time had run out. Even the dead that broke from their tembs on Easter Sunday morn with Christ, returned to them again hever more to issue forth 'iii angel trumphets should surnmon them in the last day. Their bodies were still of the earth earthy, and so mortal.

> tepped from the sepulchre with a body beautiful-bright as the sum, swift as wing, quick as thought, so subtle that it could pass through closed doors, so emlarged that it could drink drink draughts of joy deeper than ever before, so renewed that it could not longer suffer or die.

And why did Christ arise? A simple reason could be to give us a glimpse of what we should look like after our resurrection if we remained loyal and true to Christ. What people won't do to look nice! Yet how nice we shall look for all eternity if only we

One of the main reasons, however, why Jesus Christ is both Good and Man. If He were only God, He could not die. If He wife only man, He could not rise from the dead. Death is the stamp of His humanity; resurrection, the seal of His divinity.

SINCE CHRIST WANTED TO STRENGTHEN the faith of Min me so interested and enthused followers. He arose on the third day. If He had arisen (say on about the Catholic religion that Good Friday), people would claim later that He had never died of soon I was raving about it to the He had deferred His resugrection much beyond the third day? Win His disciples would have lost faith.

The two disciples on the way to Emmaus would soon have had THEN THERE came a back many imitators. In consequence, the Gospel would never have been fire. Several of the soldiers began preached. He, therefore, arose on the third day. Three di time enough to prove the reality of death, but three days are not charges against Catholics. They time enough to destroy faith in sems one.

St. Augustine, with his customary cabalistic tendency, explains the number three this way. Christ's single death of (1) body ses-"Did you believe such charges?" troyed man's double death of (2) body and (3) soul. Hence three days. But since Christ is the Light of the world (1), and man sat "Not entirely," replied Ralph, in the da kness of both (2) sin and (3) error, the three days in the tomb consisted of one day and two nights

NOW CHRIST AROSE TO GIVE US THE GRACE to rise from the death of sin. Whoever is in mortal sin is dead. But because After three weeks of fervent of Christ's resurrection, no such person need remain dead any

we within the safety-ropes of MARY IS ALWAYS there. praying, I get up one morning more than Christ did. "Awake, you who sleep, and arise from with the definite conviction that among the dead." (Eph. 5, 14). How can this be done? Through the Sacrament of Penance.

When should this be done? At once, Christ arms on the

third day, not on the thirtieth day, nor on the thirtieth week, mor thirty years later. "Delay not," said Ecclessisticus, "to be converted to the Lord, and defer it not from day to day." (Eccl. 5. 8). Delays are always dangerous. Delays mean out only less of inestimable graces, but also the formation of habit. A person can get used to almost any thing-even sin. Like the pig in the mud, a person can settle down in the mire of sia The longer he remains there, the more difficult it is to get out of it. As tiny tots, we learned this simple verse with a view of deterring us from over putting off confession unnecessarily:

"Don't be safraid, Mille Johnny my boy, Open the door and go in;

The league you walt before telling your sin. The harder it is to begin."

If anyone meeds confession, in the name of all that is good and

If anyone has already arisen with Christ from the supulchra "WHAT really convinced you, of sin, then die no more. "Christ having risen from the dead dies Ralph, that the Catholic Church no more." (Rom. 6, 9). And continuing on, St. Paul wrote: "Do not yield your members to ain (that is, avoid the person, place or thing that direct dendly sin in the past), but present yourself to God, as these when have come to life from death." For this new life is the life that well lead to eternal life.

"Marathon For Mary" Relay Race By German Youth

Cologue, Germany—(ENE)— A marather relay race in honor of the Blenned Virgin will start ad the enthedral in Altenberg. mear here, on May 1, and reach inten every Catholic discess of West Germany.

The relay race, intended to deminutente the devotion of German Catholic youth to the Virgin Mary, was first conduct ed in 1960 and has since become has succial event. Youngsters on bicycles

on feet will carry lighted "Candies of the Madenna of the German Catholic Youth Longue All the trimmings. Like Tather has Cuttests Youth League to the reservoir wonderful to the season of the country. In such that has been a season of the country. In such that has been a season of the country that has been a

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sion of our will to contribute loward building up in faith and lave the empire of the Sea of the Matter of God."

East year, lights taken from Altenberg Cathodral were smuggled into Rast Germany and reached many Catheli character and lunges there.

East German Priest Sentenced By Reds

Borlin-(RNS)The Rev. France Busch, a Catholic priest of Velten, near here, was sentenced to ave years in prison by a Soviet Zone district court at Potsdam. The court held that the priest had been guilty of "agitation against the East German (Communist) State" and W. Anistreating children.

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