

Stadustics Becorved Element of Religion School History Made Vacation Warning

By MONSIGNOR HART.

Found Qualified

During the week our primary and grammar schools have been granting Certificates of Promotion to pupils from the first grade up. These pupils have been found qualified for peromotion to the next higher grade because they have succonfully completed the course prescribed for their present grade. They have earned the honorable testimonial of prosmotion. The first graders have won their first victory and those in higher grades have continued the process. It has meant work. It has meant study. It has meant devoted care on the part of the Sisters who teach them.

We congratulate the teachers and pupils in our parochial schools. We ask God to bless them as they proceed on their way through the primary and grammar school course.

We agree fully that the article by Mary Daly in last week's Courier, commending the continuation of the old time from Los Angeles and El Monte, tains, in a style above style, ors and urgent charities of Christ supposed to butt into the business practice of honoring the completion of eight grades with a California, come at least partial truth emanating from sanctity, that you feel in your heart octor of the priests."

This conversation occurred at real graduation and the conferring of a diploma. Every boy and girl graduating from our grammar schools has earned THE LETTERS from Washthe Regents Diploma granted by the Department of Education of the State of New York. He has also passed successtion of the State of Diceser of Rochester.

Cartholic Education On The Move

'Catholic education is always on the move. It begins in adopted. the primary department and goes through the Grammar and windly-

No pupil can ever some to a grade in education that will WHERE CAN you find out mempt him from the religious element in his training. He is about the Confraternity proa child of God. He came from God. His way in this world is nity, either at 1312 Massachutied up with God's law and God's gifts. Therefore he must setts Ave., N.W., Washington, or be close to God as long as he continues to develop the mind at 647 West 23rd St., Los Angeles PALMER which God has given him.

Our Catholic parents are to be congratulated for their You want techniques? The seal is working with fishers and Pastors and Bishop in the Confraternity will give you techaction of a school mystem that is thoroughly religious Angeles assistant Confraternity in the current Harper's Magazine non-flection leaders 'A Man Called men and women? A survey reer and at the same time fully equal in presentation director, Father Thomas G. C section publicots to may other system.

to Chabelle perents are already making plans for enterin children as public for the fall term in our Grammar is in our High Schools and Colleges. It is a wiolation of of God and of the law of the Church to enter our in which religion is not taught.

y is in the malking in our Catholic School System That's what the letter from the marked increase in the sale of Razor's Edge" by Sorrierset fisch School for boys under the title of The Bishop McQuaid, Molly and Herb George, who say religious books in recent years - Maughtam sets up standards of High School. The head of the school, Father Barnett, will they've recently joined the CFM, an increase more startling than "sanctity" which are more symselect the Bishop in this significant ceremony of breaking and "are most enthusiastic about those outside the book business pathetic to Buddhism or Hinduground four the new edifice. The year 1958 will go down in history as the time in which this new High School for boys old, and has gained a lot of experience. As Molly and Herb experience are than 100 control of the Molly and Herb experience. As Molly and Herb experience are than 100 control of the Molly and Herb experience.

The elergy, both Diocessan and of the Jesuit Order, unite plain, it is a movement among than he does himself. Professor Harry Morton Robinson's "The with their Bishop on this happy occasion. They make the husbands and wives "to re-Christ Halford E. Luccock called the first has sold over two million family to Christ". prompted our people to contribute so generously for the development of higher education for our boys.

An Ounce Of Prevention

The community; the nation.

The community is the nation.

The co The secidents that can so easily inflict injury or lowing week. They also make The facts would have agenced. atte on mar little ones.

In parents and guardians supervise the daily activities to tackle it. of their children. Warn them against taking any chance that Each year, a CFM gathering after year, in the education of a much smaller proportion read to learn effective techdiseaster to them. Let "Safety First" be the slogan of couples from many states young Americans. Public school non-fication titles. The book sales inques of winning converts, as may mean disease to them. Let "Safety First" be the slogan of couples from many states young Americans, Public school months are like a thermogneter reading: only 17% were successful as comdaily as Resp away from places that might bring us into study and action. Last year, for prayers, courses in the Bible no they tall us the temperature of pared with 43% successful ones tique, but full of life and youthful vigor. She is still sending longer introduced into the grades, our tirmes. If the thermometer among the Protestants; 4) the forth to the playground, to the beach or to the subjects of civic responsibility, and in the secular colleges, which landed in Kent with Augustine, and still confronting and still co winening pool.

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Herb, Molly **Heard From**

want to get into study clubs. freedom is rooted. Nothing else about which I have After World War II, after a the sentence before and after



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Springfield, Ill., grew from 300 Church on Private Property." to 22,000 in four years after the "The Christian Family." Confraternity's program was

The Springfield diocese clubs. and quality."

- or to the Confraternity office in your own diocese.

Haves sent me an instruction leaflet for club leaders. It's good. Father Kelly, at the Washington office, mailed other "technique" material.

BUT MAYBE you're looking to discussion clubs. If so, why not look into the Christian Fam-W. Monroe St., Chicago?

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Gretta Palmer discusses the books Emarri lists meet the dejoin? ily Movement, Room 1808, 100

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BOOK REVIEWS The Church Today

By SISTER MARGARRET TERESA (Professor of Literature, Nazareth College, Rochester, N. Y.) THE CHURCH TODAY: The the professions or in research Collected Writings of Emman- the Church and don't know its nel Suhard, Fides, 1953.

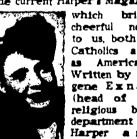
Suhard is a name that stood reacting, it is superb. with Mercier and Faulhaber as The impact of this soul, its "Joe," I asked, "how many a symbol of the defense of man's Christlike intensity and vigor, its have you started toward conver-rights during this century's ter- French comprehensive and order sion?" rible wars. Naturally enough, lineas of teaching, is tramendous. these prelates were first and last it has already begun to remarks defenders of God's rights, of the his world. Apparently a lot of people Faith, in which the love of men's To quote is to be lost in

> written in this lifetime of glorious service to the equally deserve to be set in neon column h a s Church, Cardinal Suhard dis-lights. "The Church is at a turnbrought covered that France had gradu-ing point such that she can lose so much mail. ally lost another war, that Chris-everything or gain everything. From Manhat. tian France had fallen. Three "The first apostolate, at the crosstan Beach, Call. nights of agony, and the Cardinal roads where we stand is the Apfornia, comes made his decision. His name now ostcolate of Thought." a 1 e t t e r means the birth of a new City of THE PRINGT, like Christ, Mackey asking priest dockers and priest factory compare, that of disquistude." once tried to interest a non-Cathonic priest dockers and priest factory compare, that of disquistude."

techniques of July choice of the Catholic Book enough not to have to make a invited a friend to Mass or any getting discussion clubs started Club, is the great Cardinal's dir personal appearance. His invis. of the other devotions?" especially among those who ective for Catholic modernity, for ble action manifests itself in time "Yes," he confessed. at present are not much inter-winning back the lost world of ordinary course of events. . " THE LETTERS from Wash. history of a Church eternally this book.

Catholic intellectuals, whether in meeting two years ago.

"Reading, Writing and Relig- the New York Herald-Tribune's Confraternity will give you techniques. For instance, the Los ion" is the subject of an article best-seeller his had as its four the great majority of Catholic



(head of the 1937, religious book department of

Worcester, Mass.

which brings' Peler," This I Belleve,' The cently conducted by The Catholic cheerful news Power of Positive Thinking' and Digest a magazine which should to us, both as the Revised Standard Version of come into every Catholic home Catholics and the Bible." The 1947 religious provided the answer. as Americans, book volume was more than Written by Eu- twice the 1927 volume and nearly reserving 75.9 million adults in gene Exnam three and a half times that of the U.S. who go to some church NOW IT IS TRUE enough

family to Christ."

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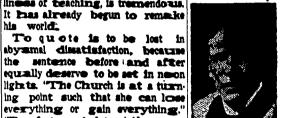
The Christ."

The real importance of this lifted a finger to win a convert lowing week. They also make The facts would have auton study, however, goes far beyond for Christ; 2) Protestants are "social inquiries," asking what ished publishers of a generation the question of the demand for more than twice as zealous as needs doing in the area, and how ago, who observed that religion spiritual books. Not nearly all Catholics in seeking to win conwas playing a smaller part, year Americans read novels, probably verts, 59% against 28%; 3) Cathcourses in religion were usually spired not to publish any more MOLLY AND Herb don't agree held in one corner of an antique, books like these, through Com-

You Can Win Converts

Asleep at the Switch?

immutable tides. As spiritual Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D



Father

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with its powerful summary of the more intelligently alive, you need a meeting in the school auditorjunca of St. Joseph's Parish, Mistells me how discussion club and the great pastoral letters on very young", add the people of a measly one or two, and certain-membership in the diocese of "The Parish Community," "The his home city) Bishop Wright of 19 it would be much more interesting as well.

THE BISHOP, who is this time ACCORDINGLY HE had in-THE SITUATION of the work- scholar and apostle wholly, has vited about 35 "live wire" men; er in America is surely different, already implemented Catholic Ac- and women to help us in recruitbut there is no book of our time tion in several ways, as for in- ing attendance at an inquiry forpriest director of apostles, or for National Catholic Renascence there for the first time. Before technique of approaching church-Joe Campbell's reaction was typi-

A cross section of people reptried to get anyone to join your religious group? 2) Did you ever succeed in getting anyone to

THE REPLIES of the Catholics, representing 20.6 millions, showed that 72% had never even tried to get anyone to join the 17% succeeded, 9% did not sucwhether they had been success-

ful or not. In contrast to that feeble effort, the replies of all the Protestants, representing 53.3 millions, that prayer. showed that 59% had definitely tried. Of these, 43% succeeded, 10% did not succeed, and 6% did had proved successful-or not. This brings into clear relief

The overwhelming majority (72%) of Catholic lay men and women have never so much as to win converts is more than rend of them all" Imagine that!

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The Apostles' Creed

'I Believe...!'

By Rev. Albert J. Shamon.

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

IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH-A Catholic Church has to be indestructible. Else how can she teach all nations all that replied. "I Christ commanded her? Well might the Miltonic Satan be pictured thought lay as pointing her out to Beelzebub and as saying: people had no "Volla l'ememi-behold, there is our enemy. Our

business in labor must be to pervert her. We must be vowed that field, that to her destruction." "How can this be done?" queries Beelzebub. "By a pincer movement. Hell has two gates -two attacks. We shall employ a frontal assault — that is, we shall stir up persecution against her. If that fails, then we shall bore from within. We shall raise up fifth columnists -heretics. They will succeed where the persecutors fail, for the pen is mightier than the



sword.' Thus the Church in her long history has teeter-tottered between persecution and error. When persecution THE CHURCH TODAY, the sacred action. God is powerful for an inquiry class, never once dies down, error crops up; when error is trampled out, persecution blazes forth. After wading through the persecution of the Neros, the Church was confronted by the errors of Arius. After quashing the Arian heresy, she had to meet the fire and sword of the Barnever so much as lifted a finger barian invasions. After taming the Barbarians, she turned to the task of weeding out the evils of Lay investiture.

> ONCE THESE WERE UPROOTED, she wrestled for her very life against the strangle-hold of Phillip the Fair. (He set the precedent for all modern dictators who try to make the church subservient to the State). No sooner had she broken this hold, than the devastating errors of the Reformation flared up.

> These, in turn, spawned the savagery of Communism. After communism has been laid to rest, you cam be certain that error will again be the next onslaught of Satan. But always, in this eternal war, the seed of the woman—the Church—shall crush his infernal

THIS MUST BE SO, FOR THE CHURCH IS BUILT on indestructible foundations. Every building has really two foundations: the footing and the concrete blocks. The footing is a concrete bease about a foot and a half wide; the concrete blocks rest upon it. In the Church, the footing is Christ; "For other foundation no one can lay, but that which has been laid, which is Christ Jesus." (1. Cr., 3.11) The secondary foundation is made up of the Apostles and their Father Kelly says, now are "tops more important for the zealous stance by acting as host to the um which we were establishing successors. "The wall of the city has twelve foundation stones, and in the country both in number more important for the zealous stance by acting as host to the um which we were establishing on the country both in number more important for the zealous stance by acting as host to the um which we were establishing on the country both in number more important for the zealous stance by acting as host to the um which we were establishing on the country both in number more important for the zealous stance by acting as host to the um which we were establishing on the country both in number more important for the zealous stance by acting as host to the unit of the city has twelve foundation stones, and on therm twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb." (Apoc. giving them some training in the 21, 14). Because the Church is so constructed, she will not fall.

PERSECUTORS FAR FROM DESTROYING HER have themless people and interesting them selves been destroyed. "He who falls on this stone will be broken to in the investigation of the Cath- pieces . .it will grind them to powder." (Mt. 21, 44). Because Pope Spiritual olic Church, we thought it would Plus VII would not play politics with Napoleon, the Emperor inbe Interesting to see how many vaded Rome in 1809. This, among other things, caused His Holiness Mainutrition had ever tried it on their own. to excommunicate Napoleon. The "Little Corporal" laughed at the edict and said to the Pope, "Do you think excommunication will cal of the reactions of most of make the guns of my soldiers fall from their arms?" Thereupon. to show his utter scorn of the sentence, Napoleon took His Hollness

Not Song after, Napoleon marched into Russia. Trappel by a Siberian winter, the soldiers literally let their musicets full from their frozen fingers, Waterloo soon followed.

Frenchmen saw more than coincidence in this. Military strain egists could not explain why Napoleon had laureched the Russian invasion when he did. His generals had strongly advised against it at the time. The people, however, away from the scene, sensed the reason. They expressed it in the saying they coincil -namely, "Who cats of the Pope cats death,"

evidences her inerrancy. Like a broken field runner, she has remped down the field of time, racing straight to the goal of truth, swmying like a bucking broucho, shaking off one error,

Far from destroying the Church, error only occasions the clarifications of Her teachings. The darkmess of error serves only to bring out the scintillating stars of truth; the darker the error, the more effulgent the truth.

Satan's furious lies, like angry waves, are destined to lash ceed_ and 2% did not know against the Church-but in vain. His lies may strike in any part of the world, but never in that part of the world where sits Peter. There, he can never prevail, for the prayer of Christ can never fail. "I have prayed for thee," Christ said to Simon Peter, "that thy faith may not fail." (Luke 22, 32). History has verified the efficacy of

"UNTIL THE ELEVENTH CENTURY, the Creed was not publicly said in the churches at Rome. St. Henry, Emperor of Germany, when visiting Rome, was surprised at this . . . He spoke of the matnot know whether their efforts, ter to Pope Benedict VIII. The Pontiff told him, that the Church at Rome gave in this an indication of the purity of her faith . . . she had no need to express her rejection of errors which had never been several points worth noting: 1) harbored within her walls."

Thus armed-indefectible, infallible the gates of hell shall not prevail against her. Christ promised that, History testifies to it. Macaulay, no particular friend of the Church, was compelled on the grounds of historical truth to write: "There is not and there never was on this earth, a work of human policy so well deserving of examination as the Roman Catholic Church ... she carries the mind back to the times when the smoke of sacrifices . . . rose from the Pantheon . . . The proudest royal houses are but of yesterday when compared with the line of the Supreme Pozitiffs . . .

"THE PAPACY REMAINS, NOT IN DECAY, not a mere angroups in convert-making effect- hostile kings with the same spirit with which she confronted Attila .. of all the ecclesiastical establishments which now exist in the centage of Protestants who try world; and we feel no assurance that she is not destined to see the

When the Pentecestal winds drove the Apostles to preach with Mery eloquence of the risen Christ, tine Phurisees commundof those to be effect. They would not The Pharison scrouged them. Still they preached. The Pharleses threatened death. Then Gaussiel, one of the Phariness aress; he hade his confrom to distoit. "If this work is of man, it will be everthrown; but if is of God, you will not be able to awerthrow it (Acts B, 28)_ .

The stream of centuries flows on But the Church-like an image on the waters which is ever the same, though the waters ever flow-remains. What can all this mean, but that she is of God, and He is with her-"all days even to the consummation of the world"?



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