

Blessing of the Graves North of Grandeur Seminary Sunday Training For Priests By MONSIGNOR HART

September For Our Cemeteries September is always associated with our Cemeteries. Some time during this month practically every Catholic Cemetery is the scene of the ceremony known as the "Blessing of the Graves"...

Fruits Of September Nature seems to outdo herself in the month of September in bringing forth its fresh grandeur the beauties of field and forest. The vivid greens of the summer season begin to give way to the varied series of colors that appear in fields and bush and tree.

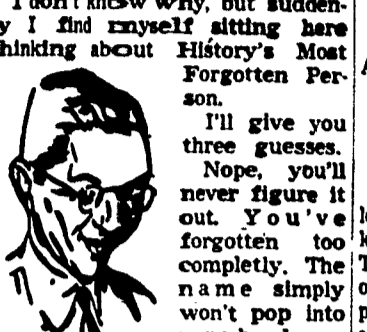
For Our Seminaries The closing Sunday of September is Seminary Sunday. Bishop and Priests and people are busy planning for the coming Seminary Year. Teachers and students at St. Andrew's Seminary and at St. Bernard's Seminary unite with one another and with their Bishop and the patrons of the Seminary in praying for God's blessing upon the work that will guarantee the future of God's priesthood.

St. Bernard's Seminary Constant and generous support is needed likewise for St. Bernard's Seminary. The Diocese of Rochester has a large investment in its Major Seminary. It has a supremely talented faculty of learned men skilled in all the studies that go to make up a well equipped Priest. It is now well started on the new September term. Professors and students are at work, the pages of sacred tomes are being turned, and with God's blessing young priests are traveling the road that will bring them to the kind of ecclesiastical training that the Church demands for her Priests.

Every Catholic feels a solemn obligation to give and give generously to the Annual Seminary Collection. To give in so small an amount is not to support our Seminaries. To measure the amount that we give by our financial status and by the financial need of our Seminaries should bring forth an adequate answer.

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JOSEPH BREIG The Blotted Out One



I don't know why, but suddenly I find myself sitting here thinking about History's Most Forgotten Person.

I'll give you three guesses. Nope, you'll never figure it out. You've forgotten too completely. The name simply won't pop into your head.

IT'S ALL VERY ODD, because almost anybody would have guessed that our Forgotten Person would be one of the most carefully immortalized characters who ever lived.

After all, this geezer, while he was living, set himself up as God.

HEAVE YOU FORGOTTEN about that book for children, written by a Soviet writer named G. Sluzew in which he alleged that a medal with Old Joe's picture on it had worked a miracle, curing a dying boy, just like that?

THE IMPERFECT knowledge of the Law of God possessed by the Pharisees made them feel that perhaps one of the Ten Commandments was superior to all the others. They were divided in their choice of the Great Commandment.

THE LORD IN HEAVEN could look down upon His Son in the world and could speak to Him as "My Lord". God the Father promised God the Son made Man that He would seat Him at His right hand.

Teens, Teachers, and You By SISTER MARGARET TERESA

Three for teens and teachers—CHILDREN OF THE ATOM, by Wilmar Shina. Gnomes Press, 1953. THE STORY OF THE ROMANOV, by William Rively, S. J. Blushing, 1953. TUFFY TAILOR, by R. F. J. Dooley. Bruce, 1953.

parochial fatherhood, especially afterward enter into their trust toward the younger priests.

Whenever there have been degrees of exile for religious in France, there has been a lively fruiting of their work elsewhere, and exiled parish priests, too, have done noble work in other countries.

HER HUSBAND, William, an Italian by birth, was a Catholic. He would have been happy to have her become one too but he had never pressed the matter and she did not feel quite ready at the time.

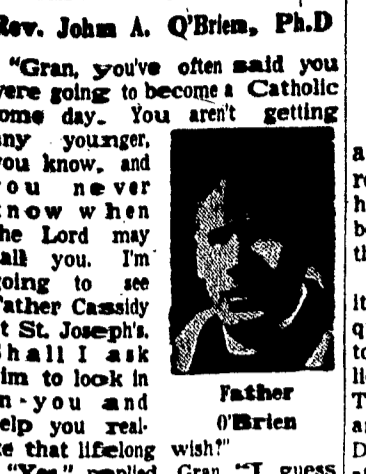
"FUNKY COINCIDENCE," she remarked. "They went to St. Joseph's Church in Southampton, too. I used to know the catechism by heart from hearing their lessons."

Sunday Sermon By Monsignor Hart

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT and the Redemption. The Lord in Heaven could look down upon His Son in the world and could speak to Him as "My Lord".

Wider Protestants Help Rebuild Catholic Church. Inhabitant in Dunlop County, Ariz., were yesterday thanked for helping to rebuild and renovate the local Catholic church.

You Can Win Converts A Little Fish By O'Brien



"Gran, you've often said you were going to become a Catholic some day. You aren't getting any younger, you know, and you never know when the Lord may call you. I'm going to see Father Cassidy at St. Joseph's. Shall I ask him to look in on you and help you realize that lifelong wish?"

This conversation took place in the home of Mrs. Carlo Vercelli in Cliffside Park, N. J. She was talking to her 76-year-old mother-in-law, Mrs. Julia Vercelli, whom she affectionately called "Gran."

In 1915 the family moved to the United States where they lived in New York City. For the last 16 years they have lived in Bergen as parishioners of St. Joseph's. Mr. Vercelli died nine years ago and it was then that his wife began to consider his Faith.

"When my husband died," she explained, "they had a high Mass for him at St. Joseph's and I was properly looked up by it. I told the children that I wanted to have a Mass like that at my funeral too. But they explained that I would have to be a Catholic to have a Catholic funeral service."

"THE MATTER was much on my mind during the last nine years. Then when I got sick earlier this year, I made up my mind that I oughtn't to delay further. But the thing that really tipped the scales was the suggestion of my daughter-in-law that she would ask Father Cassidy to read me for my First Communion. Otherwise, I suppose I'd still be procrastinating as I have been for fifty years."

"TALK ABOUT Queen Elizabeth getting crowned," said the radiant little woman. "I outshone her the day I was confirmed. It took ten years off my wrinkles. I wanted to take this step for fifty years but I guess I needed a little push and Veronica gave it to me."

Yes, millions had just a little push in the form of a gracious invitation, a word of encouragement, an offer to bring them to a priest for instruction, to take the step that will bring them into the Church of Christ and give them the security, peace and happiness they have so long craved.

The Libraries Of Europe

Sister M. Dominic, M.A., M.S.L.S. (Director of the Library, Nazareth College; Rochester, N. Y.) Sister M. Dominic visited many of the world-famous libraries of Europe during the summer. New Home, she recounts the highlights of her tour.

Years in each library of Europe would not suffice to afford one real acquaintance with their wealth. Library directors who have been in charge of them many years do not with further disappointment.

Our stay in London was cut from three or four days to one day, due to the "Home Show" in Dublin. We did our best budgeting of time, allowing three hours for the British Museum.

The Museum was holding a great exhibition of manuscripts, rare books, maps, documents, and charts. This was a stroke of good fortune. Under other circumstances, it would have taken weeks to procure permission and actually look at half the number of things we viewed that day.

I took notes on more than forty items which I examined carefully, and there were as many more which we simply looked at. One room of exhibit cases we did not even enter.

AMONG THE historical documents we saw were the "Ecclesiastical History of England"; "The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle"; covering the period from Julius Caesar to King Alfred, 55 B.C.-901 A.D. written about 1046 and once the property of Abbingdon Abbey.

There was "The Gesta Regum Anglorum" which belonged to William of Malmesbury. The "Promissio" (Covenant) in Latin of Cristoforo Moro, on his election as Doge of Venice, 1622, was a setting forth of his promises, a sort of "political platform". A richly colored miniature showed him kneeling at the feet of the Virgin and Child.

Another "Promissio" of 1521 showed Antonio Grimani kneeling before St. Mark. Any of our doctors or nurses would have thrilled to the autographed copy of the first notes for his lecture on the circulation of the blood, written by Harvey.

Literary pieces on display included Sterne's "Sentimental Journey"; Thomas Gray's "Elegy"; and Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales".

Washington Letter

Rosenbergs And Beria By J. J. GILBERT

Washington — (NC) — The double execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in the electric chair last June 19 brought to a close 27 months of proceedings in which every resource of the law was explored. The Rosenbergs had been convicted of espionage by the unanimous vote of 12 jurors.

The death sentence pronounced by Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman was appealed several times by the U. S. Court of Appeals, and upheld. The case came before the Supreme Court in May and appeals for intervention by the White House were asked repeatedly.

In these proceedings, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg received every protection available under the democratic process of justice. But throughout, there was no question as to their guilt. This the courts made eminently clear, and the saga of execution which had originally been set for the week of May 21, 1953—always were granted to explore legal technicalities such as whether proper safeguards were provided in the trial, and whether the Espionage Act of 1917, under which the spies were sentenced, was the law applicable in the case.

OF COURSE, all this might appear odd stuff, just another page in the annals of American jurisprudence, except that two souls were sent before their Eternal Judge seemingly unrepentant. But it isn't. The Rosenbergs attracted world-wide attention, becoming perhaps the cause celebre of the era. They were the first spies sentenced to death in peacetime in the history of the United States. And they had two small sons. These points were perhaps legitimate reasons for questioning the wisdom of consigning both to death. The Holy Father himself expressed concern for the couple on two occasions, and two French Cardinals joined many others inspired by humanitarian considerations and Christian compassion in appealing for clemency.

But the big noise came from another source — the extreme left. Mostly of course, the Communists, but along with them the muddled fringe element that goes along with virtually every dictum of the Daily Worker, yet still considers itself "liberal". All around the world, the Communists staged bitter demonstrations protesting the innocence of the convicted spies, with some anti-Communists joining in.