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The world of diplomacy and the Church of Christ have each lost a distinguished citizen in the death of Alcide de Gasperi, former Premier of Italy. It is significant that while thousands mourned him at his funeral, the newspaper. carried the account of another tragic death-the end of hope for the European Defense Community plan. DeGaspei had fashioned chaotic Italy into a rudimentary democracy and attempted to integrate all Europe into a family of

nations for mutual help and defense. DeGasperi was born near Trent, site of the famous Council of the Church, and achieved his first major political victory when his this city sent him as their representative to the Austrian Parliament in Vienna. When this area became Italian territory, he led the Christian Democratic Party. until arrested by Mussolini.

After our troops liberated Italy from the Nazi-Fascis domination, DeGasperi reorganized his Party, was name Italy's foreign minister in 1945 and later that year became Premier. In 1948, the Communist party received a crushing defeat in the elections, and in 1949 linked Italy with NATO against Communist aggression.

DeGasperi considered his work as a vocation—to serve God better by the thankless and precarious position of being a nation's leader. When God called him from the turmoil of the world's struggles; DeGasperi's last thoughts and words were those which had been the key to his whole life---"Gesu, Gesu-Jesus, Jesus?" In rewarding DeGasperi for his years of Christian statesmanship, may God also raise up more men with his ideals and faith to shape the destinies of nations

## **Evenston** Admission

When Christ prayed the night before He died that His disciples might always "be one so the world may believe," He indicated one of the marks which would characterize His Church, That mark is unity, oneness. For nearly twenty cenuries. Christ's Church has survived despite the persecutions of her enemies or the rebellions of her own children. Even those who will not accept the teaching of this Church, they still cannot deny the tremendous fact of her unity.

During this past week, three speakers at the Evanston Assembly of non-Catholic churches pointed out how their lack of unity hampers the spread of their churches in Asia and other missionary areas. Dr. Rajah B. Manikan said, "In distinct contrast to the Roman Catholic Church, the non-Roman churches exist in multiplicity and diversity." He added that, "non-Christians wonder why those who believe in one Christ are so divided."

The fact that we as Catholics possess this essential mark of unity is not reason why we should in any way be proud or complacent. It is a responsibility upon us to be alert to our opportunity to show the world our own personal "oneness" with the Church-that we know her teachings, and live a life that proves we believe them.

## School Uniforms

Within the next few weeks, children in many schools, within the next lew weeks, children in many schools, especially our Catholic girls' High Schools, will be fixing up their uniforms for the opening of a new school year. It is also an increasing trend to have elementary schools adopt a uniform, particularly for the girls. Many people have strong opinions for or against such a practice and there are honest and serious points that can be made for each side of the

It seems, however, that parents (and children) should The Prayers You Say Can Be Your Key uniforms or dress styles, but on the spirit and purpose of the To The Heart Of God In Heaven

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spoke up:

"1. COMMUNISM never has come to power by legal or by democratic processes in any of the areas now under its ruthless domination. It uses the tactics of penetration, subversion, threat of military invasion, and finally occupation by military and political elements under the direction and control of the Kremlin. "3 Communism is able to maini-

n Oxnam's attention to the follows

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Memo To

**Bishop** Oxnam

tain control over the people it enslaves only by the exercise of the most brutal and inhuman methods known to mankind, such as wholesale arrests and depor-

tations, forced famines, mass killings, and the crime of genocide against entire nations . . .

"7. The peoples of the captive nations and other areas under Communist control are by tradition overwhelmingly anti-Communist. They desire their national independence and still are friendly to the free world ....

"10 Communism is" an irreconcilable enemy of religion whether it be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Orthodox, or Moslem. Religious leaders of all denominations have been persecuted or killed. In the godless world of communism there is no freedom of religion." THOSE CONCLUSIONS of a committee of the House of Representatives, affirming what every objective observer has known all along, ought to be, it seems to me, sufficient to give pause to

is Bishop Oxnam. But in case they should not n- be sufficient, there are one or he two other considerations which I

ny would like to place before Bishop b. Oxnam and his hearers. The deadliest and subtlest pol-

o son in what Bishop Oxnam has been saying is its implication he that the people behind the iron probably it was pride, that kept us all silent on own pet ways of der date of Aug. 9, 1954, lists, ism; that communism, at least overcoming this common failing on pages 23-24, 12 conclusions in "Catholic countries," is a popto which the committee was led ular thing, or at any rate an ac by its investigations. I call Bishop cepted thing.



(Professor of Literature, Nazareth College, Rochaster, N. Y.

A school-hall on Sunday-dusty, scrubby desolation. Everybody, it seemed, had a different method, but all wanted Great tired stage curtains flanking the space where trembling glory had been achieved; a sea of comfortless chairto hear from the others-like researchers collecting historical slats; walls, souffed and marred

about the base from comings and not just more of the same, though goings less than orderly. Just that would be commendation of "I buy a new hat," Betty said,

hing," George said get to thinking of d his summer-and, catholics pouring into church for every Mare that the here is here it is summer and inconsist "I go fishing," George said

"When I'm worried, I go out in the back yard and dig." (Fortunately for the back , yard, the Head of the House worries seldom, for the results of his "digging" are anything but land-Photo conview of Indiles Magazine, New York City. scape-artistic, being carried or A French priest who is known as a "Little Brother" speak an hour is devout prayer after a with a mattock, never with Shill day working an an off refinery. Every Christian, prices or layman, ower God the debt of Tally prayer and mode the experience of heartfelt prayer himself in order to nervayer in simple hoe.).

A Catholic outlook in education is far more important han freedom to dress as one chooses. Once a High School re parish school adopts the practice of wearing uniforms, parents ought not to criticize nor rebel against such a decision. They can be sure that its purpose is to protect the feelings of the greater number of the pupils. Clothes are expensive, and if some of our people can afford a wide spoke for most of us when he variety for their children, they can also understand the admitted that true prayer is difproblem that others experience if their incomes do not fleult. Every sincere Catholic ad-mits, "My prayers aren't what warrant such expenses.

Pastors and Principals who desire the use of uniforms is one of the most important are acting from a supernatural motive. Those who oppose factors in life. Together with the the uniform plan, can they assure themselves they are acting Sacraments, prayer is the chanfrom the same motive?



THE GOOD SAMARITAN

A certain man-perhape our Lord meant year or me - was making a journey - each of us is on a journey too - and he feu despoiled of our most prised - and whatamong robbers -you and I were despoiled of our most prized associated of our most prized ever you spend, I will repay you" possession, sanctifying grace, by  $Adam'z \sin =$  who stripped him and left him half dead — and whether the church says or does for us, we know that it is sealed with divine approval. what must have been the solihout grace we were soore thoughts of that poor victim than dead, we were hopeless, we alter he for victim were doomed to an sternal death. heart must be alter the recovered. How his

than dead, we were leaders of the heart must have out the Samari-tevites were leaders of the deep gratitude for the Samari-people in the Old Testament he must have longed for the day times but he passed the victim he must have longed for the day by - too often the leaders of the people care nothing for the the people care nothing for the Samari tide to him. So our hearts, as we reflect on the infinite mercy of God towards us, must be radiant people — and a Temple Priest, he came along — certainly, he would help — but he too took no notice — indeed even the best be-God towards us, must be radiant with devotion for the Savior who loved us and redeemed us.

notice — indeed even the best be-fore Christ were helpless to aid fallen nature — and he went his way too. Then there came a Sa-maritan — the word means watchman — and saw the suf-fering man — is this Christ as he looks at suffering humanity? He stopped — Christ has in-finite pity for all our pains — and bound up his wounds — our Battiem healed the cut caused The man who speaks at

sarcastically of a woman trying to drive a car through twelve foot garage door usual-Baptism healed the cut caused by 'Adam's six — and poured on them soothing oil and wine ly doesn't have so much to say when he tries to thread a needle. the very elements Christ used in the Sacraments of Unction and Eucharist. And the Samaritan took the suffering man to an Inn — as Christ has brought us to His Church — and he told the

Committee: Group of men who keep minutes and waste hours. Innkeeper — as Christ told Peter keep 1 — "Take care of him" — and Cate Peter and his successors and his worm. Caterpillar: An upholstered



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heaven, and gives me the faith

am I that dares to approach this.

Him for the breath in my Jungs

and the beat of my heart. I est

the food He prepares for me

and I exist only because He per-

mits me to do so. In an instant,

I can be blind of crippled or

dead. Everything I have, every-

thing I hope for, God gives

and attain elernel union with God.

all creation, with eyes that ex-ichurch in early evening seem to worrying." My words fly un; My thoughts remain below. Words without thoughts cede the keenest camera's ability, insist on reflection and thought "Mary makes herself up a lit with talents and skill that stem ful prayer. Kneeling before the tie list," the Head of the House, Ne'er to heaven go. to defy any limitations.

Shakespeare's King Claudius God made me, though He didn't need to. He could have skipped me-gone on making others, as He did for the past millions of years-and made others instead of me. But He they should be." And yet prayer did make me, and for no other reason than that He loved me. And He lived as a poor man, nel of God's life to my soul. hungry and weary to redeem

Prayer is my key to heaven. me, and died for me, and has We all remember the catechism answer which tells us. that "prayprepared a home for me in er is the lifting of the mind and heart to God." We say prayers, and strength to attain that words upon countless words, but mind and heart are miles away. destiny. This tremendous God and Savior is now going to

listen to my prayer. He will associates have taken care of us if that were what God wanted, hear what I say. He would have made phono graphs and not people. What, Then, consider a moment who

then, is the way to make our prayers mean something both to God in prayer? I depend on not pray is lost." Our prayers God and to ourselves? One way we can think about it is to compare our prayer with the conversations we have with our friends. That in reality, is what true prayer is an intimate heart to heart visit with our truest Friend. Our Lord Himself told us, "I no longer call you servants,

Despite all this, I have sinmedbut friends." deliberately turned against Him, Usually, when we plan to visit a very dear friend, we first of certainly falled to achieve what all "get ready" for the visit. A He expects of me. WHEN THOUGHTS like that

woman will dress for the occasion, perhaps purchase a few seep into my heart and perwade new items of apparel, and prob- my mind, is it possible to apably think over all the topics proach God in any other way she wants to speak about to her except in humility and profound

friend. If a man is going on a reverence? Our words will not as divorce and so the civil decree are aroused, then a kiss becomes semi-stillness the grown-ups are fishing trip or hunting expedi- then tumble out as water spilled does not affect a Catholic's re- not a sign of love but a sign of affectionately struggling for. The tion with one of his pals, he pre-pures his rod. or gun, lines up no effect. Rather, each word will may not separate from husband a few good jokes, huys a mag be the symbol of a deep and pro- or wife, however, unless there azine or two and probably spends found love for our heavenly Fa- is a setious reason recognized all told, a day itself just for a ther who is patient to hear us as such by the Bishop. If a few hours of companionship, and heed our every word. Even children dream ahead about their visit to "Grandmoth-

Horse Sense: Just Stable thinkised All this indicates that we can't the Savior to whom we speak. If there is a recognized seri-

day and then fall on our knees our heart by frequent repetition cruelty, or desertion, then the guilty of serious sin. for a half-minute's prayer and can be said phrase by phrase Church may grant the innocent expect it to be any good. If you carefully and slowly - such as Catholic to obtain a civil divorce have only three minutes to pray, the Our Father, Hail Mary, Act for the sake of legal protection spend two of them in prepara. of Contrition. By saying a few only, but never with the idea of tion and only one for actual words at a time, and then letting a second marriage.

our minds mediate on their mean Draver. ing, saying them over in our osyn enter a second marriage like this How do you get ready to pray? Think first of all about God, way, this can be another fruit ful is automatically excommunicated who He is and how wonderful source of devout prayer. He has been to you. He is infin-

There are excellent prayerite, greater than the vast uni. books which we can use as verse of stars and atoms and guides for our own expression- father and mother and brothers Paul wrote to the Hebrews, or to he probably expects to hear it verse of stars and atoms and guides for our own expression-oceans. He fashioned the sun and the earth, the carpet of grass and flowers and the for-ests and all the animals-the and then repeating them in our the negating them in our and the negating them in our the negating the ne

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"And you find it." How many

Woman: A person who com- and heard, especially heard.

times this has happened!

to put it on.

**On Catholie Faith** 

Mortal Sin.

Rochester.

Why are some of the Epis-ties in the Bible called "Catho-

lie Episties"? Are there any

non-Catholic Epistics? - J.N.

Second question first: No.

until the Head of the House

data or recipes for plaza.

"a dizzy one."

tabernacle, realizing that Jesus made my confession for me

FINALLY and foremost is the then she loses it."

close to His Sacred Heart."

of our prayer life.

often, and well,

Mass. To understand its ritual,

to master the art of integrating

quence, and especially to appreci-

ate the reciprocated love which

St. Alphonsus once said, "He

who prays is saved; he who does

defermine our 'eternity. It is

most important that we pray

Does a divorce mean auto-

matic excommunication from the Church ?--- R.B., Bochester,

Catholic just takes off and de-

Any Catholic who does try to

Is kissing a sin at the ages

between 12 to 16?-T.Y. Elmira.

pictures can help us visualize such a person is in serious sin.

the prayers in their proper se

won't hold them, not in summer- faith and perilous anti-clerical time, on Long Island, at any rate. ism in Mayor Peppone. Of course if just parents, came, The third Don Camillo series

school halls wouldn't have to be used, but all the small fry come too, the five-year-olds with their material of the little worlds our loving Savior is there at "writes down one, two, three and too, the five-year-olds with their ghoststories that happen, lives monopoly on surprise, and the that are changed by art (paintour Guest and Friend. We cannot four worries in the order of their urgency, and sticks it in some bables. It's so much easier to that are changed by art (paint-secret place so nobody il know bring a little flock into a school-user that man furnished by and bring a little flock into a schoolhelp but lift our mind and heart urgency, and sticks it in some what she's worrying about. And hall-it feels different, even to get their man. Guareschi gives you Italy. them.

YET WHAT BRINGS one to - GOD IS THERE. The little left-Guareschi is a greater value than MABELLE HAD a real contribution over altar is beautifully prepar-ed, there are assorted kneelers either Italy or his rare fun. It is that debate with Christ: bution to make: "I line mine up just below the stage where He

"Lord, I'm only telling You we offer in the gifts of bread too," she said, "but usually men will meet His guests in Holy what I hear, People -

and wine and have given back to tally. The ones I can do some Communion, the priest is mov-"People" What does that us as the living Body and Blood thing about, I do it. The ones ing with gentle sureness through mean? 'People' as a whole are of Christ through the Consecra- beyond-well, prayer is the an the ritual of amazing love, some never going to get to Heaven tion and Communion - this is swer. Often they don't material how altogether stately amid the THE PRAYER which should in- ize and when they do, there's weaving and bobbing altar-boy spire us in all the other phases grace to go along." . There are no 'group' sins, but only personal ones, and there is no collèctive soul , . . God gives

But it is a little as if God call-Peacock: A chicken in bloom. ed everybody into His farm kitcheach one of us separate consideration .... Women Tears: The most effi- en for a family party, and had cient waterpower in the world. |said little children might be seen

Don Camillo lowered his head. "But Lord, public opinion has plains of having nothing to wear The enchanted hall-listen to some value ...

and then takes a couple of hours the music! Busy mothers and fa-"I know that, Don Camillo. thers do not cough; this is not Public opinion nalled Me to the Cross."

the usual sound of a Sunday congregation, as of prisoners just hauled out of a swamp. There **Church Symbols** are a few nondescript coughers against the walls toward the back, subdued because they so miss the dim religious light and the shadow-casting pillars they ordinarily seek for their self-torture. Now they are completely visible, and frozen like jackrab

> This is a Greek monogram for the word CHRIST. XP are the Greek letters Chi Rho, the first two letters of the word XPIS-TOS\_CHRISTOS.

This monogram is used very frequently to decorate vestments,

altars, churches. Sometimes, you will see it used with another right to be told about this sub- Their memory fails, and anyhow, QUERS.

ject and parents who fall to give what's a "Don'ti" when, it's These symbolic abbreviations expect to race through a busy Prayers which become worn into ous reason, such as: wicked this instruction are themselves merely whispered? So the music were used by the early Chrisis continual, light, clear, soft, de tlans as a code language to exlectable, occasionally penetrating. press their faith to fellow Chris-The little people are pleased; tians but in such a way as not they love being here. The music to betray-themselves to the paghas an up-swing, an uplift, for it ans.' Christians would often in consists of questions and of won- scribe this XP on their garments der, the right sounds to make in or on medals suspended about His presence. their necks, as a sign of their

First question: "Catholic" No, you supply the words, devotion to Christ. means "for everybody", it means You've heard them. I just hap-

The word CHRIST is not so 'universal". Some of the Epistles pened to catch the melody in all much a name as a title. It were really written for just some its delightful, purity, at a baby-"The Anoihted One" means Messias is the Hebrew original. Priests and kings in the Old Testament were anointed with holy oil as a dedication to their

sacred office. Jesus is our great raging wild beasts and the gentle and then repeating them in our other; but those who truly love but wrote for Christians every- you can get at Trant's (96 Cline on the work of our words High Priest, the one truly "anone another express that by a where and his Epistle is there ion Ave. N, Rochester) there our redemption.

fore called a "catholic" episte. are twenty-five stories that are

If, however, young people in bits. dulge their emotions for the So nothing spoils the music "thrill" or just because "every haby music-high, sweet, unex-NO. As far as the church is body else does" or at party games pected nothings, breathings and concerned there is no such thing or in such a way that passions wiftly shushed cadenzas in the

> real babies are but second 'Vio-This question really meeds a lins, so interested in staring, in much longer explanation and it their intervals of just screnely

would be a good idea to ask your sensing Mama, that they are usparents or parish priest about ually soundless. it, or read the Queen's Work THE FIRST VIOLINS know THERE ARE also other "aids" cides to live alone, without reas booklet "Modern Youth and how to move about and how to Greek word, like this: XP.NIKA ers" or an outing that's prom. to devout prayer. Statues or holy on and without permission, then Chastity". Young people have a talk-so they do those things, which means CHRIST CON.

