



Bishop Kearney's Appointments

- SEPTEMBER**
- 3 Wednesday—Albany, Dedication of Mater Christi Seminary—10:00 A. M.
 - 9 Thursday—McQuaid High School, Low Mass—9:00 A. M. Mercy High School Alumnae Banquet—6:45 P. M.
 - 10 Friday—Aquinas Institute, Low Mass—9:00 A. M.
 - 12 Sunday—St. Joseph's, Solemn Pontifical Mass, Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John—4:00 A. M. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Blessing of the Graves—3:30 P. M.
 - 13 Monday—Mercy High School, Low Mass—9:00 A. M.
 - 14 Tuesday—Elmira Catholic High School, Low Mass—9:00 A. M.
 - 15 Wednesday—St. Andrew's Seminary, Low Mass—9:00 A. M.
 - 16 Thursday—St. Joseph's, Annual Red Mass, Opening of the Courts—10:00 A. M.
 - 17 Friday—Sacred Heart Academy, Low Mass—9:00 A. M. Aquinas Institute, Diocesan Teachers Conference—3:00 P. M.
 - 18 Saturday—St. Bernard's Seminary, Ordinations of Deacons—8:00 A. M.
 - 19 Sunday—St. Bernard's Seminary—Ordinations of Deacons—8:00 A. M. St. Patrick's, Mansfield—Centennial Celebration—11:00 A. M. McQuaid High School, Laying of Cornerstone Ceremony—1:00 P. M.
 - 21 Tuesday—St. Michael's, Mission House, Consecration—Departure Ceremony—11:00 A. M. Sacred Heart Cathedral, Solemn Pontifical Mass, Silver Jubilee of Diocesan Neoturnal Adoration Society—8:00 P. M.
 - 22 Wednesday—Nazareth College, Low Mass—9:00 A. M.
 - 23 Thursday—St. John Fisher College, Low Mass—9:00 A. M.
 - 24 Friday—Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, Solemn Pontifical Mass, Feast of St. John—10:00 A. M.
 - 26 Sunday—Our Lady of Mercy, Portchester, N. Y., Centennial Anniversary—11:00 A. M.
 - Sept. 28—October 1—Sacred Heart Retreat House, Auroraville, N. Y.—Masses of Retirees.

God And The Atom

When President Eisenhower signed the Atomic Energy Bill into law, our nation passed another milestone of importance. The 1946 Law had restricted atomic energy for military purposes. The new law permits private industry to develop and use atomic power for civilian use.

It has cost the American taxpayers over twelve billion dollars to back the government's atomic research program and it is only fair that private industry be restricted in any profits it makes in consequence.

The invention of atom motors and electric dynamo signaled the dawn of a new way of life. The President's signature on the new Atomic Energy law is a hint of a vast future of unimagined potentialities. We hope it brings more happiness to the world and will serve, as have other discoveries, to make God better known and loved.

The rising generation will have at its disposal far more effective tools than we ever dreamed of using, either to destroy or to expand God's Kingdom on earth. It is a bit frightening to think about it but we must have confidence that today's youngsters will not betray their opportunity.

Put Speeders In The Pen

One of the persistent problems which plague our civic officials is the case of the reckless and speeding driver. There are other crimes, it is true, which are more serious, but they are also less frequent. And the driver who uses his car without regard to law and common sense certainly forfeits his right to drive.

If a mad-man yields a gun, even though he doesn't actually pull the trigger, he is quickly put out of circulation for the protection of society. Cars kill more people than guns do, and it seems to make sense if we put the speeder in the penitentiary to teach him what fines have failed to tell him. It usually happens that the youngster or adult who can afford to have a car and race it around the city and countryside also has enough extra money to pay the fine and then continue to break the law.

Laws without sanction are ineffectual and all our safety campaigns will simply blow over if we don't give the laws some teeth to bite with.

Sunday Sermon

Thank You

Were not ten made clean? Where are the other nine? Our Lord had cured ten lepers of their dread disease and only one had the courtesy to return and say, "Thank you." It is characteristic of the modern world that most of us are quick to express our thanks to strangers who render us some minor service (for which we usually pay them anyway) but then we take for granted the love and kindness shown on us by our dearest friends.

This Sunday's Gospel is the Church's way of teaching us that gratitude is a virtue which should characterize every Christian. As a matter of fact, the pagan world knows nothing of this quality; ingratitude is the world's reward and we ought never to expect thanks from the world.

"We as Christians, however, should be continually grateful. At the very heart of the Mass we are invited, "Gratias agamus tibi, Domine, Deus, etc." and Mass ends with the thought of "Deo gratias, thanks be to God."

FIRST OF ALL the noble Christian will excel in this matter of appreciation and gratefulness, being quick to acknowledge with a sincere "thank you" any favor or gift given him. To beg or to ask for a favor which is "not expected" or

because "I don't have time" is an indication of a selfish spirit, contrary to the example and command of Christ.

ESPECIALLY, a Christian will be grateful to God for the countless favors He gives us each day. Simply to realize His goodness to us demands we say "thank you" to Him far more often than we dare say "please, give me."

It sometimes happens that God's grace will come to us through trials and sorrows, and even these must win from our lips and heart a sincere expression of gratitude. It is said that St. Elizabeth of Hungary, on the very night that she was driven out of her castle home, had to wander aimlessly without a shelter for herself or her little children, but she visited a nearby church to say the Te Deum, the Church's great Prayer of Thanksgiving.

The Church is happy each Sunday as not one but thousands return to Mass; by their very coming they give thanks; but she is also sad because there are so many who do not come, who do not appreciate nor understand the Mass and fail to find that union with Christ for which their heart yearns. As we thank our loving Savior for the faith and devotion He has granted us, we must prove our gratitude by a life that will win these other sheep back to the Heart of God.

Labor Day Christian Spirit In Labor-Management Will Assure Better Living Standards

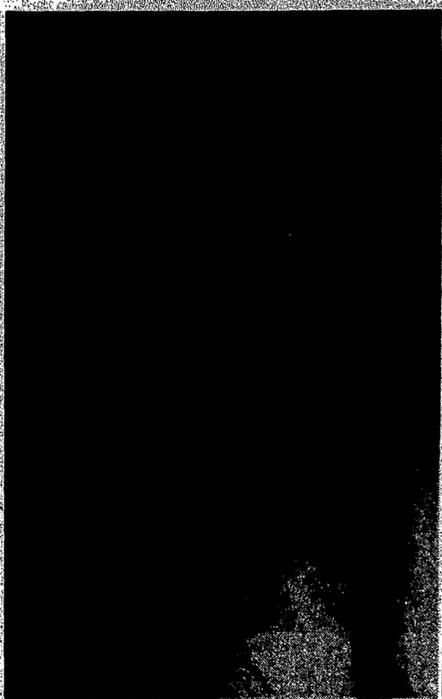
By REV. HENRY ATWELL

When we look at our nation's factories and offices and farms, we realize that American industry and American workers have worked together to achieve a standard of living unique in world history. Although injustice festered in pitiful conditions and inadequate wages at the turn of the century, immense progress has taken place within the last fifty years. It is characteristic of Americans, however, always to want things bigger and better, and we all must admit that there are still various aspects of our economic and social life which can be improved.

AS CITIZENS and as Christians we have a part to play in this program and there is a danger that we may shirk our responsibility without realizing our failure.

It is certainly a pleasant and profitable experience to be oneself down for an evening. Discussion Club session with devout Catholics. You can talk long into the night on such subjects as the divinity of Christ and the supernatural life of grace. I suspect, however, that this can be the "copied" which blinds us to the deeper realities and problems of Christianity.

There is a story told about a priest who was making calls in his mining town parish. Topping over the little community were the mounds of waste and the chimneys belching their black smoke. He saw a man about his age, wearing a very fine suit, and he went over to him. He saw a man about his age, wearing a very fine suit, and he went over to him. He saw a man about his age, wearing a very fine suit, and he went over to him.



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The man who deserves that title is Archbishop John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, the founder of Our Sunday Visitor, The Family Digest and The Priest. Think you will agree with me that he has brought the teachings of the Catholic religion to more people than any other man, lay or cleric, in the United States or Canada.

The story of his tireless efforts to refute falsehood, to counter the calumnies against the Church and to disseminate the truth about Catholicism and their faith is one of the most inspiring epics in the annals of the Church in the New World. Here we can present but a tiny fragment of his manifold convert-making apostolate.

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The response to this courageous and dramatic appeal was overwhelming. The first issue of the weekly, called Our Sunday Visitor, on May 5, 1912, ran to 35,000. By the end of the first year it had climbed to 200,000 and in another year, skyrocketed to the 400,000 mark. Since then it has climbed to its present circulation of 800,000.

Virtually every issue has featured articles of exposition of Catholic truth and of refutation of error from the founder's tireless pen. For more than forty years he has been not only the editor but also the most prolific contributor to this great weekly.

ARCHBISHOP NOLL has a facility, similar to that of Cardinal Gibbons, of presenting Catholic doctrine in a simple, popular style, which brings his thought easily within the ken of the masses. His Father Smith instructs Jackson, his son, through numerous editions, and is doubtless the most widely used book for the instruction of converts.

His Religion and Life series of religion textbooks has carried his faithful exposition of the faith to thousands of high school students. His other books, pamphlets and especially his thousands of O.S.V. articles have made his name a household word throughout our land.

Like the Apostle to the Gentiles, Archbishop Noll has been consumed with a burning zeal to bring Christ, His Truths, His Faith and His Love to the millions outside the fold. Undoubtedly many thousands have been led into the Church through his indefatigable pen. If any one deserves the title of the St. Paul of America, the greatest convert maker of the twentieth century, it is the humble, self-effacing, saintly priest and prelate—Archbishop John Francis Noll, the father of Catholic journalism in America.

You Can Win Converts

Our Greatest Convert Maker

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- 9 Thursday—Sacred Heart Cathedral Men's Club—3:00 P. M.
- 12 Thursday—Powers Hotel—Address, Diamond Jubilee Banquet—Knights of St. John—6:00 P. M.
- 13 Monday—St. Agnes High School—Mass of the Holy Spirit—9:00 A. M. Sacred Heart Cathedral—Rosary Guild Meeting—7:45 P. M.
- 14 Tuesday—Nazareth Academy—Mass of the Holy Spirit—9:00 A. M.
- 15 Wednesday—Holy Family High School, Auburn—Mass of the Holy Spirit—9:30 A. M.
- 17 Friday—St. Bernard's Seminary—Ordinations—6:30 A. M.
- 18 Sunday—Newark State School—Confirmation—2:00 P. M. St. Michael, Newark—Blessing of New School and Convent—10:00 P. M.
- 20 Monday—St. Bernard's Seminary—Ordinations—6:30 A. M.
- 22 Wednesday—St. Joseph's Commercial School—Mass of the Holy Spirit—9:00 A. M.
- 23 Thursday—St. Francis de Sales High School, Geneva—Mass of the Holy Spirit—9:30 A. M.
- 25 Saturday—Columbus Civic Center Auditorium—Opening C.Y.O. Membership Drive—4 P. M.
- 28 Sunday—Holy Angels, Nunda—Confirmation—5:00 P. M. St. Patrick, Mount Morris—Confirmation—7:30 P. M.
- 27 Monday—Sacred Heart Cathedral—Closing Rosary Guild Membership Drive—8:15 P. M.
- 29 Wednesday—St. Theodore, Gates—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.

JOSEPH BREIG

The Logic Of Alice

Alice, carrying a package, walked into the publisher's office and found him kicking the wastebasket.

"Nobody can do this to me," he snarled.

"Apparently somebody already has," replied Alice cheerfully.

"He can't get away with it," vowed the publisher.

"This is censorship. It's interference with freedom of the press. It's unconstitutional. I'll take him in right up to the Supreme Court."

Alice smiled winningly. "The conversation might be more rational," she suggested. "If you told me who did what to you."

THE PUBLISHER snatched a letter from his desk, crushed it in his hand, and flung it to the floor. "This blankety druggery," he said, "has cancelled his standing order for my paper-bound books and comics. He says they're not decent. Who does he think he is, telling people what they're allowed to read?"

"Is that what he's doing?" asked Alice.

"Of course it is."

"You'd swear to that?"

"Of course I'll swear to it."

"And it's unconstitutional?"

"Certainly it's unconstitutional. It's un-American. It's fascist. It's totalitarian. It's—"

"GOODIE!" interrupted Alice. "The publisher had been dawdling back his foot to kick the wastebasket again. He paused in mid-motion and stood on one leg, staring at Alice.

"Did you say goodie?" he asked.

"I did."

The publisher put his other foot on the floor, walked to Alice and shook hands. "Then we agree."

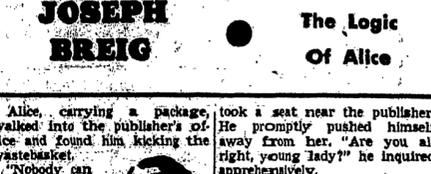
"No we don't."

"But you said goodie."

Alice SPOKE slowly, as if explaining something to a child. "I said goodie because I'm glad you think it's unconstitutional, even if it isn't."

The publisher backed away and sat down heavily at a safe distance from Alice. "Why don't you sit down?" he suggested cautiously.

"Thank you," said Alice. She



took a seat near the publisher. He promptly pushed himself away from her. "Are you all right, young lady?" he inquired apprehensively.

"Of course I'm all right," Alice shot back with a show of spirit.

"Of course you'd say so," said the publisher gloomily. He passed a hand across his brow, and it came away damp. He smiled ingratiatingly. "Perhaps you can explain," he said.

"Why are you glad I think so?" Alice asked.

"I'm glad you think so because you say it isn't. His voice shook slightly. "Are you one of those people who's just got a compulsion to disagree with everybody?"

"NONESENSE," said Alice. "I much prefer agreeing. My position is perfectly simple. I'm glad you think it's unconstitutional for a publisher to cancel his order for your books, even though it isn't because as long as you think that way, you won't be able to refuse to do what I came here to ask you to do."

She paused, out of breath.

"The publisher looked at her with a straggled look. "What did you come to ask me to do?" he inquired.

Alice held up her package. "I came to ask you to publish my book and to spend enough money promoting it to make it a best-seller. I'm glad you've decided to do it."

THE PUBLISHER jumped to his feet. "I haven't decided anything of the kind," he said angrily. "I haven't even read your manuscript."

"Oh," said Alice. "That won't be necessary. Whether you like it or not, you've got to publish it. If you don't, you'll be guilty of censorship and violating freedom of the press. You'd be unconstitutional. I could take you right up to the Supreme Court."

"Get out!" shouted the publisher suddenly. "Get out! You must be mad!"

Alice rose, tucked her manuscript under her arm, and smiled sardonily. "No, not mad," she said. "Merely logical. But I suppose that makes me seem insane to you."

Church Symbols

PAX

FAX is the Latin word for PEACE. It was one of the ways the early Christians used to greet one another. It recalls the practice of Christ who greeted His Apostles after His Resurrection with the words, "Pax vobis—peace be to you."

Even today, the Bishop at Mass uses these same words as he turns to the people at the Collect Prayer.

In the first days of Christianity, one persecution followed another and although the Christians were glad to be martyrs, they looked forward to a day of peace and freedom. And despite the tortures of the arena they knew they could have an inner peace through the knowledge that they were assured of heaven.

The word became a slogan, a motto, a pass-word which they wrote on their tombs, painted on their altars, used as a greeting. The word is still used on vestments, altars, chalices, etc. as a reminder that true peace comes only by union with God.

QUIZ

On Catholic Faith

Do non-Catholics have Guardian Angels? — H.J., Gardaluga.

We cannot give a definite answer to this question because God has never clearly revealed the extent of the protection He gives through His angels. It is certain that God gives to all of us, regardless of our race or religion, the ordinary means to save our souls. Inasmuch as it is quite obvious that the devil tempt all men, it seems that God would give each one of us an Angel to guard us from the devil's temptations. If God gives a person the grace to know the true Church and that person fails to respond, then it could happen that God would withdraw the Angel's protection. We can be confident, however, that sincere non-Catholics do have a Guardian Angel to assist them.

Are ghost-stories ever true? — D.E., Rochester.

It depends on who tells them. St. Matthew tells us in his Gospel (chapter 27, verses 53 and following) that when our Lord died, many graves were opened and the dead appeared in Jerusalem. The Book of Kings have an account of the appearance of a dead Jewish king who gave counsel at a critical point in his history.

There are authenticated ac-

counts of saints who appeared after death, notably the recently canonized Pope St. Pius X. (In the cases where our Lady has appeared it probably was not her "ghost" or spirit that was seen but rather her glorified body which shares her soul's reward.)

The ordinary "ghost-story," however, can be traced to somebody's over-active imagination, or in some few cases perhaps, to the work of the devil.

I have been told that Catholic girls ought not to read the best-seller "Power of Positive Thinking." Why? — E.S., Auburn.

This book is not recommended for Catholics not so much because there is anything actually wrong in it as that it doesn't present a complete picture. It is written by a prominent non-Catholic minister, the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale. The book sets out to help people find happiness through right thinking. Right thinking can be achieved only by right religion, however, and it is here that the book fails. It substitutes polite-ness, kindness, fair-play and other good but merely natural virtues for true religion. These characteristics are needed, it is true, but they can be sincerely if sustained by God and according to His Law.

A Catholic would do better to read books by Bishop Sheen, Father Keller, or other Catholic authors who can guide our paths to correct thinking in the light of God's revelation.

Is it better to have five Low Masses offered instead of one High Mass? — L.H., Rochester.

We must remember that there are no spiritual bargain sales. We cannot shop or barter for better results by the way we invest our stipends. A High Mass or a Low Mass, each is a renewal, a re-enactment of the sacrifice Jesus Christ offered on the cross. There can be a thousand Masses, but there remains only one sacrifice.

EXTERNALLY, however, there is a difference—like the wrapping paper on a gift. The diamond ring remains precious even if given in a crude cardboard carton; but a person usually wraps such a gift in beautiful tissue and ribbon. So also the High Mass "wraps" the precious sacrifice of Christ in the beautiful rites and chants which the Church has devised for our edification.

THE EFFECT of the Mass does not depend so much on how often it is offered but rather on how well we assist at it. That means that one High Mass can be "worth" a hundred Low Masses; and it can also mean that if you assist reverently and devoutly at even one Low Mass, God will grant your request sooner than if you merely sent an offering for a dozen High Masses. To a great extent, therefore, it depends on you.