

### Rosary Month

My Dear People:

The month of October has been set aside by the Church as the Month of the Holy Rosary. Every year the recitation of the Rosary day after day before the Blessed Sacrament brings untold blessings upon all of us. Certainly, then, this Marian Year dedicated in a very special way to Our Lady, Queen of the Holy Rosary, should find the month of October a month of daily and sincere renewal of our devotion to Our Lady's favorite prayer.

Let me, then, urge that the Marian Year attendance at Rosary Devotions be outstanding both in numbers and in sincerity. Remember it is Our Lady herself who has asked that our devotion to her be expressed in this special form of prayer and it is she who has promised great blessings of peace and happiness to the world if her Rosary attains the place in our hearts that she desires and asks.

To encourage in a special way the October devotion to Our Lady in this Marian Year, I wish to avail myself of the Holy Father's permission for special evening Masses for those who gather to do honor to Our Lady. Accordingly, I grant permission for a special evening Mass under the conditions mentioned in the decree of the Holy Father on the following days:

- Sunday, October 3—Solemnization of the Holy Rosary.
  - Thursday, October 7—Feast of the Holy Rosary.
  - Monday, October 11—Maternity of Our Lady.
  - Monday, October 18—Feast of St. Luke, Our Lady's biographer.
  - Thursday, October 28—Anniversary of my consecration as bishop.
  - Sunday, October 31—Feast of Christ the King.
  - Monday, November 1—All Saints Day and the day on which Pope Pius XII will proclaim the new Feast of the Queenship of Mary.
- Finally, may I remind all of the daily recitation of the Rosary over the altar every evening and beg you to join with the thousands who make up that far-flung congregation which daily offers the Holy Rosary for the salvation of souls and for the peace of the world.
- Our Lady, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners  
Now and at the hour  
of our death. Amen.
- Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,  
James E. Keane,  
Bishop of Rochester

### A Woman in White

By act of Congress and Presidential Proclamation, the week of October 11 to 17th is National Nurse Week. At some time or other in our trek through life's highways, we depend on a nurse to comfort or heal or care for us. Most of us probably had a nurse who held us before our mother did, and those first critical moments of our life were spent in the careful custody of some unknown but dedicated Angel of Mercy.

It was a nurse who gave the immunization shots to your children in school, or was so good to you when you had your appendix removed. She gave first aid in the factory to you when you might otherwise have had an infected injury. She went with the soldiers to the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific. She is heroine of the airplane accident and prompt with her help at the time of any disaster.

The world will always have its share of suffering and pain but there is always a nurse to make it less difficult and more bearable.

The nearly 500,000 nurses in our country today are busy and weary in their work of ministering to a population that has doubled in fifty years. Sixty thousand more nurses could be employed this year if they were available.

As citizens and as Christians we can show our appreciation for the nurses of today by encouraging youngsters to train to continue this tradition, we can support the aims and costs of nursing services, and the nursing educational programs of our community.

### Retarded Children

One of the greatest heartaches a young mother and father can ever have is to learn that their child does not have a normal intelligence. Experts estimate that over one million such children are in our country today. Many parents feel as if they are somehow guilty of that situation and they are confused and embarrassed with a problem they don't know how to handle.

In reality, a retarded child is a lucky child and the parents who have such a child are entrusted with a treasure beyond their fondest hopes. A child who does not have the use of reason cannot sin. Baptism makes that child assured of heaven, destined without question for heaven, it is only by our faith that we can see the goodness and wisdom of God in allowing such little angels to be born deformed in body or mental ability.

There remains, however, a vast unexplored horizon where progress can be made in assisting these retarded children to make themselves useful to themselves and our community. Brighter retarded youngsters can be trained in basic skills. Due to the lack of needed special facilities, many of these children are kept in the ordinary public or parochial "book learning" schools where they cannot come up to those standards. The result is misbehavior, headaches for teachers, discouragement for parents, frustration for the child.

Our public and parochial schools in Rochester have already attempted to face this problem at a local level but are quite severely limited by restricted allotments.

It seems that normal children can get by with ordinary facilities, but it is a shame that those who need more are actually given less. Could some of the financial outlay that is expended for sports and art and the entertainment of ordinary children be directed to the better care of retarded children?

### Mary's Year At The Museum

New York City's famed Metropolitan Museum of Art on Fifth Avenue has arranged an attractive exhibit of art treasures portraying the life of our Lady. The exhibit will be on view until October 17th. Twenty masterpieces from Italy, France, Flanders, Germany and other nations tell the life-story of our Blessed Mother. Focal point of the feature is a glass-enclosed statue of the Immaculate Conception, a porcelain statuette made by an 18th century unknown German artist.

Would Rochester's museums be interested in a similar exhibit—perhaps as a "live" recognition of the faith and devotion of a third of this city's citizens?

### BOOK SHELF

#### Evening Mass Imitation of Christ

By Sister Margaret Teresa

**EVENING MASS: Our Latest Gift**, by Gerald Ellard, S.J. The Liturgical Press, 1954. Available at Trant's.

**THE IMITATION OF CHRIST**, Lumen Books, Paluck Co., Chicago, 1954. 56c.

A beautiful little book dedicated to "Our Lady Mary of the Evening Mass" in token and tribute presents in its ninety pages an interpretation of the papal documents touching this subject, the documents themselves, a history of evening Mass, and all the reasons why the holy altars should be thronged when this privilege is given us. "At the Evening Mass our present age can rise from its affliction, thanks to Christ Dominus." They come by the scores and the hundreds, children from homes and school and playgrounds, men and women from all the walks of life, joyously, or also wearily, slipping into church so as to be ready to offer the Great Oblation with Him and through Him, and with Him to offer themselves.

A paperback, attractively planned, fifty-cent copy of "the world's best seller next to the Bible—The Imitation of Christ," ought to prepare its purchaser to become a lifetime reader of this precious work. The sponsors of the Lumen series urge us to "ask, ask, and ask some more" for them at the book stores, drug stores, and all other stores that sell books. We in turn promise you that more and better books will be available. The void created by banishing evil literature must be filled by that which is good.

Dr. Louis Hailey of Notre Dame offered in a recent issue of *Books On Trial* one hundred five different classifications for "best" books. Here are a few:

- Best human English novel: David Copperfield.
- Most useful layman's theology: *Theology and Society*, Sheed.
- Autest appraisal of the Church today: *Growth or Decline*, Cardinal Suhard.
- Best American book-length poem: *Tristram, Robinson*.
- Best American folk poetry: *The People, Yes*, Sandburg.
- Best interrelated fiction sketches: *The Friendly Persuasion*, Jessemyn West.
- Novel with most sinister suspense: *Victory*, Conrad.
- Best novel about an English sportsman: *Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man*, Siegfried Sassoon.
- Best novel about an American sportsman: *Alec Murrays*, Sportsman, Catherine Gordon.
- Best poetry of the last two decades: *Poems*, Dylan Thomas.

Father William Cunningham, C.S.C., of Notre Dame, quotes Rochester's President De Kiewiet at some length in an interesting article in the Sept. 24 *Commonweal*, "Core of the Curriculum."

A recent subscriber survey made for this magazine shows that Mr. Average Subscriber is a faithful reader (seven years), passes his copy on to two others, buys an average of twenty books a year.

The first article in the Oct. *Catholic Digest* takes all the scare out of the third secret of Fatima, to be revealed in 1960. April Oursler is the co-writer; she visited Sister Lucia, former bishop, Don Jose da Silva, holder of the secret.

A Dylan Thomas stanza from his poem *October*:

The blue altered sky  
Streamed again a wonder of summer  
With apples  
Pears and red currants,  
And I saw in the burning so  
clearly a child's face  
Forgotten mornings when he  
walked with his mother

Through the parables  
Of sun light  
And the legends of the green  
chapels  
And the twice told fields of inf-  
fancy

That his tears burned my cheeks  
and his heart moved in  
mine . . .

It was my thirtieth  
Year to heaven stood there then  
in the summer noon  
Though the town below lay  
leaved with October  
blood.

o may my heart's truth  
still be sung  
On his hill in a year's turning!

### Quotes

We must appeal to American honesty and ingenuity to find a solution to the problem of restoring religion to the curriculum of all schools without injury to the rights of any parent, and with equal justice to the rights of every child.

Archbishop Edward F. Mooney

### Companions From Heaven

## Guardian Angels Have God-given Task To Protect Our Souls and Bodies

By REV. HENRY ATWELL

During this time of year, the Church calls our attention to those mysterious creatures, the Angels. St. Michael, the great Archangel to whom we pray at every Mass, has his feast on Sept. 29th. The feast of the Guardian Angels was observed last Saturday, Oct. 2nd, and at the end of the month, on Oct. 24th, we will mark the feast of St. Raphael.

Perhaps because we do not know very much about these unseen creatures, we tend to forget their importance and the role they play in our lives.

We don't know exactly when God created them, and we don't know how many He made. We don't know how many He turned against Him in that strange revolt led by Lucifer. And we haven't yet learned the precise way the loyal Angels assist us in our struggle to serve God.

**THE GREAT PROMISE** Daniel was granted a glimpse of heaven about 600 years before Christ was born. He saw ten thousand times a hundred thousand angels in shining raiment standing before God, and thousands of thousands ministering to Him. In the last book of the Bible, the Apocalypse, St. John tells us that about the year 100 he too saw heaven and saw thousands of thousands of angels around the throne of God.

Whatever may be the number or the nature of these citizens of heaven, we can turn our attention a bit more practically to our own Guardian Angel.

You may remember how Sister Terrence in First Grade had you sit to one side at your desk to leave room for your Angel next to you? It was a graphic way to impress little minds that a constant companion was with us to guard and protect you. You have undoubtedly seen the picture of an Angel keeping watch to prevent two little children from falling over a steep hill. The famous picture illustrating this article helps us to realize that the Prince of Guardian Angels, St. Michael, is our defense against the evil spirits, who seek our ruin and destruction.

Our Lord Himself told us that we have one of these bright spirits from heaven as a guardian. As He held a child near His Sacred Heart and told His disciples to imitate the sincerity and trust of little children, Jesus also warned them, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you, their angels in heaven always behold the face of My Father in heaven."

Even the Jewish people knew of the Guardian Angels for David in the Psalms had said, "God has given His Angels charge over thee . . ."

This is an overwhelming thought, if we really stop to ponder it. If it does not awe and thrill us a bit, it is because we take this fact as so many other gifts of God, too much for granted.

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St. Michael is the Guardian Angel of the Church throughout the world. He is the archangel who achieved the victory over Lucifer and still fights for mankind against the Devil's attacks. Our Guardian Angels are subject to him in the never-ending struggle to rescue our souls from the snares of Satan.

wrought on souls by the ravages of the devil and his fallen legions. This holy Pope then ordered that a special prayer be said after every Low Mass, asking the good Angels under St. Michael to defend us. In this battle.

Each day that we succeed in this struggle, we must remember that we have not attained the victory by ourselves. It is a great measure, any success we have is simply because our Guardian Angel aided and protected us.

Our Guardian Angel is entrusted with the delicate and critical task of assisting each of us to save our souls. Your Angel can read, even influence, your thoughts and desires. Your Angel can prompt wholesome, generous, devout, Christ-like thoughts and counteract the wayward inclinations instigated by the devil or our own weakness. Your Angel can assist you in your study, in planning your work or carrying out your job.

These good Angels are interested in our earthly welfare too. They guard us from the dangers which threaten our body, ward off dangers, shield us from accidents, console us in trials and misfortune.

St. Raphael, the Angel companion to Tobias, told him that "I offered thy prayer to the Lord." Our Angels carry our feeble prayers to the presence of God.

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of the Vatican Museums. He saw the triple crown and crossed keys represent the authority of the Pope as head of the Church, and ruler of the Vatican.

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### CATHOLIC QUIZ

Communion and Rosary

## Communion At Evening Mass

How long do I have to fast if I go to Communion at an evening Mass?

To receive Communion at a Mass celebrated after 4 p.m. (1) Abstin from alcoholic drinks from previous midnight;

(2) Abstain from solid food for three hours before Communion;

(3) Abstain from liquid nourishment for one hour before Communion;

(4) Water, of course, may be taken any time.

If you have any questions as to exact time of Communion, consult your parish priest.

What are the seven sorrows of Our Lady?

The seven sorrows or dolours of Our Blessed Mother are usually given as follows:

- 1) Simeon's prediction that her son would be cruelly rejected.
- 2) The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt.
- 3) Christ's disappearance from His parents in the temple.
- 4) Mary's suffering while her son was on the road to Calvary.
- 5) Mary's witnessing the death of Christ on the cross.
- 6) The receiving of the dead body of her son into her arms, and
- 7) the separation of son and mother at the sepulchre.

The Church commemorates the seven sorrows of Mary twice yearly in her official calendar. One of the feasts of the seven sorrows was on September 15. The other is celebrated on the Friday of Passion week.

Where does it say in the Bible that we should show so much devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary? And if there is something in the Bible about it, why don't Protestants observe it?

The basic reason why we honor Mary is simply that we want to be like Jesus Christ and we know He loved and revered His Blessed Mother. The first chapter of St. Luke's Gospel tells us how God sent an angel to Mary to salute her as

"full of grace" and invite her to become the Mother of the Savior. Throughout His infancy, at the beginning of His public life, at the working of His first miracle, frequently during His preaching, finally on Calvary, Jesus associated Himself and His redeeming work intimately with His Mother Mary.

The Acts of the Apostles inform us that Mary was with the Apostles at the coming of the Holy Spirit and subsequent Christian tradition has always recognized that true Christian, like Christ, will honor the Mother of Christ.

Many sincere Bible-reading Protestants realize that their churches seriously neglect Mary. There are occasional efforts on the part of ministers and devout non-Catholics to revive this reverence for the Blessed Virgin. Protestant tradition seems stronger than these efforts, however, and in consequence, our Lady is relegated to a very inconspicuous position.

Do I have to have my Rosary blessed before using it?

There are some indulgences attached to a Rosary only if it is properly blessed by a priest. Meantime, however, we may certainly use the Rosary and gain the ordinary graces that come from any prayer or meditation.

The form for blessing a Rosary is very simple and you may ask a priest whenever you choose to meet him to bless your Rosary and thereby gain the many rich indulgences intended for you.

Is it all right to operate an automatic test to experiment for scientific research?

It is not all right, provided the animals are not made to suffer needlessly and there is a good reason for the experiment. God gave the lesser creatures to us for our benefit—for food and clothing and work. The first chapters of the Book of Genesis make that very clear.

Using animals for research and test purposes has greatly benefited the human race and enabled doctors to ease human suffering and lengthen life.

### SUNDAY SERMON

Parish Church House of God

At first glance, the theme of this Sunday's Mass appears to be the power of Jesus to forgive sin. In reality, the different texts of this Mass were once used for the ceremony of dedicating a church.

The Epistle tells us that the church is the place where we hear the word of God; the Gospel indicates that it is the place where we obtain forgiveness. The Offertory verse refers to the altar of sacrifice and the Communion verse speaks of the procession to the Lord's banquet table. This Sunday, therefore, provides us with points of meditation concerning our parish church.

THOMAS A. EMERSON in his classic "Imitation of Christ" says: "After I have fasted (fasted among men) I have returned (fasted) to my Father's House and I have come out a better man."

Every Catholic Church is indeed the House of God, the vestibule of heaven. Throughout our busy week, we spend hours after hours in a factory or office or shop, or at home absorbed in our earthly cares. Our minds are bound to be made captive by temporal concerns and anxieties. But then on Sunday, we make our pilgrimage to our parish church where everything reminds us that we must lift our hearts to God, because we have been born for things greater than the trials of earth.

So many of us these days move from one city or neighborhood to another, or we just go to some particular church, we like it, however, we have lived in the same area for years. If perhaps our parents lived here before us, then there is something moving about the old parish church.

There, before we were born, our parents and grandparents had gone to worship; there, we were given the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. And it might be that before the humble altar we pledged our vows in marriage. There we brought our loved ones for their Requiem, and so often we found comfort and courage in the shadows of an evening visit.

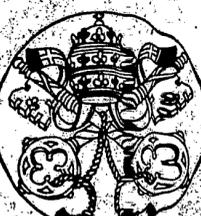
Even though we may have moved many times, we still are drawn to the old parish church.

Just as the Gospel tells us Christ cured the cripple, so He cures our paralyzed souls from sin, restoring them to grace through the Confessional. If Confessionals could talk, what a litany of peace and pardon they could chant—telling of the thousands who entered black as night and left radiant with the grace and friendship of God.

Finally, the altar, the most sacred object in church, the table of sacrifice and sacrament. There Christ's great sacrifice of Calvary is renewed, there He repeats His Supper, and there in the tabernacle He remains as the Guest of our church.

As we assist at Mass this Sunday and look about our parish church, our minds may wander to the days when it was under construction. Architects, carpenters, masons, all spent hours of patient, hard work to erect this House of God. In a far more important sense, we are still building a House for God. Pulpit, Confessional, and Altar are the tools whereby we can fashion our souls into a home where God will be pleased to dwell.

### Church Symbols



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### TEEN TOPICS

Kathleen Bond, Mercy

Kathleen Bond, Senior at Mercy High School, Rochester, and member of St. Salome's Parish is Recording Secretary of Mercy's Sodality and Prefect of her Parish Sodality. Kathleen is enrolled in Mercy's business course and has an Honor Roll rating. She has been a choir-girl at St. Salome's for the past six years and will play the lead role in the Senior Play. Just in case there might be a few minutes to spare, Kathleen has activities to do as a member of St. Salome's Youth Club, or Mercy's C.S.M.C. and Thespians.

Forty Hours is her favorite devotion, and she likes the hymn *Pink Angelus*. Eddie Dougherty's "Gail and Honey" is listed as her best-loved book and she enjoyed the movie "Student Prince." Kathleen said that "Voice of Firestone" was her preferred TV show.

Although Kathleen can't get to Mass every day, she does try to get there at least once or twice during the week and thinks that every good Catholic High School

er will receive the Sacraments every week.

"I like activities in which the whole school enters spiritfully into the planning and fun," Kathleen told us, "such as our Field Day and Mission Day. I think HONESTY is the most important virtue for high schoolers to develop in their life, because it covers a multitude of actions. If you have this virtue, you will be honest with God, thereby follow His teachings; you will also be honest with our fellow-men, which means respecting his rights and realizing our obligations to him at work, school, or recreation." Kathleen put it all down as one of the greatest dangers to young people.

At Mercy, daily Rosary is recited at Mary's Grotto shrine during October. It encourages Mary's desire that we say the Rosary, Kathleen comments, "and keeps an awareness in us that it is Mary's month and her year."

From her activities as Sodality, Kathleen thinks "it has instilled in us a love of our Lady, the Divine Son, and our fellow-man. The C.S.M.C. has made me aware of the Mystical Body of Christ and thereby increased our Christianity to others."

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