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Mary Donadlo.

By REV. LEO DUNN, C.SS.R.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Diocese of Rochester

This is Father Dunns First Friday article and points

to the coming season of Lent. Father Dunn, besides his work at the school's office, is director of novena

services of Our Lady of Perpetual Help held Wednes-days at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester.

The most misunderstood person ever to walk the face of the earth was Jesus Christ, Even those who

knew Him best and loved Him were slow to grasp

His message A few short years after His Ascension, the Churches of Antioch and Jerusalem were divided on precisely what was the more perfect way to follow Christ. We learn this from the Epistles of St. Paul. No other

many Catholics. Some consid-

or Lent as a sesson of mortification, as though there is

no need for penance at other

times. And some think that

Lent is a mere disciplinary

measure, introduced to re-

mind Catholics that they are

different from other people;

Lent is simply part of being a Catholic. Then there are others who think Lent is a

hold over from the Dark Ages. Once the Church "ad-

justs, fasting and other forms of panance will become historical oddities. Thus Christ is still misunderstood

It is true to say that the season of Lent is an histori-cal development. But this fact

does not minimize its im-portance. Lent has gradually

the Church year and an in-tegral part of the official (Liturgical) worship of the Church In ancient times the

Church always used the Literay to teach the faithful

There are no reach the falling.
There are no melocic attraction classes. By introducing and developing the Lenter framen, and also by using appropriate prayers and Scripture texts during this time, Holy Mother the

Church instructed the faith-

On Tuesday of the first teel of Lent, we say this prayer at Mass: "Look down

upon your family, Lord, and

grant that our souls, chastened by the mortification of the fiesh, may glow in your sight with the desire of pos-

What is important to un-derstand in that we do not do primaree and fast because the Church invented Lant. But

rather the contrary is true,

this would be to distort com-

pictoly even the purpose of Christ's becoming man.

A mistaken idea about Lent

begins with an even bigger

mistake about Christ. For

some, Our Lord looms large

hearted person who could not stand the sight of suffering.

But Christ did not become

sessing you."

in our day.

religious leader in the his-

fory of mankind has so many followers being faithful in so

many contrary ways. And yet, all claim that they possess

Today there are Catholics

who feel that they under-stand Christ "better" than

His Church does. "The

Church is out of contact," is

about how they express it.

The emotional-charged prob-

lems of divorce and birth con-

trol come immediately to

mind in this regard. "If

Christ were on earth today.".

they say, "things would be

easier. He would under-stand." Unfortunately, they

Christ's true message.

the se hid down was the stier noceasity of penance and mentification. Leni's Penance Door to Life

St. Paul echoing the thought of Christ, wrote these sad words: "For many walk, of whom I have fold you often and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is ruin, their God is the belly, their glory is in their shame, they mind the things of the earth." (Philip. 2, 17-20) The great Apostle could draw this ugly portrait of a sinner because portrait of a sinner because Christ Himself had already sketched the outline of a faithful disciple: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For what does it profit a manufic he gain the whole world but suffer the loss of his own soul," (Matt. 16, 24-26)

Like an unbroken thread in a tapestry, the theme of penance and self-denial is repeated again and again in the life of Christ, Almost the first words we hear from the lips of John the Baptist are: Bring forth, therefore, fruit belitting repentance," In His preaching, Christ frequently returned to this thought. Finally, as if to show us beyond my possible doubt what He meant. He deliberately submitted to the unmitigated agony of the cross.

Mortification and penance are closely entwined about the Cross of our Saviour. He died because of our sins. He died to wipe away the shame of rebellion against God: Surely, if we want to follow. Christ, we can do so only on His terms. "And" He, who does not carry his cross and follow me, cannot be my dis-ciple. (Luke, 14, 27)

Could Christ expect less of us? And what could our cross be other than a continuing struggle against all that could separate us from our Be-

And we le becomes a steuzrie arithst ourselves, as St. Paul saw it: "For I am de-lighted with the A., of God secording to the inner man. but I see another law in my mombers, warring against the law of my mind and making me prisoner to the law of sin that is in my members." (Rom. 7. 22-23)

It is clear then that the pleasures of sense and the flesh cannot be our life. If this is what we live for then we are lost and we have al-ready lost our true life. On the other hand, if we figur against our inclinations to selfish and sensual pleasures. we, in a real way, die, but in we, in a real way, de but in doing so, we gain another and far better life. "For he who would save his life will lose it; but he who loses his life for my sake, will find it."

(Matt. 16, 25)

Lent means hardship, self-denial. But Lerit means life, the divine life that Christ has come to share with us. To carry our cross after Christ is to be a Christian; there is no other way. Mortification and penance allow us to ask Our Lord to "grant that our souls, chastened by mortification of the flesh, may glow in His sight with the desire of possessing Him."

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Pope Cites St. Paul Model for Athletes

Valican City — (ENS) — Pope John XXIII stresses, the importance of the maxim "a sound mind in a healthy body" in speaking to participants of Italy's first National Sports Convention. The postiff referred to the figure of the Apostic

Paul as an example of physical strength and spiritual ardor, particularly for young people. He also praised the "exemplary sobriety" of athletes. Today, the Pope said, distances have thrunk, al-

UN Promises New Book On Hong Kong **Atrocities**

New York — The work of a New Rochelle, N.Y. sariest, Monsignor John Romaniello, is described in a new book published this month entitled, "Hong Kong." It was written by Gene Gleason, a staff correspondent for the New York Harated Tribents. Herald Tribune.

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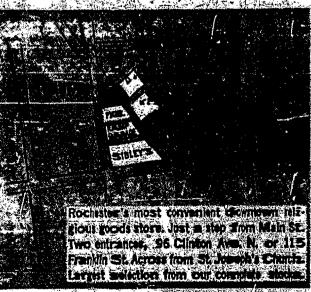
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The reports blamed the ex-cases on Ethephan and Tu-nislan troops serving with the UN forces.

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His ruling upset a bar to the ractice instituted by the Town ship Board of Education and affecting three achools built with federal funds at McGuire Air Force Base

There is only one locally built elementary school in the school district. The four schools have a total enrollment of 2,300 children, 2,000 of whom are children, of military personnel at McGuire.

Atr Force officials had ask.

ed the town's school board for permission to use the schools on Sundays and after school hours to give religious and moral instruction. New Jersey law allows school districts to permit non-school use for a wide variety of purposes, al hough religious training is not mentioned specifically. The Board of Education jurn

d down the Air-Force request because of its own policy for-bidding use of school buildings on Sundays and holldays "ex-cept under unusual circum-stances."

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The first was "I Saw Poyers" the second, "I Saw Holiness This column is called "I Saw Rartyrdom."

There has never been a Council in the history of The Church where there were more martyrs present than at this Twenty-second Council. The only one which could employ with it was the Council of Nices, which took place after the Roman persecutions, but the total of bishess at that Council sid not equal the number of martyrs at this one. When we speak of martyrs, we do not mean fret martyrs" but "dry martyrs." "Wet martyrs" shed their-blood and die once: "dry martyrs" are brought to the point of death through brain-washing, torture and imprisonment and "die" a thousand deaths without dying. The Romans during the persecutions wanted the blood of Christians. The Communists know that "the blood of martyri is the seed of Christians": they seek their souls, not their blood.

If we added up the number of years served in prison by the bishops at this Council, they would amount to at least 500 years. Two of the bishops whom I saw walk to their seats every morning had taken part in death marches. An American Of ficer wrote of one of them: "Every time I saw him, exhausted though he was, he was carrying a man on his back." Another bishop, from Jugoslavia, was imprisoned at the same time as bishop, from Yugoslavia, was imprisoned at the same time as The necessity of self-restraint. Archbishop Stepinac. Witnesses state that whenever he went out for a walk in the prison yard doves would riv down and rest on his shoulders. The Communists killed the dover because they said they were "carrying messages."

The necessity of self-restraint and messages because the Leaten Season. To ignore out for a walk in the prison yard doves would ily down and they said they were "carrying messages."

Who are these men? They are, as Scripture calls them, "Witnesses to Christ," for that is the meaning of martyrs. And there we were, American bishops from our prosperous land, privileged to walk talk, sit and eat with those who could say with Paul; "I am giad of my sufferings on your behalf as, in this mortal frame of mind, I help pay off the debt which the afflictions of Christ still leave to be paid, for the sake of his Body, the Chifreh."

The Divine guarantee of the success of the Council is the Holy Spirit; the fruman guarantee of success is the martyr-bishops who help redeem the rest of us. The God in heaven knows that we in the United States have to become martyrs too-not blood martyrs, not brain-washed-martyrs, but prayer-martyrs and money martyrs for the cake of the Church. We American bishops, priests, religious and latty are part of the same Mys-tical Body as they are. They are saving the world; we must save them. To say to those martyrs, "There are no more. Mass stipends" or "Remember that we only get an average percapith contribution of 27 cents from United States Catholics each year to aid you" is to break one's heart. In the name of the Lord, lawyers, doctors, nurses, students, housewives, everyone . . . pray, sacrifice, do something for our martyr church. When you send an offering to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it goes directly to the Holy Father for those suffering

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