Church Music Concert At Old St. Mary's

A concert of Catholic church music will be presented by St. Mary's Choir at Old St. Mary's Church, South Street, Sunday, March 8 at 3:30 o'clock.

St. Mary's Choir draws its members from the Greater Rochester area for the purpose of performing the best in Catholic Church music.

The program will feature Gregorian plainsong from Passiontide and Easter and a modern Mass setting by Jan Nieland. Some motets and a contemporary Alleluia by Staf Nees will conclude the program.

Thomas Donohue is organist and choirmaster. The public is invited.

Luke Hart, KC Head, Dies at 83

New Haven — (RNS) — Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic fraternal organization, died suddenly here at the age of 83.

He had been active and at his desk in the K. of C. national headquarters two days before his death in St. Raphael's Hospital. An attorney, he was associated with the K. of C. most of his life and was known throughout the society as "Mr. Knights of Columbus."

According to K. of C. rules, the duties of the Supreme Knight are assumed by the Deputy Supreme Knight, Dr. John W. McDevitt, formerly of Waltham, Mass., and now a resident of New Haven.

The Knights membership grew, during the ten years of Mr. Hart's leadership, from 870,000 to 1,150,000, and the society's insurance in force an operation in which he was intensely interested, increased from $425 million to $1 billion, 150 millions.

In recent years, Mr. Hart sponsored three of the society's most noteworthy projects. He was a leading figure in the inauguration of the Catholic advertising program sponsored by the Knights in newspapers and periodicals of large circulation. These have resulted in more than 5 million inquiries and requests for instruction in the Catholic religion.

He also sponsored the microfilming of 40,000 documents in the Vatican Library, which are now available for scholarly research in facilities provided by the Knights at St. Louis University.

Through his initiative and others, the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was amended in May, 1954, to include the words "under God" after the word "nation" in order to emphasize U. S. dependence upon the Creator.

He was responsible for the initiation and direction of a major achievement by which the Knights contributed $1,150,000 for the building of the Campanile, or bell tower of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., and the installation of the carillon.

Many honors were accorded Mr. Hart during the 56 years he served the Knights as a member of the Board of Directors, to which he was elected in 1918, as Supreme Advocate from 1922 to 1953, and then as Supreme Knight.

Pope John XXIII, in 1962, made him a Knight Commander with Star of the Order of Pius IX, an honor second only to that of the Supreme Order of Christ, given only to rulers and heads of state. He was also a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great and, in 1951, was made a Privy Chamberlain of Cape and Sword by Pope Pius XII.

Mr. Hart was a member of the organization committee of the National Catholic War Council, in 1917, and was also a member and an incorporator of the executive committee which formed the United Service Organizations (USO) in 1940.

Born near Maloy, Iowa, Mr. Hart moved to St. Louis where he began practice of law in 1905. He was active in civic and welfare activities there until he moved to New Haven when he took office as Supreme Knight in 1953.

He was well known in the insurance industry and among the insurance commissioners of the United States. In 1951, he was elected president of the National Fraternal Congress, which has a membership of 110 fraternal societies representing more than 9 million members.

Mr. Hart was buried in Calvary cemetery, in St. Louis, after a pontifical Mass of Requiem offered by Bishop Charles P. Greco of Alexandria, La., Supreme Chaplain of the K. of C.

AFL-CIO Backs Aid For Pupils' Textbooks

Albany — (RNS) — Strong support for a bill which would provide some textbooks to private and church-related high school students was urged here by the New York State AFL-CIO.

It endorsed bills introduced by Assemblyman William J. Ferrall and by State Senator Guy J. Mangano which would use public funds to supply science, mathematics and foreign language texts in non-public high schools. A similar system now exists in Rhode Island.

In a memorandum distributed to all members of the state legislature, the labor group maintained that "there is nothing in the federal or state constitutions that forbids the use of public funds for the education of our youth in secular subjects in public or in church or other non-profit schools."

THE AFL-CIO supported its position by citing numerous federal programs as well as the opinions of several judges and constitutional lawyers.

Crux of the labor group's argument is that the bill benefits the individual citizen and not a religious group or institution.

"The beneficiaries of public expenditures for textbook programs are the individual students and their parents; consequently the question of separation of church and state cannot properly be raised," it said.

"The principle that the state can subsidize the individual citizen without subsidizing the religion to which he adheres or the religious organizations to which he belongs has been repeatedly enunciated by the Supreme Court of the United States."

Opposition to the textbook bill has come from the American Civil Liberties Union, which described the measure as "on its face unconstitutional," on the grounds that "what masquerades as aid to pupils is in reality sectarian and denominational aid to schools."

The labor union, however, called the bill "an important step forward in the cause of equal educational opportunities for all young people in this state."

Council to Have 1965 Session

The Vatican Council is expected to have a fourth session in 1965. Pope Paul, who frequently has indicated he hoped the Council would finish its business this year, is now reported as wanting a 1965 meeting so as not to cut short free discussion by the bishops.

The report originated from Jesuit Father Johannes Hirschmann of Essen, Germany, a peritus-expert at the Council, according to a recent notice in the London Tablet, a weekly newspaper.

God's World

Do It Now!

By REV. LEO J. TRESE

"I really ought to . . ." These are words spoken quite frequently in the average home. The frequency with which we speak the words provides a pretty good index of the degree to which we have developed self-discipline. Self-discipline is the ability to make ourselves do, now, something which should be done, however distasteful the task may be.

Let us assume that you have been watching the early-evening news program on television. The program ends. Do you rise immediately, turn off the TV set, and go to fix that leaking faucet or sticking door, write that long-overdue letter or balance the checkbook against the bank statement which came today?

Or do you remain staring at the TV screen through a succession of commercials, then find yourself trapped as a new program begins? It may be a third-rate program, but you have to see it through to the end.

Instead of a television set it may be a newspaper in which, after scanning the principle news stories, you still must persue a host of filler-items of no significance. Or it may be a phone call to a friend who can be depended upon to keep you in conversation for half an hour or more. Or it may be a trip to the drugstore where, after buying your cigarettes, you can browse among the magazines and linger over the greeting card rack. Anything rather than get at the things which need doing.

THE PERSON who procrastinates, who always postpones distasteful duties as long as possible, is lacking in self-discipline. He or she is lacking in mastery over self. He or she is a victim of the vice of sloth.

It is not for nothing that sloth is classified as one of the seven capital sins. Sloth is bad enough on the natural level, where it wastes so much of precious time and of human resources. Because of sloth, physical, or mental, work is neglected or done in shoddy fashion. Duties are skimped. Acts of charity are omitted. Evils which should be corrected are allowed to accumulate and to grow in intensity.

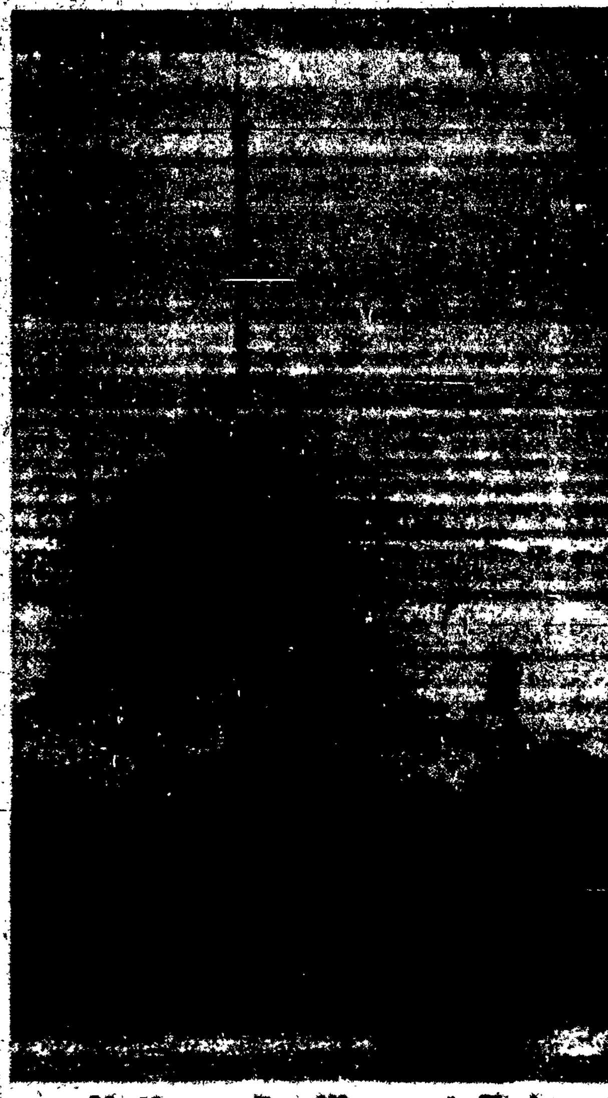
On the supernatural level the effects of sloth are even more damaging. We quiet an accusing conscience by promising that "some day soon" we shall begin to pray more regularly, receive the sacraments more frequently, stop drinking so much, quit the gossip or give up some other habit or occasion of sin which is impeding spiritual progress. The "some day soon" seems never to come.

Sloth is not an incurable affliction. Most of us slip into our procrastinating habits by inadvertence. We let ourselves follow the line of least resistence without realizing that, in so doing, we are abandoning command over self.

SELF - DISCIPLINE like any other habit, is developed and deepened by practice. We begin by resolving, "From now on, when there is something that should be done, I shall do it immediately. If something has to be postponed, it will be my own ease and pleasure, not my duties." The implementation of this resolve will call for considerable firmness. Sloth yields, but it yields stubbornly.

However, as time goes on we begin to enjoy a sense of satisfaction in disposing of tasks and duties as they occur. It is such a good feeling to know that we are "on top of ourselves," that we are in the driver's seat, effectively managing our time and energies. Moreover, we are released from the hidden tensions which we suffer when conscience continually chides us for duties undone. With "do it now" as our motto, we enjoy our leisure twice as much when we come to it, because our leisure is unmarred by uneasy awareness of neglected obligations.

In our spiritual life, especially, conquest of sloth will have remarkable results. Each new act of self-discipline brings an increase of grace. We begin to enjoy the religious practices and acts of charity which formerly were a burden grudgingly borne. We are able to look at the crucifix without having to turn our eyes quickly and guiltily away.



Vatican Pavilion at Fair

New York — (RNS) — A huge crane hoists a 42-foot, three dimensional cross atop the Vatican Pavilion at the New York World's Fair. Watching are, left to right, Msgr. Timothy J. Flynn, director of information, New York Catholic archdiocese; V. K. Jonynas (partially hidden), of the art studio of Jonynas and Shepherd, New York, who designed the cross; and Father John J. Gorman of New York. Made of gold-color aluminum, the cross has thin metal needles of stainless steel which appear on the structure like rays. With the cross in place, the pavilion is 100 feet high. Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, is president of the pavilion, built through contributions from Catholics around the world. The Vatican exhibit is scheduled to open April 21. Pope Paul VI will send Paolo Cardinal Merella, Archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica, as his Papal Legate.

Father, Son Team Work On Vatican Fair Unit

Gutenberg, N.J. — (NC) — A 42-foot aluminum cross was hoisted atop the framework of the Vatican Pavilion at the New York World's Fair recently marking another step on the road to the pavilion's April dedication.

The cross was the work of a company here — the Columbian Art Metal Works, which now has started work on the altar for the pavilion.

DIRECTING the Columbian Art Metal Works is a father-and-son team. Joseph Clocher, 66, a native of Italy, is founder of the firm and he admits to a liking for the traditional. His son, George, 31, leans toward the avant garde work.

The 1½-ton pavilion cross ranks in the latter category. It took two months of work by George and most of the 12 assistants in the shop to complete it and costs nearly $8,000. Of gold aluminum, it rises from a crown-like base. Also extending from the base in a fan shape are slim stainless steel shafts that will shimmer like rays of light.

"It is an eye-catching piece," George Clocher said. "It will be very dramatic with all the lights playing on it. It will even look good from the air."

George admits that he and his father "battle now and then" over their disparate tastes in art. Said the elder Clocher, "modern art is all right as long as it can be understood without a sign under it to tell what it is."

Of the cross for the Vatican Pavilion, he says simply: "I like it very much."

'Slaves' Again In Rochester

Six Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary were in Rochester this week to peddle their publications to support their group.

The Slaves are disciples of excommunicated Jesuit priest Father Leonard Feeney of Boston.

Their publications do not bear the imprimatur (authorization) of Catholic Church officials. Catholics, therefore, are advised not to purchase such items nor read them.

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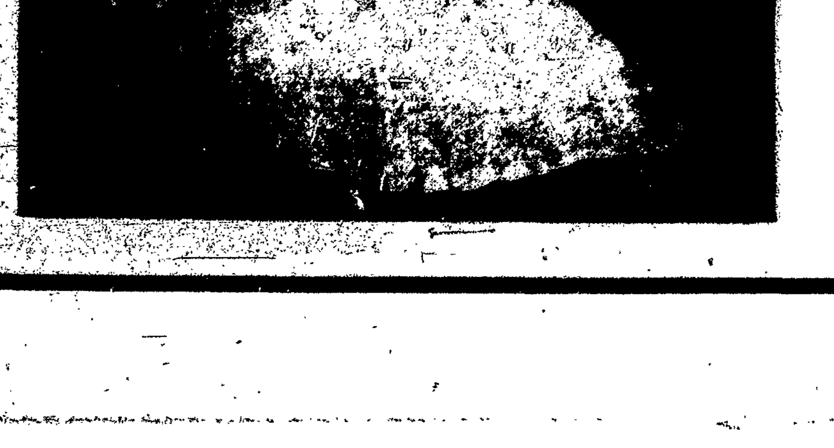
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