

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan
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CHRISTIAN CHARITY

A few weeks ago one of the daily papers carried an article with a heading to this effect: "The provision of low-cost medicine will rule out the need of charity. This is a startling statement, and, of course, it is absolutely untrue, for charity will always be necessary. Without charity, we will make no advances in life, personally, nationally or internationally."

Doubtless, the writer had in mind a different idea of charity and was thinking of it in the limited sense of providing relief for people in need. Nevertheless, this statement reflects an attitude of mind which is common today. It is the idea that science, money and techniques can solve and cure all human problems.

It is true that the wonders of modern medicine, the latest scientific discoveries and the advances in techniques of all kinds can assist mankind in unlimited ways, but we must never forget that charity, as the love of God and neighbor, can never be displaced. In fact, it is because we have forgotten the true meaning of charity as love, and confused it with the idea of distributing money to the needy, that we find ourselves in such a helpless and perplexing situation today.

Neither man nor society is a machine, and so we cannot treat the human and social problems in a purely mechanical or scientific way. The problems of life and society require a human and personal solution and at the basis of every solution there must be charity. If charity is buttressed by the power of science, there may be progress; but if we rely solely on our material strength, on our scientific discoveries and techniques, then we are building on shifting sands. Are we not in this situation today? While we have made great strides in a material way, have we not forgotten that the soul of life is charity? Is not the root sin of today pride, and love of self rather than love of neighbor? How else do we account for the tragedies of life and the prevalence of war?

We are a proud people, and proud of our discoveries. Last week we thrilled to see the power which man has now within his grasp in the use of atomic energy, when the whole continent was brought into visible contact with the United States. Man is proud that his brain has been successful in discovering one of the ultimate secrets of the

universe. He is filled with pride now that he can fly faster than sound; proud of a thousand gadgets, proud of plastics, radar, television and electronic machines. But there is an uneasiness in man's pride, for he is beginning to realize it is one thing to make these discoveries and quite another thing to control their uses. The shiny and efficient gadgets may well be the instruments of our destruction. And so man today finds himself a victim of fear. He cannot master the secrets of nature but he cannot master his own heart nor the heart of society.

He strives with all his might and with all his gadgets to produce a serene and ordered world, but that it seems to be further from his grasp. And we wonder why? Can we not attribute this baneful disorder to the almost extinct sense of charity and fraternity? The world in which we live is cold because it has lost its soul—love of God, and its consequent, love of neighbor. This is the meaning of charity.

As long as we consider charity simply as the distribution of money or food or medical relief, then our efforts are in vain. For the needs of the poor, the sick, the mentally deficient can well be handled by some organization. But as St. Paul tells us, if we distribute our goods to the poor and have not charity, then our efforts are in vain; they are as nothing. The distribution of medicine or money may well relieve the needs of others, but unless it is the result of a genuine love of others, then nothing is really accomplished. For nothing has been done to ourselves; we have not penetrated the iron curtain of our own selfishness and pride. As long as we remain selfish individuals, the world will continue along its destructive course. A world united is an impossibility if it is composed of self-centred individuals.

Long ago, Aristotle defined man as a social animal. Men and women are not self-sufficient; they need society if they are to have a full, rich life economically, politically, scientifically and culturally. But, much deeper than that, they must love their neighbor because of God, and in that way they must share their loves, they must work together.

Wherever you look in the world, there seems to be greed and selfishness and fear and cruelty, and the hatred to which these things give rise. But there is one thing, and only one, which is stronger than hatred of God and humanity, and it is love of God and humanity. The Communists have tried to separate these; they have attempted to love humanity without God. We know what has happened. If we love God and humanity—each of us—we can turn the world from the danger of death. As we pause this week to think of the Passion of Christ, let us remember that the message from the Cross, from Christ, is CHARITY.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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DR. J. A. McMILLAN will be absent from his office April 1 to April 27.

TONIGHT hear Frank W. Curtis speak on "Community Planning" over CFCY at 10.30.

ONE HOUR SERVICE Good Friday 3 P. M. Zion Church, Charlottetown Ministerial Association.

MOTHERS CLASSES for Mothers to be held by the Public Health Nurses. Phone 1345 for information.

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PILGRIMAGE PLAY - Full length movie on the life of Christ to be shown in Hearts Hall on Tuesday, 31st. Tickets obtainable at door. Shows 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

FAVORABLE COMMENTS - Many favourable and complimentary remarks were forthcoming at Henderson and Oudmore during the week-end over the improvement in the store accommodation. Tribute was also paid to the late Mr. H.S. Henderson, the original partner with Mr. T.R. Oudmore in 1914, by several store visitors, who commented on his salesmanship and recalled with pleasure his unfailing courtesy and affability during the years of his partnership.

FUNERAL SATURDAY - The funeral of the late Joseph A. Gallant who died at the Charlottetown Hospital March 26th was held Saturday morning from his late residence Hope River to St. Ann's Church, Hope River. Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. J. E. Dalton who also conducted the service at the grave. The pall bearers were: James Gallant, Joseph Gallant, Leo Gallant, Angus Gallant, Aubrey Gallant and John Dolron. Interment was in the church cemetery.

MALPEQUE W. I.

The regular meeting of the Malpeque Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Owen on Wednesday, March 4th. The meeting opened by repeating the "Creed" in unison with the president presiding. Thirteen members answered roll call and one visitor was present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$169.30 on hand. It was decided to donate \$20 to the Gallant family instead of having a card party.

The school committee reported the school had been scrubbed and new blackboards been put up. The sick committee reported fruit had been sent to the sick and flowers to two ladies who had been ill for some time. The new sick committee is Mrs. John MacNutt and Mrs. Sidney MacGougan.

Correspondence was then read and dealt with, which included two "thank you" notes, letters on Education Week, and a letter from Mrs. Oudmore re First Aid Course, and for which the institute decided to order 30 books, to meet in the Institute Room on March 13th with Mr. J. R. Murphy as instructor. Lastly a small token of appreciation was presented to the president for her untiring efforts to make the amateur contest a success.

IN MEMORIAM

SAUNDERS - In loving memory of my father, mother and brothers, who have passed away.

You left me a beautiful memory. A sorrow too great to be told. But to me who has loved and lost you, Your memory will never grow old.

Fondly remembered by Maud Fearden.

Canterbury, ecclesiastical capital of Britain, was the site of a Benedictine monastery in 878 AD.

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Pictured above are the principal actors in a recent production of "Sleeping Beauty in Loreland," staged at Notre Dame Academy.

Shown in the picture from left to right, are Thelma Dalton, the ambitious Queen; Margaret Smith, the much loved Sleeping Beauty; and Bernadette Gillis, as the vassillating King.

The middle picture shows Margaret Smith, left, as Sleeping Beauty in the wedding gown which she was wearing when the handsome Prince Charming, Alice Callaghan, awakened her.

At bottom are Kay Steele, as the hilarious butler, Bumps, and her sister, Virginia Steele, as the Black Fairy who cast the wicked spell on Beauty. (Photos by Craswell).

MAYOR'S BALL

VANCOUVER OP - The second annual mayor's ball to be held April 17 again will turn over all monetary proceeds to the

British Empire Games committee preparing for the games here in 1954. Mayor Fred Hume and Mrs. Hume are inviting other mayors and reeves, with members of the legislature.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Rachmel, Nurses and Staff of the P. E. Island Hospital for their kindness to me while a patient there, and to the Clergy-men that visited me. Also many friends that called to see me and brought fruit and those that sent flowers and cards.

Mrs. Harry MacNevin.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear Mother, Mrs. William Murphy, who passed away March 30th, 1952.

Gone dear Mother, gone forever, How we miss your kindly face, But you left us to remember, None on earth can take your place.

A happy home we once enjoyed, How sweet the memory still, But death has left a loneliness This world can never fill.

Lovingly Remembered by Son James and Daughter-in-Law Hazel.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of My Mother, MRS. WILLIAM SORRIE who passed away March 30th, 1952.

Your name is mentioned in somebody's prayers, Someone remembers, somebody cares, Morning and evening and all the days through, Someone is thinking, dear Mother of you.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. Wm. Murphy, who passed away March 30th, 1952.

One year has passed since that sad day, When one we loved was called away.

God took her home, it was His will Within our hearts she liveth still.

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MUSICAL FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, CHARLOTTETOWN

Dear Sir: I have been following with interest the recent correspondence in your column regarding the Concert Programmes and the fact the building selected for this purpose does not now prove large enough due to the increase in entries and the most wonderful response shown by the public in this worthwhile enterprise.

I have a suggestion which may not prove feasible at all but I have been wondering if the Friday evening programme which appears to be most popular could not be given in two halls, the same programme by the same artists, commencing in one hall say at eight o'clock and at eight-thirty in the second hall. This of course would mean that each artist would have to perform twice but I believe this plan would permit room for all performers, as well as audience, to be comfortably seated.

This is a brand new idea and possibly a solution but it might work tremendous hardships on accompanists who might be needed in two halls at the same time! Also would the artists be willing to perform twice? Let us hear from you please. Music Festival Concert Committee

Parents' Day At Notre Dame

The teachers and pupils of Grades I, II and III of Notre Dame Academy welcomed over a hundred parents to their classrooms on Wednesday afternoon. Thirty-two little girls of Grade I showed their parents how much they had already accomplished in their first year at school. They held a Catechism match, drilled on number combinations, played "Post Man" as a reading demonstration, and "It Was I" in a language lesson, recited choral selections and sang nursery rhymes.

In Grades II and III the pupils covered eight chapters of Catechism and the multiplication tables

Lenten Meditation

From The Columns of The Times, London

DISCIPLINED DESIRE

"The unruly wills and affections of sinful men", which God alone can set in order, are the manifestation of that recklessness of spirit which, in its turn, points to the absence of any strong and steady control of life's onward movement.

The visible course of a man's life may or may not be affected; so far as that is concerned he may abide in one stay. But it is precisely the lack of change in the external setting, in the daily environment, which may be full of peril for the soul, pressing heavily upon it, penetrating deeply within it, overclouding its vision and confusing its judgments.

The safeguard against this disordering of the personality a collect finds in the transference of the soul's attention from itself to God. The word "Thou" is the keyword: "grant unto thy people that they may love the things that thou commandest and desire that which thou dost promise." That is the very spirit of true religion.

The response of man to God can proceed only from an inner

harmony, from the love and desire of men attuned with the commands and promises of God.

He who has found the way out of his own restlessness, who is passing out of the inner country of misrule and morose where the waywardness of desire holds the will captive into the true freedom which is grounded in attention to God and adherence to Him, will not be at the mercy of external events.

In the collect the thought of "the sundry and manifold changes of the world" is introduced after the great prayer directed towards the soul's essential well-being through its response to God has been offered.

Where that response is given, though the response may seem at first to him who makes it to have in it more of desire than of achievement, the soul is secured against the pressure from without, the pressure of the changing moral scene, the victories which at times fall to the forces of evil, the vast uncertainty which hangs over the future.

CLINTON W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of Clinton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Ian Henderson on Tuesday evening, March 19th at 8 p.m. The meeting opened by the Institute Ode followed by the Creed in unison.

Roll call was answered by 12 members with an Irish Joke. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of the social evening showed they made \$40.95.

Red Cross work was given out and one sweater and two pairs of socks were handed in. No sick calls were made. It was moved and seconded that another "Care" parcel be sent to Korea. It was also moved and seconded that a request be sent for a donation of prints for quilts.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. James MacKay. The lunch committee will be Mrs. Bruce Clark, Mrs. Ian Henderson and Mrs. James MacKay. Roll call is to be answered with a housecleaning hint. On the programme will be Mrs. Wilfred Pickering and Mrs. Sterling MacKay.

Collection taken amounted to \$120. The meeting was closed by the "Queen", followed by two contests, a quiz contest by Mrs. Willard Riley, won by Mrs. George MacKay, Mrs. Wilfred Pickering, and Miss Vivian Woodside, and a clothes-pin contest by Miss Vivian Woodside, won by Mrs. Charles Woodside and Mrs. Sterling MacKay.

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| Prince Street | 2:30 p.m. |
| TUESDAY, MARCH 31st— | |
| West Kent | 1:30 p.m. |
| Rochford Square | 2:30 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st— | |
| Queen Square | 1:30 p.m. |
| Notre Dame | 2:30 p.m. |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd— | |
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