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The Catholic Digest.

Have you seen the new Catholic Digest? In size and arrangement it is much like the Reader's Digest and, also like the Reader's Digest, it appears monthly. But the Catholic Digest covers only Catholic books and magazines. Here are some excerpts from the January Number.

Therese Neumann; by Peter Talbot
Condensed from The Mother of Sorrows.

...Therese Neumann was stigmatized in 1926. On the night of March 4th, she was lying quietly in bed. "All at once," she relates, "I saw the Redeemer before me. I saw Him in the Garden of Olives...Suddenly I felt, as I saw the Saviour, such a pain in my side that I thought, now I am going to die! At the same time I felt something warm run down my side. It was blood." The stigmata of the wound in the side of Christ had been given her.....

....Since December 25, 1922, the stigmatist of Konnersreuth has partaken of no solid food. Until December 25, 1926, she took small quantities of liquid food, but since then, she has taken no food at all, neither solid nor liquid, excepting only a few drops of water, necessary for her in order to consume the particle of the Sacred Species when receiving Holy Communion. However, since August 6, 1927, she has not taken even these few drops of water.....

A Layman Looks at Liturgy; by Donald Attwater
Condensed from Orate Fratres.

...This is an age of cultural corruption. The most significant marks of a Christian culture are appreciation of the unity of Christendom and of the Christian orientation of every lawful human activity. Where is the mark of Christianity on Jazz, on our financial system, our industrial system, our art (ecclesiastical or other), our politics (international or parish-pump), our social organization?

.....Chaucer's boy sang "Angelus ad virginem" as he went about his lawful (or unlawful) occupations because that was the sort of music he heard most often and knew best; we sing the gems of Bing Crosby and Connie Boswell for the same reason. That sort of thing more than anything else is what prevents our communal worship from being spontaneously liturgical. The conditions of our social and industrial life induce a culture of their own, violently artificial and grossly unhuman, but now generally accepted by Catholics as by everybody else, as quite natural.... The "liturgical movement" will cease to be a limited movement tinkering with the symptoms of our disease, and become really constructive and spirit-healing, only when the conditions of our social and industrial life have been changed.....

"Twenty Million Catholics"; by Francis X. Talbot, S.J.
Condensed from "The Preservation of the Faith."

....According to the 1936 tabulations, 63,454 dwellers in the United States were inspired by God to seek our brotherhood in the Catholic Church. Happy though I be that there are so many thousands joining us, I fear there are not enough to prove conclusively that the Church in the United States is dynamically apostolic.

...Have 63,454 Catholics lost their Faith during the same period....do the yearly perverts equal the annual converts?Let us preserve the Faith to each one who has it. If we had done that since the birth of the nation we would now be the rulers of the nation.

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PRAYERS: Ill, grandmother of Joe Welch (Walsh); Fr. Hugo Hoever, O. Cist. (How.); Mr. Robert E. Kindler, friend of Jim Byrne (Cav.); mother of Brother Bonaventure, C.S.C. deceased.