

# The Cathedralite

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*Habemus Papam*

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FIRST EDITION

Those who have been acquainted with the Fourth Year paper in the past few years probably have already noticed (or if they haven't, a quickly thrown glance at the first page of our little magazine will immediately inform them) that we of the present Fourth Year are holding with a tradition, by now firmly established, for the senior class' paper - -we are changing the paper's name.

The reason for the adoption of a new name is very simple - we didn't like the old one. The reason for our plagiarism in securing the new name is also quite understandable.

"The Cathedralite" is the name which we have chosen or stolen, whichever you will, for this year's publication. We have chosen "The Cathedralite" because, better than any other name, original or otherwise, which we could think of, it expressed and expresses the field with which this year's class paper shall chiefly concern itself. While not so comprehensive as the field of literature or that of sports, the particular area in which we are specializing is by no means inferior to either of these; and indeed could be claimed by many to be superior to both.

Cathedral College and the students of Cathedral College are that field, and from it we do not intend to stray.

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POPE JOHN XXIII

James C. Maloney

On the afternoon of October 28, 1958, a small puff of white smoke rose from an ancient chimney and was enveloped by the clear, blue Italian sky hovering over St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. With it went the joyous cry of millions of people, not only in Rome, but all over the world. This was the culmination of 11 ballots taken by the 51 cardinals from 21 countries. When the short, amiable, portly person of Roncalli stepped out onto the balcony, the throng of people in the surrounding square greeted him with a tumult of applause and cheering befitting the 262nd Pontiff. Thus began the reign of Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Patriarch of the West, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province, Sovereign of the State and City of the Vatican.

Angelo Roncalli was born in Sotto Il Monte, a small town near Bergamo, northern Italy, on November 25, 1881, of humble farm workers. After his preliminary studies, he was ordained a priest in 1904. In 1921 he was called to Rome as an aide at the Vatican's Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, which supervised all missionary activities. He was consecrated titular Archbishop in 1925 and entered Vatican diplomatic service. Through most of World War II he held high-ranking Balkan posts; then, in 1944, he was named Apostolic Nuncio to France. In 1953 he was still in Paris when Pius XII elevated him to the Cardinalate and made him Patriarch of Venice.

The 262nd Pope will be "a shepherd and a seaman" declares the controversial prophecies attributed to St. Malachy. This is certainly applicable to Pope John XXIII, who despite his diplomatic talents wishes to be known as a pastoral Pope. The mild-mannered Pontiff, whose motto is "Obedientia et pax," chose the name John, which hasn't been used since the fourteenth century, because it was the name of his father, as well as of the patron saint of his village, and because "it is the name that in the long series of Roman Pontiffs has been most used." He will have to bear alone the onerous burden of the Papacy. His is the most difficult task in Christendom, yet Pope John has readily accepted his cross, he has willingly drunk from his cup of travail. Pope John, well known for his benign smile and amicable nature, is tackling his staggering task with genuine humility, but he knows exactly what he wants and also how to accomplish it. On the day after his election, the Pope issued a statement that is a fitting keynote for his reign. Realizing clearly the great problems facing the Papacy and the free world today, he denounced the evils of Communism and appealed to the rulers of the world for a just and lasting peace.

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While we anticipate the future greatness of the reign of Pope John XXIII, we must never forget the importance and the consequences of the reign of Pope Pius XII, which will only be realized with the fullness of time. The preoccupation of the secular press with Catholic apologetics in the last several weeks and the universal praise given Pius XII, even by his enemies, attest to the power and the influence which his life has exerted over all men. Yet, no eulogy that has been lavished on Pius XII, however laudatory, is as fitting a testimonial to his pontificate or to his priesthood as the simple recounting of the fruits of his labors, the seeds of which his zeal has sown.

Because the Church is a living, growing organism it has always been the Church's task to adapt itself to the current problems confronting the faith and the spirituality of its people. No Pope has ever seen such consequential revolutions in scientific discoveries, in philosophic theory, and in the living habits of people as Pius XII saw; nor has any Pope been so well equipped to confront them as Pius XII was. His well grounded knowledge of scientific advances as well as his patronage of science completely negated the foolish 19th Century idea that science conflicts with the Church's teachings. He constantly sought ways to modernize the Church in its government and administration so as to make it a more efficient and effective instrument of Christ.

Throughout his reign, Pius XII espoused the cause of peace, and urged the destruction of the atheistic, materialistic philosophies which have imperiled our civilization. His first pontifical act was an attack on that universal philosophy which is the nemesis of peace in our age, the philosophy of statism, that extreme nationalism which engenders racial superiority and hatred. Through his deep awareness of political problems, Pius realized the imminence of World War II, which he tried to forestall by a peace plan which was rejected, just as the peace plan of his predecessor, Benedict XV, had been rejected in 1914. The world had peace in 1945, yet for Pius there was no real peace in that he foresaw the greatest persecution of the Church since the reigns of the made Caesars with the ascendancy of atheistic Communism. It is one of the greatest and most universal tributes to the man that in a world so wrecked and shattered by war, so reeking with the flesh of those who forfeited their lives for peace, so filled with the cries of the tortured and anguished, that he should be called the "Pope of Peace."

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PREP

Walter Healy



Well! This is it. It looks as though this year's team, under the able guidance of Fr. Griffin, has a good chance of taking the title in its league. The pivot man, Richie Kunzig, around when all the plays form, is likely to rack up at least fifteen points a game with his hooks and jump shots. Dan Mahoney and Kevin Quinn are sure to provide offensive spark with their driving and accurate jump shots. With Marty Flanagan controlling the plays and molding the defense, the quintet will be hard to beat. In case one of these stalwarts falters, Jim Manning, Bob Tobin, Jim McCaffrey, Pat Donahue, or Joe Scavetta can be called upon to furnish necessary drive and speed. Also on our deep bench are John Holland, Art McCann, Steve Douthit, John Devitto, Ed Brinkman, and Ben Marrinucci. With such a squad, we have every good chance of copping the crown.

To date, we have scrimmaged with several teams, of whom the best were Manhattan, Power Memorial, Hayes and Xavier. The team displayed some fine shooting and rebounding strength, especially under the offensive boards. If these pre-season warm-ups are a true indication, we should field an excellent team with a decisive winning record.

The Prep's season started November 21 against Rice on the latter's court. The first home game will be on December 5 at Hayes, against Immaculata.

J. V.

John Grange of 6th Year reports that the J. V. is shaping into a fine team. John, the J. V.'s coach, has some good material with which to work. The team is led by Tom Finucane and Phil Natoli in the back court, with Jim Daly and John Pope doing the rebounding. The squad also has good shooters in Bill Dorsey and Bob (Dolor) Dowling.

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## RALLY 'ROUND

All the teams need your support if they are going to play their best; therefore, be sure to plan on being at all the games. You'll all have fun! You might even try your hand at being a cheer-leader. Your team needs your support!



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## DEMENTIA

William Mason

Francis Clarke

We should like to open this article with a most serious announcement: if anyone has any clues as to the whereabouts of Krushchev's wife, a certain member of Fourth Year will be most grateful to receive said information. Thank you.

Rabubow, Father Fleming's soul-searching primitive, strutted forth in quest of this prey. He raised his lance and suddenly stopped, crying, "Where am I? What am I here for? What happened to the lost weekend?". . Father Cohalan is taking 3A on a field trip to the national shrine at Hyde Park, home of "that wonderful man" who is "part of the great American legend.". . . 3B, on the other hand, is still trying to raise enough money to get Fr. ("Don't-get-nosey") Browne's history book out of hock.

Fourth Year's Ed Hannan, awakened from a fit of ecstasy brought on by Fr. Dennen's overpowering rendition of the Aeneid, fell seven feet from mid-air, landed on Jim Borstelmann, and almost killed that eraser-throwing champ. . ."How jovial!" cries J. Chris Maloney (that name brings to mind another white-sneakered aesthetic who graced these walls not so long ago), as Fr. Lynch sets the whole world straight. . . 2B's Pete (Mister Hollywood) Arron, one of the "Glee" Club's fastest rising stars, is charming the Faculty into submission with those dark glasses!. . . 2A, led by Chas. Kelly, is taking up a collection to buy Fr. Carroll a board-eraser--it seems he's using an old, men's club tee-shirt. . . The following is 1A's reaction to their new Latin teacher: "Magister bonus, Pater Griffin, docet pueros miseros." (Are you reading, Father?). . . According to Father Fleming, the New Testament actually contains an admonition against eraser throwing. (3B's Lyle Chapman had better beware!)

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F. D. R.: "I enjoy objective criticism!"

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It was suspected at the beginning of the year that Father Potter was harboring some strange creature in the chemistry lab. Why else would Father tell us that he was afraid to let us in there? . . . Fr. Dennen is reportedly wanted by Hollywood. Something about the Aeneid. . .

**Buying guide:**

For sale, cheap, --pin-ups of Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt. (See J. Chris (Dolor) Maloney of 4th Year.)  
For sale (3 farthings each)--"Notes - How to Take Them"-- a delightful, humorous essay by Fr. Lynch. (See anyone in Fourth Year!)

We'll have the critics of this column know that our mothers support our humor one hundred per cent.

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**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

Robert Ryan

Ed Finucane

In October we were saddened by the death of Pope Pius XII. Later in the month, however, joy again reigned in Cathedral College when Pope John XXIII was elected. There was general rejoicing when the cry "Nuntio vobis gaudium magnum. Habemus Papam!" was heard. (There was even wider rejoicing when we found out what it meant!)

Father Cohalan (above) is to be commended on keeping a stiff upper lip on the day of the election, but one senior insists that he heard him mumbling, "What has he got that I. . . ?"

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On Saturday, November 1, a large number of ardent Shakespeare fans invaded Greenwich Village to see a performance of "The Merchant of Venice." Never in our lives have we seen a more enthusiastic play-participation by an audience. Our group was enthralled by the dynamic performance of the actors, especially by that of the youth who played Lancelot Gobbo. Here is a young man who will certainly go far--somewhere.

The only thing that marred our total enjoyment was the sudden departure of Frank Oveis in the middle of the last act for parts unknown. The incident remains an unsolved mystery.

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His pontifical reign cannot be among the lengthier ones in church history, but the indications grow by the hour that he will play more than a merely transient role as Vicar on earth of his Lord and Savior. Let us all pray daily that he may successfully accomplish the arduous task of being "in the world but not of it."

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In the post-war years, Pius XII saw the pressing need of concentrating on doctrinal and administrative matters. It was at this time that he proved he was not only a diplomatic Pope but also a spiritual or pastoral Pope by issuing the two most important doctrinal proclamations of his reign; the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and that of the reaffirmation of the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ. Yet the pastoral characteristic of Pius XII which affected most people was his habit of making moral pronouncements on all things from women's styles to nuclear war. It was the burning ambition of Pius to fulfill Our Lord's commandment to teach all nations which inflamed him with the zeal to accomplish what he did.

And yet, despite all his accomplishments and his acquaintance with life, Pius remained completely detached from the world and centered on Christ alone. The simplest and most perfect description that can be given of our late Holy Father is that he was an "Alter Christus," a perfect example to his flock of Christ-like virtue. For his life of service dedicated to the love of God and man, Pius shall receive the never-fading crown of glory which the Lord, the just judge, gives not only to him but to all those who love his coming.

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