

Expectations for Register ran high in inaugural issue

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constantly renewed and made more meaningful.

"In the beginning of the project, we wish to express thanks to all who have had a part in making it possible. We are grateful to the clergy of the diocese for their whole-hearted support in the subscription campaign and in appointing parish correspondents. We are deeply appreciative of the loyalty of our Catholic people who have subscribed in such numbers to our paper. Their continuing support of diocesan projects is inspiring to Bishop and the clergy.

"Every newspaper in these days of high costs of publication is dependent on its advertisers. We have been blessed in the response that merchants have given to the *Register*. These business people who advertise in our columns are friends of the Catholic press and deserve your patronage. You would be conferring a favor on the *Register* by reminding advertisers you saw their ad in our paper.

"Although the *Register* is going by subscription to a large percentage of Catholic homes, we will not be satisfied until every Catholic family in the diocese is numbered among its subscribers. If you have not arranged to receive the *Register*, would you kindly subscribe now by using the convenient coupon found on page 3?

"With prayer that the Risen Savior will bless you abundantly in this beautiful Easter season, I am Bishop Hubert M. Newell, Bishop of Cheyenne."

Dedication to Bishop McGovern – "Forty years ago today, April 11, the Most Reverend Patrick A. McGovern was consecrated as the fourth Bishop of Cheyenne. It is eminently fitting that this first issue of the *Wyoming Catholic Register* should appear on this day, and it is very appropriate that the Bishop, clergy, religious and laity of the diocese join in dedicating this initial issue to his blessed memory. May Almighty

God grant eternal rest to his soul. "

Most Reverend Joseph C. Willging, Bishop of Pueblo - "To his Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop of Cheyenne, to his clergy and people, our congratulations on the inauguration of a diocesan paper are more than merely formal. It means the initiation of an enterprise that is of highest importance in the development, unification, and solidification of this ecclesiastical jurisdiction than which none can be greater. Pope Pius IX expressed perfectly the function of the Catholic press and journalists: "You are my voice. I do not say that you make my voice heard, but that you are really my voice itself."

"In their first joint pastoral to the nation the American bishops made the significant statement: "To widen the interests of our people by acquainting them with the progress of religion throughout the world, to correct false and misleading statements concerning our belief and practice, and to present our doctrine in popular form, these are among the excellent aims of Catholic journalism.

"For the bishop, a diocesan paper is his voice. For the clergy, it is their medium for stimulating parish interest and activities, besides educating an informed and loyal laity. For the laity it is their source of authentic information on religious affairs at home and abroad; it is the bond of cohesiveness that unites them more intimately with their Ordinary and his program for progress, with their own

and other pastors in their labors for the advancement of religion within the diocese, with each other for a more closely knit diocesan organization.

"We bespeak for the *Wyoming Catholic Register* a brilliant future and for the Diocese of Cheyenne a more highly efficient jurisdiction through this medium. "

Most Reverend Urban J. Vehr, Bishop of Denver - "May I offer a word of felicitations and best wishes on the establishment of your diocesan paper, the *Wyoming Catholic Register*. Denver is proud to be able to cooperate with you.

"In your far-flung diocese with its many missions, I feel certain your diocesan paper will be an instrument of great value for the Church and its programs. Each week your people will be kept current with news of international and national importance as they relate to or effect the Church and her interests. Articles on religious and doctrinal topics will furnish wholesome and instructive reading for all members of the subscribing families, and you will have an official organ in promoting and unifying diocesan plans and programs of vital importance to the Church.

"The Catholic press, as many recent pontiffs have said, is one of the most powerful influences for untold good in the development of an informed and articulate Catholic laity in our day.

"I have been impressed by the number and beauty of the many new churches, schools, and religious buildings erected in your diocese in recent years, and I am confident all your devoted priests and people will welcome this new venture with enthusiasm and cooperation. My sincere wishes of success and

blessings to the *Wyoming Catholic Register* and to all associated in its development."

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney - "The *Wyoming Catholic Register* makes its appearance at a time when the world is in sad need of the revitalization of spiritual forces. Moral mobilization is more needed than military mobilization, and I welcome the appearance of the *Wyoming Catholic Register* as a new voice to carry the message of peace.

"Christian civilization faces its greatest crisis in this century, the bloodiest century in all human history. Death and destruction through military power have not brought world peace. It is time to heed the Sermon on the Mount and the divine message of the Founder of Christianity. May the *Wyoming Catholic Register* be an influential voice to bring about the needed spiritual awakening. . .

The newspaper will prove a boon for all and for the life and development of the Church in our wonderful Wyoming."

Monsignor Mathew Smith, Editor in Chief of Catholic Newspaper System - "Having seen Catholic papers developed in many dioceses, and having been able to study the results of this work from a ring-side seat, I say without hesitancy

that, outside of Mass, and the sacraments, and the Catholic school system, there is nothing that does as much good for the Church as a strong Catholic press. People love in proportion to their knowledge, and there is no better way of keeping people informed or enthusiastic about the Church than through a Catholic newspaper . . . "

Martha Thompson, a featured columnist in early years

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than city folks think. During a community auction sale Saturday, I purchased half a dressed lamb, a pig with an impending family, and a potted plant. . . We are in the Western adventure radio program stage. Assorted heroes from mounted police to rangers din in our ears ever day after school. Three times a week we are treated to a panorama of assorted

pistols, holsters, cowboy hats, and boots and mask belonging to our son, which help lend atmosphere while he listens to a favorite program," she wrote.

A series of advertisements telling of the Catholic faith were placed in the local Worland newspaper biweekly and were sponsored by Holy Name Society.



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