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## A. O. H.

### A NATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Of Interest to Every Member of the Ancient Order.

The national officers have issued the following official notice:

To the Officers and Members of the A. O. H. of America:

Brothers:—The blanks for annual reports and National Directory are sent herewith, and your attention is directed to Articles XXII and XXVI bearing on these subjects. Unless complete reports are forwarded at the prescribed time, the quarterly communications must be withheld from your state. This is necessary in the interest of good discipline which should be the pride of every good Hibernian to establish and maintain. The names for the new directory will be handed to the printer not later than February 1st, and officers failing to comply with the law will be so noted in Directory.

Your attention is also directed to Section 11, Article IV of the Constitution, and you are respectfully informed that its provisions must be enforced.

As has been announced in the newspapers, the endowment fund for the Gaelic chair in the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., was presented on October 21st. The presentation speech was made by the Hon. P. J. O'Connor, National President, and the acceptance by His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons. Full particulars will be printed in pamphlet form later on and a copy placed in the hands of every Hibernian in America. In this connection, you are informed that the faculty of the University desires to have the name of every donor to the fund, so that the list may be properly bound and placed in the archives of the University. This should be attended to at once, so that the matter may be disposed of successfully and that future generations may be able to see for themselves the names of those who contributed to revive a literature and a language whose greatness in the past may be rivaled in the future to the edification and glory of our race, our religion and our Order.

At a meeting of the national officers and directors, held subsequent to the presentation of the endowment fund, it was agreed that the matter of a history of the Order be taken up by the officers, and a committee was appointed which has already taken preliminary steps toward the accomplishment of this much desired end. The committee solicits from all members of the Order any documents, data, or other evidences bearing upon the organization, all of which will be used for the interests of the order and returned to the owners.

In consequence of the many appeals for aid circulated throughout the Order, many of which were shown not to be based on necessity but rather upon sordid motives, the following resolution was unanimously adopted and is commended to your judgment and approval.

Resolved, That as many appeals are being made to the affiliated Divisions of our Order in various sections of the country for aid to be extended to various charities, and as we believe that proper discrimination should be exercised by our Order in responding to the same, we recommend to the Brotherhood throughout America that no contributions or donations shall be made in response to any such appeals unless the person or object for which the appeal is made has first secured the sanction and approval of the archbishop, bishop or ordinary of the diocese except such charities as are expressly recognized."

Brothers, I earnestly entreat you to continued activity and zeal for the propagation and maintenance of the principles of the Order and always keep in mind that if we as an organization can hope to carry on and extend our sphere of usefulness, we must work on methodical lines, pay strict attention to the spirit and letter of the constitution and to remember that good discipline is essential to the life of an organization.

With warmest wishes for your continued prosperity and success, I remain, in the bonds of unity, friendship and true Christian charity,  
Yours very truly and fraternally,  
JAMES O'SULLIVAN,  
National Secretary.

By order of  
P. J. O'Connor,  
National President.

## A BIG MISSION.

Twelve Thousand Received the Sacraments in St. Francis Xavier's Church.

Recently a two weeks' mission in St. Xavier's Church, West 16th st., New York, was brought to a close. It is not too much to say that never has there been a more successful one held in this or for that matter any other church. From the beginning each day at the various services thousands thronged both upper and lower churches. The first week of the mission was devoted to the women of the parish, and the second was for the men. This division was absolutely necessary, as the churches could not possibly contain all who availed themselves of the opportunity of making the mission. In addition a special mission for children was held during the day, and in the evenings special instructions were given to adults of both sexes, who had not received the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, and for non-Catholics in the Academic Hall of the College, with results that must fill the hearts of the Fathers with joy and gratitude to God.

As many as 161 of both sexes received the sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, and they were not confined to any particular class, there being men of patriarchal years, and those in the full flush of their generous early manhood, rich and poor, women and girls who by their devotion and earnestness indicate that they will be true missionaries in the cause of holy religion. In addition to those who were received into the Catholic Church, there are thirty-three more who are being prepared and who will be fully instructed shortly when they will be received. The various socialities attached to the Church were also augmented during the exercises of the mission, as many as 265 joining the Young Men's Sociality of the Holy Mother of God alone, and others proportionately. It is not too much to say that every one, male and female, became affiliated with the League of the Sacred Heart.

During the mission the marvelous number of 12,000 Confessions were heard. This number, of course, represent also those receiving the Holy Eucharist. On Sunday, the Archbishop was present, attended by his secretary, Father Connolly, and the Rev. Thomas E. Murphy, S. J., and confirmed those who had been prepared during the mission. The church was thronged with a congregation who assembled to meet His Grace, after which Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given. An appropriate musical program was rendered by the choir under the direction of Father Young, S. J., Miss Dethier presiding at the organ. In the evening the exercises of the mission concluded with the Papal Benediction, which was bestowed in both upper and lower churches on a tremendous gathering of men. The Fathers conducting the mission were the Revs. Joseph Himmel, S. J., Francis A. Smith, S. J.; Michael A. O'Kane, S. J.; Francis B. Gooding, S. J.; and William I. Stanton, S. J.

## BEATIFICATION

Of Bishop Neumann, Fourth Bishop of Philadelphia.

The Congregation of Rites sitting at Rome has decided favorably on a beatification of the servant of God, John Nepomucene Neumann, fourth bishop of Philadelphia. The saintly prelate's case having thus passed through the preliminary steps and having reached the stage called "the introduction of the apostolic process," he is now given the title "Venerable." This is an important step in a process which may give to the diocese of Philadelphia a patron saint.

Beatification, which at the present time is nearly always a stage on the road to canonization, is a subject regarding which many erroneous impressions are held.

Beatification does not imply that only the beatified are called of God. It does not even mean that only those whom the church so honors as saints; it is not an exclusive process. It is not the giving of a diploma by which the recipient profits. It does not pretend to raise the beatified person a step higher in heaven or to give him additional power.

It does mean that among those who have led holy lives such a one has been conspicuous and has received special marks of the divine favor, and its utility consists in extending and intensifying the devotion of the faithful.

## THE PAPAL BRIEF.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE FROM ROME

Adding Four Counties to the Diocese of Rochester.

For perpetual remembrance. Inasmuch as by reason of our Apostolic office the care of all the churches has been committed to us by divine authority, we are ever anxious to help forward all that the weal of the church demands; and when grave reasons seem to exact the interposition of our authority, we cheerfully use it in all that concerns the dividing of dioceses scattered throughout the world. When, therefore, our Venerable Brother, Bernard MacQuaid, Bishop of Rochester, in the United States of North America, petitioned the Apostolic See for a new division of the Dioceses of Rochester and Buffalo, by reason of which division the counties of Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Tioga should be detached from the diocese of Buffalo and joined to that of Rochester, the matter became the subject of our serious consideration. We ourselves, and our Venerable Brethren, the Cardinals of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda, having maturely deliberated upon the many and grave reasons which urged the change, the Bishops, too, of the Province, having given their approval, we determined to give favorable answer to the petition of our aforementioned Venerable Brother.

Wherefore, of our own free will, with certain knowledge and ripe deliberation, by reason of the fulness of our Apostolic power, in virtue of these present letters, we separate the counties of Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Tioga from the Diocese of Buffalo and join them to the Diocese of Rochester.

We decree, moreover, that the present letters are, and ever shall be, valid and efficacious, that they obtain now their full effect, and give fullest right and authority to those to whom they refer at present, or shall at any future time refer, and this right and authority must be recognized by all judges, either in ordinary or delegated, and every contrary ruling, whether made through ignorance or with certain knowledge, no matter what be the authority, is, ipso facto, null and void. All this we decree. Our rule and that of the Apostolic Chancery, "de jure quæsitio non tollendo," or any other Apostolic constitution or ordinance, or the oath of the aforesaid churches of Buffalo and Rochester, or any statutes or customs approved by Apostolic authority or otherwise, notwithstanding.

Notwithstanding, too, all other things to the contrary.

Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on this 10th day of December, in the year of the Lord 1896, and the 19th of our Pontificate.

(Signed by) NICHOLAS MARINI,  
for His Eminence,  
CARD. RAMPOLLA,  
Sec'y of State.

## THE BISHOP'S PASTORAL

To the Clergy and Laity of the Catholic Church in the counties of Steuben, Chemung, Tioga and Schuyler.

Rev. Brothers of the Clergy and Beloved Children of the Laity: It has pleased our Holy Father, Leo XIII, gloriously reigning, by a Brief bearing date December 10th, 1896, to separate Steuben, Chemung, Tioga and Schuyler counties from the diocese of Buffalo and annex them to the diocese of Rochester.

This Brief, sent to us, through His Excellency, the Most Rev. the Apostolic Delegate, has been placed before the Very Rev. Administrator of the diocese of Buffalo, and the reverend clergy exercising the holy ministry in these counties.

We assume the administration of this portion of the Lord's vineyard with full confidence in the loyalty, good will and ready co-operation of the priests and people. We all have at heart the continued welfare and prosperity of God's church in this district. The good work which has been so well promoted and accomplished along every line of church effort in the past gives us justifiable hope that equal success will continue to reward the zeal and generosity of the clergy and faithful people.

It will give us great pleasure during the coming summer to visit all the missions of the annexed district, and see with our own eyes the condition and needs, and rejoice with the pastors and parishioners over the abundant fruits of their faith and devotion to the cause of Christ's church.

The accompanying translation of the Holy Father's Brief, together with this letter, will be read at Mass on the Sunday after their reception.

Praying, God in His infinite mercy to bless the work to be done, and all who labor in doing it.

Very sincerely in Christ,  
BENARD,  
Bishop of Rochester.  
Rochester, January 21st, 1897.

## CATHOLIC MISSIONARY UNION

A New Society for Carrying on Missions in the United States.

At the first meeting of the Catholic Missionary Union last week, in the archiepiscopal residence in Madison avenue, the following officers were elected: President, Archbishop Corrigan; vice-president, the Rev. Patrick John Ryan, archbishop of Philadelphia; secretary and treasurer, the Rev. Alexander P. Doyle, C. S. P.; executive committee, Archbishop Corrigan, the Rev. Alexander P. Doyle and the Rev. Matthew A. Taylor. The scope of the organization will be national, and, as far as possible, the work will be extended to every diocese in the land.

The union is incorporated under the laws of the state of New York. According to its charter the objects of the union are: "To procure the services of clergymen and laymen of the Roman Catholic church to teach and preach as missionaries of their faith in the United States; to provide for the support and maintenance of such persons while engaged in such work; to lease, take, hold and purchase places, buildings, and lands for such teaching and preaching; to publish and distribute books, pamphlets and reading matter in connection with such work; and to aid and assist the archbishops, bishops and other authorities of the Roman Catholic church in the United States in establishing and carrying on home missions in their various jurisdictions."

The union is at present paying the salaries of missionaries who are working under the direction of the bishops of Wheeling and Richmond, and it is expected that other missionaries will be speedily sent to fields in Mississippi, Florida and Kansas.

## Father Hickey's Efforts Prevented a Most Distressing Scene.

There were many features about the Hoch electrocution, says the Syracuse Herald, which are worthy of consideration, chief among which was the calm and earnest manner in which the condemned man met his fate. As is well known, John Hoch was a man of a highly emotional nature, and those who knew him best predicted that he would create a scene in the death chamber. These predictions would undoubtedly have been realized had it not been for the persistent, untiring efforts of one man, who in the brief space of a few weeks completely transformed the weak and cowardly murderer of Minnie Ingelsoll into a man of quiet courage and penitence. Father John J. Hickey of the Holy Family church, Auburn, is the man to whom all credit is due for the marvelous change, and probably no one but the good priest himself realizes the terrible strain under which he was laboring.

John Hoch, the man who only ten days before, swore that he would never go to the chair upon the day of his execution unless carried, walked quietly to the death chamber, and without aid or even a suggestion from the authorities, took his seat, and with the downcast gaze of an humble penitent quietly awaited the fatal death shock. All eyes were intent upon the condemned man, and but few noticed the huge beads of perspiration which stood upon the brow of the worthy priest at the supreme moment. The suspense must have been terrible, as the good man, as if imparting a portion of his own wonderful magnetism to the victim of death, never once removed his eyes from the principal actor in the tragedy. Mopping his brow with a handkerchief, he breathlessly awaited the end, and when Hoch's spirit took its flight to the realms of the unknown, a sigh of relief escaped the holy father's lips. It is hard to tell who was the greatest mental sufferer during those few minutes which elapsed previous to the turning on of the death current.

"The entire credit for the successful termination of the gloomy affair," said Warden James C. Stout afterwards, "is due to Father's untiring efforts in reconciling the condemned man to his terrible fate."

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## MGR. MARTINELLI

### OFFICIATES AT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH IN NEW YORK.

Archbishop Corrigan and Bishop McDonnell and Father Anselmi.

Archbishop Sebastian Martinelli officiated at a solemn pontifical mass last Sunday in St. Anne's church, on East Forty-third street, in honor of the feast of the patron saint of the church. Archbishop Corrigan was present in the sanctuary during the ceremony, and Bishop McDonnell of Brooklyn and Bishop Farley took an active part in the religious service. The Apostolic Delegation was assisted by a number of clergymen of the diocese of New York, and Dr. Frederick Z. Rooker, secretary of the delegation at Washington.

In the singing of Haydn's Imperial Mass a double chorus took part, aided by a professional quartette, enlarged chorus and a string quartette to accompany the organ. The sermon was preached by Rev. Alexander Doyle, one of the Paulist Fathers.

In the celebration of the mass Very Rev. Edward R. Dyer, S. S., president of St. Joseph's seminary, was assistant priest, and the deacons of honor were Rev. Michael J. Lavelle and the Rev. Charles H. Colton. The deacon was Rev. Dr. Patrick F. McSwaney, and the sub-deacon Rev. Gabriel A. Healy. Archbishop Corrigan was assisted by Revs. Henry Pratt, Thomas J. Deonan and James W. Connolly. Rev. Dr. Henry A. Braun, rector of the church, was master of ceremonies.

Father Doyle in his sermon drew a comparison between the life of St. Anne, the martyr, and the Catholic church in America. The young girl gave up her life to the Roman in the fourth century rather than renounce her love of Catholic doctrine. Her youth is typical, the clergyman said, of the church in this country.

The church, by the constitutional right of the people, has for nearly two centuries preserved intact the apostolic doctrine and its code of morality, while other churches are drifting away from their old standards.

The Catholic church has resisted the temptations of politicians and has not followed any false theory on the questions of the day, and has preserved its faith. Its desire is not to conquer but to win, and under the same roof the masses and classes worship at the same altar.

Closing his sermon Father Doyle said that at the opening of the present century a big religious revival was developing, which would advance civilization and cause the decay of agnosticism. The truths of the Catholic church were being realized by all Americans.

Rector Braun explained the progress of church work in St. Anne's parish during the past year, and said that there are 100 communicants attending the services, 120 in the school, and that the parishioners have given \$97,000. These were the responses from the congregation to an appeal for funds to relieve the Rev. Dr. Braun thanked Archbishop Martinelli and Corrigan, Bishop McDonnell and Farley and the other assistants for contributing such a noble feast of the patron saint of the church. After the mass the archbishops and other visiting clergymen were given a reception and a collation at the rectory of the church.

Bishop McDonnell was the first to arrive in the new altar of St. Anne's diocese to dine with him at St. Anne's and Seminary on Wednesday, January 29, at 12 o'clock noon. There were now over 120 guests in the dining room. It is expected that all will be present at this occasion. The dinner is desired by the bishop to bring the priests from the four counties recently added to the diocese into closer acquaintance with the others.

The first semester of St. Bernard Seminary closed yesterday. The average attendance during the term has been fifty-four. Classes will be resumed on February 16th.

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