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## Bishop Appeals for Charity

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Rochester:

The season is at hand when for several years we have made appeal to our diocesans on behalf of works in the diocese that are properly and commonly designated under the name of charity. This title, which has always a claim on the Christian heart, refers to efforts for the welfare of the soul and for the needs of the body. Even under normal conditions of society, we can expect to be called upon to discharge these obligations of caring for others less favored than ourselves, but the present conditions, unprecedented in the records of time, have set before us a duty which we are neither able nor disposed to shirk.

The fearful upheaval in Europe and poverty immediately upon those who are concerned in the strife, but our commercial life has received a setback from the same cause, and the results of that are seen in the great number of unemployed, and in consequence of an increasing number of those who are dependent on others for even the necessities of life. However, this appeal is made as usual, not for one class or department of the diocese, but for all those who have a claim upon us for interest and support.

It is for the orphan, for the aged, for the dependent and for the delinquent. It is to aid in giving Christian instruction to childhood and youth, in preaching the Gospel and in ministering to the souls of our brethren; in a word, to supply food and clothing for the body and to provide means that will be directed towards the sanctification and salvation of immortal souls. It is true that the duty of charity is a moral one and that we are moved to perform it from a motive of conscience and a sense of honor, and that a neglect in this matter will not be penalized by the civil law; but this should be our strongest hope that the appeal will be heard, for it is made to Christians who enjoy in that name a royal title, conferred by the Christ of Infinite Charity, whose whole life on earth was one of love for mankind. To take serious thought on the gifts of Faith and of Nature, which we enjoy, is to turn with grateful heart to the Giver of all good gifts and to ask His Grace, that we may never forget His Blessings. To enjoy the care and love of devoted parents and the happiness of the family circle; to be surrounded in old age by those who are thoughtful of our needs and considerate of our claims; not to feel the pinch of hunger and the cold blasts of winter because of lack of clothing or of fuel to warm our home; all this is a blessing of life enjoyed by many—and how little they who are thus blessed can realize anything else! Let the fond parent who lives in the happiness that is found in the love of an innocent child, think of those who have known little or nothing of parental care; let all who hold within their hearts respect for old age, cherish the thought that they may enter into the lives of some who in declining years have to rest in other than their own home and who are there made happy because of the Christian love that is expended on them.

Let all who can satisfy fully nature's stern demand for food and who even enjoy luxuries of life, think of the others who suffer because of hunger or who are stunted in the effort to sustain their weak bodies. Let all to whom this message may be brought know well that it is with their power to uplift humanity, to reclaim the erring ones, to aid in teaching God's great truths to souls and especially to the little ones of the flock, and that their co-operation with the head of the diocese in works of charity is to lend themselves to the greatest charity in time—the work of saving immortal souls.

Your Bishop's appeal, then, is for suffering and weak humanity; it is for God's children; it is for the extension of the Church; it is for the strengthening of society;

it is for the honor and glory of Almighty God.

We beg to call attention to the report of last year's collection, copies of which are sent to every parish for distribution among the people. This is done that all may understand the purposes of the annual appeal for charity and may know the application of the funds received in last year's collection. We appoint as the day for this year's collection, Sunday, February 7th, and we direct that due announcement of it be made on the preceding Sunday, when this letter will be read to the congregation at all the Masses as well as on the day of the collection. With a feeling of deep gratitude for the loyal co-operation of our clergy and laity and with the earnest prayer that God may bless them abundantly.

Very sincerely in Christ,  
Thomas F. Hickey,  
Bishop of Rochester.

## To Build Catholic Girls' Home.

At the annual meeting of the Catholic Guild of Rochester, held in Convention Hall last Sunday night it was announced that a fund of nearly \$20,000 has been subscribed for a Catholic home for unemployed and homeless girls. It is hoped that construction may be begun this spring, options being held on several sites.

The purpose of the home will be to furnish temporary shelter for Catholic girls who are without work or are strangers in the city and to provide a place for those who might otherwise have to appeal to the police for aid or perhaps be forced to seek lodging in places of questionable character.

The matter has been under consideration of a committee of laymen. John Connors, treasurer of this committee made the first public announcement Sunday night. He said that the subscriptions to the fund ran from \$5 to \$5,000. The committee is composed of the following:

William C. Barry, E. H. Barry, C. M. Bayer, T. E. Carroll, J. G. Comerford, W. T. Connor, T. J. Devine, Joseph P. Doyle, James P. B. Duffy, J. G. Elbs, James Fee, T. W. Finucane, R. T. Ford, Richard Goraline, F. J. Hone, J. G. Hickey, J. A. Kress, F. X. Kelly, D. B. Murphy, Joseph P. MacSweeney, John M. Murphy, W. A. Marakle, Joseph J. Manderly, E. H. Murray, William Naylor, W. T. Noonan, M. W. O'Brien, Joseph Quigley, Charles Rauber, Dr. J. J. Reedy, John Bauber, J. P. Smith, Dr. L. J. Somers, M. Shea, F. J. Schwab, William E. Shafer, P. A. Vay, Andrew Wollensak and P. H. Yawman.

George E. Neeth is head of the committee, Mr. Connors, treasurer and Daniel Donahue, secretary.

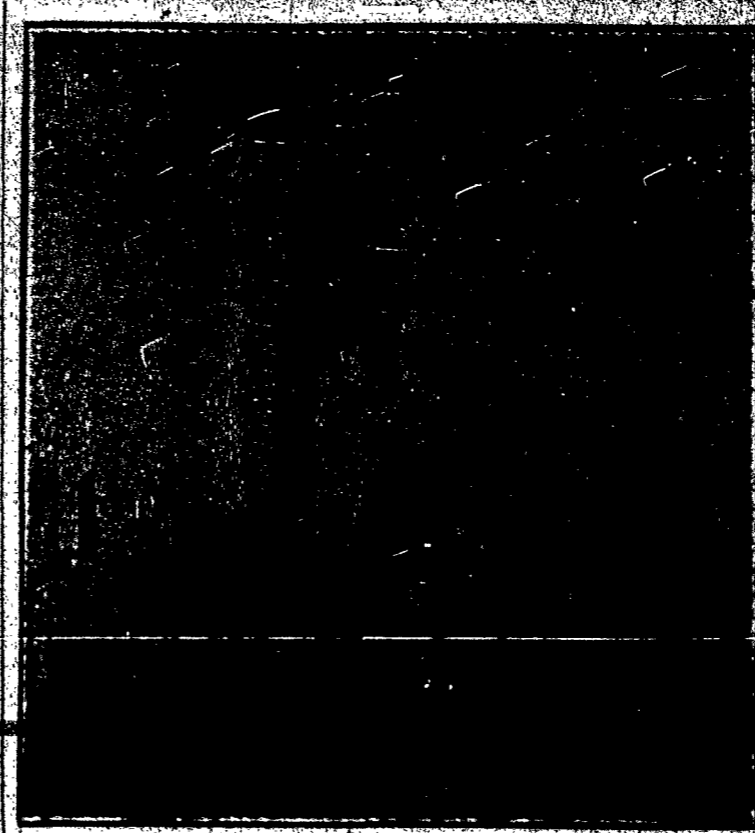
"The essence and foundation of Christianity is charity," said Bishop Thomas F. Hickey in his address, "every act, thought and word in behalf of another in charity. This society is only supplementary to what has always been done in every Catholic parish throughout the world. There are five thousand Italian children in Rochester of school age. About two thousand of these are in Catholic schools, and the others would be if we had room for them. To-day the indebtedness of the diocese is more than \$100,000, consequently we cannot afford to go farther in building schools. We have about sixty young women who are giving their services to the work of instructing these children in three centers. I do not know of any other plan by which I would have been able to take care of the spiritual needs of these children. There is the greatest work of charity, charity for the soul.

"These are our children. They are baptized Catholics and every baptized Catholic belongs to the Catholic church. I would like to put the ban of condemnation on anyone who seeks to bring the little one to church not his own. He or she who would give temporal help to bring a child or anyone out from his own church is not practicing charity. Nobody will be brought into the Catholic church by charity. If anyone is in need and you have goods to give, give; that is charity."

Bishop Charles H. Colton of Buffalo and Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Walsh, chancellor of the diocese of Buffalo, were both present at the meeting. Preceding Bishop Hickey's address Tom Karlsang and the violin class of Nazareth Academy played.

Miss Elizabeth McSweeney, treasurer of the guild, reported receipts of \$6,600 for last year, a balance of \$791 being left from the previous year. The disbursements amounted to \$6,887. The officers of the guild are: President, Bishop Thomas F. Hickey; vice presidents, Rev. J. F. O'Hern and Rev. J. F. Staub; treasurer, Miss Elizabeth McSweeney; secretary, Miss Mary Jennings.

The spirit of His Holiness Benedict XV. is the spirit of the Gospels.



## New Church at Dansville.

The accompanying illustration shows the new St. Mary's church of Dansville, N. Y., for which the contract has been let to A. J. Werdelin. The pastor, Rev. Leo G. Hofschneider, and congregation have been assisting in their efforts to raise the money to build the church and so have it completed by next fall.

The building will be unique in its style of architecture and interior finish. It is an adaptation of the Spanish style to modern conditions of cost and material. The trimmings are of a light colored stone and brick and the body of the building of a brown brick of various shades laid in large joints. The roof will be of Spanish tile of various shades. Most of the ornamental work of the front is naturally centered around the doorway and the window and niche over it. These niches will contain a statue of the blessed Virgin. The tower will be entirely of masonry construction except the roof, which will be of copper.

The seating capacity of the church is between 600 and 700. The cost of the building without the furnishings will be \$40,000. The architects are John T. Conner and John E. Karsner, associated, Pittsburg, Pa.; C. W. Eldering, Rochester, supervising architect.

We are indebted to the Union & Advertiser for the illustration.

## Great Menace of Islamism.

In regard to the spread of Islamism, of which Catholic missionaries have already sounded the alarm, it is interesting to know how Cardinal Lavigne, Africa's great apostle, regarded that belief.

"The Mussulman religion," he wrote, "is truly the masterpiece of the evil spirit. It gives the deepest needs of the heart of man—the religious needs—a kind of satisfaction by the portion of truth it preserves, and at the same time, it opens its passions all barriers, legitimizes all the disorders of the senses, defies brute force. How can souls be wrested from its empire? Mohammedanism can perish only of itself,—by its excesses, which are the consequence of its doctrines, and by the death which it carries everywhere with it. It is this which is so strongly expressed by the Oriental proverb: The shadow of a Turk makes sterile for a century the ground which it covers."

Missionaries have ever found pagans easy of conversion in comparison with Mohammedans. A long, cautious, unwearying apostolate is necessary in order to win a few souls from the hold of the pernicious doctrines of Islam, while the pernicious doctrines of Islam, while the worshipper of idols is easily touched by kindness and responds with childlike confidence to the teaching of his new friend, the missionary.

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## St. Monica's Dedicated.

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey Officiated at Ceremony.

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey officiated last Sunday morning at the dedication of the new Church of St. Monica, at Geneva and Monica streets. The bishop celebrated pontifical mass and made an address appropriate to the occasion. Solemn prayers were held in the evening, with a sermon by Rev. J. F. Neenan.

In dedicating the new church the bishop and his assistants went to the vestibule, where solemn prayers were offered and the vestibule was blessed. Then followed a procession to the sanctuary, where the King of the Saints was sung by the vestry choir. After the mass the bishop blessed the minister of the church and the walls.

The officers of the mass were printed in last week's Journal.

At the close of the mass Bishop Hickey spoke, praising Rev. J. P. Brophy, who has been in charge of the parish since it was organized, and the members of the congregation for their work in making the new church possible. The bishop traced the growth of the parish from the time Father Brophy was told to "go out beyond the hedge where the outfield is and there you will find a parish." When the combination church and school building that has served St. Monica's parish for more than sixteen years was built there were only sixty families in the organization.

At the close of the mass and dress the officers of the mass and their attendants marched from the sanctuary to the nave and thence to the vestry, while the congregation sang "Holy God."

## Catholic News Notes.

The \$100,000 addition to the Hospital of the Sisters of Mercy at Canton, Iowa, has been opened.

On one of the battlefields a soldier in a trench was reciting the Rosary, and his companion, answering, in a low voice, with bullets flying all around them.

After this year, the Diocese of Brooklyn will use the Ordo of the Universal Church instead of the Roman Ordo.

At 2:45 a. m. mass for night workers at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Philadelphia, has been attended by more than 300 persons during the last ten years.

On the Feast of the Holy Name, probably more than 50,000 men received holy communion in Boston.

News from the Diocese of Rochester. Bishop Hickey's appeal for charity. To build Catholic girls' home. New church at Dansville. St. Monica's dedicated. Great menace of Islamism. Catholic news notes.

Two Italian children in Rochester. The work of missionaries among the negroes of our country. As usual the supply of priests does not equal the demand. Rev. J. Hanley, S.S.J., has made an appeal for students which we quote: "When we think of the many millions of negroes in our land who are without the fold of Christ, we cannot fail to realize the great responsibility that rests on American Catholics, of doing what lies in their power for the evangelization of this race."

In this work all should have a share, but it is especially to young men that we address this appeal. It is God's rule, that when He has a work to be done, He raises men to do it and assuredly no work can be nearer the Divine heart than that of breaking the bread of life to those who hunger for it. Hence we ask all who feel that God calls them to the self-sacrificing life of the missionary, to turn their thoughts to the great vineyard of the South where they may have an opportunity of laboring for the Master. Even now we are unable to supply the demand for priests that come to us from every quarter. Let us confidently hope that the spirit of God may inspire our American youth to devote themselves to this glorious work.

St. Joseph's Society has fifty-four men laboring in the Negro Missions, and were this number multiplied ten fold, there would still be need of more. God has blessed the work abundantly and surely He will bless all who share in it. We need young men for the missions, young men blessed with the missionary spirit, young men fired with the zeal of the Apostles and ready to leave all to preach Christ and Him crucified, to those who are in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Last Message of Pius X To The Catholic Editors and Publishers of America. — Tell them that I bless them with my whole heart, that they may always promote and defend the Teachings of the Gospel and the Principles of Faith with true Christian Loyalty. Patience and Charity—unfailing in their reverence and obedience to authority—as well as their devotion to the true interests of the Church and the welfare of all the people.

Father Rossman Wins Joplin, Mo. — Rev. Francis P. Rossman of Wheeling, W. Va., was given a verdict of \$1500 against the Menace Publishing Company, of Aurora, Mo., in federal court. Father Rossman had brought suit against the publication for \$50,000 for libel contained in an article printed in the Menace on October 4, 1913. Eleven of the jurors were Protestants.

His many friends in Kansas at a meeting presided over by Rev. P. V. Higgins, C.C., decided to organize a dinner and testimonial to T. Freeman, postmaster, on his transference to Bishop. Rev. E. Kelly, C.C., Mullins, has been appointed military chaplain to the force.

With the approval of Archbishop Harry, a house in Johnstown, Castel, is to be provided as a residence for the Rev. Father Pagan, C.C., and his successors.

Recently an anti-semitic pamphlet named Bridget Lee, who lived alone in Granard, was found dead in bed.

Doctors Charles and Scott, Dr. Kelly, Mullins, etc., passed their first medical examinations in Dublin, with distinction.