

## Catholic Women Urged to Social Activity

### Bishop of St. Cloud Makes Some Excellent Suggestions.

### Diocesan Charity Fund and Trained Social Workers.

The Bishop of St. Cloud, Minn., Right Rev. Joseph F. Busch, publishes a monthly magazine, "My Message," as the official organ of his diocese. In the July issue of this publication an article on "Woman's Work" appears which can be read with a great deal of profit. The Bishop himself is the author. In it he shows the need for a wider extension of charitable activity among the people of his diocese and especially urges the women to take up this work as their own. "I would appeal especially," he writes, "to the women of happy and prosperous homes to take to heart the condition of the less fortunate among our women and children and to co-operate with me to do all that our numbers, our means, and our faith should lead us to expect. The suggestions which he makes in connection with this appeal are quite excellent. We should have a diocesan charity fund," he says, "at the disposal of the bishop. From this a trained staff of social workers should be maintained and the necessary funds obtained to carry out the many forms of charity that constantly arise." This plan is refreshing and welcome. Our complex modern society has made the trained social worker an absolute necessity, and her connection with Catholic charitable endeavors is of the most urgent importance. An article in the "Central Blatt" and Social Justice" for June, has called striking attention to that fact.

But the Bishop does not stop there. "This co-operation among the Catholic women should include also the members of our sisterhoods. It would be of great benefit if our Catholic mothers and daughters could be brought into frequent communication with the members of our religious orders, as the two viewpoints of the convent and the home would supplement each other in many ways, and add to the efficiency of both, for the motive of the religious woman inside or outside the convent is the same." Pastors are requested to take this matter up with the women of their parish and to do all in their power to educate their women up to a keen appreciation of their importance as valuable factors in the building up of religion, especially in the matter of good works, including all, both corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

These statements certainly are in line with the needs of the present hour. Catholic women have an urgent duty to perform in regard to our pressing social problems. There are particular forms of work in the field of charity which they alone can properly undertake and carry to a successful conclusion for the amelioration and prevention of undesirable conditions. It is to be sincerely hoped that the call of the Bishop will meet with a generous and wholehearted response. Catholic women, not alone in the diocese of St. Cloud, but throughout the country, should bestir themselves in this activity.

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## Weekly Church Calendar

- Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Gospel, St. Matt. vii. 15-21. S. 30. SS. Abdon and Sennen, MM. M. 31. St. Ignatius Loyola, C. T. 1. St. Peter's Chains. W. 2. St. Alphonsus Liguori, B. C. D. Th. 3. Finding of St. Stephen's Body. F. 4. St. Dominic, C. S. 5. Our Lady of the Snow.

## Foreign Mission News

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### How a Church in the Philippines Looks.

From Fr. Martin Fransen, M. S. H., comes a letter describing his church in the Zamboanga diocese, P. I., which shows the poverty still existing in many sections of the Philippines. "My church is constructed of wood, with roof and walls of nipa leaves, a very poor protection in the rainy season. The furniture of the church is extremely poor; only a provisional altar of boards, and three small statues of St. Fidore, the Immaculate Conception and St. Roch. There are no adornments, no stations of the Cross, no baptismal font. For vestments I have only a so-called 'Mass-trunk,' which I so-called with me, with one chasuble of every color, of the simplest style. I have no capes nor benediction veil, nor monstrance, nor ciborium (only a small pyx box) for the Blessed Sacrament. The altar linen of the 'Mass-trunk' is quite small, and less fitted for a church than for use on a voyage. In one word, here is poverty like that of the stable of Bethlehem, but there was little consolation at Christmas as we had no crib. "I am myself in the same condition. By lack of a parish house I am dwelling in a native hut of wood and nipa palm leaves, twenty-two feet long, sixteen feet wide and seven feet high, where I am sacrificing all commodities for the good of souls, which, after all, is the vocation of a mission." The proverb, "Help yourself and God will help you," is of real significance for a missionary at a new station. Therefore I am asking for assistance among the only people able to help me.

### High Cost of Living in China.

"Our works in Chefoo," writes Brother Didace, S. V. D., of the Shanung mission, "give us much consolation. In the hospital alone last year, we baptized three hundred adults. At the dispensary more than twenty-five thousand consultations were given. This meant that a great quantity of medicine was used.

The cost of living has gone up in China as elsewhere in the world. The Chinese authorities of Chefoo, who used to care for many poor persons, have turned them all out into the streets as they can no longer afford to support them. In their extremity many wretched creatures have come knocking at our door. Others, becoming desperate have looted the shops. The situation is sad indeed and better times seem far away.

Turkish horrors continue unabated during the conflict that is bathing half the world in blood. Alarming news comes from Syria concerning the situation of the Catholics in the East. The Maronite Patriarch, Mgr. Hoyek, has been arrested by the Turkish authorities. His secretary and servants have been imprisoned or dispersed by force. He has been dragged from his residence at New Canoubin to Aby, where he was brought before a court-martial.

Seven prelates, amongst them the Archbishop of Sidon, have been deported to Damascus. Over forty mitred abbots, superiors of communities, dignitaries and simple priests and monks have been arrested and taken to Damascus. The Turkish excuse for these measures is the allegation that compromising papers have been found in the archives of the French consulate at Beyrout.

At Nazareth in the Holy Land is the Fountain of the Virgin. It is so called because the Blessed Virgin Mary was accustomed to go to it and draw her household water from it. It is the only fountain in Nazareth.

## An Invitation to the Clergy

The following cordial invitation to all the priests of the United States to attend the fifteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, to be held in New York City, August 20 to 24, has been issued by a committee of the clergy representing the nine dioceses of the New York Province. The invitation is made through the press, as it is almost impossible to send a separate invitation to each one of the 20,000 priests of the country.

### AMERICAN FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SOCIETIES

Hon. John Whalen, Active Pres., 206 Broadway, N. Y.

Anthony Matre, K. S. C., Sec'y, Annual Convention, New York City, N. Y.

Aug. 20 to Aug. 24, 1916.

To the Catholic Clergy of the United States:

A special committee representing all the priests of the New York Province has been appointed by their several Most Reverend and Right Reverend Bishops to invite the reverend clergy of the entire country to attend the annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, to be held in New York City from August 20 to August 24, 1916.

We, as the committee, request you to interest your various parish societies in this extraordinary convention and to have them represented by two delegates from each society.

The object of the Federation is to bring all Catholic parishes and societies together, that we may know one another, devise ways and means for the common good, and in general make ourselves more efficient for our individual purposes, and for the welfare of Church and country.

The Federation has the warm approval of the Holy Father. The three American Cardinals and the Apostolic Delegate will be present at the convention. Many priests from all parts of the country are expected to attend.

It is the desire of the reverend clergy of New York and vicinity to extend every courtesy to the visiting clergy during the convention.

Information as to accommodations and other matters of special interest to the priests will be furnished at the headquarters of the committee in Cathedral College, Madison Avenue and Fifty-first Street, New York City, N. Y. Respectfully yours,

M. J. Lavelle, V. G., N. Y., Chairman.

M. J. Duffy, Bayonne, N. J., Secretary.

Committee of the Rochester diocese: The Right Rev. Monsignor D. J. Curran, V. G.; the Rev. J. J. Bloomer, V. F., Elmira; the Rev. M. J. Nolan, D. D., Rochester; the Rev. S. FitzSimons, M. R., Rochester; the Rev. M. Harmer, Rochester; the Rev. A. M. O'Neill, M. R., Rochester.

## THE CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL

[Special to the Catholic Journal.]

Cliff Haven, July 29. - This was "Philadelphia Week" at Cliff Haven and as was fitting, the intellectual and social life of the grounds centered around Philadelphia and Philadelphians. On Sunday the Rev. Charles Bruehl, Ph. D., of Overbrook Seminary, Philadelphia, formally opened the ceremonies of the week by his sermon at high mass. Three of the five lecture courses of the week were by Philadelphians. The morning course on "The Social Side of Man," by Dr. Bruehl; the morning course on "A Nation of Immigrants, their Church and State," by the Rev. Jos. Corrigan, D. D., and two evening lectures on "Some Aspects of Recent English Drama," by Miss Katharine Bregy; moreover, one of the courses, that given by the Rev. Joseph Corrigan, D. D., is a donation by the Philadelphia Cottage.

A bronze bust of Cardinal Newman has been erected in the garden of Trinity College, Oxford, England.

In Rome, last month, the Corporation of Catholic Journalists expressed unanimously its gratitude for the numerous acts accomplished by the Sovereign Pontiff in favor of right and humanity, during the European war. His Holiness sent the Corporation the Apostolic Blessing.

## News From Ireland

### Died - June 15, James Connor, Clogrenane lime kilns, Carlow; at Meath hospital. Died of gunshot wounds received while motoring through Dublin, Easter Monday.

### Clare. On the departure of Joseph Larkin, canal agent, Scariff, on promotion to Shannon harbor, many friends presented him with a costly piece of household furniture.

### Rev. P. Ryan, of Killaloe, has recently been ordained to the priesthood at Maynooth. Revs. J. Clancy, P. Murphy, P. O'Reilly and G. Clune received minor orders.

### The death is announced of P. Howard, miller, Bellmount. His family was connected with the Crookstown district for many years.

### The death has occurred at the Mercy Home, Cork, of Rev. Wm. O'Donovan, P. P., Kildorrery. Prior to coming to the latter town seven years ago, he was P. P. of Kilmartarra.

### Mrs. Mary O'Donnell, of Drogheda, Mount Charles, died last week in her 115th year.

### A young man named John Heslop, employed in the Crowagh quarry, near Newry, while engaged at his work, accidentally fell from the embankment into the quarry, a distance of about fifteen feet, and alighting on his head was killed.

### There are 125,000 persons in Dublin in actual want and not less than 35,000 suffering from lack of proper food and nourishment. Gaunt and emaciated figures of men and women stalk along the streets at night. The children of the tenements suffer. Hospital reports show an alarming increase in the mortality rate among the infants. The average income of 24,000 families is scarcely \$5 per week and with war prices soaring on bread, meat and tea, the people are face to face with ruin and starvation in the poorest quarters.

### M. F. Crowe, auditor, G. S. and W. R., Tralee, is promoted to Limerick, and W. H. Thompson, district superintendent, Tralee, to Cork, the latter being succeeded at Tralee by Mr. Millar, formerly stationmaster at that town.

### Died - June 19, at the Railway hotel, Ballybunon, Thos. Harty, aged 90 years.

### At the Thomastown Quarter Sessions, County Court Judge Fitzgerald K. C., awarded £150 compensation to Mrs. Kearns, widow of a horse trainer named Patrick Kearns, who was knocked down by a horse, the property of his employer, Richard Cassin, Bishopsleigh, Thomastown, on the 22d of April, and killed.

### Deep regret is felt in Birr at the death of R. F. Barry, LL. B., which occurred at his residence, John's Place, Birr, after a brief illness.

### Leitrim. Leitrim County Council elected P. J. Markey to the position of assistant county surveyor, by fourteen votes to seven cast for J. T. Sharkey.

### The death has occurred at the residence of his father, Ballinmore, County Leitrim, of Dr. H. M. E. Hayden, McAdoo.

### The following were ordained to the priesthood at Maynooth, recently: Rev. H. Conlon, Meath, and Rev. J. Nangle, Meath.

### James O'Brien, commercial instructor at Tipperary Central School, who died in London, where he was pursuing a special course of studies, is son of D. O'Brien, U. C.

### Waterford harbor commission has increased the salary of their secretary, Austin Farrell, from £300 to £375.

## Irish Relief Fund Delegates Refused Admission to England or Ireland.

London, July 25. - Thomas Hughes Kelly, of New York City, national treasurer of the Irish Relief Fund, and Joseph Smith, of Lowell, Mass., with the fund in their possession, contributed by Americans, were refused admission to England to-day. The British Home Office has positively refused to permit them to land in England. They were denied permission to cross England for the purpose of taking a Dutch steamer back to New York. The order requires the delegates to return on the same steamer by which they sailed. The American Ambassador, to whom protest was made, was informed by the British authorities that Messrs. Kelly and Smith must return by the same vessel on which they arrived, must not land, and under no consideration will they be permitted to land at any point in Great Britain or Ireland.

Thomas Kelly is the treasurer of the Irish Relief Fund Committee of which the honorary presidents are Cardinals Farley, Gibbons and O'Connell of the United States. Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet is president of the fund. Messrs. Kelly and Smith have about \$100,000, for the benefit of the sufferers in Ireland.

Mr. Kelly is the son of the late Eugene Kelly, the banker, who was formerly treasurer of the Irish Land League. He is a Papal Chamberlain and one of the largest real estate owners in New York. Mr. Smith is editor of a newspaper at Lowell, Mass.

## Independence for Lithuania and Ireland.

New Haven, Conn., July 16. - A conference of Lithuanians was held here this evening under the auspices of the American Relief Fund in aid of the Lithuanian war sufferers. The resolutions called upon the American government to use its "best efforts at the Peace Conference for the restoration of independence to Lithuania as well as other oppressed nations," and referred especially to Ireland.

"We desire to express our deep sympathy with the Irish people in their struggle for independence of their country, and we protest in the strongest manner against the recent wholesale execution of Irish leaders and the prospective execution of Sir Roger Casement now under sentence of death."

### The Chateau Le Vert, a home-stead of one of the Georgia signers of the Declaration of Independence, has been purchased and presented the Sisters of Mt. St. Joseph by Mrs. Catherine Flanery Semmes, of Savannah, Ga.

### The Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Detroit have been vindicated by the report of the Committee of the Michigan State Board of Corrections and Charities. Charges made against their Home were found unfounded.

### A notable ecclesiastical event in July will be the centenary celebration of the Cathedral-church of St. Joseph at Bardonia, in the diocese of Louisville. It is the first Cathedral Church west of the Alleghenies.

### The thirty thousand priests who are in the French army are there by compulsion. The Law obliges them. Of the 30,000, 3,000 are dead or wounded. This is one of the saddest aspects of the horrible war.

### Cardinal Mercier says: "One day I said to the Holy Father that he could never imagine how great and unshaken was the filial affection of the Belgian people, and that we had conceived the desire of asking the faithful to make a general Communion for the intention of His Holiness. And my intention," exclaimed Benedict XV, "is Belgium."