

Cardinal Gibbons Appeals for University

It is with great confidence that I send forth my annual appeal to our faithful Catholic people in every diocese of the United States in favor of the Catholic University of America. The usual time, the First Sunday of Advent, has been set aside by our Holy Father for this purpose, and it is my ardent desire that every Catholic man and woman will contribute generously on that day to the support and growth of our highest educational enterprise.

Every day exhibits the wisdom of those good men who laid so deeply at the National Capital the foundations of this supreme work of American Catholicism. It has become the center of our broadest activities, the site from which have gone forth the inspiration, the knowledge and the energy indispensable for our Catholic national action. Our Catholic charity workers in every diocese have found in its professors the most helpful guides, and its buildings have been thrown open to them for all larger needs of direction and cooperation.

We have been happy to place the entire University at the disposal of the National Government for the period of the war, and it has taken us at our word. Our buildings have housed this year the Naval Paymasters Corps, a body of nearly six hundred young officers trained by the naval authorities for the comfort and welfare of our sailors on every transport that crosses the ocean.

The Martin Maloney Chemical Laboratory, gift of a generous and far-seeing benefactor, has been turned over to the military authorities for most important chemical researches, and sixty government chemists are daily using its facilities with the most wonderful results for the success of our soldier boys on the war-stained fields of France.

About five hundred young men of the Students Army Training Corps are daily being formed at the University by the military authorities, for the purpose of creating a large body of intelligent and devoted army officers. If we had room we might have taken in over one thousand young men.

After this war our American Catholicism will need the highest type of leadership, in order to deal successfully with the great religious, social, and economic situations developed by the new conditions in which our lives shall be cast. Our Holy Father, the American episcopate, our clergy, and our faithful laity look to the Catholic University as a natural source of this leadership. We all feel that the war is raising the souls of millions of our non-Catholic fellow citizens to higher ranges of thought. We may not expect a complete adhesion to our Catholic social principles, but we rightly look forward to a greater respect for those immemorial convictions of right, justice and liberty for which we are struggling; to a more sympathetic study of that sane and reasonable philosophy of thought and life for which the Catholic Church has always stood; to a fairer study of the great historical situations of the past in which the Catholic Church defended herself on moral grounds identical with those on which the American people now stands. More than ever we shall need a young clergy and laity solidly trained along the highest lines of Catholic thought and able to express themselves with broad learning, irresistible logic, and the eloquence of profound conviction. Perfectly trained at the National Capital, these young men will go forth from year to year as the best exponents of our holy religion and our intense patriotism.

Already the twelve colleges of the religious orders and the four large halls of the secular or undergraduate youth are sending out every year many ardent and energetic young priests and young laymen of this kind, who are quickly absorbed by our Catholic people in all parts of the Union.

The Catholic University is doing much for our women in the way of higher studies by its fostering care of Trinity College, where hundreds of our young ladies follow graduate courses under the direction of University professors, and return to bless the homes and communities whence they came. Our Sister College is rendering an incalculable service to the parochial schools and to the academies of our teaching sisterhoods. Both these colleges have a student body of over four hundred women, and are a true glory of Catholic female devotion to learning and social progress.

Naturally the many activities of the Catholic University call for an increasing annual outlay. New buildings must be erected, more professors secured, a larger equipment provided, in order to care for the ever-increasing body of students from all parts of our country. I know that our people have been most generous in the purchase of Liberty Bonds, and in their contributions to the War Drive. But I know also that the Catholic University is very dear to them, and that in view of the general prosperity they will not be unwilling to give generously to the great Catholic work of education at Washington of which today non-Catholics speak with the greatest respect, and which appears to them as typical of our Catholic devotion to every branch of learning and our readiness to make great sacrifices at all times in its favor.

Since my last appeal to our Catholic people for their cordial support of the University two of its original founders, Cardinal Farley and Archbishop Ireland, have been called to their reward, and with them passes away almost entirely the generation of far-seeing and courageous men who laid so deeply its foundations. Divine Providence has spared me to celebrate the golden jubilee of my episcopate, whose chief service I firmly believe to have been the creation of our pontifical University at the National Capital. That it may grow regularly in numbers and influence is my ardent prayer, being profoundly convinced that no institution offers greater security for the preservation and the diffusion of our American Catholic faith and temper. For that reason may God bless abundantly all those who contribute to its support and growth or who remember it generously when disposing of their earthly goods.

The Four Sons of Mrs. Fogarty.

By Mary Ashe Miller.

"I've no sons at all left to me, and I'd be glad to know how anyone was expectin' me to live," shrilled a cracked old voice from an open window.

The Red Cross worker who was passing by stopped, and looked across the garden at the shabby little dwelling tucked away between two tall, important looking business buildings.

"Were you speaking to me?" asked the Red Cross woman.

"I did. Ye guessed it right the first time," came the answer. "I saw ye was wearin' one of them Red Cross pins there on you, and somebody was sayin' that ye could tell folks how they could be livin' with all the men folks gone 'way to fight."

"Yes, I belong to the Red Cross. I am a Home Service worker, and I will do anything I can for you. Are you all alone?"

"Sure and I am. Four boys, and all of 'em running off to war like they was meant for nothin' else at all, and we here with the misery in my back somethin' awful, and no strength at all to do the washin' for nobody. There's no money in the house to buy me a thing to eat or to warm me old bones. Now I was hearin' you was the one to fix it up so the Gov'ment would maybe let me have a little somethin' now and then, 'count of all the boys bein' in the army except Jimmy, and him in the Marines. Could ye now?" and the old woman twisted her head inquiringly.

"Don't you get an allotment from them?" she was asked.

"Niver a cent," was the terse response. "They was tellin' me that money would be comin' to me reg'lar, but nothin' has come in all the months they been gone. This little place here is me own, thank God, and what with washin' here and cleanin' there, I've got me bit of food, but no money back" and she winced a trifle.

So the Red Cross worker went in and saw the pictures of all the boys, and heard letters from training camps and overseas; saw the tears of pride that sprang at the proud thought that "all the Fogarty boys was fightin' men and fine lads, too, whether it was being soldiers, or truckdrivers, or 'shofer,' like they was before; only 'twas 'cruel hard' times, havin' them all gone and no money free like other times."

When war had come there had been no wait for the draft to call them. Three Fogarty "boys" went down and enlisted. Jimmy, the youngest, was not yet twenty-one, and it was decided that someone should stay at home.

Jimmy had finally acquiesced, but when he reached his majority he came proudly to say that he had joined the Marines because "they was first to fight," and maybe he "might be beating them others to it, after all."

So the old mother had sent them away with never a word of complaint, had worked hard and "lived awful poor," "times," until her rheumatism had driven her to ask advice.

The Home Service worker advanced ten dollars at once to buy groceries and coal, and then began an investigation of the allotments.

A week or two later she went into Mrs. Fogarty's, where she had become a frequent visitor.

"I have something to show you, Mrs. Fogarty," she said. "Here is the letter about your allotments:

"We are glad to find Mrs. Fogarty at last. We have three hundred dollars for her from her sons' allotments, but the address was wrong, and we have been unable to get in touch with the sons who are overseas. She will have her money regularly each month hereafter."

"Thanks be to God," sobbed Mrs. Fogarty. "that I was seein' your small little Red Cross that day, and was so low in me mind that I was drove to speakin' to you. To think that I was gettin' all that, and me never knowin'! And me havin', unbeknownst to anyone, hard feelings to them boys and thinkin' maybe they was that pleased at bein' off fightin' that there was never a thought to the old mother! 'Tis a grand world, after all!"

No Bigotry in the American Red Cross.

By the Rev. John Cavanaugh, C.S.C., D.D., President of the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.

The American Red Cross is a beautiful work of mercy in which all citizens of whatever faith or race may blend in charity and service. It has no ambition that our Lord Himself might not bless. Its spirit is the spirit of Bethlehem and Calvary. There is no touch of narrowness or bigotry or foolishness to be observed anywhere in its work.

Its vision of duty is clear as the eagle's glance; its heart is tender and warm as love; its spirit is fresh and wholesome as the upper breezes.

Wherever humanity suffers it serves; wherever humanity faints and languishes it cheers. It inspires the strong with sympathy and the weak with hope. May we not all pray that this beautiful society which gathers to its heart the best men and women of all the world may unite humanity in a union which will mean the death of misery, of cruelty, and of bigotry.

Here is what 5,000,000 volunteer women workers have done for their country and the Red Cross in the last seventeen months: Surgical dressings, 231,302,022; knitted articles, 10,123,374; hospital garments, 10,637,201; refugee garments, 1,106,877; hospital supplies, 8,203,120. A total production of 261,372,594 articles from the fingers of these untiring patriots.

Crosses, properly inscribed, mark the resting-places of the soldiers who fall in battle. Photographs of these hero graves are forwarded to relatives at home by the American Red Cross.

St. Peter's Peace Ceremony.

Rome, Nov. 18. — (British Wireless Service). — Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, has invited the cardinals throughout the world and the patriarchs to meet in Rome for a great religious ceremony in St. Peter's in the day of the signing of peace. Pope Benedict will pontificate.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
The Holy Souls.
27th Sunday after Pentecost
24 S St. John of the Cross C.
25 M St. Catherine V. M.
26 T St. Sylvester Ab.
27 W St. James Interciscus M.
28 T SS. Stephen & Comp. MM.
29 F St. Saturninus Bp. M.
30 S St. Andrew Ap.

Late News of Ireland

Carlow
Carlow U. C. consoled with Rev. Father Foyne, Carlow College, on the death of his father, Mr. Foyne, Arthurstown P. S. Court expressed sympathy with Cornelius Furlong, J.P., Killogean Castle, Fethard, on the death of his wife.

A project is on foot to construct a new line of railway connecting Tullow on the G. S. and W. line, with Shillelagh, on the D. and S. E. line. The line is to be operated with Irish, American and English capital.

Cork
Rev. Michael Lane, C. C., Malin, has died at the residence of his brother at Gurrane, Fermoy. After serving on the English mission he was curate in succession at Macroom, Ballindangan, Killybrin, Carrigtwohill, and Glanworth.

His old parishioners in Millstreet have decided to present Ven. Archdeacon Casey, P. P., with a chalice and an illuminated address on his departure for Castleland.

The people of Midleton are to present to their former curate, Rev. F. Murphy, P. P., Glantane, Mallow, a life-sized portrait in oils of himself.

Married—September 18, at the R. C. Church, Clogheen, by the Rev. Richard O'Sullivan, assisted by the Very Rev. R. Canon McCarthy, Lieut. Arthur P. Fitzgerald, R. A. F., second eldest son of the late James Fitzgerald, Mentone, Sunday's Well, to Violet M., eldest daughter of P. J. Kavanagh and Mrs. Kavanagh, Ardralen House, Sunday's Well, Cork.

Dublin
Married—At Our Lady's church of Refuge, Rathmines, by the Rev. Father O'Loughlin, C. C., J. J. Kelly, 18 Stamer street, S. C. road, to Josephine, eldest daughter of Mrs. Keegan, 30 Ashfield road, Ranelagh.

His Grace, the Archbishop has appointed the Rev. John Fennelly, C. C., Ballybrack, to be parish priest of Luak.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. James Kennedy, Hon. Lieut.-Col., retired army chaplain, who has died, was born in Dublin in 1846. For some time, was a member of the Jesuit Order. In 1915, Father Kennedy was made a Domestic Prelate. His remains were interred at Balgay.

Kerry
Very Rev. J. Breen, S. T. L., the new President of St. Brendan's Seminary, Killarney, was for seventeen years President of St. Michael's College, Listowel.

Mayo
Widespread regret is felt throughout Mayo for the family of Thomas O'Connot, Ballymills, whose death occurred at his residence last month. Mr. O'Connot was brother of Very Rev. Canon O'Connot, P. P., Gurteen.

Canon D'Alton, P. P., V. F., Ballinrobe; Rev. P. Healy, P. P., Kilmaine, and Rev. T. O'Malley, C. C., Robeen formed a deputation to Ballinrobe Guardians to protest against the proposed partial union amalgamation, and after hearing them, the Board decided against the scheme.

Tipperary
Married—September 17, at Donohill Parish Church, by the Rev. Martin Ryan, P. P., Michael O'Neill, Brunswick street, Dublin, to Ellie (Nell), youngest daughter of Timothy and Mrs. Cranley, Gurtaacoola, Donohill, Tipperary.
John Lovatt, Clonmel, has been appointed J. P.

Catholic Short Notes.

His Holiness grants soldiers, crippled or otherwise impeded in kneeling, a dispensation from kneeling for the gaining of indulgenced prayers.

Fordham University, New York, comprises 175 acres and modern college buildings. The Government has taken it over and converted it into a military school.

The Federation of Catholic Alumnae numbers 50,000 graduates and pupils of our higher educational institutions.

St. Paul, Minn., has done much, and is doing much, for the starving Belgian children.

The new Code of Canon Law lays down this: "The gravest obligation of parents is the education of their children, not only in faith and morals, but also in physical and civic development."

The high cost of living is felt more in other neutral countries than in our own. In Sweden a cow now costs \$750. Chickens, \$12.50 each; riding horse, \$1,800; cabbages, \$1.50 a head.

Washington, the capital of the United States, is celebrated in the world for its two Catholic Universities: the Georgetown University and the Pontifical Catholic University.

Chicago, up to this year, had 233 parish churches and parishes; New York city has 169; Brooklyn, 117; Philadelphia, 111; Boston, 64; St. Louis, 96.

More than one hundred and twenty-five naval officers and enlisted men of the Navy, now stationed in Washington, are studying navigation at Georgetown University. The Director of the University Observatory, Father Archer, is teaching them the "science of sailing."

The great and holy Pope Pius IX had the longest Pontificate in the history of the Papacy. In 1876 he celebrated his 30th anniversary as Pope and in 1877 his golden episcopal jubilee.

Thoughtful observers say that Faith in France is reviving, and that the old-time spirit is returning.

The Serbian Government has decorated an Irish nurse, Bridget Kerrigan, of Down, County Cavan, for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty.

Father Soutag, a French Lazarist priest, and several others, were slain by the Turks in Persia.

The Church of St. Mary in Trastevere, in Rome, built in the year 224 by Pope St. Callixtus, was the first church in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On the Island of Hayti, about sixty miles from Cape Haytien, Columbus built the first church in America. It was of stone, and was dedicated on the 6th day of July, 1494. High Mass was celebrated by the new Vicar-Apostolic assisted by twelve ecclesiastics.

There are now more than 750 priests under the jurisdiction of Army-Bishop Hayes. The Bishop, as Chaplain-General, has been asked for 2,500 clergymen-chaplains.