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Novena Of Devotion In Honor of St. Joseph

Bishop Hickey Urges Increase of Vocations Among Youth of Diocese

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey has issued a letter ordering a novena of devotion in honor of St. Joseph to be terminated Thursday, December 8th.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Rochester:

The current year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the pronouncement of Pope Pius IX of illustrious memory by which the virgin spouse of Mary, the caretaker of the Holy Family, St. Joseph, was proclaimed the patron of the Universal Church.

Although devotion to St. Joseph was time honored in the records of Christian faith, this act of the sovereign pontiff stimulated the practice more generously and widely, and our present holy father, Pope Benedict XV, is calling upon the bishops of the world to recognize this fiftieth anniversary of the solemn event with certain solemnities, and imparts to the faithful who will participate in these solemnities in honor of St. Joseph, a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions.

In directing this observance in honor of St. Joseph his Holiness takes occasion to deplore in striking language a present-day system of the world, which may be understood as that which is undermining the supernatural and spiritual life; and in the same message the vicar of Christ points to the condition of society that describes a disregard of marriage fidelity and the lessening of parental authority.

The Holy Father also urges the continued observance of the devotions in honor of St. Joseph and the fostering of sodalities erected in honor of this great saint for the intention of a happy death.

In compliance with the instructions of our holy father, Benedict XV, it is hereby ordered that a novena of devotion in honor of St. Joseph be held in all the churches and semi-public oratories of this diocese, to be terminated on the 8th of December of this year, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Permission is hereby granted for benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in all churches and institutions of the diocese on each day of the novena and included in the prayers to be said will be the litany in honor of St. Joseph. The priests conducting the devotion may use in addition to the above prayers approved for public service to suit the convenience of their respective congregations, and there will be in each church at least one instruction during the days of the novena on the subject of vocation to the religious life.

This time of special prayer seems opportune to present priests and people of the Diocese of Rochester the intention which the Bishop of the diocese is bringing to the notice of the children of the confirmation classes this autumn: viz., an increase of vocations to the religious life.

This appeal is made for prayer that our Lord may grant the grace of vocation to many, and that the youth of to-day may be led to weigh the value of God's service and rewards as against the possession and enjoyment of creatures of the world.

We will make our appeal through the powerful interces-

sion of St. Joseph, who protected our Lord so faithfully during the infancy and growing years of the Divine Child, and whose intercession we will now invoke for the children of Christ's church, who in the various forms of dependency, look to Mother Church for help and guidance.

This beautiful devotion will close on the feast of Our Blessed Lady, and on that festal day we will beg the Queen of Heaven to procure for the diocese willing souls in the cause of her Divine Son. The very special appeal at this time is to the girls and young women of the diocese, that they may hold themselves disposed to accept the call from our Blessed Lord to serve Him in religious life.

What an honor and blessing for a Christian family that a child of the home should be drawn from the world to the service of a loving God! How much more this mortal life will represent to ourselves and to others if it be lived unselfishly and for service to God and for one's fellow man!

Personal service has a very distinct quality when the motive that actuates it is the love of God and the love of neighbor for God's sake. Service in the cause of Christ includes a willingness for sacrifice, but our name "Christian" should be a strong incentive to make a sacrifice for the sake of Him from whose name our name Christian has been taken.

The love of our Divine Lord has led numerous souls during the past 1900 years to deeds of heroism and generosity, and it becomes the duty of those, who are enjoying the blessings of faith, to labor and pray for the preservation of that spirit of service for God.

Can it be that opportunities for worldly gain, for making money, for the enjoyment of pleasure, for dress and fashion are dulling the spiritual sense of our girls, and that in the possession of home comforts and attractions beyond the home, the spirit of Christian sacrifice is passing?

If so, every parent of the Christian family should make careful inventory of the spiritual life of that family, since the lack of generosity to God is a weakness in the family life, and in society at large. If the Lord is bountiful to us in His gifts, let not these favors turn out our hearts from Him, from whom alone come true peace of soul, joy of heart, strength and solace, and who alone can satisfy the human soul in its search for true happiness.

It is in recognition of this need of souls, and with the heartfelt desire to lead souls nearer to God that the call is given to priests and people of this diocese to join wholeheartedly in this solemn prayer in honor of St. Joseph, and to the end that by the powerful intercession of the patron of the Universal Church the spirit of Christ may grow strong amongst us, that we may live close to Jesus, Mary and Joseph in this life, that we may have the grace of a happy death and be rewarded in the company of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in eternity.

Thomas F. Hickey,
Bishop of Rochester.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

St. Louis, Nov. 25.—Father Ferdinand, O. F. M., for nine years the editor of the Franciscan Herald, was appointed president of Quincy College, Quincy, Ill., at the last chapter of the Franciscan Fathers of the Sacred Heart province, held here.

Dominicans Hold Diamond Jubilee In Memphis

Bishop Shahan Preaches Sermon at St. Peter's—Lauds Order's Work

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 25.—Tribute to the devotion, the sacrifices and the achievements of the white-robed followers of St. Dominic, priests and sisters, who for seventy-five years have contributed such notable services to this city, is being paid here this week on the occasion of the diamond jubilee of St. Peter's church.

Members of the Dominican Order from nearly every part of the United States gathered here for the ceremonies which started last Sunday with solemn high mass in St. Peter's, at which the Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University, delivered the sermon. Bishop Shahan, in eloquent words traced the history of the Dominicans work in Memphis from the foundation of St. Peter's to the present day, and told how, despite war, and pestilence, and death, the members of the order have held high their banners of courage and fortitude.

"In this respect," he said, speaking of the place that Christian charity has in parish life, "St. Peter's parish stands out in our American Catholic history as a shining example of that consuming charity which holds the world and life itself as chaff in view of the service of our neighbors. What brighter or more honorable page is there than that on which are recorded the devoted services and the sacrificial deaths of so many sons and daughters of St. Dominic, who, for a whole decade, combated with sublime courage the grim pestilence, which, again and again, decimated your beautiful city, filled with terror your homes and at each return took a deadly toll of precious lives?"

Msgr. Cerretti Moves To Home Next That Of Premier Briand

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Paris, Nov. 17.—Msgr. Cerretti has become the next-door neighbor of Premier Briand. He has left the house belonging to Count de Madre de Loos, in the rue Vaneau, Faubourg St. Germain, which he had occupied since his arrival. The gracious offer of a Peruvian diplomat has placed at his disposal a large comfortable house on the Avenue Kleber, in the Etoile quarter.

The diplomat in question is M. Pablo Mimbela who knew Msgr. Cerretti in America and has maintained the best relations with him. M. Mimbela has been transferred to Switzerland by his government, and lost no time in offering his house to the representative of the Holy See in Paris free of charge.

"Anglo-Catholic" a Convert

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
London, Nov. 18.—One time accurate at the famous "Anglo-Catholic" church of St. Alban in Holborn, Rev. Stanley Monnington has been received into the Catholic Church by the Benedictine Fathers at Ampleforth Abbey, in Yorkshire.

Catholic Writers Of 8 Nations Unite To Exchange News

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Paris, November 17.—A certain number of Catholic journalists, French, Belgian, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Polish, Swiss and Czechoslovak, living in Paris, held a meeting recently to lay the foundation for an international Catholic news service. These journalists are all Paris correspondents for foreign Catholic papers. They have resolved to come together, to place themselves at each other's disposal in order to exchange information on the subjects with which they are most familiar, and to discuss the position taken by the Catholics of their respective countries on international affairs.

One of the large French local papers has offered them a meeting place at its offices on the boulevard Montmartre, a convenient and central location.

The foreign correspondents will meet once a month at dinner at which they will study all current questions likely to be of interest to the Catholics of various nations, and all suggestions which might facilitate or improve the service of the correspondents.

Information bulletins concerning the religious, social, and co-operative movement in various countries will be exchanged. Information of a technical, administrative or even of a commercial nature can be procured by means of this cooperation in order to help the work of editors.

The correspondent of the N. C. W. C. was present at the preliminary meeting.

The first thought of this organization was advanced at the Social Conference of Toulouse. If, as seems probable, the results are successful, it will be one more success to the credit of these social conferences at which so many interesting projects have been conceived, and have later developed into positive and beneficent action.

Catholic Authors Prominent On Dublin Stage This Season

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Dublin, Nov. 17.—In the world of drama Catholic authors are well to the fore this season. As far as possible the Abbey Theatre, Dublin presents only Irish drama and comedy to its patrons. During the past two or three years comparatively few new plays were produced. Several new plays are listed for setting during the season.

These include a three-act drama by Mr. T. C. Murray. He has already written some admirable sketches of Irish rural life. A one-act play by Mr. Bernard Duffy will be produced. As a novelist Mr. Duffy has made a good impression upon the reading public. His novel "Oriol" was highly appreciated. It need hardly be said that both Mr. Murray and Mr. Duffy are Catholics.

Among the other new plays for the Abbey is one written by Terence MacSwiney, late Lord Mayor of Cork.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Paris, Nov. 17.—The municipality of the little town of Viviers, in Ardeche, has recalled the sisters to the hospital from which they were sent away at the time of the secularization.

Forty Hours' Devotion

The devotion of this "Forty Hours" will be held in the churches of the Diocese of Rochester as follows:—

1921 Nov. 27—Cathedral, Rochester; St. Mary's Auburn; SS. Peter and Paul, Elmira.

Dec. 4.—Nazareth Normal School.

Dec. 9—SS. Peter and Paul, Rochester.

1922 Jan. 8—St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

Mar. 5—First Sunday in Lent; St. Monica, Rochester; Holy Family, Auburn.

Mar. 19—Fairport; Resof.

Mar. 26—Holy Rosary, Rochester; St. Stephen's, Geneva; Lyons.

Apr. 2—Holy Apostles, Rochester; Phelps; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester.

Apr. 23—Palmyra; East Rush; Waterloo; Ithaca; St. Anthony, Elmira; Spencerport; Victor.

April 30—St. Bridget's, Rochester; Clyde; Waverly; St. Lucy, Rochester; Caledonia; East Bloomfield.

May 7—Corpus Christi, Rochester; Hornell; Weedsport; St. Francis, Geneva; St. Anthony, Rochester; Groveland.

May 14—St. Mary's, Rochester; Avon; Seneca Falls; St. Mary's, Corning; St. Aloysius, Auburn; Assumption B.V.M., Mt. Morris; Mendon.

May 21—Immaculate Conception, Rochester; Holy Family, Rochester; St. Patrick's, Elmira; Ovid; Honeye Falls; Port Byron; Newark Valley; Leicester.

May 28—Sacred Heart, Rochester; St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris; Clifton Springs; West Bloomfield; Trumansburg; Mumford; Moravia; Hammondsport; Elmira Heights.

June 4—Stanley; Shortsville; Bath; Cayuga; St. Francis, Auburn; Livonia Station; Cato; Pittsford.

June 11—St. Hyacinth's, Auburn; Chili; Henrietta; Owasco; Romulus; Nunda.

Sept. 10—St. Stanislaus, Rochester; Macedon; Rexville; Scipio.

Sept. 15—Holy Redeemer, Rochester.

Sept. 17—Addison; Livonia Center; Aurora; Perkinville; Penn Yan; Brockport.

Sept. 22—Cohocton.

Sept. 24—Groton; Watkins; St. Mary's, Dansville; Pennfield; Churchville; Mt. Read; Sea Breeze.

Sept. 29—St. Michael's, Rochester.

Oct. 1—Scottsville; St. George, Lithuanian, Rochester; King Ferry; St. Vincent's, Corning.

Oct. 6—Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester.

Oct. 8—Ontario; Horseheads; Rushville; Honeye Falls; St. John the Evangelist, Rochester; Montezuma; St. Casimir's, Elmira; Genoa.

Oct. 13—St. Andrew's, Rochester.

Oct. 15—St. Joseph's, Blessed Sacrament, Rochester; Newark; Dundee; Genesee; St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Patrick's, Corning; Savannah.

Oct. 20—St. Francis Xavier, Rochester.

Oct. 22—St. Augustine's, Rochester; Webster; Lima; Owego; Interlaken; St. John's, Elmira; McLean; Red Creek; Coldwater; Union Springs.

Oct. 27—St. Boniface, Rochester; Wayland.

Nov. 5—Holy Cross, Rochester; St. Cecilia's, Elmira; Canandaigua; Conesus.

Nov. 12—Our Lady of Victory, Rochester; St. Mary's, Elmira; Naples.

Nov. 19—St. Patrick's, Dansville; Sacred Heart Convent, Rochester; St. John's, Greece.

Nov. 26—East Rochester.

How Mayor Deal With Apostate Lecturer

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Memphis, Nov. 25.—An incident which shows the esteem in which Catholic nuns are held by the people of Memphis, and were held even in the early days, has been related here in connection with the diamond jubilee of St. Peter's church.

A notorious apostate lecturer once visited Memphis on his professional peregrinations. Like all of his ilk he seemed to glory in vilifying the consecrated sons and daughters of God. He had come to carry on his slanderous campaign.

Mayor Williams, a non-Catholic, then presided over the destinies of the city. With that wonderful hospitality, traditional of the South, the Mayor met the lecturer and escorted him through the city, pointing out its beauty spots. The sightseeing trip came to a climax when he pointed to a sacred little spot reserved for priests and sisters who had died during the yellow fever plague.

"Those noble angels of God," said the Mayor, "gave their lives for the people of Memphis. One of them, Sister Barbara, of the Order of St. Joseph, rests there. She brought my daughter through the scourge. And if any man dares utter a word against one of them, I shall feel in conscience bound to horsewhip him out of the city."

With steady courtesy the Mayor escorted the humbled lecturer to the railroad station and the chief of police saw him safely aboard the train.

1344 Decorations Won By Religious Of France In War

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Paris, Nov. 17.—Statistics covering fifteen dioceses and religious congregations in France, published by the *Livre d'Or*, show that 1344 citations and decorations were conferred on clergy and religious for distinguished service during the war.

These include 977 priests and religious who received the *croix de guerre*, 61 who were nominated to the Legion of Honor and 118 who received the military medal. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny received 59 of the 1344 citations.

The figures show that of the 572 religious and priests who died as a result of war causes, twelve were members of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny.

K. OF C. OFFICERS ARE HONORED BY BELGIUM

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

New York, Nov. 28.—The officers of the Knights of Columbus were decorated for their services during the war by Lieut. Gen. Baron Alphonse Jacques, Chief of Staff of the Belgian army, before he sailed from the United States. Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty and Supreme Secretary William J. Mahoney were made commanders of the Order of Leopold II. The Cross of Chevalier of the Order of Leopold was given to Kennedy, editor of *Columbian*.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Paris, November 17.—The grimaces of Saini were interrupted and have just been city of the