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Appeals Sunday For Near East In Churches

All Congregations Will Be Asked to Contribute to This Great Relief Fund

SMALL FEE REQUESTED FOR THE MEMBERSHIP

Money Will Provide International Community Chest for Pope Plus For Relief Work

Catholic congregations throughout the Rochester Diocese will be invited Sunday to join the Catholic Near East Welfare Association by their parish priests. Similar appeals will be made in more than 50 dioceses, thus initiating the third annual membership roll call of the Association. Present members, who number more than 1,000,000 will also be asked to renew their memberships and new members will be solicited.

Particular interest attaches to this year's roll-call in view of the fact that Pope Plus XI, under whose sponsorship the appeal for members is being conducted, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. It is to carry on the extensive program of international welfare and relief outlined by the Pontiff that the present membership appeal is being made.

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association was formed three years ago, as the result of Papal decree for the purpose of consolidating and co-ordinating relief activities in countries of the Near East. It is headed by the Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., vice-president of Georgetown University, and a diocese consisting of three American cardinals, two archbishops and two bishops.

Its basic work consists of lending support to orphanages, trade and industrial schools for refugee children, religious and educational foundations, and hospitals and dispensaries. It has also extended its activities to include the care and education of young Russian youths exiled for political causes from their native land, now scattered over Europe. On three occasions it has acted as an emergency relief organization, notably in the cases of the Porto Rico hurricane, the Bulgarian earthquake, and our own Mississippi flood. In the last-mentioned disaster Pope Plus directed the Association to place \$100,000 of its funds at the disposal of food victims.

Sunday's appeal is being made with the approval and co-operation of Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, and it is expected that many thousands of members will sign cards in the Diocese.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Benefit Party For Deaf Mutes

A benefit card party for the Catholic deafmutes of the Diocese will be held in the Auditorium of St. Joseph's School on Monday and Tuesday evenings, May 6 and 7. This party is open to all interested men and women of the city, and it will be under the direction of Rev. Charles J. Burger, C.S.S.R., Chaplain of the deaf mutes.

Bridge, pedro, 500 and pinochle will be played. All games will begin at 8 P. M., and end at 11 P. M. Each table will have a prize of its own. Admission to the card-party is 50 cents.

Besides the game-prizes, there will also be a door-prize for each of the two nights. This prize will be a large, wooden and comfortable rocker, a most practical and favorite friend of every family.

Tickets may be obtained at the following places: St. Joseph's Rectory, 108 Franklin Street; Mrs. Fredrick J. Bauer, 67 Franklin Square; Mrs. Irving P. Beyer, 232 Kisslingbury Street; Miss Elisabeth M. Corrier, 50 East Ridge Road; Miss Frances Kiefer, 25 Savannah Street; Miss Slibeth T. Kross, 256 Magee Avenue; Miss Anna C. Kunzmann, 730 Smith Street; Miss Josephine Mathias, 1074 Joseph Avenue; Miss Clara Walter, 525 Avenue D.

Knights to Have Summer School For Boy Work

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council through its Boy Life Bureau is planning an extensive training program in Boy Leadership for the coming summer.

Courses will be conducted at the Catholic Summer School of America, Cliff Haven, New York, during August. The first course opens August 1st, and will continue for ten days, while the second course will be held from August 13th to 22nd inclusive. During July a ten-day course will be held at De La Salle Camp, Jackson's Point, Ontario. The first course in Boy Leadership was conducted in Canada at this point last August and met with such an enthusiastic response that it will be repeated this year.

Any practical Catholic over eighteen years of age who is interested in the leisure-time welfare of boys may enroll for the course. Members of the Boy Life Bureau staff direct the course, assisted by national representatives of the major boys' work organizations. The training program and location of the schools is supervised by Brother Barnabas, F. S. C., Executive Secretary of the Bureau, and information concerning the schools can be obtained by writing him, care the Knights of Columbus, New Haven, Conn.

Aquinas Seniors Plan Banquet

Annual Event Will Be Held on April 25, With Bishop O'Hern a Guest of Honor

The Class of '29 of Aquinas Institute is now preparing for its annual banquet. It will be staged at the Columbus Club on Thursday evening, April 25. Bishop O'Hern has been invited and is expected to attend along with several priests and laymen from the Aquinas faculty.

Senior President Herbert Metzger selected a committee consisting of Anthony Knittel, Charles Sommers, Donald Woods, Robert O'Brien and Henry Zimmerman to assist him in making arrangements for the dinner. They are also planning a program of entertainment and speeches.

A special social meeting will be held Monday to discuss the banquet and to propose various means of entertaining those who attend.

Aquinas Seniors In Live Comedy

The Senior class of Aquinas Institute will present "The Four Pushers", a three-act comedy of unusual merit, in the school auditorium next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, April 22, 23 and 24. The play is open to the public, the admission is reasonable, and big crowds are expected at all performances. Tickets should be bought at once, and everybody interested in the school should help make the play a success.

M. J. Schmitt, president of the dramatics here, is director of the production.

The cast includes Thomas Farrell, James Belden, Charles Kunk, Lawrence Hughes, Charles Dentigor, George Swabach, Vincent Renzi, William Kirby, Howard Zimmerman, Sanford Garland, Robert Murray, Vincent Mancuso and Henry McLaughlin.

Polyphonic Choir Here Sunday Eve

Rev. George W. Eckl, rector of St. Andrew's Church, and the members of the choir of the church, under whose auspices the Polyphonic Choir of Pittsburgh, Pa., will give a concert in the Columbus Auditorium this Sunday evening, April 21, at 8:15 o'clock, are hopeful that a great audience will be present at this concert and enjoy the splendid and unusual music that will be furnished by these trained singers.

Tickets for the concert may be obtained at St. Andrew's rectory, at the Columbus Building, Stone 1492, or from members of the committee in charge. The St. Andrew's Choir committee is headed by Clifford A. Bennett, organist and director. Officers of St. Andrew's choir are: President, Xavier Dulicissis; vice-president, Frank X. Harter; secretary-treasurer, Marie Burmeister; recording secretary, Margaret Matern; librarian, Charles Fox.

Beloved Sister Buried Tuesday

Mother Anna Metz of the Order of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart was buried on Tuesday this week in the plot reserved for the Religious at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Her funeral was held at 3 o'clock in the chapel of the convent, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Michael J. Nolan, D. D., chaplain of the order, officiating.

Mother Metz died suddenly Sunday. She was 76 years of age, and had been a member of the Order of the Sacred Heart for 41 years. She was greatly beloved by her associates, and by the many students she had taught throughout her life. Her work, always well done, and her character, always appealing, endeared her to her pupils and won for her their love and esteem. She will be well remembered and sincerely mourned.

ST. ALOYSIUS GUILD HAD BUSY MEETING

The sewing circle of St. Aloysius Guild met Thursday afternoon at St. Mary's Boys' Orphanage. Mrs. Edward Quigley was in charge, assisted by Mrs. Anthony Ryan, Mrs. J. B. Reilly, Mrs. Catherine Rhinea, Mrs. W. J. Reid, Mrs. Josephine Rowetsch, Mrs. H. B. Reynolds, Mrs. E. P. Rombaul, Mrs. John Reynolds, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. C. G. Stumpf, Mrs. P. J. Scheuer, Mrs. Martin Schell, Mrs. Catherine Schenkel and Mrs. J. S. Sheehan.

NAZARETH HALL BOYS GIVE PURSE OF \$100.00 TO BISHOP

Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, visited Nazareth Hall last Friday, and an entertaining program was given in his honor.

Benedict Duffy recited "The Bishop's Visit." Alfred Boylan gave an appreciation of the Bishop. The school choir sang a welcome chorus, and the "Ecce Sacerdos" composed by F. Eugene Bonn for Bishop O'Hern's consecration. "The Prodigal," a playlet, was presented by Paul Byrne, Clayton Faulkner, Leo Simpson, Harry Rae, Jack Weider, Fred Peiffer, Thomas Meisenzahl, Theodore Schottke and James Scott.

A purse of \$100.00 was presented to Bishop O'Hern in behalf of the school. The Bishop made a grateful response and spoke with deep appreciation of the school, its work and its helpful influence upon the pupils. The visit of Bishop O'Hern will be remembered with pleasure for a long time by the school.

St. Francis Players In Show Next Week

The St. Francis Players will present a four-act drama, "The Confession," April 21, 22, 23, 24 in St. Francis Xavier Hall, Jay Street.

The drama is under direction of Claude Roosevelt, and the members of the cast are as follows: Mrs. Claude Roosevelt, Leo Hogan, George McGrath, Thelma Flaherty, Valentine Rauber, Mrs. Lee Wagner, Raymond Mooney, Richard Wilhelm, Whalen Flaherty, Everett Haullin, Walter Kolb, John Raynor, Stephen Flaherty and Leo Rauber. Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at Englebrecht's store.

Col. Donovan To Give Talk At Notre Dame

War Hero Engaged for Commencement Address to Graduates in June

UNIVERSITY TO HAVE ITS LARGEST CLASS

Four Hundred and Twenty Seniors Will Receive Degrees, President of Notre Dame Announces

Notre Dame, Ind., April 18.—Plans for the 85th Annual Commencement of the University of Notre Dame reached a stage nearer completion Friday with the announcement that Col. William J. Donovan, soldier, statesman and lawyer, D. D., Bishop of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will pontificate at the baccalaureate mass.

The largest class that has ever been graduated by Notre Dame will hear Col. Donovan give the Commencement address. University authorities estimate that 420 seniors will be given their degrees. Last year 388 degrees were presented by the University. Col. Donovan, who gained an excellent reputation during the World War, and has since become one of the outstanding men of the New York bar, will come to Notre Dame on Saturday, June 1st, for the exercises.

Students who are to have important parts in the Commencement activities include J. Blackall of North Baltimore, O., who will deliver the valedictory; Murray Anthony Young of Poteau, Okla., who will recite the class ode; and John P. O'Neill of Ogden, Utah, who will deliver the class oration.

Outstanding events prior to the Commencement exercises include the annual Alumni dinner and the Class Day activities.

Card Party on 20th For Sodius Church In Odenbach Home

A card party will be given in the beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Odenbach, 323 Aberdeen Street, on Friday evening, April 26th, for the benefit of the Catholic Church in Sodius, N. Y., of which Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke is rector. Tickets will be one dollar each, and all interested people are invited to attend.

Father O'Rourke has a struggling little parish at Sodius, and there is great need for outside help. His friends in Rochester are always glad of the opportunity to assist him in every possible way. Here is a pleasant opportunity, and it is hoped the attendance will be large.

Mme. Schumann-Heink A Great-Grandmother

Thousands of music lovers in Rochester and vicinity will be interested to know that Mme. Schumann-Heink, the great contralto singer, is now a great-grandmother. A few days ago she sent her manager, George Engles, a wire from Colorado Beach, Cal., announcing the birth of her first great-grandchild, Ferdinand Hiry Jr., son of her granddaughter Hise and Ferdinand Hiry. Mme. Schumann-Heink is now sixty-eight years old and has six living children and eleven grandchildren.

Mme. Schumann-Heink's last appearance in Rochester was in the Columbus Auditorium a few months ago, when she was heard by a splendid audience of music lovers. Few of the great singers are as popular or well-beloved as this great artist. There is little question but what she is the only concert singer in America, if not in the world, who is still active in her musical work, and at the same time enjoys the rare distinction of being a great-grandmother. Mme. Schumann-Heink loves children with all the fervor of her soul, and it is certain that her great-grandson will be treasured by her all the days of her life.

Immaculate Play For Two Evenings

"The Ghost Bird" will be presented by the Dramatic Club of the Immaculate Conception Church in the school hall next, Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 22 and 23. The cast includes a number of well-trained players, and a fine performance awaits all who attend.

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