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Easter Concert Will Be Given By Five Choruses

The Knights of Columbus Chorus, with Frederick Pohl as conductor, and the Catholic Women's Club Chorus, with Theodore Fitch as conductor, will take part in a special community Easter concert to be given by the Rochester Civic Orchestra and five Rochester choruses, in the Columbus Civic Center Auditorium, on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, April 20, at 3:30 o'clock. The other choruses participating will be the Festival Chorus, with Richard Halliley as conductor; the Chadwick Chorus, with Eva Wansmaker as conductor; and the Damascus Temple Chorus, with Stanley Hawkins as conductor. There will be 250 trained voices in the combined chorus. Guy Fraser Harrison will conduct the orchestra. Two selections from "The Messiah" will be given by the combined choruses, the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Worthy is the Lamb That Was Slain." The concert will be strictly a community affair, like the Christmas concert, in which all classes can unite. Tickets are on sale.

The admission price will be purely nominal, as there is no intention of profit for anyone. No seats will be reserved. Tickets are on sale at the offices of the Eastman Concerts, 26 Gibbs Street, and at the office of the Columbus Civic Center. The concert will take the place of the usual Sunday afternoon concert by the Rochester Civic Orchestra.

FATHER DAN'S COLUMN

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Our Lord knows that we must work. Duty comes first, and our Lord will accept and bless the work you are doing.

Tragedy on Tragedy
Next morning Sister Agatha reported that Sister Marie had left the ice box open over night and cream butter and milk were spoiled. There was little to give the academy children for their breakfast. Mother decided to settle matters once and for all. She told the girls that they must go home if there were any further complaints.

That night, at Benediction, Mother prayed as she never prayed before. So did poor, broken-hearted Marie. A week went by. There were no complaints, and Mother became hopeful. Toward the end of the week the Mistress of Novices reported that Marie had actually learned to carry her candle straight, and watch the cooking without accidents. There were no broken dishes. All corners were swept. The stove was well looked after. Mother declared the age of miracles had not ceased, but knew not how truthfully she spoke.

That afternoon she entered the kitchen just as the adoration bell rang. Marie was there alone and had been standing beside a great kettle of pea preserves bubbling on the stove. She had been stirring the mixture vigorously. When the bell rang she stopped stirring and dropped to her knees. Mother opened her mouth to speak, but uttered no word, for beside the stove a tall, radiant figure stood and stirred, then lifted the kettle and placed it safely back on the stove. Marie still knelt. Her dark eyes seemed to be peering into heaven. Mother bowed her head, and turned away. That evening in chapel Mother momentarily raised her eyes. The procession of novices was just entering the chapel, and Marie was approaching. Mother looked again. Surely her eyes deceived her. She took off her glasses and wiped them. It was not an illusion. Beside the reverent Marie a baby angel fluttered, his tiny hand holding the candlestick erect.

Mother bowed her head "O Dear Lord," she prayed, "that poor child will have a home with us forever and forever."

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Catholic Women's Club Will Hold Annual Meeting And Election on April 14th

The annual meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Rochester will be held on next Monday evening, April 14th, and it will be featured by the election of officers for the coming year. The following nominations have been made by the Committee on Nominations: President, Miss Alice E. Kirk; First Vice-President, Mrs. Leo P. Simpson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. George W. O'Grady; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary A. Buelde; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ella T. Leavy; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles P. Henry; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Edward J. Reynolds. Directors to be elected for the

term of three years: Mrs. Frank T. Curtin, Miss Cecilia M. Yawman, Mrs. John Gysel, Mrs. Arthur C. Fraser. Director to be elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Maurice F. Sammons: Mrs. P. D. Kane. Inspectors of Election: Mrs. Edward J. Garvey, Mrs. Maurice T. Curran, Mrs. M. E. Lane. Other nominations may be made from the floor if the members desire. The Committee on Nominations is composed of Mrs. Louis A. Whalen, Chairman; Cecilia M. Yawman, Alice E. Kirk, Mrs. Edward J. Leavy, Mrs. M. H. Keogh, Mrs. Edward J. Reynolds, Mrs. Charles P. Henry.

Five Thousand People Join in Protest of Religious Persecutions in Russia

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Rabbi Berman's Talk
Rabbi Berman was the first speaker. He gave a clean-cut forecast of the present appeal for a tolerant and honest treatment of religion in Russia. He said the attempt of the Soviet Government to ally religion, by its very nature, was too broad and too democratic for that, and could not ally itself with any class and live. Religion is for all people, he said, for the poor man, as well as for the capitalist.

Rev. Whitney S. K. Yeaple
The Rev. Whitney S. K. Yeaple of the Lake Avenue Baptist Church was the next speaker. He said he was there as an individual, because he believed in the purpose of the meeting, and that he did not represent the Protestant churches and had no authority to represent them. He expressed hearty approval of the meeting because of its co-operative merits. "If we could have such meetings, with all faiths represented, every little while in Rochester," he said, "they would do a world of good. They would bring us closer together."

Mr. Yeaple said he was opposed to religion being interfered with or subsidized by any nation; that it should be independent, stand on its own merits. He gave vigorous condemnation to the persecution of religion in Russia and expressed the hope that this great nation would soon set religion free. Some well-known snappy selections by the Elks Boys' Band were greatly enjoyed. Then came the speaker of the evening.

Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J.
Dr. Walsh had a splendid address—well prepared, carefully edited, bristling with facts, logical, patriotic and humane. He spoke kindly of Russia and her people, expressing great admiration for the nation. He told of the American love for liberty; of the spirit that stirred our ancestors to write the Declaration of Independence, which he called a new chapter in the history of human kind. "Religious liberty," said Dr. Walsh, "wounded in one land, is menaced throughout the whole body of humanity." He told how the Magna Charta, the Habeas Corpus Act and the Bill of Rights—classical declarations of rights, like the Declaration of Independence—were won by Bishops, Jurists and other powerful personages in language applicable to all time, and to all peoples, and that these rights are as familiar to us as the air we breathe.

The Oregon School Law
Russia, said Dr. Walsh, has taken from parents the right to educate their children as they see fit. He emphasized the supremacy of parents in this matter and quoted the Oregon School Case as proof of that supremacy from the American point of view.

The Supreme Court of the United States upheld, he said, "unequivocally, the inalienable right of parents to direct the religious education of their offspring and annulled the un-American attempt to invade the realm of conscience."

A Strong Quotation
Dr. Walsh quoted the following paragraph from the Oregon decision: "Under the doctrine of Meyer vs. Nebraska, 262 U. S. 390, we think it entirely plain that the act of 1922 unreasonably interferes with the liberty of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of children under their control. As often heretofore pointed out, rights guaranteed by the Constitution may not be abridged by legislation which has no reasonable relation to some purpose within the competency of the State. The fundamental theory of liberty upon which all governments in this Union repose excludes any general power of the state to standardize its children by forcing them to accept instruction from public teachers only. The child is not the mere creature of the state; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations."—Declaration of Supreme Court, June 1, 1925.

Sound American Doctrine
This is sound American doctrine, he said, sustained through 150 years of national life, and it has made this land a blessed haven for the oppressed and persecuted of all climes. He said the Soviet government created by Nicholas Lenin on the ruins of the Russian Empire is the first attempt in history to apply the political, social and economic theories of Karl Marx to any people on a tremendous scale. Marx trampled upon the Cross early in his career,

he said, and declared himself forever a rebel against God and society. Dr. Walsh quoted various writings of the Soviet leaders showing their hostility to God and to religion. For instance, Comrade Zinoviev, when President of the Third International, said at Christmas, 1924:

Attacking God
"We shall pursue our attacks on Almighty God in due time and in an appropriate manner. We are confident we shall subdue him in his empyrean. We shall fight him wherever he hides himself, but we must go about such a question as into religious propaganda more carefully in the future. Our campaign against God and religion must be carried out only in a pedagogic way, not by violence or force." He quoted Madame Krupskaya, Lenin's widow: "The need is imperative that the State resume systematic anti-religious work among children. We must make our school boys and girls not merely non-religious, but actively and passionately anti-religious. The home influence of religious parents must be vigorously combated."

"We hate Christianity and the Christians," the minister of Public Instruction, said, according to Dr. Walsh, "because they preach love of one's neighbor, and mercy, which is contrary to our principle. What we wish is to hate. We must know how to hate; only thus shall we conquer the universe."

To Conquer the World
The aim of the Communists, and their hope and dream, Dr. Walsh said, is to overthrow the existing order of things the world over—all religion and all society to go down together in ruins. War, implacable war, with no mercy shown, is its aim, its object. "The Soviets have challenged all civilization," Dr. Walsh said, and we are concerned with that challenge.

A Legion of Martyrs
The number of Christian martyrs under the Soviet regime has been placed by some writers as high as 8,000. Dr. Walsh said. The Jewish religion is assailed with the same methods and with equal hatred. "Fifty per cent of the Catholic Clergy of Russia have disappeared since the Revolution, through judicial murder, starvation, exile or imprisonment. The martyrology is a long and glorious one. Monsignor Constantine Budkiewicz was shot to death on the night of Good Friday, 1923. Archbishop John Cieplak was condemned to die at the same time but was saved owing to the protests of the entire civilized world. Joseph Bologovsky, 45 years of age, a brilliant professor of the Ecclesiastical Academy at Petrograd, was early signalled out by the Bolshevik authorities, and rightly so, as a priest of true episcopal timber. Urged to accept "consecration" at their hands as Bishop of an anti-Catholic see which would enjoy their subsidized favor in order to labor at the undermining of faith in general, he calmly spurned the insidious offer and paid for his loyalty to conscience with his life. He was shot in 1923.

Unspeaking Horrors
"Dominick Ivanov, about the same age, former Vicar of St. Catherine's, Petrograd, banished to the unspeakable horrors of Solovetsky Island in the White Sea, succumbed in the freezing darkness of that island prison during the same year. This was from this now Siberia that 18 prisoners, worn to skeletons, escaped, as if by a miracle, a few months ago and reached the shores of Finland. "Kill us here," they begged the astonished Finnish guards between Martukule and Kioharvi, "but don't send us back where they will kill us by inches." Dr. Walsh gave the names of many Catholic clergymen now undergoing slow martyrdom on Solovetsky Island. The complete list is known only to God, he said. "Many of these martyrs I knew personally."

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