

### Parish Schools Pay Honor To Memory of Washington And Write Essays on His Life

#### More Than Four Thousand Children View Films of Washington's Life—Hundreds Write Tributes to the First President of America.

More than 4,000 children from the parish schools, many Sisters and a number of priests, saw the official film of the life and work of George Washington in the Columbus Civic Center Auditorium on the afternoon of Washington's 200th birthday anniversary. They made an enthusiastic audience, and it was an inspiring sight to see so many young Americans in one group. The Rev. John Duffy, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, presided. Bishop O'Hern was a guest of honor, and he gave a talk to the youngsters in which he emphasized three dominating characteristics of the life of Washington: his piety, his obedience and his love of God. The children from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum were guests at the showing.

Parish schools all over the Diocese had programs on the life of Washington, and many hundreds of essays were written on Washington by students in the seventh and eighth grades. Some of these are well-written, but lack of space makes this impossible. Three are given below as examples of the work of the children:

The Father of the U. S.  
The name of George Washington is not accounted for merely by the fact of his achievements. Like Lincoln, the man was infinitely greater than anything he did. Wisdom, patience, tolerance, courage, conservatism to the righteous cause, unflinching in every act. Integrity, justice, and tenacity never separated him, but served to strengthen his character. He was in dignity and in capacity to the seat of the growing responsibility and power, but he never became arrogant. Ambition and opportunity never tempted him from the narrow path of duty.

It was to his mother, a woman of strong and devoted character, that he owed his moral and religious training. Even when her son had risen to the height of human greatness, she would only say that "George had been a good boy, and she was sure he would do his duty."

A leading historian has said that "the office of president was cut to Washington's measure" and it was to Washington, as first president, that the people committed the task of pulling into operation the new government. Not merely in what has been said, but in the fact that he was the only president who had never held any other office.

When the news of his death reached Europe, the mourning was almost as widespread as it had been in the United States, for he was regarded abroad as the savior of the world-wide influence. John Marshall, later chief justice, in moving the resolution of national grief in Congress, quoted words which truly sum up Washington's position in American history: "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen." The final word as to Washington was perhaps said by the Honorable John Jay, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, when he characterized Washington as "the noblest figure that ever stood in the forefront of a nation's life." Tennyson's eulogy of Washington applies even better to Washington: "Whatever records leap to light, he never shall be placed."

Thomas Dean

Washington, Reviews Our Modern World  
The moonlight night was clear, except for the gray smoke of some larder chimney wandering up the wide waterway in search of heaven, and the peaceful blue haze ascending from the chimney of a watchman's tiny cabin on the outskirts of the great city of New York.

What is that? Am I dreaming or do I really behold the giant figure of a man dressed in the garb of a Colonial gentleman, striding over the waters of the East River? Let us take a step closer. See the face—strong, forceful, kindly—it resembles that of Washington. It is Washington! Perhaps he has returned to review some long-dead battalion of soldiers in the old fort or to lead another victorious attack upon the British Redcoats.

I wonder if he is not a bit shaken, a bit surprised when, as he advances into the city, the glare of a million lights and the screeching of a million automobiles greet his eyes and ears instead of the old quiet and contentment which had reigned in the city when he last had entered it. Wonder as he turns down Wall

Street in hope of finding some of the familiar sights which in yesteryear had greeted his eye, if he is not shocked—or perhaps a little startled to see gigantic structures of steel and stone closing in about him like the walls of a great city, forming a barrier on every side.

He sees sturdy men in modern dress walking to the subway or elevated from their place of business, some blithe and happy-looking, others dejected and disappointed. Then as Washington wanders, unrecognized, on to the East Side through narrow, dimly-lit streets, lined with tall, stark tenements, where millions of the poorer class of New York are sitting down to a wretched meal, I wonder if he thinks, "Is this the freedom and prosperity that I and my dauntless soldiers fought so bravely to win for America?"

With these sad thoughts, down the narrow street. But his feelings of depression is lifted when he sees the schools where the millions of New York's children are educated. Then he remembers how he once strove to educate better the American people.

The ghost-like figure then turns the corner into an alley where he beholds the hundreds of unemployed standing in a bread line, waiting for their daily ration. Some of them are nearly perishing with cold and hunger. Then Washington recalls that horrible winter that he and his soldiers spent at Valley Forge—starving, naked, and wounded—marching for miles with bleeding feet, turning the snow to crimson and sad songs passed over that hard-frozen face, perhaps in longing for the sturdy standing before his eyes, not in remembrance of that winter of his life—Valley Forge.

But, see, the figure is moving! It crosses Broadway, advances towards Brooklyn Bridge, and, lo! the mythical phantom has disappeared into the overhanging fog of the East River from which it came.

Although Washington is dead, he still lives in spirit. The echo of his words is still heard and resounded down through the ages, spur Americans ever onward and to keep burning over the spark of hope and faith in this great American Republic.

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Marjorie M. Karal

Boyhood of George Washington  
On February 22, 1732, at Wakefield in Westmoreland County, Virginia, a sturdy little boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Washington. This little boy, George, was destined to become one of the world's greatest men. In his boyhood days, he led an active life on his father's great Virginia plantation. His many sports and pastimes are vividly described in a poem titled "Washington" written by Nancy Turner.

"He played by the river when he was young,  
He raced with rabbits along the hills,  
He fished for minnows, and climbed and swung,  
And hooted back at the whippoorwill.

This outdoor exercise made him healthy, vigorous, and zestful. Daily he rode his little pony about the large thousand-acre plantation. In these excursions he acquired his superb skill in horsemanship which proved to be a great advantage to him in later life.

When he was eleven years old his father died and to George was left the care of his widowed mother. His daily riding to and from school made him love the water so that when still very young he decided to become a mariner. His mother, however, requested him to remain with her and ever a dutiful son, he yielded. He then decided upon a career as a surveyor. He surveyed the grounds about the schoolhouse for practice. The note books in which he kept accurate account of

his work as he progressed at it is extant today.

The home where Washington was born and spent his carefree childhood has long gone the way of all houses, but an effort is being made to rebuild a house that will tally in every way with "Wakefield," the humble little home in which Washington was born.

Although he is long since dead, his name and memory will forever linger in the hearts and minds of the citizens of the nation he loved. His name is a symbol of truth and of Liberty; he is the most universally revered character in history. In the nation's capital a high monument is erected in his honor, but his best monument is the country he served so well as patriot, citizen, and president.—Bernice Stadtmiller.

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### Surrounded by China Communists



Several Catholic missionaries are left to fight the Most Rev. John O'Shea, C.M., Vicar Apostolic of Kanchow, China, which is surrounded now by an army of Red Communists. They are: Rev. Leon C. ... of Georgetown, and Rev. ... of Brook ...

#### Catholic Bowling League

ST. GEORGE'S	
Hicks	322 206 191
Kremer	179 175
Stosser	241 180 205
Rhmantrout	210 223 190
Hofner	179 179
Seales	210 157 197
Totals	1663 999 971

#### Niagara Univ. Football Games For Next Season

Niagara University, Feb. 26. The Niagara University football schedule for 1932 has been completed. The season will be open on Oct. 1st when Niagara plays Cornell at Ithaca. The St. Lawrence game, Oct. 15th, will mark the formal opening of the new stadium that is now under construction.

ST. ANDREW'S	
Rieger	205 211 226
Samenink	163 166 179
Repecher	169 169 169
Tiacher	212 212 191
Maier	163 168 215
Totals	915 956 980

#### PERSONALS

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### Parish Semi-Pro Basketball Team Will Open Tournament In The Civic Center Sunday

#### Sixteen Teams Will Participate in Games That Will be Filled With Many Thrills—Bill McCarthy is Coaching the Cathedral Team.

Sixteen semi-pro basketball teams representing as many parishes of the city will enter a tournament Sunday, February 28th, in Columbus Civic Center auditorium, the result of which will be the proclaiming of the winner, Catholic champions of the city.

A statement in the "Along the Sport Horizon" conducted by William A. Lang in the Rochester Echo to the effect that the Ramblers, one of the fastest teams in the city were claiming the Catholic championship aroused much interest among other teams of like caliber and following meetings at Columbus Civic Center it was decided to conduct a tournament to settle the championship.

Included in the teams which will make a bid for the supremacy are many consisting of former Aquinas Institute stars. The Cathedral team which has been going under the name of Powers and Vall is one of the former Coach William E. McCarthy's number one team. McCarthy's Cathedral will again pilot this team in the tournament.

The speedy C. Y. M. A. Ramblers will represent St. Michael's parish. St. Stanislaus will have the Filaretas, another outfit with a reputation in the semi-pro field. The Miller Brothers team will represent Holy Spirit parish; Metzger Bros., Corpus Christi; Loy's Stars, the Holy Trinity parish; Ajo Club, Holy Redeemer; C. Y. M. A. Ramblers, St. Joseph's; Torri Shoes, St. Francis Xavier; and St. Mary's represented by Sagamore Hotel team. The other parishes will be represented by teams from the parishes.

The tournament was announced by McCarthy, who will coach the Cathedral team.

The schedule of the semi-pro tournament is as follows: Sunday, February 28th, 1 p. m., St. Teresa vs. Holy Rosary; 2:15 p. m., Holy Apostles vs. St. Stanislaus; 3:30 p. m., Corpus Christi vs. St. Michael's; 4:45 p. m., Holy Redeemer vs. St. Francis; Monday, February 29th, 8 p. m., Blessed Sacrament vs. St. Andrew's; 7:15 p. m., Mr. Carmel vs. St. Joseph's; 9:30 p. m., St. George vs. Cathedral; and 9:45 p. m., Our Lady of Sorrows vs. St. Mary's.

A trophy has been donated by Powers & Vall which will be awarded to the winner of the tournament each year and the name will be inscribed upon the trophy and placed in a trophy case in Columbus Civic Center.

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### Barry's 12th Year Baseball Coach At Holy Cross

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 26.—Jack Barry, who played with Stuffy McInnis, Eddie Collins, and Home Run Baker in Connie Mack's famous "million dollar infield," is about to start his twelfth season as baseball coach at Holy Cross College.

During his regime Barry has lifted his Alma Mater to a supremacy on the diamond comparable to that of Notre Dame in football. His 11-year record shows 286 Holy Cross victories, 35 defeats, and 3 ties. These include 19 wins and only 2 losses against Harvard, 12 wins and 4 losses against Yale, and 8 wins and 2 losses against Princeton.

Holy Cross names that have adorned Big League rosters for varying periods include Fred Maguire, Owen Carroll, "Doc" Gautreau, "Pete" Cote, Gene Desautels, Jim Tunney, "Blondy" Ryan, Chick Gagnon, and "Bots" Nekola.

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