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## HOLY NAME UNION PLEDGES SUPPORT TO PRES. ROOSEVELT

Diocesan Body in First Convention Hears Stirring Address by National Director, Adopts Resolutions and Elects Officers for Two-Year Terms

With the National Director of the Holy Name Societies of America, the Very Thomas F. Conlon, O.P., present to give inspiration and encouragement, the permanent organization of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union was effected Sunday afternoon in Columbus Civic Center at the first annual convention to which were attracted over 500 delegates from various points in the diocese.

The convention adopted resolutions expressing confidence in and pledging support to President Roosevelt and Congress, urging members to refrain from attending motion picture theaters that persist in advertising and in showing gangster, racketeer and sex appeal pictures, recommending at least three talks at Society Meetings on Catholic Action or on outstanding clerics or laymen of the Catholic Church; expressing appreciation to the Columbus Civic Center for courtesies extended; recommending appointment of a legislative committee to watch pending legislation and recommending dispensing with levying of dues on affiliated Holy Name Societies.

Father Conlon in a stirring address outlining the meeting set forth the ideals of the Holy Name Society. He said that men of the Holy Name Society are engaged in the noble apostolate that stands for Catholic manhood and Christian teaching.

Question of Heart

Saying that the organization is not concerned with cultural advantages, its rich benefits, nor anything temporal nor material, Father Conlon said:

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## New Building For Official Organ Of Buffalo Diocese

Catholic Union and Times Plant To Replace One Destroyed By Fire in Design Through-out in Best, Equipment

Buffalo.—The Catholic Union and Times, official diocesan newspaper, will have a new building, the paper announced last week. It will be located at the Virginia and Pearl Street place, next to the Catholic Institute Library and the Catholic Book Store building. Work will be begun about April, and completion is promised late in July. Mortimer J. Murphy has been selected as architect for the proposed structure which will be one of the most up-to-date printing establishments in the United States.

The building is to be constructed of Indiana limestone, with steel and concrete construction throughout. The printing plant itself will be lined with glazed tile and will have acoustic ceilings. The offices will be lined with marble with acoustic ceilings and terrazo floors. The plant and offices are to be located on one floor, an arrangement that is always sought in the building of a model newspaper. The type of architecture will be modernistic.

To Cost \$100,000

The printing equipment which will be installed will be of the latest design and manufacture. When completed the plant will cost in excess of \$100,000.

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## Gives Invocation



The Most Rev. Edward J. Harr, Archbishop of San Francisco, and a native of Rochester, is shown delivering the invocation at the ceremony launching work on the gigantic Golden Gate Bridge at the Presidio of San Francisco, over 200,000 persons attending.

## Catholic Women Sign Pledge To Aid Advertisers

Catholic Daughters in Northern California Respond to Bishop's Plea for Active Support of Catholic Press

Sacramento.—Cooperating in a program of the Most Rev. Robert J. Armstrong, Bishop of Sacramento, to strengthen the cause of the Catholic press in Northern California, the Catholic Daughters of America of this city have pledged to support advertisers in the official diocesan organ.

The action was taken in response to a display notice in the Superior California Register, in which women were asked to sign and mail to the Bishop the following pledge: "Please place my name on the list of loyal Catholic women who unite in a promise to carefully note the names of firms, persons and products advertised each week in 'The Superior California Register' and, as (Continued on Page Seven)

## Frankly Admits Soviet Opposed To All Religion

Moscow Correspondent of 'Nation' in Lecture States Bolsheviks Reasons for Stamping Out Religious Beliefs

By REV. ALBERT MUNTSCHE, S.J. (C. V. Service)

St. Louis.—In face of the many charges and counter-charges that have been made until now pertaining to religious persecution in Soviet Russia, it was wise to refrain from a final decision. Now, however, the voices in condemnation of the cruelty of the Bolshevik autocrats against persons religiously minded, are too numerous to be disregarded. One of the frankest admissions of outspokenly hostile attitude of modern Russia against all religion was made Sunday night, March 5, in a lecture on "Russia Today," by Louis Elshoff, Moscow Correspondent of the "Nation." The lecture was held at the Y. M. H. A. Building in St. Louis, being one of a course annually sponsored by that Association.

No Hope for Religion

Answering the question proposed to him "Why does Russia persecute religion," the lecturer did not even attempt a denial, but said: "I see no more hope for religion in Russia." He went on to give "two reasons" for the stamping out of religious belief in the country. One is that the Bolsheviks look upon religion as a "matter of philosophy." In their

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## Sees Mexico Still Opposed To Religion

Dr. Zwierein in Federation Lecture Asks Hearers to Pray End of Terrible Conditions There

A picture of the deplorable conditions that exist in Mexico was presented by the Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Zwierein of St. Bernard's Seminary in his talk on the "Mexican Question," given under the auspices of the Catholic Men's Federation of Monroe County in St. Joseph's Hall last Friday evening.

Dr. Zwierein stated that an idea of how things are done in Mexico may be learned from the pamphlet prepared by Bishop Kelly of Oklahoma entitled "The Book of Red and Yellow"; the "Letters of Rosalie Evans" will also reveal conditions in Mexico. Article 130 of the 1917 Constitution of Mexico, he said, will show to what lengths these in power in Mexico have gone.

Dr. Zwierein described the tyrannical acts of the rulers of Mexico and indicated how they showed a hatred of religion and of all things that pertain to the service of God.

It assailed the orphan asylums and scattered the children who were sheltered there; it dispersed the

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## Throng to Honor Bishop At the Services Marking 4th Anniversary, Sunday

Program Sponsored by Rochester Knights of Columbus To Include Addresses by Father Timoney, Bishop and State Deputy Armstrong, Albany

Ticket reservations thus far made indicate that the Columbus Civic Center auditorium will be taxed to capacity for the noon for the Solemn Pontifical Benediction services marking the fourth anniversary of the death of the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hara, D.D., on Sunday, Sunday, March 19, next. The services will begin at 12 o'clock and be under the auspices of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

Ordinary of Diocese

Members of the Rochester Diocesan Ordinary have been informed that the Bishop of the Diocese, Most Rev. John Francis O'Hara, D.D., will be in the diocese to mark the fourth anniversary of his death on Sunday, March 19, next. The Bishop will be accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Zwierein, St. Bernard's Seminary, and the Rev. Dr. Albert Muntscche, S.J., C. V. Service, St. Louis.

## Dubuque Women 25,000 in Number Protest Films

Dubuque, Iowa.—Twenty-five thousand Catholic women are represented in the protest sent to leading motion picture producers by the Dubuque Archdiocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women against immoral and obscene films.

The letter is signed by 15 diocesan presidents and has been forwarded individually to film producers.

Declaring that local exhibitors are not to blame since they are forced to take the output of the producers according to their contracts, the protest places the whole responsibility for immoral cinema at the door of the producers. The Catholic women declare that should their protest go unheeded and objectionable films continued to be produced they will make their opposition felt "at the box office."

"We have protested to the exhibitors," the protest reads, "and follow up this protest with a communication to you to the effect that we deem it our duty to our families, the citizens of our communities and our state to approach you with the request for cleaner, better pictures."

"We find the average film rife with vulgarity, crammed with low-down, (Continued on Page Two)

## Father F. L. Odenbach Dies in Cleveland

The Rev. F. L. Odenbach, S.J., 74, science professor at John Carroll University in Cleveland and a former Rochesterian, died Wednesday in Cleveland. He was considered one of the nation's leading authorities in the study of earthquakes. He was the son of the late John Odenbach of Rochester and a cousin of Fred Odenbach.

## Bishop Corbett Orders Catechetical Work For Catholic Pupils Not in Parish Schools

New York.—Despite the general economic depression, Catholic New York's contribution to home and foreign missions during 1932, through the medium of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, amounted to the generous sum of \$406,071.50 net. This sum, generous as it is, reflects the business and financial condition of the times, inasmuch as it is about \$75,000 less than last year and \$110,000 less than two years ago.

The Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Archdiocese of New York, in his annual report to His Eminence Cardinal Hayes, expresses his appreciation of the devotion of the Catholic people of New York to the home and foreign missions and of their wholehearted support of these activities through their donations to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Writing to the Cardinal Archbishop, Father McDonnell said:

"What a consolation it must be to you, our shepherd in Christ, to know that your diocese, through the charity of your faithful flock, not only takes care of the needs of the Church within its own domain but has stretched forth its hand of benevolence to the four corners of the world that Christ may be better known, especially today, when the missions are confronted with the most serious problem of receiving necessary support."

During the twenty-nine years since the society in this archdiocese was reorganized under Bishop Drury's care, more than \$10,000,000 has been collected by it for the home and foreign missions.

OBLATE HEAD IN CANADA  
Quebec.—The Very Rev. Theobald Laboure, superior general of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is visiting the house of his order in Canada.

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## Solemn Mass To Mark Feast Of St. Patrick

The Rev. Fr. Joseph E. O'Brien, pastor of the Holy Name Church, will celebrate the Mass on Sunday, March 19, at 10 o'clock, in honor of the feast of St. Patrick.

## Fr. Burke, Paulist, Gives Lenten Talks On Catholic Hour

Washington.—The Very Rev. Thomas F. Burke, C.S.P., former Superior General of the Paulist Congregation and now Superior of the Paulists on the Pacific Coast, is giving a series of brief Lenten talks over the "Catholic Hour" every Sunday until Sunday, March 26, inclusive. It is announced at the headquarters here of the National Council of Catholic Men, sponsors of the national broadcast.

## Convention Dates Of Catholic Students Mission Crusade Set

Cincinnati.—The eighth national convention of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade was announced today by the Rt. Rev. Messrs. Frank A. Thill, national secretary-treasurer. The convention will be held in Cincinnati, August 8-11.

## Missioner Baptizes Former Officer Of Red Army in China

St. Columbanus, Neb.—Word has just been received here that among those recently baptized in St. William's Church, Sientaochen, China, is a former officer of the Red (communist) army. During the Red occupation of a Chinese town, the officer had professed the Catholics. Subsequently he left the Reds, whom he had been forced to join, and went to live near the missionaries of St. Columban in Sientaochen. The priest made friends with him and he took instructions. He was baptized by the Rev. Alphonsus Kerr, formerly manager of "The Far East" magazine.

## New York Catholics Give Generously During Economic Stress to Home and Foreign Missions

Crookston, Minn.—Declaring that "absolute care must be taken that all our Catholic children receive religious instruction," the Most Rev. Timothy Corbett, Bishop of Crookston, in a pastoral read in all the churches of his diocese on Sunday, ordered the extension of catechetical work for those children who for various reasons, do not attend parochial schools.

## Something 'Extra Special'

IS COMING in the March 30 issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER. SOMETHING that will bring an extra measure of value to every reader. SOMETHING that will combine pleasure with business. SOMETHING that will help you to direct your buying for the largest value per dollar (that's the business part). SOMETHING that will divert and amuse you while helping you to save money (that's the pleasure part).

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