

CLERGY SIGN PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM PLEA

Declaration to Senate
Favors Prevailing Wage;
Priests Here Sign

Washington (NCWC) — A declaration in favor of a program of public works as opposed to the dole and urging the payment of the prevailing wage to those on work relief has been signed by a group of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen, among them many prominent as economists and social workers. A copy of the declaration has been forwarded to the United States Senate, bearing the signatures of about 50 of the most prominent clergymen in various sections of the country.

A larger group of clergymen, about 150, have given their indorsement to the statements contained in the declaration, the text of which follows:

"The latest and most reliable statistics indicate that there are about 12,000,000 men and women in America out of work whole time. The standard of relief in every section of the country is inadequate to maintain the families of the unemployed upon a normal level of life. This in itself is a serious indictment of our social system in an age of surplus and abundance. But more serious than this is the danger that America will develop a relief program as an answer to the problem of unemployment.

"We believe that relief is necessary to meet an emergency and to mitigate the suffering of the unemployed. No government, however, has the right to place 12,000,000 men and women in a state of dependence upon the rolls of relief and to assume that the problem is solved. What the unemployed need and want is work and wages, not a dole. In view of the fact that private enterprise is apparently unable to provide employment in this crisis work and wages for all the unemployed will come only through a fundamental and comprehensive program on the part of the state and Federal government. When private enterprise fails, government enterprise must come to the rescue.

"We are convinced that Congress should at once pass a bill providing not only relief but work for the unemployed."

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Soviet Russia Lists Bl. Thomas Moore As Among Its 'Heroes'

London (NCWC) — Soviet Russia has acclaimed Blessed Thomas Moore, soon to be canonized, as one of its heroes.

This fact is pointed out in a letter to The Times, here, from a reader who says that a handbook, published in Moscow for the use of the army of the U. S. R., begins with a calendar of anniversaries of those whom communism delights to honor. Among them, with Marx, Engels, Lenin and Bebel, is the author of "Utopia."

Catholic Youth Group Activities Extended

Chicago (NCWC) — Four new committees of the Catholic youth organization of the Archdiocese have been organized. They are the committees on Communism, Press Vigilance, the Catholic Worker and Apostleship of Prayer.

Spring Modes Spring Up ...

AND NEWS about them is springing up too in our famous column of facts and fancies which appears each week on Page Two under the caption "As One Woman to Another."

SUZANNE urges you as one woman to another, to turn to her column this instant and scan the latest news about fashion moods in the "Spring Modes."

THIS WEEKLY feature is one to mark for early reading in each issue of

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Lenten Regulations

THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
Dear Beloved in Christ:—

It strikes me as timely at the beginning of the Lenten season to remind you that the Extraordinary Jubilee of the Redemption, proclaimed for the City of Rome in 1933 and extended to the whole world a year ago, will end on the Sunday after Easter.

Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, broke an age-old precedent when in 1933 he decided to mark the 19th centenary of the redeeming death of Our Blessed Savior by summoning the Catholic world to a crusade of prayer and piety and enriching participation in it with jubilee indulgences.

To realize how opportune his action was, one needs but to look around and see how far the mind of the so-called Christian world has wandered from the historic Christian course of thought in which the doctrine of our redemption through the sacrifice of Christ's atoning death is the outstanding landmark.

Outside the Catholic Church today the fundamentals of Christian belief are being constantly sapped. Many who still call themselves Christians are apparently unaware of this distinctive process. Others are discerning enough to see it, but not appreciative enough of the value of Christianity to resist the assault.

To measure how far this reversion to paganism has gone, note the tendencies of popular authors of the day, of sentimental columnists in the daily press, of acknowledged leaders in ever shifting educational theory, of facile proponents of a new social system. Their occasional mention of Christ as a human teacher should not blind us to their woeful neglect of Christ as a Divine Savior.

Nor should we flatter ourselves that all this will fail to exert its influence on ourselves and our children. In a spiritual way, we are like people who are compelled to live on a diet that is largely lacking in elements essential for proper nutrition. This lack we must supply by conscious effort in seeking to renew our faith and hope in Christ Crucified, now as in the days of St. Paul "unto the Jews, indeed, a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness, but unto them that are called, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Christ Crucified is the wisdom of God because the crucifixion teaches us that the greatest evil in the world is sin—greater than poverty, greater than pain, greater than death. Christ Crucified is the power of God because the crucifixion gives us the most touching motive to repent of sin and avoid it. The wisdom of God thus instructs us that our final destiny is beyond death, and the power of God communicated to us through the grace, which Christ's redeeming death merited for all, enables us to attain that supernatural destiny.

Every Lent carries its invitation to meditate on these fundamental Christian truths and apply the lesson they teach to our own lives. But the Lent that closes the worldwide jubilee of the redemption stresses that invitation. May we all respond to it seriously and generously.

To make the graces of the jubilee readily accessible to all, I shall, during Lent, use to the utmost the facilities granted by the Holy See for the Holy Year. Therefore, if in the judgment of the pastor it is, for any good reason, inconvenient to have his parishioners make group visits to two churches as set down in our diocesan jubilee regulations, then, instead of such visits, it will be sufficient for individuals to attend three evening Lenten services at which the prescribed prayers are publicly recited. It is understood, of course, that in addition the usual requirements of Confession and Communion are to be complied with.

Let me also take the occasion to recall, at least in summary, the Lenten regulations of the diocese:

The law of fasting holds for all the weekdays of Lent up to noon on Holy Saturday. Fasting essentially implies taking only one full meal a day, whether it be at noon or in the evening; another light meal, from which, however, meat is excluded, may be taken either as a luncheon or as a supper; and a very light breakfast of bread and coffee, or the like, is permitted.

The law of fasting binds all who are twenty-one and not yet fifty-nine years of age, except the sick, nursing women, and those who do hard labor or whose physical condition is such that they cannot fast without prejudice to their health.

The law of Lenten abstinence from flesh meat holds in this diocese for the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, (Continued on Page 3)

TRAGIC FATE, OF CHINESE PRIEST KIDNAPPED BY BANDITS, REVEALED

Yennoufu, China (NCWC-Files) — Details of the fate of the Rev. Stephen Fang, Chinese priest kidnapped by communist bandits last October and murdered in the mountains of northern Shensi, have been received at the Franciscan mission headquarters here.

On October 15, a band of communists attacked the priest's house at Chumbu and dragged off Father Fang to their hide-out in the mountains, abusing him on the way. He was confined with 20 other prisoners, and a demand for a heavy ransom was sent to his superiors. His captors, in the meantime, tortured him daily, letting him hang by his arm from an overhead beam while they beat him with whips and cudgels. They insulted him at the same time and threatened him with death. Thirteen members of this band, including the outlaw-chief, were arrested Nov. 1. The leader was sentenced to death, and the others were imprisoned at Luochuan. In retaliation, the other brigands, three days later, shot Father Fang.

Rotary Group Scores Holding International Convention in Mexico

Baltimore (NCWC) — A protest against the holding of the International Rotary Convention in Mexico was voiced in a resolution drawn up by members of the Rotary Club in Belair, Md. A copy was ordered sent to the national officers of the organization.

The Belair Rotary Club, the Baltimore Catholic Review states, is "indignant that the organization is being used by the Mexican Government to combat public opinion in this country against the religious persecution in Mexico."

RED SHIRTS SLAY THREE IN MEXICO

Shoot Demonstrators at
Guadalajara Opposing
Socialist Schools

By CHARLES RETICO
(Mexico City Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Mexico City — The students' demonstration at Guadalajara, State of Jalisco, on Sunday, which resulted in three persons being killed and seven seriously wounded by shots fired into the crowd by Red Shirts, followed also upon a Catholic demonstration in the same city which was dispersed in the same manner.

No one was killed at the previous meeting but in the confusion that followed children were trampled under foot, old people were injured and many others were bruised or suffered minor hurts. Both demonstrations were public expressions of opposition to the Government's plan of socialist education and were held as a becoming more and more frequent despite the refusal of the authorities to issue permits. Serious disturbances are feared when the new Governor, Everardo Topete takes office.

Sunday's demonstration began with a meeting at 11 a. m. in front of the University at which students, workers and parents heard a student, Agustín Leano, attack the local Government's policy and socialist leaders and demand the freedom of the chair for the University. At the close of the meeting 10,000 people, without the participation of the authorities, decided to march to the Municipal Palace. Only the first group has reached the principal square of Guadalajara where the Red Shirts fired upon them and began beating them with clubs and the seven seriously wounded, a great many others were injured. The police have arrested 30 people, many of them women, and are investigating the affair.

STATE MEXICO PROTEST ELACED BEFORE SENATE

Washington (NCWC) — Vice-president Garner laid before the Senate yesterday a resolution adopted by the General Court of Massachusetts urging the Senate to carry out the provisions of the Borah resolution for an investigation of conditions in Mexico. The resolution was referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, which has the Borah Resolution before it.

The resolution adopted by the Massachusetts Legislature reads in part as follows:

"That the General Court of Massachusetts urges upon the Senate of the United States to adopt and carry out the provisions of the Borah resolution, so-called, now pending before said Senate, protesting against the execution of the present rulers of Mexico, condemning the cruelties and brutalities that have accompanied the campaign of the present Mexican Government against the profession and practice of religious beliefs in said country and providing for the conduct of hearings by the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate and the receiving of such evidence by said committee as may be presented relating to religious persecution and anti-religious compulsion and aggression in Mexico for the purpose of determining the policy of the United States with reference to this vital problem and in what way it may best serve the cause of tolerance and religious freedom."

Several delegates including Judge Anthony Botti, of New Jersey, brooked against the resolution on the grounds that it had no bearing on the purposes of the crime conference. Another man, who declared that he was the father of seven children, asserted that "the New Jersey Legislature will not interfere with the laws of God." Mrs. William Thayer Brown, Jr., of Short Hills, vice-president of the New Jersey Eltho Court League, leaped in defense of the resolution. Dr. J. B. Morrison, of Newark, secretary of the New Jersey Medical Society, said that his society had for years refused endorsement of birth control.

A viva voce vote passed a motion to return the resolution back to the committee.

LATE BULLETINS (NCWC News Service)

Washington — Federal aid for schools supported in whole or in part by public taxation, but ignoring non-governmental schools, is provided for in two bills introduced by Representative Lee of Oklahoma.

Indianapolis — J. P. O'Mahoney, former editor of The Indiana Catholic and Record, official organ of the Diocese of Indianapolis, died here Monday afternoon following an operation.

New York — Robert Serlav, president of the Spanish-American Society, has been informed by United States Ambassador in Cuba, C. Bowles, that officials of the Spanish La Rabida, in Pinar del Rio, have expressed pleasure at the plan to erect a bronze plaque there next summer in honor of Christopher Columbus.

Phoenix — Provision of free text books for use in high schools and in state welfare institutions doing educational work, is called for in a bill introduced in the Arizona Legislature.

La Plata, Md. — The building which houses the Sisters' home chapel and auditorium of Sacred Heart School, here, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. Ten nuns residing in the building narrowly escaped injury.

MOBILIZATION PLANS OF K. C. GET UNDERWAY

Councils in Diocese Join
Nation-Wide Catholic
Action Movement

MOBILIZATION SUNDAY in the Knights of Columbus International Campaign for Catholic Action will be marked Sunday, March 10.

Heading the words of E. Cardinal Pacelli, "Papal Secretary of State: 'The need is great: the present challenges to Catholic Action, Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the United States and Canada are marshaling their forces to conduct an intensive campaign from Sunday, March 17, to Monday April 1. The Holy Father through Cardinal Pacelli has blessed the movement."

Councils in the Diocese of Rochester are in the forefront in the movement with Geneva Council being one of the first in the United States to effect an organization for the campaign. Rochester Councils, Elmira, Canastota, Auburn, Hornell, Corning and other councils have reported progress in preparation for the mobilization of Catholic manpower.

Cities' Aims

As announced by Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody, the international chairman for the whole campaign is William P. Larkin, president of the Knights of Columbus Corporation and former head of the Knights of Columbus War Fund Campaign. The publicity will be directed by John B. Kennedy, nationally popular radio commentator and an outstanding exponent of Catholicism and philosophy. Aims of the Knights in this undertaking as outlined by Chairman Larkin are:

"An organized movement throughout the United States and Canada, to arouse the present membership of the Knights of Columbus as well as eligible non-members, to a keen sense of the pressing needs for lay leadership and united lay effort in support of the ideals of Christian citizenship for which the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus stand."

Hierarchy Cooperation

Commenting on the campaign, Chairman Larkin stated this week:

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Birth Control Plan Stirs Crime Parley And Then Is Tabled

Trenton, N. J. (NCWC) — Quite suddenly, if not unexpectedly, the question of birth control raised its head amid the 1,500 delegates attending Governor Harold C. Hoffman's crime conference here shortly before the meeting was scheduled to adjourn.

It all started when Chester J. Bernard, president of the New Jersey Birth Control League, and chairman of the conference resolutions committee, read a resolution calling for legislation to establish birth control clinics in congested areas. Introduction of the resolution served to postpone adjournment and stirred debate and discussion to a white heat.

Several delegates including Judge Anthony Botti, of New Jersey, brooked against the resolution on the grounds that it had no bearing on the purposes of the crime conference. Another man, who declared that he was the father of seven children, asserted that "the New Jersey Legislature will not interfere with the laws of God." Mrs. William Thayer Brown, Jr., of Short Hills, vice-president of the New Jersey Eltho Court League, leaped in defense of the resolution. Dr. J. B. Morrison, of Newark, secretary of the New Jersey Medical Society, said that his society had for years refused endorsement of birth control.

A viva voce vote passed a motion to return the resolution back to the committee.

Entering Sisterhood, Becomes The Ninth In One Family In Religion

Utica, N. Y. (NCWC) — In entering the Sisters of Charity, Miss Bernadette Fey becomes the ninth member of the Fey family here to become a member of a religious order.

Miss Fey is the seventh daughter of Sister Louise to become a member of the Sisters of Charity, while two brothers are priests in the Society of Jesus and of the Vincentian Order.

The brothers and sisters of Miss Fey in religion are:

The Rev. Leo F. Fey, S.J., of Woodstock College in Maryland; the Rev. Louis A. Fey, C.M., a missionary in Panama; and Sisters Margaret, of St. Joseph's Hospital Philadelphia; Scholastica, principal of St. Patrick's Academy, Richmond, Va.; Mary Elizabeth, of St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, N. C.; and Mary Louise, of Portsmouth, Va.

Dead at 86



FRANCIS EUGENE BONN

PROF. BONN'S FINAL RITES HELD TODAY

Archbishop Mooney Pontificates at Funeral Services in Cathedral

Professor Francis Eugene Bonn, Cathedral organist for 47 years, died Tuesday, March 4, was laid to rest today in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery following deeply impressive services in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

In the same church edifice in which his voice, his playing and his compositions were willingly given to the glory and honor of God, Archbishop Mooney, Bishop of Rochester and fourth Bishop under whom Professor Bonn served, celebrated the solemn pontifical funeral Mass for the repose of his soul.

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Came Here in 1888

Professor Bonn died following a brief illness in his 86th year. He came to Rochester in 1888.

He was born in Tripstadt, Rhine-Bavaria, Oct. 21, 1848, and came to America at an early age with his parents. After spending some time in New York City, the family moved to Sandusky, Ohio, where a home was established.

The Cathedral organist is a descendant of a long line of musicians and educators, his father having been organist for years at the Tripstadt church and teaching in the village school.

Beginning his musical training early under his father, he continued his studies under an older brother, John Louis Bonn, organist for many years at the Paulist Church in New York City. In New York he also pursued his studies under some of the best teachers in that city and began his work in harmony and counterpoint.

In 1878 he returned to Germany

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Nun Is Left \$50,000; To Give Share To Order

Pittsburgh, (NCWC) — A share in a \$50,000 estate estimated at \$50,000 and one sixth of the income of a trust fund bequeathed to Mother Cecilia Heidenkamp, of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Columbus, O., will be given by the nun, to the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity, of which Mother Cecilia is a member.

PRaise FOR K. OF C. AID VOICED BY HEAD OF COMMUNITY CHESTS

New York (NCWC) — High praise is given to the Knights of Columbus as a factor in the strengthening of Community Chests throughout the country in a statement just received by William P. Larkin, international chairman of the Knights of Columbus Mobilization for Catholic Action, from Fred E. R. Kellogg, national president of Community Chests and Councils, the national organization of groups conducting federated campaigns for community welfare and relief work.

"Community Chests depend for their successful operation on a unity of all groups in the community working together for the common cause," Mr. Kellogg says. "They are, in a very real sense, dependant upon organized groups for their

ST. AMBROSE HOLY NAME MEN WIN FIRST HONORS IN CATHOLIC COURIER DRIVE

Corpus Christi Team and St. John's Tied For Second Place; Total For Catholic Press Month 1934; Leaders Praise Workers' Efforts

Final check-up in the Catholic Press month campaign of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union for the CATHOLIC COURIER, which ended last Thursday, revealed that St. Ambrose parish, Rochester, had sent in 18 new subscriptions, which gave that parish team a total of 228 new subscriptions and thereby won first place honors in the campaign.

Corpus Christi, Rochester, sent in ten more for a total of 214 tying with St. John's Rochester for second place.

"With the close of the campaign bringing such responses as those of St. Mary's, Auburn, and Corpus Christi, Rochester," the Rev. F. William Stauder, spiritual director of the Union, said this week. "The Executive Committee of the Union feels that the efforts of the Holy Name men of the diocese in behalf of the CATHOLIC COURIER during the month of February was, indeed, well worth while. The check-up reveals that nearly every parish in the diocese has been helped from and that is most gratifying."

Worth Effort

B. Edward Rhiesinger, president of the Union in commenting on the final results of the campaign said: "We feel that the total turn-in during the month have justified the additional efforts on the part of the Holy Name Societies. Catholic Press Month gave every parish in the diocese a chance to help the Catholic Courier, to increase its circulation or to solicit their parishioners, which in some cases, was not practical during the campaign last fall."

The complete returns for the month of February showed a total of 984 new subscriptions turned in. Secretary Roy W. Criss reported on Tuesday night: "A grand total of over 4,000 have been received since last August which speaks well for the activity put forth by our Holy Name men. If no other goal were attained, the campaign has made the Catholic people of the diocese conscious of the fact that they have a Catholic newspaper that is well worth supporting."

Below is listed those parishes which have reported 20 or more new subscriptions:

St. Ambrose, Rochester	228
Corpus Christi Rochester	214
St. John Evangelist, Roch.	214
St. Mary, Auburn	214
St. Monica, Rochester	138
Immaculate Conception, Roch.	138
St. Alphonsus, Auburn	138
Blessed Sacrament, Roch.	138
Holy Redeemer, Rochester	138
St. Patrick's, Rochester	138
St. Joseph, Rochester	138
St. Andrew, Rochester	118
St. Francis Xavier, Rochester	98
St. Francis de Sales, Geneva	98

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First Issue of New Catholic Monthly In India Published

Madras (NCWC-Files) — The first number of The New Review, a new Catholic monthly published as a joint enterprise of the 11 Jesuit missions in India, contains a variety of articles by scholars and writers who are well known in India, Europe and America. A study on "The Meaning of Mahatma Gandhi" by M. Rathnam; "Thoughts about Newman" by the Rev. Joseph de Belders, S.J., and "India's Gifts," by the Rev. C. C. Martindale, S.J., are among the contents of this first issue.

An editorial sets forth the purpose of the review, namely, "to contribute to the advancement of India to the full extent of its influence." Free from communal, provincial or linguistic considerations, the magazine will be devoted to the spread of God's glory and to the progress of the country, says the editorial. Scare-mongers and professional demagogues, who paint Christianity as de-nationalizing for political to the best interests of the country will do well to note the mission of this publication it adds. "No community, province, language or century; no endeavor, danger, failure or glory of India will be beyond the scope of The New Review" it goes on. "And every kind of good, spiritual, material, cultural and technical, will form part of our purpose."

Check List of Features

ARE YOU missing any of the many features that make each issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER so completely informative and interesting?

IN THIS edition, for example, be sure to read Father Massett's editorial comment on Page 5; Doctor Maguire's "Leave It" note on Page 3; Bill Long's "Alpha" on the Sports column on Page 4; and Diocesan Recordings on the Editorial Page.

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