# Flood Losses Heavy To Church Property In Several Dioceses

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(Polish) and the parochial school buildings were flooded to the first floor. The pastor, the Rev. Stanislaus Musiel, has opened the buildings to flood refugees. The Rev John Balasa and the Rev. Theophil Kotowski, curates, were out at 2 a. m. Friday in boats making rescues. Assistance for the sufferers was received from the Church of the Sacred Heart (Polish), New Britain.

The Most Rev. Maurice F. McAuliffe, Bishop of Hartford, caused a special appeal for aid for flood sufferers to be made in all churches Sunday.

Springfield, Mass.—In Springfield, nuns are aiding in the work of inoculating church-goers. Those who waddled to church on Sunday were obliged to obtain passes from health authorities before being readmitted to the flood area.

The Rev. James W. Casey, rector, and the Rev. J. P. Sheehan and the Rev. W. T. Breen risked their lives in the swirling waters of the Connecticut River to save the Blessed Sacrament and vestments in St. Patrick's Church, South Hadley, Mass. The church is a wreck and the parish house has been swept away. Father Casey estimates the cost of replacement will be $105,000. Isolated three days, he was able to communicate with the Most Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, Bishop of Springfield, finally by short-wave radio.

Parishioners were forced to flee from the church when flood waters invaded the building while they were attending Lenten services. Workers tried to save the church by lashing telephone poles to the iron fence surrounding it. The town hall has been lent to the parish for services.

Manchester, N. H.—Flood waters of the Connecticut River and its tributaries have taken a heavy toll of damage in churches and religious property in the Diocese of Manchester. Cities and towns in the Merrimack River Valley are hardest hit.

The chief damage to church property has been in the town of Hooksett, where the church, school and rectory are still standing but greatly damaged. The river changed its course by 500 feet and ran through the village. Many homes were destroyed.

Elsewhere the damage to church property, it was reported to the Most Rev. John B. Peterson, Bishop of Manchester, has not been so heavy. Bishop Peterson personally visited every parish in the flooded Merrimack Valley.

Altoona, Pa.—St. Patrick's Day of 1936 will long be remembered in the Diocese of Altoona, because of the anguish and suffering and damage caused by the angry flood waters, which spread over every one of the eight counties of the Diocese. For a time floods isolated the communities of Johnstown, Bedford, Huntington, Tyrone, Williamsburg, Lock Haven, Mount Union and smaller places in the diocese.

Sunday, March 22, St. Agnes' Church, Lock Haven; St. Joseph's, Williamsburg, and ten churches in the city of Johnstown were without services. Damages to Church properties cannot yet be estimated. Vestments have been destroyed in many churches, walls cracked and floors buckled. Mud and slimy mire fill the cellars of many buildings. The church, rectory, convent, and school of Immaculate Conception parish, Lock Haven, were inundated by the flood waters.

The Most Rev. John J. McCort, Bishop of Altoona, a patient at the Mercy Hospital, Johnstown, where he recently celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday, was personal witness of the flood conditions, although the hospital was untouched. It is now the scene of busy relief activities.

Immaculate Conception Church in the Cambria City section of Johnstown was most severely affected. The altars were torn loose from their bases and sent floating high above the pews to other portions of the Church; valuable oil paintings are a total loss. At this time there is yet a foot of mud and slime covering the Church floor. St. John Gualbert's Church in the downtown business section and the center of the largest parish in the city, was also inundated.

In every instance the Blessed Sacrament was saved. All priests and Sisters are safe, though many have had harrowing experiences. Some did not leave their homes until the false alarm about the breaking of the Quemahoning dam Wednesday afternoon. The anguish and heart rending caused by this alarm, given by the sounding of sirens and the blowing of whistles to a people who have always been flood-conscious, mindful of the year 1889, when almost 3,000 lost their lives, was almost worse than the effects of the waters.

Pittsburgh, March 24.—About 30 churches in the Diocese have been damaged by the flood. Chiefly, the damage has been to altars, pews and floors. About 25 parish schools have been similarly affected. No accurate estimate of the total damage can yet be made but it is believed that it will be nearly half a million dollars.

Fifteen thousand Catholic families have been driven from their homes and are being cared for by parish units of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, by the Red Cross and other charitable agencies.

All schools have been ordered closed by the health authorities on account of the shortage of drinking water.

**FOR THE COMMON WELFARE**

"The State has a sacred claim upon our respect and loyalty. It may justly impose obligations and demand sacrifices, for the sake of the common welfare which it is established to promote. It is the means to an end; not an end in itself." A Civic Mosaic (NCWC, Washington, D. C.)

## Vatican Gets New Telescope

This new telescope, just completed at the Carl Zeiss plant in Jena, Thuringia, by order of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, will be installed in the Vatican Observatory at Castelgandolfo. A new tower has been erected for it at the corner of the Papal summer villa overlooking the lake. All the movements of the telescope are accomplished by electricity. Inset shows the Rev. John W. Egan, S. J., director of the observatory.

## THE YARDSTICK

### CATHOLIC TESTS OF A NEW SOCIAL ORDER

By the Rev. R. A. McGowan

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**A FILTHY BUSINESS**

Side by side in a New York paper during the building-service employes' strike were three articles that hang together.

One was an account of a meeting of the New York Board of Trade. A real estate official charged that an unnamed labor leader in the strike is a representative of "a notorious gangster," also unnamed, of Chicago. No proof was offered.

Next to it, the business manager of a paper said that he had no "strike breakers" at work. It developed that by "strike breakers" he meant the professional strike breakers commonly called Finks.

The next column gave an account of a police raid on a strike breaking agency, bearing the noble name, something or other confidential bureau, incorporated. You think immediately of Amos and Andy. But two local gangsters are reported to have been picked up there and an investigation is being conducted.

First, no proof, not even a name was offered in the charge against labor. Second, the newspaper business-manager knew the difference between "strike breakers" and strike breakers. Third, two gangsters were reportedly found in one raid on a "strike breaking" agency that furnishes men for the buildings on strike.

The business of hiring professional strike breakers is an old one and a growing one. The strikes being waged now make it very profitable. It is a low and dirty business. It has thugs and bullets and bums as its chief stock in trade.

The time has come for some kind of governmental investigation of the whole filthy business and for laws to outlaw it.

There agencies furnish three kinds of service. One is the service of spies. They put spies along side the workers in any and every department of a business to report on men and women. They put spies in labor unions to sow dissension, cause them to make mistakes and even provoke violence, and then to report all the happenings. Any and every traitorous trick they will do for hire. Spies in industry are common now.

In strike or lockout they provide strike breakers. They send a choice assortment of scoundrels, even if now in the desperation of unemployment many a good man goes wrong with them.

They provide expert thugs for police duty. The whole thing is interstate commerce in thugs.

(NCWC FEATURES)

## The Pamphlet Survey

Compiled by Eugene P. Willging, Librarian, St. Thomas College, Scranton, Pa.

Among titles recently issued we list the following:

"Mercy Killing Is Murder" by J. W. Cox (Paulist Press, 401 W. 59th St., New York City). Arguments against euthanasia.

"The Augustinians" by C. De Romains (Augustinian Fathers, Good Counsel Novitiate, New Hamburg, N. Y.). Brief history.

"The Our Father for Children," by D. M. Dougherty (Paulist). Text and simple explanation, accompanied by illustrations.

"Purpose and Duty of Ownership According to Thomas Aquinas" by V. Michel (Central Bureau, 506 Westminster Place, St. Louis, Mo.).

"Human Rights, Ownership, Labor and Industry" by V. Michel (Wanderer Printing Co., St. Paul, Minn.). Three pamphlets on the social question.

"Encyclical Letter on the Catholic Priesthood" by Pope Pius XI. Copies obtainable from National Catholic Welfare Conference, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. International Catholic Truth Society, 407 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Ecclesiastical Review, 1723 Arch St., Philadelphia. The complete English text.

"First Friday Thoughts," by W. J. Smith (Paulist). Stories of the Child Jesus and prayers to the Sacred Heart for children. Illustrated.

"Begone, Satan!" by C. Vogel (Celestine Kapsner, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.). Story of the successful exorcism of a woman possessed by devils for 26 years.

(N.C.W.C. FEATURES)

**NATIONAL COOPERATIVES**

"In the circumstances of American life all cooperatives ought to be either on a national scale, or when regional or local, they ought to be closely federated. The goods and money markets are national markets and the organization must equal the market." The Catholic Church and Cooperatives (NCWC, Washington, D. C.)

**A SUFFICIENT REASON**

"A special reason ... for forming this society among the nations is the need generally recognized of reducing, if it is not possible to abolish entirely, the enormous military expenditure which can no longer be borne by the state, in order that in this way murderous and disastrous wars may be prevented and to each people may be assured, within just confines, the independence and integrity of its own territory." International Ethics (NCWC, Washington, D. C.)

## Outstanding ...

RICHARD REID

# 1936 LAETARE MEDAL FOR RICHARD REID

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dren. He holds a bachelor and master of arts degree from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., and a law degree from Fordham University. His home is at 1314 Glen Avenue, Augusta.

Mr. Reid has long been active and prominent in the work of the Catholic Press Association, and served as its president for two terms. He is at present a member of the United States National Committee for the World Catholic Press Exhibition being held at the Vatican this year.

The Laetare Medal is given by Notre Dame as a recognition of merit and as an incentive to greater achievement. The custom originated with the Papal practice of bestowing the Golden Rose.

The custom was inaugurated at Notre Dame when the Very Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., University founder, bestowed the first medal on John Gilmary Shea, historian.

The roll of medalists contains names of persons selected from every walk of life: statesmen, financiers, artists, writers, soldiers, scientists, physicians, architects, philosophers, jurists, orators and economists.

Recent recipients of the medal include the late Edward N. Hurley, John McCormack, Alfred E. Smith, Dr. Albert F. Zahm, occupant of the Guggenheim chair of Aeronautics in the Congressional Library, and Dr. Stephen S. Maher. Mr. Reid will be the fifty-fourth recipient of the award.

# FR. GILLIS HAILS ZEAL FOR JUSTICE

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divorce and perjury in courts. The sanctity of an oath is considered old fashioned," he said. "Perjury in courts is as common as breathing. There is an increase in divorce. ... It is this struggle ... for justice ... that is going to save the world. ... We are living in the evil times that ever happened," continued Father Gillis. "In the face of all that has happened ... for the Catholic Church ... and wring its hands to look with consternation on all the changes now taking place for with its desire for social justice, modern civilization has more good than evil."

## K. of C. Appropriate $50,000 For Relief Of Flood Sufferers

New York (NC) Following a special meeting of the Supreme Officers of the Knights of Columbus here, called to consider measures for relief of flood sufferers, Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody of Grand Rapids, Mich., announced that the organization is appropriating $50,000 for emergency relief work in New England in Pennsylvania and in other States.

Reports from the Order's representatives who are in the flood areas indicate that the Red Cross and State and local relief agencies are doing everything humanly possible to care for the immediate needs of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who are enduring privations and suffering great distress. State and local councils of the Knights of Columbus are co-operating with the regular relief agencies, and their club houses are being used as temporary homes for thousands of flood sufferers.

**PRAYER OPENS SENATE**

Indianapolis—(N.C.)—The session of the State Senate, now in assembly here, was opened with a prayer by the Rev. Paul A. Deery, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Bloomington, and state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

# Miss Rosalie Riggio, Former Science Teacher at Hunter's College, Makes Profession As Carmelite Nun Here

A former instructor in the Department of Science of Hunter's College, Miss Rosalie Riggio of Brooklyn, N. Y., was received into the Carmelite novitiate here at an impressive ceremony held at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, March 21.

The Rt. Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, officiated. He clothed the candidate with the habit of the Order in the chapel of the Carmelite Monastery, 1385 East Avenue. Assisting Archbishop Mooney were the Rev. Leo Wolfred Clough and the Rev. Leo C. Maney. John J. McCort, Leo V. Smith and John O'Regan, C.SS.R.

Miss Riggio, a member of Holy Innocents parish in Brooklyn, finished her six months' postulancy last week and was received into the Order as a novice. She chose Sister Joanna of the Cross as her religious title.

Her parents, Antonio Riggio and Giuseppina Signorile, natives of Calvi, Italy, reside at 80 Woodruff Avenue, Brooklyn. Her sister, Catherine, was present at the ceremony.

Sister Joanna now spend four years in study before she may be permitted to pronounce perpetual vows. The period of the novitiate is one of probation in which the novice learns to lead a life of prayer and sacrifice.

**Reception Ceremony**

Wearing a white bridegroom and walking at the head of a procession of nuns who carried lighted

Miss Rosalie Riggio

candles, Miss Riggio was led to the choir grate by the Reverend Mother Beatrix, Prioress of the Monastery. A chorus of male voices chanted the processional hymn O Gloriosa Virginum.

Arriving at the grate Miss Riggio knelt while the celebrant recited the following prayer:

"O God, who has wonderfully adorned the Humble Order chosen by Thee with the most venerable name of Mary the Virgin Mother and has performed miracles for its protection, merciful Father, that by Her whose memory we on worldly earth celebrate we may deserve to be protected in the present life and to enjoy everlasting glory in Your sight, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

The celebration of Mass followed immediately, at which Miss Riggio received Holy Communion.

**Novice Is Questioned**

After Mass the candidate, carrying a lighted candle, knelt before the grate and the Most Reverend Archbishop Mooney, prelate of the Order, questioned her as follows:

"What do you ask?" to which she responded, "The mercy of God, the poverty of the Order and the company of the sisters."

"Will you constantly persevere in the Order until death?"

"Yes, Your Excellency. I hope and wish to do so, with the grace of God and the prayers of the sisters."

The Archbishop then said: "May God who has given this first fruit from the Sacred Order perfect and through Christ the Lord. Amen."

The novice was then conducted from the choir, where she laid aside her worldly apparel and put on the habit of the Carmelite Order.

Returning to the choir she knelt at the grate, the community remained standing. At the conclusion of the prayers that followed she lay prostrate in the form of a cross on the serge mat that had been placed in the middle of the choir. A white mantle was placed over her symbolizing her death to all worldly things.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the celebrant said the following prayer:

**Ritual Prayers**

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit she may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation.

Look upon Your servant by the help of Thy peace, and as she trusts in the patronage of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, make her safe from all her enemies.

O God all merciful, O God all clement, to Whom all good things are pleasing, without Whom no good thing can be commenced and without Whom no good thing can be finished graciously turn the ears of Thy pity to our most humble prayers and defend Thy handmaiden, Whom in Thy name we

**WAR CHAPLAIN DIES**

Quebec—(NC) The Very Rev. Msgr. Francis Lawrence Fraser, Master of Refrew Diocese of Pembroke who died there following a long illness was assistant director of the Chaplain Service of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces during the World War. Msgr. French went overseas in 1916 and remained there until February, 1919.

Faster mail service seems a blessing until you examine what you get.—Muskogee Phoenix.

# CHURCHES AID FLOOD VICTIMS

Flood relief contributions to the Red Cross in Rochester are beginning to mount up, due to the appeals made last Sunday from the pulpits of local Churches of all denominations.

The Rev. Thomas F. Connors, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, presented to Ernest R. Willard, Red Cross president here, a check for $650, the amount raised in collections taken at all the Masses last Sunday.

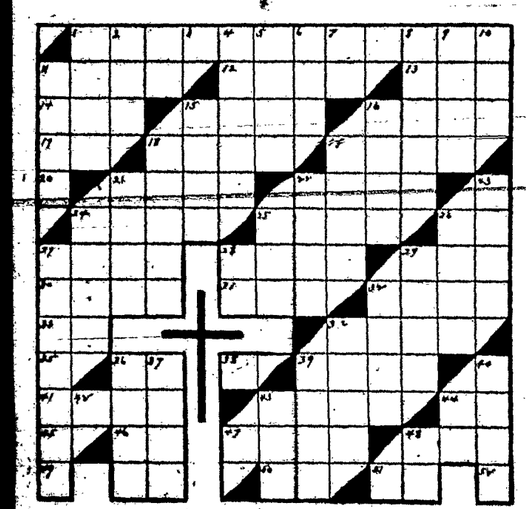
Many Sunday school and church societies are making arrangements to contribute money and gifts to the relief fund.

The drive to raise funds for homeless families in the flood area has the backing and co-operation of priests, ministers and lay-leaders. They urge that personal contributions be made at Red Cross Headquarters, 307 Plymouth Avenue North.

Miss Veronica Maher, executive secretary of Rochester Chapter, said officers of the Red Cross hoped $20,000 would be raised here by the end of the week. Contributions of $8,021 were reported up to Saturday noon, March 21.

## BIBLEGRAMS (No. 25)

By Genevieve Medler



(Solution of the above study is arrived at by reference to the Bible passages cited below. The blank space in the citation indicates the word to be inserted in the study. Where the numbers of two verses of the Bible are given, the word sought for will be found between these verses.)

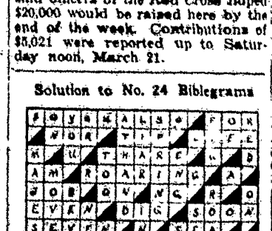
**ACROSS**

1. Do and ——. Matt. 11:1-10
11. —— not therefore! Matt. 10:28-32
12. It might not ——. James 5:12-18
13. By birth.
14. —— in my cloak. Matt. 5:36-43
16. —— of women a great ——. Matt. 11:1-11
20. My —— is to do the ——.
21. John 4:28-35
22. Esther (abbr.)
23. as ——, —— —— no Matt. 9
25. —— have the gospel Matt. 11
26. Five hundred.
31. Instruments for moving small boats.
32. as —— of salvation Luke 1:67-79
34. Neither do they ——. Luke 12:22-30
35. Take up —— —— upon Matt. 11:25-30
36. —— on the hyssop. Mark 4:8-12
37. —— back, blessed and ——. Luke 6:1-11
38. Fifty.
39. he healed him. —— Matt. 13:18-23
40. yes —— tell Matt. 11:2-10
41. To lend money.
43. shaken with the ——? Matt. 11
44. —— not worthy Matt. 8
45. —— Son of David. Matt. 9:21-29
46. A profit meaning not, where followed by I
47. the —— walk. Matt. 11
48. An American Indian.
49. A direction.
50. A compass point.
51. In the year of our Lord.
52. A direction.

**DOWN**

1. a —— shaken Matt. 11
2. did —— the leaves Matt. 12
3. —— withered hand. Matt. 12:9-12
4. Week days to ——. Acts 16:7-11
5. He that hath ——. Matt. 13:12-16
6. Shoes, too. Matt. 7:11-13
7. —— not not Matt. 11:6-13
8. —— —— —— thy right Matt. 20:13-16
9. —— —— —— Matt. 11:1-15
10. Lord, —— —— —— the Luke 8
11. —— —— —— —— —— Luke 8
12. —— —— —— —— —— Luke 8
13. —— —— —— —— —— Luke 8
14. —— —— —— —— —— Luke 8
15. among them that are ——. Matt. 11:2-12
16. —— than a prophet. Matt. 11
18. not before the —— (sing.)? 1 Cor. 6
19. To stir the fire.
21. I will —— my Matt. 11:33-36
22. and gave to the ——. Luke 10:30-37
23. a —— shaken Matt. 11
24. have heard and —— Matt. 11
25. —— out to see? Matt. 11
26. thou shalt —— upon Matt. 16:15-20
27. and —— a camel. Matt. 23:23-26
28. —— here is Christ. Matt. 24:23-28
29. —— rise again. Matt. 11
32. sewed good —— Matt. 13:24-30
34. To cover on the inside, making answer ——. Matt. 11
36. believe ——, and she Luke 8:49-56
38. —— will refresh you. Matt. 11:25-30
39. grieved the third ——. Matt. 26:37-39
40. I say to you, Matt. 11:2-12
43. —— Father, Lord Matt. 11:24-30
43. And when it ——. Matt. 14:23-33
44. shall be —— —— sky and Matt. 13:47-53
47. Fifty.
51. —— man having found. Matt. 13:44-46

**Solution to No. 24 Biblegrams**



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