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400 CATHOLIC PUPILS DEMONSTRATE GREGORIAN MUSIC AT MASS IN ELMIRA

Elmira — In a demonstration of liturgical church music, a combined choir of more than 400 youthful voices of children representing the six Catholic schools of Elmira was heard in SS Peter and Paul's Church Saturday morning

The demonstration was a part of the program of the Diocesan Music Commission aiming to train the children in the high standard of liturgical music It marked the first time in Elmira that all parochial schools were united in singing liturgical music.

The youthful choristers sang a Gregorian Chant Mass, Cum Jubilo, at a Solemn High Mass celebrated at 9 30 a m by the Rev John M Duffy, Superintendent, Catholic Schools Diocese of Rochester, with the Rev Arthur C Smith as deacon the Rev William J Brien as subdeacon and the Rev Francis J Reilly as master of ceremonies. The children were trained by the nuns of SS. Peter and Paul's School, St Patrick's School St Mary's School St Cecilia's School, St Casimir's School and St Anthony's School A special choir of St Joseph's Hospital nurses sang the proper of the Mass

Cites Importance

At the close of the Mass the Rt Rev Msgr John J Lee addressed briefly the assembled students, parents, teachers and priests He explained that while this practice was somewhat new in parish school work, it was only a new way of impressing the parents and their children with the importance of music and song in church services and with the superiority of the Gregorian Chant

Father Duffy explained the Gregorian Chant and its origin as follows

"The contemporary histories of the Catholic Church and the Chant disclose a parallelism that is both striking and significant The history of the Church shows that Gregorian Chant went largely hand in hand with the state of religious fervor in the Church

Chant Is Barometer

"The Gregorian Chant is outward expression of the internal beauty and sanctity of the Catholic Church and thus part of the very life of the Church Liturgical music has shared in the main the vicissitudes as have been the lot of the Church through the ages So true is this that a well-known historian of sacred music has said that 'the condition of Church music during the centuries is generally speaking a barometer indicating the state of religious fervor in the Catholic Church at that time'"

Father Duffy congratulated the priests and nuns who, working quietly and in a small way, have given proof of the superiority of a high standard of church music over a lower one

"Improvement in church music," he said "will come only by the efforts of those sincere and consecrated persons who realize that good is better than poor and that those who come after may achieve the best."

In the sanctuary were Monsignor Lee, the Rev J J Moriarty, the Rev. George J Elsler, the Rev Dr Owen McGuire the Rev Earl M Tobin, the Rev Daniel C Holland, the Rev Joseph Holley, the Rev Timon B Keenan of Waverly and the Rev Robert Henry of Rochester

POPE PRAISES MOVIE DRIVE EFFORTS HERE

Delivers Congratulatory Speech At Motion Picture Press Meet

Vatican City, May 5 — The work for the improvement of motion pictures in the United States received the heartiest praise of His Holiness Pope Pius XI in a discourse he delivered to the delegates to the Fifth Congress of the International Federation of the Motion Picture Press who met in Rome

His Holiness was speaking on motion pictures their importance, their power, their influence on the masses, with regard to them, and he said that all the citizens in every country should collaborate in the elevation of motion pictures."

"This the Holy Father added has been done by the Swiss women and by the Bishops the Catholics and other honest citizens of the United States and Our heartfelt praise goes forth to them"

Promise Fulfilled

His Holiness spoke as follows

First of all We must thank you for a promise made to Us by the President and the Secretary General on the occasion of the other audience in August 1934 at Castel Gandolfo which was that We would be able to see a consoling improvement in motion pictures and in the motion picture press in general

That promise has been kept In fact We must congratulate you because according to what We have been able to ascertain through information and communications regarding the work of the Congress, We can and must register some consolations

Returning to control," His Holiness said, "it demands particular attention both in extent and in profundity.

Many Escape Control

"In extent since it has been noted that some motion picture productions escape the control Motion picture productions go everywhere and there are thus many that elude control and come directly to the public And here I see the necessity of extending the beneficial efficacy of control

We have noticed another thing in the work of the Congress" Pope Pius continued and We listen to congratulate Signor Fontana the head of the Italian delegation for having spoken in this regard when he reported upon the results of elevating the level of the motion picture press showing the need to render this press independent of pressing, here is a practical evident and salutary necessity one would not know how to think of a press worthy of the name that does not judge as it should that is not independent

Dangers of Films Cited

For this very reason We congratulate the Bishops of the United States who have given to the Catholic delegation and the Catholic delegation and the Catholic delegation and