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St. Bridget's Hall Used After Fire

Main Altar Destroyed By Flames; Sacred Hosts Saved From Blaze

Services for parishioners of St. Bridget's Church will be held in the church hall in Hand Street until the fire-swept interior of the church in Gorham Street is renovated.

The fire, which broke out in the church early Saturday evening, practically destroyed the main altar, burned away the sanctuary walls and did considerable damage to the church statuary and other equipment.

Damage estimates run from the first estimate of $15,000 to as much as $40,000.

Firemen determined that the blaze started in back of the main altar. Investigation into the origin of the fire by the arson squad resulted in the arrest of Edward Walker, the church janitor, on an arson charge to which he has pleaded not guilty.

Altar In Flames

When the fire broke out, the Rev. Ralph Neagle, assistant pastor, rushed from the rectory to the church to save the Sacred Hosts from the flames. Arriving in the church he found the main altar a mass of flames. With the arrival of firemen who played hoselines on the blazing altar, Father Neagle succeeded in removing the ciborium containing the Hosts.

The fire was finally extinguished by firemen under Deputy Chief George J. Moran after a three-two alarm had been sounded.

Masses were said in St. Bridget's Hall last Sunday. First Holy Communion services took place in the Hall.

Confirmation of the children of St. Bridget's, scheduled for next Tuesday evening in the church, will be held in St. Michael's Church instead at the same time.

Miraculous Medal devotions will be held each Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock and each Monday at 3:30 o'clock in the school Hall.

Stormy Weather Hampers Play In Parochial League

Unfavorable weather caused a set-back last week on all fronts in the Parochial Indoor League, nearing the half-way mark in its schedule.

In the Southern Division, St. Boniface team won over St. Monica's and lost to Corpus Christi in two rain-dampened struggles. St. Mary's Boys' Home Nine will probably favor playing all their future games in the rain, as they turned in the feature of the week, winning three games, two scheduled games with Cathedral and Good Counsel and a postponed game with Blessed Sacrament.

A team with that kind of spirit is expected to have something to say about the League championship.

St. Monica's disappointing showing thus far has been the surprise of the League. The Genesee Street boys, however, have lost their games by only one or two runs and figure to upset some of the leaders if the "breaks" are with them.

All games in the Northern Division were rained out last Friday. St. Andrew's, defending champs, however, with three victories to date, look to be the class of the League.

St. Stanislaus, undefeated in two games and Holy Redeemer and Holy Apostles, victors in two of three games are expected to make things interesting for league leaders.

STANDINGS

Southern League

	Won	Lost
St. Mary's	4	0
Corpus Christi	2	0
St. John's	2	0
Old St. Mary's	2	1
Cathedral	2	1
Good Counsel	1	3
Ss. Peter and Paul's	1	2
St. Boniface	2	2
Blessed Sacrament	0	3
St. Monica's	0	4

Northern League

	Won	Lost
St. Andrew's	3	0
St. Stanislaus	2	0
Holy Redeemer	2	1
Holy Apostles	2	1
St. Ambrose	1	1
St. Margaret Mary	1	1
Holy Rosary	1	2
Holy Cross	1	2
St. Charles	0	2
O. L. P. H.	0	3

Encyclicals Reviewed At Central Verein Meet

Clarification of various terms of justice, commutative, distributive and social or legal justice is made frequently in the great Papal Labor Encyclicals, the Rev. Frederick Walz of St. Ambrose Church pointed out at a meeting commemorating the anniversary of the issuance of the Encyclicals Sunday in St. Joseph's Hall.

The celebration was conducted by members of the Rochester Branches, Catholic Central Verein of America and National Catholic Women's Union meeting jointly.

Delegates to the national convention at Hartford and the state convention of the Central Verein at Schenectady were named.

We do not wholly receive the treasure of God's love because we do not wholly give ourselves to Him.

Avers Fr. O'Flanagan Is Aiding Red Spain

By THE REV. DR. FREDERICK J. ZWIERLEIN
Professor at St. Bernard's Seminary

The Reverend Michael O'Flanagan's denial that he is not under suspension now, although he admits having been a suspended priest in 1917, 1918, and 1925, does not clear him of being a discredited priest in Ireland now, no matter what his record was before in the Irish Republican movement.

The N.C.W.C. News Service cabled to the Bishop of Elphin, Ireland, to obtain official information on the standing of Father O'Flanagan in his own diocese, and the cablegram received in answer declared:

Faculties Withdrawn

"All diocesan faculties withdrawn from Father O'Flanagan April 1925 by Bishop of Elphin. These faculties never since restored to him by Bishop."

Father O'Flanagan has therefore been disciplined by his own Bishop who has taken from him the faculties that each priest must possess in order to exercise the functions of his office in the ministry to souls. He is still deprived of these faculties by the Bishop of Elphin.

Sacrifices Priesthood

Father O'Flanagan has wired the Rochester Committee under whose auspices he is to lecture here in Convention Hall on Thursday that he is "prepared to be an ex-priest if necessary, but never prepared to be an ex-human being." In other words he is ready to sacrifice his priesthood for what he miscalls humanity, which also is misrepresented as Spanish Democracy by those Protestants under whose auspices he comes to lecture.

For their instruction and for the enlightenment of all others, let Archbishop Muniz Pablos of Santiago tell the truth about the Spanish Civil War in his Pastoral, the text of which has just reached Rochester. He says in part:

Archbishop Speaks

"It is a religious and patriotic war, as our young people declare, who volunteer for army service and enter battle singing hymns to Christ the King and for Spain—a religious and patriotic war in the belief of the other side, although in words they sometimes deny it and wish to appear before the world as the champions of a legal cause.

"Our enemies' battle cry is 'Godless and against God,' so that when they enter a town their first concern is to murder the bishops and priests, monks and nuns, making more martyrs than ever did Nero or Diocletian."

Destroy All

This is what Father O'Flanagan calls humanity and his Protestant friends in Rochester 'Spanish Democracy! But let the Archbishop of Santiago continue his Pastoral in which he says again.

"Inspired by this same 'Godless and the anti-God' battle-cry they profane the churches, turning them everywhere into headquarters for the corruption of youth, ransacking them, setting them on fire, and demolishing them wherever they pass by, and murdering peaceful citizens, defenseless women and innocent children, destroying houses and factories, razing corn-fields and woods, monuments and centers of culture, in their passion to destroy all that has the flavor of Western Civilization."

Again this is what Father O'Flanagan calls humanity and his Protestant friends in Rochester Spanish Democracy! But the Archbishop of Santiago tells us more truth when he says again.

Fight To Save Spain

"It is deplorable that we should have to explain to the civilized world that this is not a military insurrection, not a civil war, nor a class struggle. It is the cause of Spain!

"Perhaps one day," continues the Archbishop, "it will be enough for history to collect the unanimous testimony of the people, who consider it as a defence against a gang of bandits who first began the assault on the public power, and when at last they found themselves in office, continually attacked the lives and properties of peaceful citizens even in defiance of the laws they had themselves promulgated."

Here Father O'Flanagan's humanity and his Protestant Friends' Spanish Democracy are revealed in their true colors as the cause of a gang of bandits guilty of innumerable crimes of murder and robbery. But let the Archbishop of Santiago continue his truthful account of the Spanish national uprising against these bandits. He says again:

Lawful Resistance

"It will be the unanimous testimony of the people, who, as long as they had hopes, however vague and fanciful they may have appeared in the judgment of many, in the possibility of improving legislation and social conditions by legal methods, applied themselves to these, making sacrifices in the endeavor to co-operate with a State Government which certainly did not answer their own aspirations, a people who only went to war when the bandit had closed to them all the doors and exits, which is what the Catechism teaches as lawful resistance to an unjust aggressor."

Father O'Flanagan and his Protestant Friends in Rochester evidently have not been able to learn this simple lesson of Catechism. But let the Archbishop of Santiago tell us the conclusion of his lesson in the history of the Spanish War based on all this testimony:

Gives Truth on Conflict

"Then it will be clear and manifest that, for our part, in its ethical and legal aspect and considering the rights and wrongs of the case, the war is in truth a defence of the home we dwell in, of the fields which nourish us, of the native country in which we live, of the religion we practice, of the civilization and culture our ancestors have handed down to us."

Here the Archbishop of Santiago has given us the truth on the Civil War in Spain, and all decent people in Rochester have every reason to listen to a discredited priest from Ireland who is playing into the hands of the enemies of Christian civilization, who has therefore chosen the part of another Judas while pretending to be working for humanity.

Father O'Flanagan Impressions Are Corrected Here

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their statement set forth the status of the Basque Catholics in the Spanish civil war to correct the false impression that all of the Basque Catholics are allied with the Loyalist or Communist controlled government in Spain.

The Knights' statement follows:

"Much misunderstanding and confusion have been created by reason of the bringing to Rochester by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, of the Rev. Michael O'Flanagan. The evident purpose behind this move is to convey the impression that the Catholics of Spain are working with the Loyalists or Leftists.

"It is true that certain of the Basque Catholics are working with the Loyalists relying upon the promise that they will be given absolute autonomy in case the Leftists win the civil war. However, the great mass of the Spanish people are on the side of General Franco and his Nationalist army which has been improperly referred to as 'Rebels'.

The Basque Situation

"Attention is called to the fact that the Hierarchy as a whole in Spain is back of General Franco. Only recently Cardinal Goma, Primate of Spain made a personal appeal to Senor José Antonio Aguirre, President of the autonomous government of Euzkadi—the three Basque Provinces in Northern Spain opposed to General Franco. Among other things he said: 'To secure country and tradition, you have united yourselves to people without country or tradition, whose only object is to do away with both forever.'

"And again he says: 'Help your country, Senor Aguirre, to preserve the God that others want to kill. Your allies will not help you to save God: Viscaya would not be an exception among all Communist countries.'

Marxist Alliance

"General Franco in leaflets recently dropped over Basque territory pointed out the fundamental error of opposing the Nationalists and appealed to the Basques to open their eyes to the truth. He said: 'The triumph of your monstrous alliance would mean the abolition of your regional liberties, submission of Viscaya to Russia, abolition of family and property, religious persecution, the abolition of morality, destruction at the roots of faith, hope and charity — in a word of whatever is high or noble in life.'

"The battle in the Basque country as well as in all Spain is a battle on the part of the Nationalists headed by General Franco to preserve Christian culture and Christian civilization."

St. John Knights To Be In Annual Memorial Parade

Headed by their national commanding officer, General Frank H. Biel, K.H.S., members of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, in full dress uniform will participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade in Rochester.

The ten commanderies of the Regiment will be in command of Colonel Frederick J. Wegman with Major Joseph Wendelgass and Major Fred Kunz at the head of their battalions.

The Regiment will march behind the Aquinas Institute Band at the head of the Catholic Schools division.

Plans for participation were worked out at a special District Commandery meeting Monday night in headquarters at St. Joseph's Church hall.

Arrangements were also made for various regiments to turn out at first Masses of newly ordained priests at St. Boniface Church and Holy Family Church on June 6.

The Regiment arranged for representation at the Pope's Birthday Mass at the Cathedral on May 30 and for its annual Field Mass to be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Sunday, June 20.

Bandmaster Sends 'March' To Pope

Prof. Florindo M. Ferrarese, widely known band master here having reharmonized for the organ the old Pontifical March, which before 1870 was the National March of the State, today mailed a copy of the March to His Holiness Pope Pius XI, at Villa Castelgandolfo, Italy.

Accompanying the March is the following letter:

"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!

"In occurence of Your eightieth birthday I present to Your Holiness a copy of the old Pontifical March which I have reharmonized for organ. It does not represent a masterpiece of musical art, but it is only to manifest my filial devotion towards Your Holiness, for having given to Rome the faith, peace and tranquility of soul with the Lateran Treaty.

"Prostrated humbly at Your feet, I ask Your Holy Apostolic Benediction upon me and my children.

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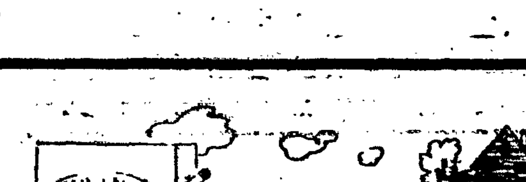

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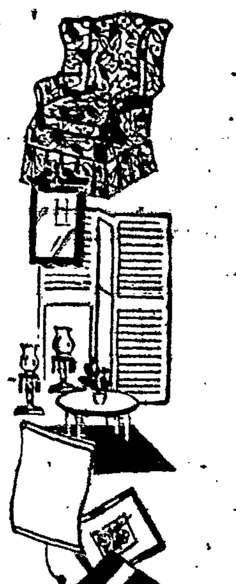

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