Hold Last Rites For Fr. Silke

Bishop Kearney Officiates At Services for Chaplain At St. Ann's

With His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, pontificating at a solemn Mass of requiem, final tribute was paid to the Rev. Cornelius A. Silke at the Chapel of St. Ann's Home for the Aged on Lake Avenue, Wednesday morning.

Father Silke who had officiated at the final blessing over hundreds of graves at Holy Sepulchre cemetery for the last three years died [illegible] morning.

He was [illegible] years of age.

Assisting the Bishop at the Mass attended by many fellow-priests of Father Silke were: Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G.; Deacons of Honor the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. [illegible] and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. [illegible]; Deacon, the Rev. [illegible]; Subdeacon, the Rev. [illegible] Kriegl; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey; Assistant Master, the Rev. Edward Lyons.

Acolytes, the Rev. Robert Keleher and the Rev. Donald Lux; Bookbearer, the Rev. Hubert [illegible]; Candle bearer, the Rev. [illegible]; Thurifer, the Rev. [illegible] McDonnell; Mitre Bearer, [illegible]; Crozier Bearer, the Rev. William D. [illegible].

The eulogy was given by the Rev. [illegible] O'Beirne.

[illegible] were the Reverend [illegible], Michael J. Krieg, [illegible] Robert Keleher, and [illegible].

[illegible] was sung by the [illegible] directed by the Rev. [illegible].

A graduate of St. Bernard's Seminary, Father Silke was ordained [illegible] Patrick's Cathedral. His first charge was St. Patrick's Church, [illegible]. He was pastor of the [illegible] of the Good Shepherd [illegible] and later St. Mary's Church in Rexville.

His last appointment was as chaplain at St. Ann's Home.

Members of the Knights of Columbus, [illegible] Council where he held membership attended a high Mass yesterday for the repose of his soul.

Surviving is a brother, Daniel J. [illegible] and several nieces [illegible].

DESALES SENIORS ENTERTAIN FOR UNDERCLASSMEN

By F. J. CONBOY, JR.

GENEVA — The seniors of DeSales High School presented their annual Christmas entertainment to the underclassmen on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

The program, which was voted the best for several years, revealed new talent among the students and brought back some already appreciated from previous appearances.

First on the program was a play, "A Quiet Evening at Home," in which Ruth Gragion, Adelma Fahy, Ann Marie Tolan, John McGuigan, [illegible], Leo Nieder, and Leo Davids appeared.

Vocal selections by Mary Paulson, Raymond Lignini, Margaret Gilbert and a tap dance by William Kellow followed. Variety was added to the program by the monologues of Virginia O'Malley and Daniel Chiacchia.

A one-act play presented by Frances Fischer, Dorothy Harstern, Mary Gallagher, Rita McGuigan, Betty Cowan, Margaret Halleran, Grace Maney, Alberta Chase and Patricia Murphy occupied the next part of the program.

Other vocal soloists were: Josephine DiAugustine, Betty McDonald, Jack McDonald and Jimmie Maloney.

Tap dances were also offered by Dorothy Welt and Kathrine Harding.

A lyric recitation, "The Meaning of Christmas," was given by [illegible] after which George O'Malley was presented in violin solos and the Hilly-billy trio of [illegible], John Dougherty and [illegible] completed the [illegible]. John McCormack was [illegible] and master of ceremonies for the entire program.

St. John Units Plan Holy Rosary Meets

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CHAPLAIN CHIEF GRADUATE HERE

Chaplain William R. Arnold (right), priest of the Diocese of Ft Wayne, and graduate of St. Bernard's Seminary here, class of 1908, takes the oath of office as Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army, on December 23, while Major-General Allen W. Gullion (left), Judge Advocate General, officiates and the retiring Chief Chaplain, Alva J. Brasted, looks on. Colonel Arnold was appointed a chaplain in the Army in 1913, five years after his ordination and was promoted through the grades. He is the first Catholic to be designated as Chief of the Chaplains' Corps, U.S.A. (Keni Photo.)

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New Year's Greeting

It is our fervent hope and prayer that every day of the New Year will be indeed with God's choicest and richest blessings. Despite the troubled and uncertain times, we trust that you will enjoy the priceless gift of good health, happiness, prosperity and above all else, that your souls will continue to flower [illegible] of Divine [illegible] Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Resolutions

New Year's Resolutions are popular [illegible] at the time of the year. But most of our well intended resolves are made only to be broken the next day. We do not [illegible] to add to the confused mass of possible resolutions. However, we would take the opportunity of citing a few mission resolves.

1. Every Catholic a member of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This is the will of the Holy Father, himself. Despite your particular preference for some special mission society, he is desirous of your membership in the universal mission aid organization.

2. A Daily Prayer for the Missions. Prayer is most essential, more so than is money. Our financial contributors supply material needs, but our prayers purchase Divine Assistance and without such assistance the Missions of God's Church must fail.

3. To keep abreast with mission progress by reading mission literature. Subscribe to some mission magazine, read the Propagation of the Faith column in the Courier each week; follow the activity in our schools by interesting yourself in the Holy Childhood Column which appears weekly in the Children's page of this paper.

4. Send your Surplus Mass Stipends to the Diocesan Office that they might be dispatched to mission centers. Frequently a Mass Stipend represents food or hunger to our missionary priests. In many localities Mass Stipends are their only meaning of livelihood.

5. Extend your personal love of the missions by enlisting the prayers and sacrifices of your neighbors and friends. Mission knowledge and enthusiasm can only be fostered by personal contact, a hint dropped here and there, an offhanded remark passed in general conversation. For this we must depend upon our mission friends in each parish.

We might further suggest that you make these resolutions to be kept. They will bring you a hundredfold reward and identify you with the spread of Christ's Gospel throughout the world.

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PEIPING: Refugees to the number of 7,000 are being fed daily at Zikawei, far-famed Jesuit center near Shanghai. Other uncounted thousands are being cared for in our Catholic centers.

The halls and corridors of Aurora University are housing about [illegible] wounded soldiers. Mr. Joseph Lo Pa Hong, having ready access [illegible] hospitals, spends his day visiting the injured and preparing [illegible] death. Never before has [illegible] instructing and baptizing attained such proportions.

SHANGHAI: The Directors of the new emergency hospital have invited the Franciscan Sisters of Mary to take charge. The hospital under the auspice of the International Red Cross, is equipped with 800 beds. Father Jacquinat, S. J., is credited with establishing a neutral zone in the city of Shanghai for non-combatants. Both sides scrupulously observed the neutrality of the zone, thus providing safety for several hundred thousand persons.

These are little glimpses of charity and brotherly love from the sides. We at home, enjoying the comfort and security of our own country, might, at least, cooperate with the fearless sons and daughters of God by enrolling ourselves in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Due to the Sino-Japanese War, additional demands will be placed upon the Propagation [illegible] unless your membership fee is included, we will be compelled to let the appeals go unanswered. God forbid that that might be the case.

Deadly Cholera

We [illegible] Sancian Island, the death place of St. Francis Xavier. Father Cairns, a Maryknoll priest is stationed on the little Island off the coast of China. In September boatmen from Macao landed on Sancian's shores bringing with them cholera. Within a few days eighty died, in one case a whole family was wiped out and their boat, a floating morgue, was found adrift.

Father Cairns procured a large quantity of anti-cholera vaccine and he, together with four others attended to the men, while the Maryknoll Sisters cared for the women. Travelling for weeks, he visited every village preaching and combatting the disease. Thanks to his tireless energy they have the upper hand.

This is one more incident proving that the missioner must be all things to all men. No matter how disgusting or revolting the task he accepts it willingly, because it may be another means of winning souls to Christ.

What In the Future

Did you read in our daily press of the Communist meeting in Madison Square Garden? Some 20,000 assembled there to celebrate the twentieth Anniversary of the Soviet Union. Of that number 3,000 fairly rocked the rafters of the great auditorium as they shouted the words of their pledge: "We pledge our complete devotion to the Leninist struggle for socialism, for a Soviet America."

Certainly a pledge of gratitude to the United States. The Stars and Stripes which guarantee the security and safety of their daily lives, means nothing to them. They would trample the flag in the dust of the road. The fear of Communism is increasing from day to day not only in this country but throughout the world.

Your cooperation in the mission program of the Church can save the world from such a pitfall. Communism and Fascism are world-wide terrors. The Catholic Church is the only power on earth that can stem the tide. For where the Cross is safe, then too will the Flag of the nation be safe. We might remind Mr. Hitler and the half savage Stalin, that their dynasties are heading for the junk heap. Without God they are bound to crumble.

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Get Greeting Cards For School Work

In answer to the request for Christmas cards made by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in last week's issue of the COURIER, contributions have started to come in.

But the need is great to take care of the many Vacation Schools which will be in session next summer.

It is urged that everyone co-operate and rather than destroy the cards send them to the Confraternity Office, 50 Chestnut Street. All cards are acceptable, whether religious or secular.

Fr. Finnegan to Teach

WASHINGTON The Rev. Dr. John F. Finnegan, of the Catholic University of America, will offer several courses at the National Catholic School of Social Service this year, the Rev. Lucian L. Lauerman, Director of the school, announced.

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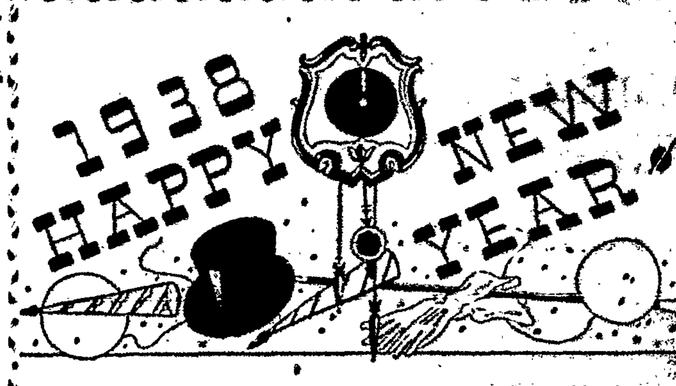

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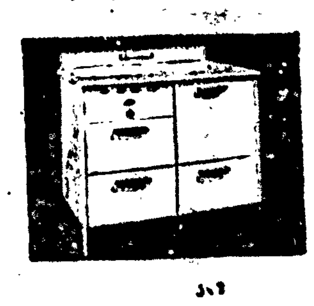

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