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GERMAN CATHOLICS FIRM IN FAITH, ARCHBISHOP AVERS

(Special Correspondence, N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

AMSTERDAM — Even if the struggle against Christ and the Church should continue and become intensified, we may count on the more imposing unity of faith, says the Most Rev. Konrad Groeber, Archbishop of Freiburg, Germany, in a Pastoral issued to give thanks for the many expressions of loyalty and affection which reached him on the occasion of his recent fortieth anniversary of his ordination.

Both clergy and laity had taken up a very sizeable collection and the proceeds were presented to the [illegible] to be used for theological students of [illegible]. The Archbishop is deeply [illegible] by this demonstration of [illegible] the priesthood as an institution [illegible] shown in [illegible] attacks on the clergy has [illegible] influenced the [illegible] encouraged and stimulated in times of struggle such as these.

The Archbishop exhorts the clergy to redouble their efforts despite all difficulties, "even [illegible] might put us through [illegible] trials and to [illegible] Christian truth, whether [illegible] like it or not [illegible] the schools and outside [illegible] for [illegible] that the [illegible] fought for Christ and the [illegible]

[illegible] have passed [illegible] when the [illegible] felt [illegible] measures of [illegible] and [illegible] hours [illegible] has seriously been outlook in Germany. He himself is proud of his clergy for with so well disciplined an army one may confidently fight the battles of the Lord and he promises to carry on undaunted and firm without thinking of my personal [illegible] temporal well-being bearing the banner of Christ the King.

'Smile' the Watchword at Bishop's 'Open House'

Among callers received by Bishop Kearney, center, who held "open house" at the episcopal residence over the weekend, were Emmett Finucane and Miss Betty Crowley.

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Vacation is over, school has reopened. Now once again down to hard work and it will be hard work will it not with the exams so close at hand. I wish you the very best luck in these tests. I am sure that the Babe of Bethlehem will help you who have helped Him by working so hard for the missions. However to make your success doubly certain I shall pray for you every day at Holy Mass.

You have returned to school resolved I know to continue your good work for the little pagan children of mission lands. They need our help so very much.

Did you know that about 700 babies are born each [illegible] Shanghai? Many of the parents live on boats anchored in the harbor and because they are so poor the babies are frequently thrown over the sides and drown.

We here at home can help the Sisters in their efforts to save them. At least it will be possible to bring them baptism and open to them the Kingdom of Heaven. Let's join together then resolved to do bigger and better things for God's missions.

School Report

One might think that with school closed and all the children taken up with their holidays that we would have little or nothing to report. That idea is entirely false. For surprisingly enough even in vacation the Holy Childhood was very active.

Adoptions:

St. Boniface of Rochester is first [illegible] with six ransoms. The [illegible] grade of which there are [illegible] adopted three Chinese [illegible] named Mary Ann Thomas, Joseph and John [illegible]. The Eighth Grade selected an Indian baby called Kateri Tekakwitha, the Fourth Grade, a Chinese baby, Ann Marie and the Sixth Grade a Chinese boy called Joseph David.

Two schools are tied for second place with four adoptions apiece. The boys and girls of the Nativity School in Brockport promise an adoption or more from every grade. Just to back up this promise they are second in the standings with four ransoms. Each classroom adopts a Chinese baby and they are naming their little ones: Rose Mary, Joseph Michael, Paul Edward and Mary Gertrude.

And behold the other holder of second award. It is none other than St. Andrew's school. Truly we scarcely ever go to press without something to report from Portland Avenue, Rochester. The rest of us must take off our hats to these boys and girls. They are setting a fast pace for us. This week they have ransomed four Chinese babies. The Seventh and Eighth Grades have named their adopted infant Victor Robert Davis, the Sixth Grade Francis Richard, the Fifth Grade Clarice Thibault and the Fourth Grade Joseph Andrew Randall.

Close on the heels of these schools comes St. Mary's of Elmira. Their letter tells us: "Our Christmas present to the infant Jesus is the ransom of three Chinese babies. We would like at this time to have a little Chinese baby girl, named Theresa of the Child Jesus, and a Chinese boy and girl called James Collins and Jamasetta Collins." Eleanor Maloney and Claire McCarthy.

The following schools have each made returns for one adoption: St. Thomas, Summerville selects an Indian baby named John Joseph; the Fourth Grade of St. Mary's School, Corning, a Chinese baby, by name Bridget Ann; the Fourth Grade of Holy Family, Auburn, Francis Joseph, a Chinese boy, and St. Mary's, Rochester, in their first adoption have remembered "yours truly." Their Chinese baby is to be named John S. Randall. Many thanks to my little friends at St. Mary's.

Dues

Almost before our dear [illegible] dues was in your hands we heard from two schools: Holy Family, Auburn, $20.94 and Holy Apostles, Rochester, $10.56. We do hope that you will try to settle up your dues now that vacation is over. We must depend on your 1 cent a month to carry along this activity. I just know you will not fail us, will you?

INTENTION: That all Abyssinians may Return to Union with the Church.

Ethiopian Christians are commended to us for prayer in the mission intention designated by the Holy Father for January. Before the Italian conquest of Ethiopia the Christians belonged to the Coptic State Church, a schismatic religion. Catholic and Protestant missions were merely tolerated. Mohammedanism was suppressed, heathens were contemptuously despised. Now Italy has granted religious freedom to all confessions. We trust that it will be a boom to the Catholic mission [illegible] the prayers at home for this intention may be the means of sending Ethiopia back to the [illegible] Fold.

Native Clergy

The Church is striving to give to each country its own Native Clergy [illegible] from the ranks of [illegible] sons and daughters. [illegible] priests [illegible] religious [illegible] possible [illegible]

[illegible] further this aim [illegible] the Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide. One of these, Father Peter Do Tatsuo, a Japanese secular priest [illegible] the Rev. [illegible] one of these [illegible] the sons and [illegible] in reaching the goal of their ambitions, the Priesthood.

Catholic Action Abroad

The term "Catholic Action" has become a byword with us. We hear it on every side, every phrase of [illegible] finds resolves itself into "Catholic Action." Yet with all the emphasis that constant repetition gives it is difficult to measure our progress. Such is not the case in China where the lay Apostolate is highly organized and "Catholic Action" has become a necessary to mission progress.

At a meeting of the leaders in the Vicariate of Hsuchow, Kansu Province, the Director of Catholic Action reported over a thousand baptisms which were due to the zeal and activity of these members. Would that we in the United States had a bit of this zeal!

Leper Fund

We do sincerely thank those who made reply to the Christmas Leper Fund. A number of contributions were received at the Diocesan Office; these will be forwarded to the National Office from which they will be distributed to the various leper asylums. You can be sure that your mite offered to the worthy cause will bring abundant blessings from God. You have aided the least of His brethren and He will not be forgetful of your charity.

A few designated their gift for Father Sweeney's Leper Colony in Kongmoon, China. We have a letter from Father Sweeney, a priest of Maryknoll, which reads in part: "Since the summer the leper family has had a hectic time. We were having the usual increase of disease and death that is to be expected in the season of fierce heat, when along came a cholera epidemic. By the grace of God and hard work the cases were kept down to 3.

"Then the war reached these parts. Our latest experience of it was a bombing of Sun Wui by Japanese planes which we have seen overhead daily. They dropped 12 bombs within 100 yards of our colony in the cemetery. Fortunately there were no direct hits and the lepers were protected by a rise in the ground from flying shrapnel which killed many of their neighbors. The American Counsel has written several times urging us to leave China. Of course, we shall stay at our own risk.

"A far greater upset than war was the worst typhoon ever experienced. It struck on September 2nd. Every single structure in the leper asylum was blown flat to the ground. The lepers crawled under the wreckage to seek shelter.

"With the season's greetings from the lepers,

Gratefully yours in the God of Peace,
Joseph A. Sweeney, M.M.
Gate of Heaven Leper Asylum
Kongmoon, South China."

Those who did not respond to the appeal of Father Sweeney [illegible] worthy [illegible] which will bring you [illegible] blessing.

Epiphany

[illegible] the Feast of the Epiphany, is one of the days when members of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith may gain a plenary indulgence for themselves or for the Holy Souls. This day has an emphatic missionary significance. The Gentile nations were present at the manger-crib of the Babe of Bethlehem in the person of the Three Wise Men.

Every Catholic has the [illegible] of perpetuating the Epiphany in reality. As the Star led the Wise Men, the missionary leads the [illegible] and pagan to a knowledge of the One True God. You at home supply the spiritual and material capital sustaining priests and sisters in the field. The prayers and dues of the Members of the Propagation are as precious in the sight of God as the gift the Eastern Kings offered to the new-born Babe.

All the Family Can Help

Every member of the family can help the missioners if you enroll them in a special or family membership. You may enroll yourself and nine others, either living or deceased. Scarcely a mission country has been spared the threat of war. In some countries government grants have been eliminated by the authorities and the missionaries have had to fight hard for their very existence. Your six dollars for a family Membership for one year and your daily prayers will help them to withstand the uncertain conditions that now face them.

Send your contributions to the Diocesan Office, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y.

The Spoils of the Angel

(Continued from Page 5)

"Don't shoot, Slug."

George Moore had seen his companion's hand flash toward a Colt revolver which he knew to hang fully loaded, in a holster under his arm. The $40,000 in loot, with which they had planned to slip aboard a boat in the harbor, was allowed to drop to the composition pavement which made a gently sloping ramp from the sidewalk to the recessed doorway of the store. The jewel-laden box, wrapped in the Sunday supplement of a newspaper, made a dull thud that went unnoticed in the scuffle.

Slug's gun was free of the holster, but as he swung it in an arc to level it at the policeman his companion was upon him. The thud of their colliding bodies was followed by a dizzy teetering, staggering, whirling struggle for possession of the weapon. Slug's attempt to bend George backward and at the same time to wrench the pistol free, brought both men heavily to the ground. Down the slope they rolled, out onto the sidewalk. The gun went sprawling before them.

The entangled figures brought pedestrian traffic to an abrupt halt before the deserted store. Realizing that neither had what both of them sought, the men unscrambled themselves and made simultaneous awkward leaps for the gun. They were too late. A dark-robed figure in the forerank of the startled pedestrians, letting a market basket slip to the sidewalk, had seized the lethal instrument.

Like Schoolboys

"George Moore and Harry Hanson, get up," she commanded sternly. "I know you."

Like guilty schoolboys the two criminals arose.

"And you, Jeremiah Conboy," the black-garbed figure continued, "what does this mean?"

It was Sister Serena. She and another nun from the convent were on their way to visit a needy family when the rolling, struggling figures had blocked the sidewalk. The market basket which she had let down to the sidewalk contained the makings of a poor family's Christmas dinner. At this moment her eyes were as stern as ever they were when she interrupted the fight on the old gas works lot.

"I'll take that, Sister, please," said Officer Conboy, putting himself between "Slug" Hanson and the gun, and motioning toward the revolver.

"No, I'll keep it, if you please," Sister Serena responded. Looking about quickly and noting the deserted appearance of the store behind them, she added, "Come in here, all of you. You, too, Sister Agnes."

The decision with which Sister Serena spoke, the promptness with which she had taken hold of the situation, left the other members of the group wide-eyed with astonishment. Almost unknowingly they followed her into the store.

Wanted to Frighten Him

Once inside, Sister Serena continued to dominate the situation.

"Now," she said, "what's this all about?" She spoke to them as though they were still the little boys she had known long ago. "You three men and a gun. Did you want to kill somebody?"

The silence was awkward. "Slug" Hanson was the first to break it.

"No, Sister," he said, "I was only trying to frighten him."

When, fifteen minutes later, the three men and the two nuns walked out on to the sidewalk, Officer Conboy carried Mr. Upton's valuables under his arm. Sister Serena's face was calm, as usual. The two criminals wore on their faces an expression of which they themselves were unaware, but which anyone who had known them would have said they had not had for many, many years.

"You'll not mention my name," Sister Serena said to Officer Conboy. She accompanied this question with a quick glance. The market basket was once more on her arm. She was ready to depart. To her the incident was closed.

"Not unless it's necessary, Sister," the policeman replied. "I think I can make it all right with the office without going that far. They'll get probation at least."

Then, regarding Sister Serena with a look of profound admiration, Officer Conboy added: "Who would have thought an hour ago that you would recover the Upton jewelry?"

Though she answered Officer Conboy, Sister Serena looked at the other two men while she spoke. "I've recovered jewels greater than the Upton's."

Austing Rolls 583 In K. of C. Pin Loop

Hitting 583, Gene Austing took top honors in the Knights of Columbus Bowling League, this week.

The Indians by defeating the Puritans two games maintained their lead in the loop. The Klutes won two from the Guards. Ninas made it three straight over the Pintas, while the Santas took the odd game from the Pirates.

Pressing Gene Austing was Bill Woerner with a 569 total. High individual scores were as follows: Nels Owen 233, Gene Austing, 225, Woerner, 224, Morrow, 211; Link, 210; Statt, 209; Klein 209, and McNally, 206.

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Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	$ 4,594,574.75
Call Loans	2,400,000.00
United States Government Obligations, direct or fully guaranteed	7,235,634.71
State and Municipal Securities	2,533,127.44
Other Bonds and Investments	11,081,788.88
Loans and Discounts	14,731,761.09
Mortgages	3,792,104.13
Bank Buildings and Other Real Estate	4,156,002.71
Furniture and Fixtures	0.00
Customers' Liability on Acceptances and Letters of Credit	45,316.71
Accrued Interest Receivable	273,331.26
Other Resources	64,444.84
TOTAL	$50,908,086.52

LIABILITIES

Capital	$ 3,000,000.00
Surplus	1,050,000.00
Undivided Profits	272,046.40
Capital Notes	1,000,000.00
Accruals for Interest, Taxes, etc.	125,304.86
Acceptances and Letters of Credit	45,316.71
Other Liabilities	760.00
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TOTAL	$50,908,086.52

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