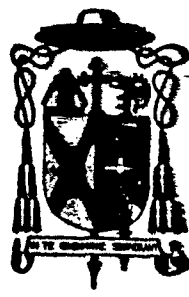


Three Faiths To Protest Nazi Persecutions



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Merry Deeds People

During these coming weeks, we shall respond to a call of our noblest duty and to an admirable tradition of our country and of our houses of worship to thank God for the blessings which He sends to our United States. As we look about the rest of the world today, we find that we have much, indeed, for which to be grateful. While it is true that the economic picture leaves much to be desired, and that a large number of our fellow citizens Thanksgiving Day will unfortunately bring little cheer, we must nevertheless recall the significant words of Shakespeare: "Thou knowest we were not alone unhappy. This wide and universal theatre presents more woful spectacles than the scenes wherein we play." For as the path to our churches is not blocked by the burdens of our poverty, but rather by the gifts of our abundant harvest, and as the altar of our altars is not the victim of a blood-guilt sword, but rather the altar of a steady and abundant harvest, we are called to thank God for the blessings which He sends to our United States.

It is not true that a sincere sense of gratitude for the past should induce a gloomy sense of confidence for the present and increased hopes for the future. Will not the prayer of thanksgiving that we say today be an act of hope, a genuine faith in the Providence of God and a consequent willingness on the part of the future which paralyzes individuals and nations?

Inspired by such a spirit of confidence, may I ask that those of you who are in a position to do so, will have the courage to keep your business in our community stirring — to contribute your part to a more active participation in our community, which in return will reach upon the activity of the individual organizations. The course of opportunity to work, the increase of the number of employees, the stimulation of business so that employers can place at work the many talented and energetic individuals all these ends depend upon the activity of the entire community. The sales departments depend upon your willingness to spend if God's Providence has placed the wherewithal in your purse. Knowing the pitiable situation of so many of our fellow citizens, those of us who are able to do so must feel a responsibility in conscience to do our small share in making it possible for our fellow men to be employed.

It is not out of the question that a loosening of our purse-strings for the stimulation of local business and the consequent increase in employment of the members of our community will lessen the demand on our resources for the relief and assistance of those without work. The course of prevention in preference to the removal of cause is not only good pathology but is good economics. It is also sound Christian charity.

Let us therefore pray together on Thanksgiving Day to express our gratitude to God for His blessings of the past year, and also to pray for His blessings of the future. Let us keep faith in His promise "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His justice, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Your devoted shepherd in Christ,

JAMES E. KEARNEY,
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

Catholic Daily Backs Business Recovery Plan

Editorial commendation of Bishop Kearney's proposal to maintain jobs by encouraging sales appeared in the only Catholic daily newspaper in the United States, the Catholic Tribune of Duluth, Iowa, in its October 21 issue. The Catholic Daily stated:

"The proposal of Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester, N. Y., to aid business recovery by united action against fear and the causes of fear has met with enthusiastic response on the part of our leaders of the community.

"They met at the residence of the bishop to discuss methods to develop the plan. They resolved to make a united community effort in backing the problem of creating jobs by encouraging sales. The bishop will inaugurate the move by a pastoral letter, which will be read in all the churches of the diocese on a certain Sunday.

"Bishop Kearney detailed his plan to the assembled business leaders. His explanation sums up the situation in almost every community at the present time.

"We all know," he said, "that unless money is in circulation, unless people are shopping and buying things it is impossible to keep people at work. It is impossible to make demands on manufacturers because they cannot get the goods on the market. In other words, the purchasing power and the purchasing willingness of this mass on the street is a very important factor in the success of any community.

"The bishop feels that 'we can be our people in this movement.' He believes that the people who come to church on Sunday is like a mass promoting the Word of God, and that the promoter has no ulterior motive if he urges them to leave courage and to get out and buy things, to create an activity.

HOLIDAY COMING!

Thanksgiving Day comes next week on the usual press day for the CATHOLIC COURIER. Because of this, this paper will go to press on Wednesday. Deadlines for all news copy will be Tuesday, November 22, at noon.

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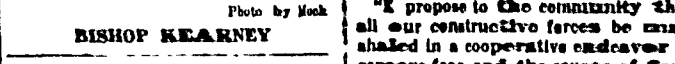
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DIOCESANS GET BISHOP'S CALL TO SPUR BUYING

CALLS FOR ACTION

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BISHOP KEARNEY

MARRIAGE LAW Breaks Concordat Vatican Paper Says

By MSGR. ENRICO PUCCI, VATICAN CITY (Special Cable)—Charging daily that marriage provisions in Italy's recently promulgated "Law for the Defense of the Race" violate the concordat between the Holy See and Italy, an article in *Osservatore Romano* reveals that the regulations were issued despite the fact that His Holiness Pope Pius XI had previously intervened with personally autographed letters to King Victor Emmanuel III and Premier Benito Mussolini.

The concordat is the foundation of the concordat, *Osservatore* declares. It adds that the papal concordat cannot be annulled by the fact that relatively few cases are involved, or that a future agreement may remedy the situation. The point is that a principle has been violated in a matter of capital importance to the church.

Card. Mundelein Officiates At Mother Cabrini Rites

By MSGR. ENRICO PUCCI, VATICAN CITY (Special Cable)—An American Cardinal officiated Sunday morning, when for the first time in history, a citizen of the United States was solemnly beatified by the Catholic Church.

War Chaplains' Head Marks 75th Birthday

CHICAGO—The Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Foley, pastor of St. Ambrose Church and during the World War the Vicar General of War Chaplains, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday on Armistice Day.

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U. S. Priest Made Basilian Official

DETROIT—The Rev. Vincent J. Kennedy, O.S.B., of the Institute of St. Basil in Rome, will become the first American official of the Basilian Order, according to news received here.

EXECUTIVES OF CATHOLIC PRESS MEET AT FORUM

NEW YORK—The Executive Board of the Catholic Press Association will meet here Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.