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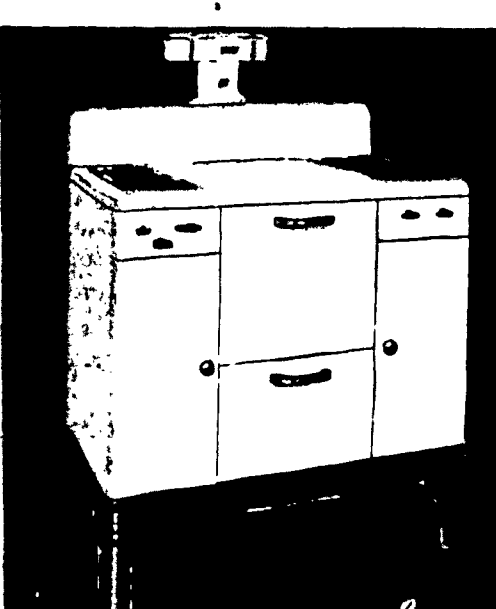
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# Maltese Cross Is Conferred On E. Finucane

## AWARD MADE MONDAY BY BISHOP KEARNEY

### Given Ira Recognition Of Outstanding Life

In a simple and intimate ceremony the Maltese Cross of the Order of the Knights of Malta was conferred by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney upon B. Emmett Finucane, outstanding layman of the diocese on Monday.

The investiture of Mr. Finucane as a member of the Knights of Malta with the eight-pointed Maltese Cross took place in the chapel of the Bishop's Residence, 947 East Avenue, Monday noon as a small group of intimate friends looked on.

"He needs no laudation," said Bishop Kearney in placing the insignia on Mr. Finucane's breast. "We who know him know how well he deserves this honor which comes to him for his splendid life and activity on behalf of his fellowmen."

Happy memories of the city and community have honored Mr. Finucane many times, the Bishop stated that it was a happy privilege as his Bishop to name of Christ and of His Church to place this cross on his bosom.

"He has indeed lived the life of a true gentleman and Christian a life lived up to the idealism of the Cross of Christ," Bishop Kearney stated.

As the honor was conferred, two of Mr. Finucane's close friends, the Hon. J. J. Connet, former Congressman and Supreme Court Justice, and Jeremiah G. Hickey, clothing manufacturer, each placed a hand on his shoulder. They together with the late Joseph P. O'Brien received the Maltese cross in 1931.

Emblem of the order hung on a black ribbon, consists of a gold laurel upon which is mounted a small cross, white beneath which is a smaller cross atop gold crown, and surmounted from the crown a large eight-pointed white cross.

Defeat of the Maltese Order traces its history back to the Crusades. It has a limited membership of 60 in America. Its purpose is to defend Christianity and to carry on a score of hospitals in several countries by banding together men of integrity means and ability for the exercise of charity.

In 1871 under the late Pope Pius IX the order was established in America by the late Patrick Cardinal Hayes and incorporated under the name of New York State.

Present at the ceremony were the Rev. Mr. Magr. William M. Hart, V. C. Magr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the Diocese, the Rev. Magr. Joseph E. Grady, the Rev. Lawrence J. Cassidy, Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese, and the Rev. Magr. Mrs. John J. Finucane, Mrs. Rudolph S. Egan, Mrs. Mary Finucane, Mrs. Ruth Mahon, Mrs. Na. Thayer, Mrs. E. John W. Johnson, all of Rochester, and Robert Bartlett of New York City.

Also present were Mr. Finucane, Mr. J. J. Connet, Mr. Finucane, Mrs. John J. Finucane, Mrs. Rudolph S. Egan, Mrs. Mary Finucane, Mrs. Ruth Mahon, Mrs. Na. Thayer, Mrs. E. John W. Johnson, all of Rochester, and Robert Bartlett of New York City.

Mr. Finucane who is president of the Chamber of Commerce and president of Rochester Council Boy Scouts of America is widely active in the lay circles of the diocese as a member of the Knights of Columbus and of several prominent clubs.

Born and brought up in Corpus Christi, Texas, he is now Res. Magr. Ambassador Dr. v. v. with his wife and three children.

## KNIGHT OF MALTA



B. Emmett Finucane

## CARDINAL DIES Who Served Long In North America

VATICAN CITY His Eminence Donato Cardinal Sbarretti, Vice-Dean of the Sacred College, is dead in his eighty-third year.

His Eminence who was Bishop of Sabina, one of the suburbicarian sees of Rome and Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office spent 21 years of his priestly life in North America.

Cardinal Sbarretti was the first Auditor of the Apostolic Delegation at Washington, D. C. serving from 1891 to 1900. He was Archbishop of Havana, Cuba, from 1900 to 1901 and was Apostolic Delegate to Canada from 1900 to 1914.

News of Cardinal Sbarretti's death which occurred Friday night caused deep grief in the Holy See. Pope Pius XII stowed over owing to His Eminence's advanced age and the state of his health his death was not unexpected. The Cardinal had suffered numerous heart attacks.

## WOULD MAKE QUEBEC CIVIL MARRIAGE LAW CONFORM WITH CATHOLIC CANON LAW

QUEBEC A motion seeking to have the civil law conform to Catholic canon law as marriage has been introduced into the Quebec Legislature by René Chalouit, Nationalist member for Kamouraska. The matter has not yet come before the House for formal study.

Whereas our civil marriage laws are not in accordance with the provisions of canon law.

Whereas a conflict harmful to social order arises from such differences.

Whereas our judges on many occasions have expressed the opinion that the Legislature should take steps to correct such a situation.

Whereas the Bishops have also expressed the wish that the Government legislate in this sense.

This House is of the opinion that it would be expedient to study without delay a form of legislation for the purpose of creating a committee of jurists to prepare amendments to the Civil Code so as to make it conform with Canon Law.

## AL SMITH AND WIFE ACT AS SPONSORS FOR 300

NEW YORK Former Governor and Mrs. Alfred E. Smith acted as sponsors for 300 children who were conferred here today by the Most Rev. Sir John Joseph Cardinal Administration of the Archdiocese of New York at the Dominican Church of St. Vincent Ferrer. The children were aged between 10 and 16 years old. They were from the new Lexington School for the Deaf.

Governor Smith was joined by Robert Fitzsimmons, well-known local attorney, as sponsor for the boys and girls. They were sponsored by the girls with Miss Ella Sullivan as sponsor of the Women's Civic League.

## FORDHAM POLITICAL CONGRESS TO HEAR BRAZILIAN DIPLOMAT

NEW YORK Dr. Carlos Martinez Pereira, South American Ambassador from Brazil to the United States, has appointed Senator Mario Guimaraes First Secretary to the Embassy to represent Brazil at the second annual Fordham Political Congress sponsored by the Graduate School of the university according to an announcement made today by Dr. Gabor de Beszenyey, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee and a member of the Political Science Faculty.

Senator Guimaraes will discuss the subject "The Meaning of Brazilian Trade Relations with the United States," at the Congress on Saturday, April 22.

Customs Agent What have you to declare?

American Tourist returning from Europe? I declare that I am glad to get back.

## Low Sunday Program To Be Broadcast

WASHINGTON A special Low Sunday musical program featuring the Rev. William J. Finn and the Paulist choristers will be presented in the "Catholic Hour" on April 16.

The broadcast, produced by the National Council of Catholic Men, will be heard at 6 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company.

The entire half-hour program will be devoted to an Easter suite consisting of "A Rhythmic Trilogy" and "The Easter Sermon of the Bishops," both compositions of Father Finn. "The World Itself Keeps Easter Day," "Case Thy Weeping Magdalena," and "Come See the Place Where Jesus Lay," comprise "A Rhythmic Trilogy."

## Port-Au-Prince, Haiti Has Catholic Weekly

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI Post-Au-Prince now has a Catholic weekly in French, with an experienced journalist, Gerard de Catalogne as its editor. It is the fulfillment of a long-desired wish of the Most Rev. Joseph Le Guaze, Archbishop of Port-Au-Prince.

We cannot know what the year will bring forth. But if we go on with the "forward" look and the "upward" look we may live in hope and confidence.

## MADRID'S CHURCHES SACKED DURING WAR

### Bishop Visits Ruins, Sacred Objects Stolen

By REV. MANUEL GREGA MADRID (NC) Officially the war has ended or all Spain. Madrid is resuming its normal life and communications. But only one chapel has survived without damage.

Sacred objects that have disappeared from Madrid churches are valued at 10,000,000 pesetas, about \$3,200,000. Not a church escaped being sacked and the bulk of the loot was taken from chapels of colleges and convents.

The Most Rev. Leopoldo Blin, Bishop of Madrid, has visited the ruined churches organizing the resumption of religious services. My own parish church, and with it the remains of Calderon, was burned. The neighboring large hospital for the clergy also was burned.

The monastery of the Escorial, the pantheon of the Kings of Spain remains intact, but the best of its paintings are gone.

Cardinal Sbarretti, the publishing house of El Debate is again publishing a daily life plant, with most of its equipment, is intact.

On the eve of his golden jubilee for the priesthood, the Most Rev. Joseph Sotomayor, Bishop of Caceres, has been named to the rank of Archbishop. He will continue to serve as Ordinary of that see. The status of his diocese remains unchanged.

## Masses Celebrated Again In Madrid

MADRID On the first Palm Sunday since 1936 on which the Catholics of Madrid could hear Mass all places of worship were thronged. Masses were said in 22 of the more than 300 parishes that were in Madrid before the civil war.

But in most cases the parish church was not the scene of the Mass. Most of the churches have been destroyed and chapels of contents, hospitals and schools were the scene of the Divine Sacrifice.

There were no palms for free distribution but the faithful were advised that they could bring their own olive sprigs or palm leaves to be blessed.

Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., son of the United States Ambassador to Great Britain, was to have departed for France Sunday morning but he stayed in Madrid to attend the first Mass celebrated here since the beginning of the war.

## U. S. RECOGNIZES Spain's Nationalist Government

WASHINGTON The United States recognized the Nationalist Government in Spain, Saturday, Secretary of State Cordell Hull sent a telegram stating that it is the disposition of the United States Government to establish diplomatic relations with the Government of General Franco.

Announcement of this move was made by the Secretary at his press conference this morning. At the same time the State Department made public a proclamation issued by President Roosevelt to day lifting the embargo on the shipment of war materials to Spain.

President Roosevelt said in his judgment the state of civil strife in Spain, and the conditions which prompted him to issue his proclamation of May 1, 1937, prohibiting the shipment of munitions to Spain have ceased to exist.

The State Department announced that, in view of the President's proclamation, the rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of State on May 1, 1937 governing the carriage of armaments, ammunition and implements of war on American vessels engaged in commerce with Spain have ceased to be effective.

## BISHOP THILL ASSAILS ONE-DAY DIVORCE LAW

CONCORDIA, KANS. The Most Rev. Frank A. Thill, Bishop of Concordia, has assailed as a blatant disregard for the sanctity of marriage the bill in the Kansas legislature to permit out-of-State residents to file for and obtain a divorce in this State on only one day's residence within its limits.

Protesting this "insult" to the institution of Christian marriage, Bishop Thill said "Kansas is making desperate efforts to retain its good mark for 'Christian restraint and respectability in other matters less essential to decency in living."

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## Triangle In New York Named For Fr. Duffy

NEW YORK The triangular plot, situated just north of Times Square and bounded by Broadway, Seventh Avenue and Forty-seventh Street has been officially designated Duffy Square in honor of Father Francis P. Duffy, late chaplain of the Fighting Sixty-ninth during the World War.

The Triangle, in the middle of which is a statue of Father Duffy, received its legal designation today after a measure, passed by the City Council, had been signed by Mayor LaGuardia.

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## Council of Trent Fourth Centenary To Occur In 1945

ROME The fourth centenary of the Council of Trent will be celebrated with great solemnity. The ceremonies will begin on December 13, 1945. The Most Rev. Celestino Endicott, Archbishop of Trent, has appointed a provisional committee to study plans for the quadricentennial and special collections have been taken up in all the churches of the Archdiocese to start a fund for the celebration.

## Unusual Honor



Rev. Charles E. Coughlin

## RELIGION CANNOT Be Government's Tool Says Father Coughlin

DETROIT "Christ was no Communist, no Nazi, he stood not for anarchy but for law; not for atheism but for religion. A religion which by its principles protects the State, a religion which by its principles and actions into the affairs of State, a religion which refuses to be used as a tool of government."

This declaration was made by the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak, in his regular Sunday radio address. His subject was "The History of Holy Week."

Commenting on the Saviour's words to the barren fig tree, "May no man hereafter eat fruit of thee any more forever," Father Coughlin said:

"Such a malediction against the fig tree would be hard to explain unless we understood its symbolic sense. It is the many cities and nations resemble the barren fig tree. They are glorious in their material achievements, magnificent wealth, 'astrolagical jargon' and proud wealth. These resemble the foliage of the tree.

"What profits all this if, like Jerusalem of old, the cities reject the word of God and bear no lasting fruit which neither dethrone nor (time can destroy) These are the cities against whom the malediction of the Lord was directed when He cursed the barren fig tree.

"Accounting the activities of the four groups who sought to destroy the Saviour, Father Coughlin remarked: "How faithfully history repeats itself! This modern world has its Sanhedrin of legislators, its Pharisees of school teachers, its Herodian Communists and Nazi Sadducees, all of whom conspire against the Christ."

## FR. LED M. FINN NAMED SUPREME CHAPLAIN OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEW HAVEN, CONN. The Rev. Leo M. Finn, Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Bridgeport, Conn., has been appointed Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, succeeding the late Rev. Magr. John J. McGivney.

Father Finn is a native of Waterbury. Two of his brothers are pastors in the Diocese of Hartford: the Rev. Francis J. Finn, of Our Lady of Mercy, Plainville, and the Rev. Vincent E. Finn, of St. Rose's, Greenwich.

A graduate of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Father Finn was ordained to the priesthood at the University of Louvain in 1914. Father Finn is Business Director of the Holy Name Society.

## Oppose Bill as Peril To Schools' Liberty

MILWAUKEE The Catholic Colle Press Association in a state, released today, voices its opposition to the Thomas Bill, now before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, as a peril to educational liberty.

The Thomas Bill provides for the appropriation of funds to assist States in providing more effective programs of public education.

The association which represents 15,000 students in the United States contends the Thomas Bill "would make the schools of the States wards of the Federal Government." "Annual appropriations in aid of local schools will inevitably mean control by the Federal Government of a function which belongs to the States," the statement adds. "For what the Federal Government subsidizes, the Federal Government controls."

"There must be no regimentation of ideas in this country," the statement goes on. "Our schools must be free even as our press, radio, speech, and religion should be. The Federal Aid to Education Act would result in an ever expanding bureaucracy which, at enormous expense to the taxpayers, will control the program of local schools, the teacher training, their administrators, and their pupils, making them all parts of a powerful machine for the shaping and directing of public opinion.

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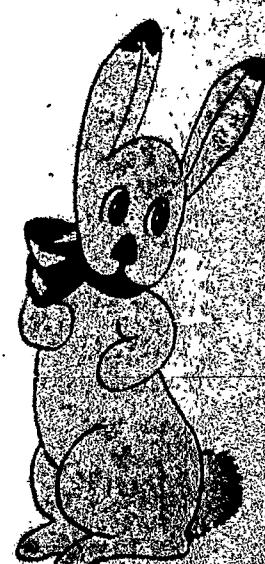
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