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Feature Magazine Supplement goes this week to all regular mail and carrier subscribers, featuring photo of Pope Pius XII.

Indecent Literature Sources

The vast extent of obnoxious publications and methods being used to combat them are told in article on Page 6.

Drive On Indecent Literature Opens At Hornell

All Schools Need Religion

Evils Cited Of Secularization

WASHINGTON—(INC)—An appeal to the American people to make a very thorough study of the effects of the secularization of their schools, begun a century ago, "lest the schools they support continue to decline as means of individual and social betterment," is made by the National Catholic Educational Association in a resolution it adopted at its thirty-sixth annual convention at the Catholic University of America, ending Friday.

The Association declares that the elimination from the American educational field of "the knowledge and love of God" the result of a compromise adopted a century ago by men of narrow vision and little experience has deprived American Democracy of "the only power that can eventually sustain and preserve it."

This resolution came as the climax to a number of brilliant addresses in which were outlined the steps by which Catholic schools in the United States will inaugurate their crusade of education for Christian Democracy and in which it was set forth that the claims of American Catholics for just participation in whatever plans the Government makes for the advancement of education have gained ground with the passage of time.

Thanks for Easter Message

The Association offered "the homage of our loyalty and loving obedience" to His Holiness Pope Pius XII. Thanking the Sovereign Pontiff for his Easter message the Association said "we realize how responsible are we who are called to teach children and youth for the [illegible] of those virtues from which spring the order [illegible] on justice and charity which alone can bring peace to the world."

Noting that to foster the Christian concept of citizenship the Bishops of the United States have charged the Catholic University to compile at once a more comprehensive series of graded texts for all educational levels, texts that will build an enlightened, conscientious citizenship, the N C E A declared itself heartily accord and endorsed the great educational project as one deserving the active support and co-operation of all Catholic educators.

Father Duffy Chosen

The Most Rev. John B. Peterson, Bishop of Manchester, accepted the Association's invitation to serve as its President General for another term. Named as chairman of the School Superintendents Department was the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Buffalo.

[illegible] the University of America in this golden jubilee year the Association hailed that institution in very truth the capstone of Catholic educational endeavor in the United States. The University belongs to all of us in a very particular way, the resolution said [illegible] are the [illegible] of Catholic education.

The Association also saluted Georgetown University about to observe its 150th anniversary. The N C E A lauded the noble and glorious record of this the first Catholic institution of higher learning to be established in the United States.

Back Literature Drive

Pledging itself to co-operate with the Bishops of the country by supporting the National Organization for Decency in Literature the N C E A directed attention to the fact that "the mind of youth in building its life ideal is influenced in a very special way by the kind of reading it engages in" and that today a veritable flood of

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DEEPLY MOURNED

Courtesy Democrat and Chronicle

RT REV. MSGR. J. P. BROPHY

MONSIGNOR BROPHY DIES AT AGE OF 71

Bishop Officiates At Final Services

The Rt Rev Msgr John P Brophy, beloved pastor of St. Monica's Church, diocesan consultor and domestic prelate of the Papal Household who died Monday at St Mary's Hospital will be given final and sincere tribute Friday morning this week when funeral services take place in his parish church.

His Excellency the Most Rev. James E Kearney D.D. Bishop of Rochester will pontificate a Solemn Requiem Mass at 10:30 A M which will be attended by a throng of fellow priests, sisters, parishioners and many friends made in the community by Monsignor Brophy. The final blessing will be imparted by Bishop Kearney.

The eulogy of the [illegible] and [illegible] will be preached by his close friend the Rev. Dr. Frederick J Zwierlein, professor emeritus of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Other Masses of Requiem

Because of the great number of parishioners and friends who will want to pay their last respects to their beloved pastor, special Requiem Mass was celebrated Thursday morning and Friday morning at 8 A M. Children of the parish were to attend the 8 o'clock Mass Friday.

Word of the death of Monsignor Brophy Monday brought forth a wide sorrow as he was known beyond his own parish of which he was the founder [illegible].

Bishop's Tribute

His Excellency Bishop Kearney [illegible] the following statement on the death of Monsignor Brophy.

He was one of the outstanding pastors of the diocese. In his passing the diocese loses one of its majestic figures. He was a fine gentleman, a zealous priest, a conscientious worker, a man of deep personal [illegible]. He will be mourned by a large group of admirers and friends both Catholic and non-Catholic. We feel we have sustained a great loss in his death.

Monsignor Brophy who was born in Shortsville son of John and Matilda Healey Brophy on October 24, 1867 would have been 72 on his next birthday.

Ordained in 1893

He attended Phelps High School and St. Andrew's Seminary for his preliminary studies for the Holy Priesthood. After some time spent studying at St Joseph's Seminary, Troy, he came to St. Bernard's Seminary to complete his studies.

His ordination took place on

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'Spain Should Work for Peace'

Pius XII Urges Reconstruction

VATICAN CITY — Employing fluent Spanish and speaking from his study in the Vatican, His Holiness Pope Pius XII Sunday broadcast to the people of Spain a warm exhortation that they in close spiritual union dedicate themselves to that work of reconstruction which God and their country expect of them.

The Holy Father extended paternal congratulations to his beloved children of Catholic Spain for the peace and victory granted them by God and so much desired by Pope Pius XI. He expressed his firm confidence that this peace will be what his predecessor so ardently longed for it to be a herald that is of a future of tranquility in order and of honor in prosperity.

The Sovereign Pontiff pointed out how the designs of Divine Providence have once again manifested themselves in the heroic Spanish nation. Spain was chosen by God to be the principal instrument for the evangelization of the New World. His Holiness said and now as an impregnable bulwark of the Catholic Faith it has given to the proselytizers of materialistic atheism of our age the highest proof that the eternal values of religion and the spirit stand above all things.

Defense of Ideals

This Spain has done the Holy Father said through the generous uprising of the healthy part of the Spanish people in the defense of the ideals of faith and of Christian civilization and through the [illegible] with the help of God against the dissolving forces of the enemies of Christ [illegible]

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THEY WILL DIRECT HOLY NAME DRIVE FOR CLEAN READING

Accepting Bishop Kearney's call for a campaign against indecent literature, these officers of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union will preside at St. Ann's parish, Hornell, Sunday when plans are unfolded for the campaign. Seated (from left) are: Honorary President, B. Edward Shlesinger; Diocesan Director, Rev. F. William Stauder; President, Norman A. O'Brien; Vice President, William G. Wynn; Financial Secretary, Walter Maxwell; Standing (from left), Treasurer, James D'Amico; Vice President, Joseph F. MacSweeney; Assistant Director, the Rev. Arthur F. Florack; Marshal, John W. Diringer; Vice President and Secretary, Louis Schur; Vice President, Francis E. Wolfe.

NAME BISHOP O'HARA TO KANSAS CITY SEE

Great Falls Prelate Active in N. C. W. C.

WASHINGTON — The Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Great Falls, Mont. since 1930 has been named Bishop of Kansas City it is announced in word received at the Apostolic Delegation here from Vatican City.

Becoming the third Ordinary to govern the See of Kansas City Bishop O'Hara succeeds Bishop Thomas F Lillis who died on December 29, 1938.

Like the late Ordinary whom he now succeeds, Bishop O'Hara is noted not only as a brilliant and progressive administrator of his diocese but also for his long and distinguished connection with the National Catholic Welfare Conference. When he was named the second Bishop of Great Falls in 1930 Bishop O'Hara had served for ten years as Director of the Rural Life Bureau of the Department of Social Action N. C. W. C. He was [illegible] named an Assistant [illegible] Administrative [illegible] and assigned [illegible] of Social Action [illegible] has been a member [illegible] Board and [illegible] of the N. C. [illegible] of Social Action [illegible] Lillis head for [illegible]

[illegible] also widely [illegible] Chairman of the [illegible] on the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine [illegible] are outstanding forces [illegible] of the religious [illegible] movement [illegible]

Leftist Loot Now Uncovered by Police

MADRID — Continuing their investigation of looting in the Capital [illegible] was under Leftist [illegible] police have discovered [illegible] of a member of the [illegible] Defense Junta formed [illegible] Negrin Government was [illegible] important collection [illegible] of great value. They [illegible] a private [illegible]

Vestments, Burses Given by Filipinos For Spain Churches

MANILA — The Very Rev Silvestre Sancho, O. P., Rector of the Pontifical University of Sto Tomas here has left for Spain and Rome, bearing with him vestments and burses valued at $10,000 destined for parishes and churches in devastated regions of Spain.

The vestments are tokens of love in the real sense, from the Philippines to "Mother Spain" having been made by college girls and alumnae of Catholic academies. It is believed that altar sets will satisfy the need of no less than 150 churches and chapels.

Previous shipments to Nationalist Spain of voluntary contributions for the same purpose have brought back to the Islands a long and touching letter of gratitude from Cardinal Goma and other Spanish Bishops.

STATE SUPREME COURT ORDERS TOWN TO LIFT BAN ON PARISH SCHOOL

CHICAGO — By order of the Illinois Supreme Court at Springfield the Village of Winnetka was ordered to issue a permit for construction of a parochial school.

The school will be a part of the new SS. Faith, Hope and Charity parish established last year. Village attorneys contended such a school was banned under the zoning laws and that its construction would tend to lower property values in the neighborhood. Weymouth Kirkland, counsel for the Archbishop of Chicago asserted the zoning laws were unfair as they permitted public schools in residential sections but not parochial or private schools.

Bishop's Niece, Nun, Dies

Greenwich, Conn. — Sister M. Bernardine died at the Academy of the Holy Family, Baltic, Conn. Easter Sunday night. Sister Bernardine recently celebrated her golden jubilee as a Sister of Charity.

SUSPENDED PRIEST COMING TO SPEAK

Tour To Aid Leftists In Spain Is Failure

The Rev. Leocadio Lobo, scheduled to speak at Amalgamated Hall, Friday night of this week, is still a suspended priest.

This announcement was made at the Chancery today in answer to a press report in which misstatements relative to the former Madrid priest were cited by a representative of the Rochester Branch of the Spanish Refugees' Relief Campaign, successors to the communist-inspired Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

The Chancery officials have invited Father Lobo through the Committee sponsoring his appearance here, to appear at the Chancery office and to present his credentials signed by the Bishop of his own diocese, that Father Lobo is a priest in good standing in his home diocese, and that he is absent from his diocese with the approval and permission of his Bishop.

It was stated at the Chancery that if this priest were in good standing, he would have no trouble getting permission to solicit funds for a worthy cause.

He has not, as stated, acted as liaison between the Catholic Church and the Loyalist authorities. The now defunct Republican government never adjusted anything with the Church in Spain and if it had it would have done so with proper Church authorities, not a suspended priest.

That he comes to this country with full permission of the Vicar General of Madrid is also false. His superior is the Bishop of Madrid who suspended him on December 5, 1936. Since the Bishop residing in Nationalist Spain had no means of communicating this notice of Father Lobo in Madrid, it was several months before the priest was informed, indirectly, of his Bishop's action.

His tour in a lost cause throughout the country has been a complete failure. Funds thus raised cannot be forwarded to the loyalist prisoners in Spain. There is no longer any need for such relief work as the Nationalist government is taking care of that

Bishop To Call Holy Name Men Into Action

Diocesan-wide interest will center in Hornell, Sunday, when "The Bishop's Campaign Against Indecent Literature" will be actively launched at the Seventh Annual Convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union.

From all parts of the diocese, representatives of parish Holy Name branches will assemble at St. Ann's Church, 35 Erie Avenue in Hornell for opening of the convention with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 P. M.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney in an address to the delegates will outline the importance of taking over the campaign against lewd publications and of stirring interest throughout the diocese in a vigorous effort to overcome this growing evil.

Pledge To Be Offered

Plans for the campaign are being worked out under the direction of the Rev. F. William Stauder, diocesan director of the Holy Name Union and President Norman A. O'Brien.

First step in the campaign will be the taking of a pledge to refrain from buying or reading indecent publications, similar to the one taken by members of the Legion of Decency. All diocesans will be asked to take this pledge.

The business session of the convention will have as the main speaker, the Rev. Oswald E. Morton, C.M., Professor of English and Moderator of the Forensic Council, Niagara University.

Plan Rally In June

Election of officers for a two-year term and plans for a Holy Name Rally in June will be on the program.

In the discussion on the indecent literature drive, the delegates will take up the program presented by Bishop Kearney in the April 6 issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

In announcing the campaign, Bishop Kearney said:

"The Holy Name Society, organized as it is in the entire Diocese, and having as one of its aims purity of thought, word and action will find in this campaign an expression of Catholic Action which will be far-reaching in its beneficial results.

Will Welcome Effort

"As the heads of families, trying to bring up their children with decent minds and clean hearts, they will welcome this effort to wipe out as far as possible one of the most insidious evils of our day."

All other Catholic organizations in the diocese will be asked to assist in this campaign. The Knights of Columbus are already committed to such a project as one of the state chapter activities. The various affiliated groups of the National Council of Catholic Women and the Sodality of Our Lady will cooperate, it is learned.

Hornell members of the Holy Name Society are preparing a welcome for the Union delegates. (See Page 6 and 7). The Knights of Columbus of Hornell Council have extended an invitation to delegates and members to visit their home, corner Elm and Center Streets where lunch will be served following the convention.

TALKS AT HORNELL

Courtesy Rochester Times-Union

REV. O. E. MORTON, C.M.

Pamphlet Cites Scope Of Indecency in Print

NOTRE DAME, IND. — Students of the University of Notre Dame have contributed to the campaign of the National Organization for Decent Literature by issuing a pamphlet, entitled "[illegible] Smut."

Prepared by the [illegible] Student Committee for Decency in Print, the pamphlet is dedicated to Mary Immaculate, whose intercession is asked for the success of the N. O. D. L. It bears the imprimatur of the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, and was published by the Ave Maria Press.

Containing several illustrations, the pamphlet presents facts concerning the widespread distribution of offensive literature and says:

"Four hundred magazines which violate the very [illegible] set up by the Committee [illegible] are now being published in the United States.

"Fifteen million copies of this erotic filth leave the presses every month.

"Therefore, presumably [illegible] persons — among them perhaps your brothers and sisters — read these magazines.

"Three-fourths of [illegible] magazines have been [illegible] since 1930. Money-hungry, unscrupulous Mr. I. [illegible] capitalized on the leisure of unemployed youths by pumping poison into their veins, making [illegible] out of their minds.

"The United States leads all other countries in the publication of smutty magazines. More than 100 of those printed here are banned in Canada and Australia."

FR. LOBO APPEARANCE IN ST. LOUIS INDEFINITE

ST. LOUIS. — The St. Louis appearance of the Rev. Leocadio Lobo, suspended priest, who has been pleading the cause of the Spanish Leftists in this country has again been deferred, this time indefinitely.

Father Lobo was to have spoken here April 7, but the engagement was postponed to a later day. Then that engagement also was cancelled.

Carnegie's Anti-Red Rule Outlaws Kent

PITTSBURGH. — The Carnegie Institute barred Rockwell Kent, prominent painter, from its lecture hall here, because it was stated under a ruling of the Institute's Board of Trustees, Communist groups cannot meet there.

Roy B. Ambrose [illegible] Institute's building, said [illegible] can speak there any time he wishes, but he declared the League for Peace and Democracy which sponsored the painter's [illegible] by the Dies Committee [illegible]

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REICH JESUIT SCHOOL NOT PERMITTED TO REOPEN

COLOGNE — The Archiepiscopal Ordinariat of Freiburg has informed the clergy that the Ministry of State of Baden has withdrawn the authorization of the Jesuits to conduct St. Blase's School and for that reason the school did not reopen after the Easter vacation.

The school was established in 1934 as the German section of the Stella Matutina at Feldkirch, Austria by Jesuits of the German Province and as the result of a controversy that had arisen due to opposition to National Socialism in Austria.

All Homes In Diocese Get Catholic Paper

ALEXANDRIA, LA. — Catholic Action of the South will be sent regularly to every home in the Alexandria Diocese according to the plan of the Most Rev. Daniel F. Desmond, who is now in Rome on his ad limina visit. The paper was adopted last fall as the official organ of the diocese, and a mailing list of all families is being prepared. It previously was adopted as the organ of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Dioceses of Lafayette and Natchez.

ALL MUNITIONS SALES OPPOSED BY FR. GILLIS

LOS ANGELES — Emphatic disapproval of Senator Key Pittman's "cash and carry" plan for the sales of war munitions was expressed by the Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., Editor of The Catholic World in an interview in the Hollywood Citizen-News. Father Gillis spoke here before the Catholic Theatre Guild.

"The only thing that will keep us out of war" said Father Gillis, "will be the willingness of our people to suffer as much for peace as others suffer for war.

"Of course, business opportunity will be used for war bait. I believe in absolute neutrality. We should sell no armaments to any nation either in peace or war.

"Conscription of labor, wealth and industry may be necessary in time of war but very dangerous to democracy. Pitiless publicity will keep us out of war."

On Display at Fair

Paris — His Eminence Jean Cardinal Verdier, Archbishop of Paris has complied with a request that he send to the New York Exposition four large decorative panels showing the religious, architectural and social aspects of the construction of the 107 new churches that he has built in and around Paris.

CONFIRMATION

IN EVERY PART of the Diocese of Rochester boys and girls are now preparing for Confirmation. The happy day is set, they are to be confirmed. For them there is the labor of securing a better knowledge of their Catechism; they would not be satisfied with the bare essentials of Christian Doctrine. The chief mysteries of faith, the duties of a Christian, the nature of Confirmation and its effects, these are just the beginning for them; they want to know all their Catechism and know it well. Who can say what question the Bishop may put to them before all the people? They must, must be ready!

Children of God they are through Baptism. Years have passed and now they are about to enter the earlier years of manhood and womanhood. More contacts with the world, more knowledge of temptation, more dangers in their new path; they must be more than God's children now, they must be Soldiers of Jesus Christ. To make them soldiers, to give them the equipment of a soldier, the Holy Ghost is to come into their souls to dwell there, to make them strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.

How glad their parents are at the great event about to take place in their lives! Preparations to mark the happy day are now in the making. A new suit for the boy, a white dress for the girl, new shoes and stockings, perhaps a red necktie for him, a veil or wreath for her. An invitation to some favored relative or friend to act as sponsor. An invitation to grandparents, aunts and uncles to attend the service and the observance at the home.

Then the final retreat of a few days when every thought and every desire of the soul are trained on Jesus Christ and on the Holy Spirit Whom He is to send into the soul through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Prayerful thinking on the seven great gifts the Holy Spirit will bring, and the twelve fruits of the Holy Ghost that will come through right use of these gifts.

And now the happy moment is at hand. All the members of the class are marching in brave array up the aisle of the church, the boys on the Gospel side, the girls on the Epistle side. They genuflect, take their places in the pew, kneel for a moment, then are seated. The Bishop with his ministers enters the sanctuary, genuflects, addresses the children, tells them of the great joy that will soon be theirs in the receiving of Confirmation, tells the sponsors of their obligation to watch over and direct the one for whom they stand. Then the Bishop extends his hands over all the class and prays that they may receive the Holy Ghost; he then approaches the railing and there signs the forehead of each with the sign of the cross, meanwhile marking it with the Holy Chrism and saying the words: "I sign thee with the sign of the cross, and I confirm thee with the Chrism of salvation, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." The assisting priest answers "Amen," and the Bishop, touching the cheek, says the words, "Peace to thee," to which the priest answers "And to thy spirit." The ceremonies of the Sacrament of Confirmation end when the Bishop returns to the altar and recites over all the closing versicles and prayers.

More than 7,500 are confirmed each year in this diocese. There are approximately 3,900 to be confirmed in the time up to the end of the month of June. Among them will be nearly 1,000 adults of seventeen years of age and older who will be confirmed May 21 in two groups, one at Corpus Christi Church at 4:00 p. m., the other at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7:45 p. m. Relatives and friends of the classes are welcome to the church on the day of Confirmation.

Prayerbooks, rosaries, shoes and clothing for all these children will call for the early attention of devoted parents, and will tax the supplies of the neighborhood and downtown stores. Confirmation time takes on the aspect of a holiday season for the happy boys and girls who receive it.

Bishop Kearney's schedule for Confirmations is briefly as follows:

Sunday, April 23, St. Joachim's, Canisteo, 1:00 p. m.
Sunday, April 23, St. Catherine's, Addison, 4:30 p. m.
Sunday, April 23, St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport, 7:30 p. m.
Monday, April 24, St. Theresa's, 7:45 p. m.
Tuesday, April 25, St. Charles Borromeo, 7:45 p. m.
Wednesday, April 26, St. Thomas, 8:00 p. m.
Sunday, April 30, St. Lucy's, 11:15 a. m.
Sunday, April 30, Holy Apostles, 2:00 p. m.
Sunday, April 30, St. Monica's, 3:30 p. m.

The Bishop's schedule for May will appear in the May 4 issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

Trends Here Seen As In Spain Before War

NEW YORK — The Spanish civil war is over, but "the war is not over in the United States," because there are trends in this country closely patterned after the events that led to the strife in Spain, the Rev. Francis X. Talbot, S. J., Editor-in-Chief of America, Jesuit weekly, told members of the New York City Omnibus Employes Holy Name Society at the annual Communion Breakfast Sunday.

"The spearhead here is the same as it was in Spain, a very clever nucleus of keen thinkers, active workers and propagandists in our midst," Father Talbot warned.

He said this nucleus not only directs such strategies as the recent letter to Pope Pius XII by Protestant clergymen, but also is "turning the wheels" behind the Popular Front composed of "university men, liberalists, journalists and orators." Under the pretext of engaging in "charitable endeavors" for peace and for the people in general, he declared, it is pushing forward toward a world revolution. "We must save our country as Spain has saved her," he said.

Father Talbot predicted that Nationalist Spain will become like Portugal and Ireland, "founded upon the principles of Christ the King." He added that Franco's victory has been vital to Americans, because "had Spain gone Communist and Red, France and England would have followed, then South America, and finally ourselves."

To Address Congress

Paris.—The Sovereign Pontiff has appointed His Eminence Jean Cardinal Verdier, Archbishop of Paris, as His Legate to the National Eucharistic Congress which opens at Algiers on May 4.