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### Holy Day of Obligation Coming

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## Reich Priests Stay At Posts

### Bishops Advise War Time Duties

BREDA, Holland (NC)—In the deeply Christened Pastoral Letters and special instructions to the clergy which members of the German Hierarchy issued at the beginning of the war, copies of which have reached the Secretariat of the International Commission of Catholic Editors, here the prelates stress the fact that pastors must not be separated from their parishioners and must not leave their posts until all their people have been evacuated after evacuation, the pastor should go, if possible, to the point where the majority of his former parishioners are concentrated.

The pastorals call for special and individual prayers for an early and lasting peace.

The pastor of His Eminence Adolf Cardinal Bertram, Archbishop of Breslau, said: "Let us think of our soldiers, plunged into war, of our countrymen in the front lines. What I said to the men of the Landsturm (reserves) of Breslau at the beginning of the World War. I now repeat to the soldiers of our Archdiocese. Do ye manfully and let your hearts be strengthened all ye that hope in the Lord." (Pa. 30, 25.) And then place yourself under the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin German soldiers during the present Middle Ages, always sang as they left for the war. Holy Mary, Virgin and Mother, our distress cries out to thee."

**Asks Prayers for Soldiers**

His Eminence asked those who stay at home to remember the soldiers in their prayers and "to ask God that He will grant suffering, a peace that will be beneficial to our people and our country." For this intention the Our Father and Hail Mary are to be recited three times, followed by the invocation "St. Michael, patron of the German people, intercede with God to bless our country."

The first concern of the Most Rev. Conrad Groeber, Archbishop of Freiburg, whose Archdiocese borders on the Rhine, issued an instruction to his clergy regarding evacuation.

"I implore you venerated brethren," he said, "now more than ever to be mindful of your duties as priests and shepherds of souls. No one of you should forget your post at least until the parish itself has to be evacuated. Each of you must legitimately demand to remain with your parishioners in their retreat, or to be transferred to wherever the majority of your flock may be."

"Inform those who try to prevent the exercise of your mission as a pastor from your parishioners, that they are rendering no service to the German people and are encroaching upon your legitimate rights in hampering you in the fulfillment of your incontestable duty."

The Pastoral closes with an exhortation to the people to care for the refugees from the evacuated cities "as though they were Christ, Our Divine Brother, Himself." In a further instruction, the Archbishop of Freiburg ordered the recitation of a special prayer "for times of trial" at all services. This prayer asks God "to protect those who serve their country, to heal their wounds, and to grant eternal rest to the fallen heroes," and also to assist those who have had to abandon their homes.

The Most Rev. Clement Gunt von Gellen, Bishop of Munster, whose Diocese extends to the Dutch border, also issued special instructions to the clergy regarding evacuation and procedure in case of air-raids.

"If the air-raid warning is given early on Sunday morning, the faithful are dispensed from their obligation of hearing Mass. If the warning comes during Mass, the people are to seek the nearest shelter immediately and the celebrant, eventually, is to finish his Mass whether there is a congregation or not. Pray more and more, and pray with insistence," quoted from the words of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, is the advice given the clergy.

## NEW DIRECTORS



MSGR. WILLIAM F. BERGAN



LEO F. ROMBAUL

Electing Directors of the Columbus Club at a Board meeting presided over by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the Diocese and Leo F. Rombaul, Treasurer of Rochester. Council members of Columbus Club, Monsignor Bergan succeeds the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Breyer and Mr. Rombaul takes the place of the late John A. Doyle. A resolution for the death of Mr. Doyle was adopted by the Board.

## Confraternity Lists Varied Program

CINCINNATI.—The completed program of the fifth annual Catechetical Congress, to be held here November 4-7, reveals a striking variety of sessions and topics ranging from study clubs to the drive against indecent literature and including Catholic education work and the Crusade for God in Government.

Features of the Congress will be three institutes—for teachers, "fishers" and "helpers"—a two-day meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, special sessions on the National Catholic Welfare Conference, secular colleges, Catholic Education Guides, vacation schools, apostolate to non-Catholics, and the clergy and Religious.

Fifteen general sessions will emphasize the role of the laity in the Church. "The Confraternity and the Liturgical Movement"; "Religious Instruction for Catholic Students Attending Secular Colleges"; "The Confraternity Program for Youth"; "Religion in the Home"; "Religious Instruction through the Religious Vacation School Manuals"; "The Confraternity and the Mission Crusade"; "The Confraternity in Action"; "Religious Instruction to inmates of Public Detention Institutions"; "Presenting the Faith by Radio, Correspondence Courses, Distribution of Literature."

## LaGuardia Bans Picketing

NEW YORK.—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia has issued instructions to Police Commissioner Valentine to forbid the picketing of places of worship and church rectories of all denominations, deeming the picketing of such places "a disturbance of the peace."

The Mayor's letter revealed that he had been informed a certain church was to be picketed. He did not give the name of the church, but said it was in the city of New York.

"There is no labor dispute in this country, where freedom of religion is guaranteed, theological differences or even philosophical

## Our Diocesan Schools Meet Tests Of Times, Reports Father Duffy

### Instill Principles Needed In World Gone 'Insane'; Review Declares

To the Most Reverend Bishop, to the Right Reverend and Reverend Clergy and Religious, and to the Laity of the Diocese of Rochester:

With the minds of people preoccupied with stupendous world problems like the European upheaval it is probably presumptuous to expect them to be interested in a minor thing like a school report. Nevertheless, since the education of the young is a matter of far-reaching consequences, and since Christian education is based on principles of Divine Revelation, the aims and the present status of our Catholic schools should be of concern to priests, teachers, parents and to the Catholic laity of every walk of life.

One year ago, that is, October 1, 1938, there was a grand total of 26,547 pupils in the elementary and secondary schools of this diocese. Today the grand total is 26,285, or a decrease of 262 pupils. This decline may seem negligible, or one may argue that we should be grateful that the decrease is comparatively small amid a declining birthrate. Yet, this trend in school registration, which is a sad universal, should cause all to pause and think. Perhaps the current enormous school building program is being carried to absurd proportions. The registration in the elementary schools of the country has been declining for a number of years and now the decline is being felt in some quarters even in the high schools. There is no need for more school buildings so long as the first grade registration continues to diminish. There are twenty thousand fewer pupils in the public elementary schools of New York City today than a year ago.

For some time many individuals have attributed the dwindling school registration to restriction of immigration, to a shifting population and to other unsatisfactory explanations. The real, simple, plain cause is restriction of births. The "two-child family" will not maintain a static population, say nothing about the divine command, "Increase and multiply and fill the earth." All this goes to prove that the institution called the School is dependent on that more ancient and venerable institution called the Family. And both are dependent on religion and the morals of the people.

When Christian principles and the Christian viewpoint of life are lost, education becomes woefully out-of-balance and off-center. Anyone who has noted the focus point of emphasis in secular education for the past few years will recall the stately procession Cultural Education, Scientific Education, Vocational Education, Physical Education and Education for Citizenship. Education for Democracy holds the stage just now. What will receive homage ten years hence, nobody knows. But one thing we do know these narrow, mundane objectives are not the primary or exclusive aim of education. And for this reason they will not satisfy thinking men.

## PRE-SCHOOL APPROVED IN REPORT



This Pre-School opened this year by the sisters of St. Joseph on the Lomb property, Jefferson Road, Pittsford, and the "Kindergarten" opened at Holy Apostle's School, Austin St., are given approval in the annual school report issued today by the Rev. John M. Duffy, M.A., superintendent of schools.

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**Training To Think**

An education which does not train children to think is no education at all. Yet this is the character of much of the schooling today, with its crowded curriculum and emphasis on a multitude of facts which have little interest or value for the average child. An education which tries to fit the child for the modern world is bound to be a failure, when the modern world is falling to pieces for want of principle and purpose. The young should be taught to think so that they may put sense and sanity and order into an insane and disordered world. Instead of conforming to the environment of

an artificial world, people should form their opinions and according to the needs of rational beings. The machine should serve man, man should not serve the machine.

To the Christian all this is simple. When the minds and hearts of children are directed and trained to the knowledge, love and service of God, all other things follow naturally. If God is the one great Reality in the process of education, then education for democracy will be properly developed without being made the supreme and ultimate goal of education. In a Catholic school citizenship and patriotism are fostered and developed naturally and logically from definite Christian principles which make the practice of civic virtues a duty. It cannot be repeated too often that the Christian scheme of education has the only well-balanced program, since it alone gives proper recognition to God, the child's duties toward God, himself, and society.

**Place of Family**

Unfortunately in these days the family, with all its native authority and influence, has been nearly cancelled from the educational equation. The functions and duties of the home have been absorbed by other agencies, particularly the modern school. This is a bad omen. For it means that the family, while handing over

## Pope Willing To Act For Peace

### Chief Concern Is Spiritual Welfare

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Dedicating the spoken words of His Holiness Pope Pius XII that he would, if requested, direct his activities toward settlement of temporal controversies between States was made by the Pontiff today when he received the Lithuanian Minister to the Holy See. The Holy Father gave notice, however, that, unless requested, he would, as Supreme Pastor, be concerned only with combating the materialist Christian, Europe and the dangers which threaten the salvation of souls.

Addressing Stanislaus Girvainis, who had just presented his credentials as Lithuanian Minister to the Holy See, the Pontiff said:

"Aware of the duties that are proper to our office of supreme pastor, we will not permit ourselves to be requested that we actively, ever directed toward the salvation of souls, become involved in purely temporal controversies and territorial contentions between States."

"But the very duty of our office does not permit us to close our eyes when we see the immeasurable suffering and pain of the people of Europe, in all fundamental elements, a similar shadow of thought and work of the enemies of God is cast more threatening each day."

"In these circumstances, more than at any period in history, the preservation, care and defense of Christian heritage requires a delicate importance for the future destinies of Europe and for the prosperity of its peoples, large and small."

Strength in Need

The Pope stated with plain firmness of view, recognizing a liberty that permits the expansion and practice of Christian Doctrine in all spheres in which it counts with full security when troubled and difficult hours arise. The more that justice, fraternity and Christian charity unite and guide individuals and groups, the more they will be able to create a spiritual atmosphere that renders possible, indeed easy, the solution of many problems which today seem, or really are, insoluble."

The Holy Father praised the will of the Government and people of Lithuania to regulate questions concerning relations between Church and State. He recalled the Catholic tradition of Lithuania, which, he said, had justly been called by the Minister the northern advance guard of Catholicity and rejoiced that the Lithuanian people had been able to preserve their fidelity and trust in God "whose omnipotent assistance can open new ways toward the progress and prosperity of a Europe pacified and united in a sentiment of the justice and fraternity of its Christian vocation."

## 7 Polish Prelates Reported Murdered

### By Russian Troops

PHILADELPHIA—The execution of a Polish Archbishop, six of his seven suffragan Bishops and ten Catholic lay leaders by Soviet Russian firing squads is reported in a dispatch received by the tri-weekly Ukrainian Catholic publication America of this city.

The information, it was stated, came from Italian sources and was relayed to the local publication by Catholic Mission, the Ukrainian Information Service in Italy. Regular press services failed to confirm the report.

The Archbishop reported slain is the Most Rev. Andrew Sapiezko, Ruthenian Episcopus of Lwow. The dispatch did not give the names of the other Bishops reported slain, nor those of the lay leaders.

Inquiry at Vatican City brought the reply that he information had been received there concerning the execution of Archbishop Sapiezko. Information had been received of the killing of some priests and of the escape of others. It was stated, it also is reported that the hearing, Cardinal Miod, Primate of Poland, was killed by Russian planes as he fled from Warsaw.

Martyr Continued

The text of the dispatch as received was made public by "Vidok" (View) which is the great and personal sorrow received confirmation of execution by Communists of His Excellency Count Andrew Sapiezko and 17 other Ukrainian leaders. Many other names and great numbers of priests and gallant death will unite all Ukrainians. Only small number of leaders and one Bishop saved."

One of the Bishops of the Ukraine, Mr. Lotosky said, is at present in his hiding place. He is the only one of the ten lay leaders reported slain who were former members of the Polish Parliament.

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## Cardinal Describes Flight From Poland

PARIS.—In an interview granted to the French correspondence of the Catholic Press, Cardinal Miod, Primate of Poland, said the tragic circumstances of his departure from Poland under enemy fire last July 22nd, were the most dramatic he had ever experienced. He described the prelates as a man of feet seven inches tall, with a flowing white beard. His family was wealthy and dated back to the thirteenth century. Most of his wealth was spent in furthering the interests of the Ukrainians.

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## Vatican Awaits Word On Slayings

VATICAN CITY (NC) — No word has been received at Vatican City of the killing of the Most Rev. Andrew Sapiezko, Ruthenian Episcopus of Lwow, Poland. There is no detailed news of the fate of Polish prelates except that some have been killed and some have been able to escape since the Russian occupation.

The only Polish prelate who has come to Rome since the outbreak of the war has been the Most Rev. Joseph Gawlin, Ordinary of the Polish Army. He has joined the Polish forces in France.

Speakers Named

St. Louis.—Two prominent speakers for the seventh annual educational conference of the Society of Loretto to be held at Webster College, November 24 and 25, are the Very Rev. Martin J. O'Malley, C.M., President of Kenrick Seminary here, and the Rev. Gerald Ellard, S.J., of St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kans.

## DEFENDERS OF FAITH MOVE HEADQUARTERS TO MISSOURI

CONCEPTION, Mo.—The Defenders of the Faith have moved their headquarters here, it was announced by the Rev. Richard Felix, O.S.B., founder and director of the organization. Father Felix said that the village of Conception is situated and received this reply: "Therese Neumann is in good health."

From another authoritative European source, which also was quoted, this message was received: "Neumann alive, perfect health."

In recent weeks there have appeared in secular news dispatches from various places in Europe that Therese Neumann was dead. Subsequently, accounts of her remarkable feats have been made the subject of articles in secular newspapers Sunday supplements.

The N. C. W. C. News Service communicated directly by cablegram with the Vicar General of the Diocese of Regensburg, Bavaria, which the village of Conception is situated and received this reply: "Therese Neumann is in good health."

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## Would Fight To Save Faith

NEW YORK.—Use of force, if necessary, to defend religious faith was approved by delegates to the annual convention of the New York State Federation of Men's Bible Classes, in convention assembled, convened their acts of organization and election.

"We further express in the present our conviction that we believe they may follow our own best judgment."

"Whereas" the resolution said, "during the recent months we have witnessed military, atheistic, and un-Christian control and direction of the life of nations formerly known as Christians, we have seen them persecute an annihilate religious groups, rob, plunder and kill other Christians within those nations; as

## Birth Curb Clinics In Rural Areas Hit

SPOKANE.—Birth control clinics, especially in rural districts, were vigorously condemned and the use of public funds for their maintenance protested by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference in the closing session of its seventh annual convention here. Four thousand delegates registered.

Other resolutions adopted reiterated the Conference's interest in rural youth and invited the increased participation of youth in the Conference, favored rural secondary high schools and recommended the establishment of regional high schools and the use of buses to convey children from distant homes.

Name President

The Rev. Msgr. Vincent J. Ryan, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Fargo, N. D., was elected President of the Conference to succeed the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Luigi G. Ligutti, of Granger, Ia.

The general session on Tuesday morning, with the Most Rev. Aloisius J. Luehch, Bishop of Fargo, presiding, opened with a paper, "A Survey of Health Needs in Rural Areas." The Rev. Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, presided.

"The problem of medical and hospital care in all the small towns and general communities is a serious one," Monsignor O'Grady said. "In the small towns in the United States, Catholic hospitals have many serious difficulties. Their income from pay patients has been falling and there has been a vast demand for free service. The hospitals are compelled to look to local government authorities to bear an increased proportion of the cost of hospital care and they are finding it increasingly difficult in many places to get local governments to recognize their obligations. The difficulty may arise from their method of dealing with public officials."

## League Refuses To Score Soviet Pact

NEW YORK.—The American League for Peace and Democracy, formerly the League Against War and Fascism, has refused to condemn the recently signed Soviet-Nazi treaty. It was made known today by Dr. LeRoy S. Eberhart, a member of the staff of the United States Office of Education.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the League Dr. Eberhart said, "I made the denunciation proposal with the result that 14 others present voted against the action and he was the only affirmative vote. He then proposed that the League disband, but this, too, was defeated."

Name Administrator

Wichita, Kans.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Farrell, Vicar General and Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, has been named Administrator of the Diocese of Wichita, pending selection of a new Ordinarium to succeed the Most Rev. Augustus J. Schweitzer.

## Therese Neumann In Perfect Health

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## GOLDEN JUBILEE EDITION

Chicago.—Catholic will be taught at Loyola University here for the first time with the organization of a Celtic Department. Dr. John J. Poland will conduct the course.