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## Nazis Brutally Murder Priests

### Slaughter Equals Worst in History

ROME — Reporting the slaughter of priests and the cold-blooded manhandling of the laity, a memorandum just made public here discloses the forcible expulsion of the residents of the Archdiocese of Gniez and Poznan in Poland, and calls it "one of the greatest iniquities of all history."

The report is said to have formed the basis of recent broadcasts from the Vatican City radio station which has attracted international attention by their revelation of conditions in Nazi-occupied Poland.

It is a "real extermination, conceived with diabolical malice and executed with unequalled cruelty the memorandum asserts. It adds that "the persecution will soon have achieved its aim — a region of 20,000,000 Catholics will have become de-Christianized while the cradle of the faith in Poland will become its tomb. The most Catholic diocese of Poland, with more than 7,000,000 Catholics will soon become a land of infidels."

The memorandum now made public gives the names of nearly a score of priests of the Archdiocese of Gniez and Poznan who have been slain by the German authorities, especially the Gestapo, who "persecute the Catholic clergy, which is terrorized and continually threatened without the possibility of defending itself. The majority of the priests have been shot, but some have been beaten to death with rifle bullets, some have been killed with bombs and others have been killed while at forced hard labor.

Religious communities are being totally suppressed. It is stated. The report cites scores of religious institutions, hospitals, orphanages and other establishments that have been taken from religious communities. It enumerates a half-score of parishes from which every priest has been taken.

## Nazis Admit Slaying Vicar

Berlin — Execution of the Vicar of the Cathedral in Poznan, in German-occupied Poland, has been admitted by Nazi authorities here.

The admission followed a report by the Nazi Administrator of Poznan which claimed that the priest was put to death because he had encouraged Poles to take up arms and shoot at German troops as they invaded Poland. The administrator was quoted as saying we will not tolerate political activity on the part of the clergy in our Province."



## Official

THE LIST OF APPOINTMENTS OF HIS EXCELLENCY, BISHOP KEARNEY, FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

- 2 Friday—St. Patrick's—Low Mass for St. Andrew's Seminary—8:30 A. M.
St. Bernard's Seminary—Conference—5:30 P. M.
3 Saturday—St. Mary's Hospital—Low Mass, Blessing of Throats—8:00 A. M.
4 Sunday—Essex House, New York City—Address, Associated Newman Clubs—10:00 A. M.
5 Monday—Sagamore Hotel—Priests' Committee, Catholic Courier Campaign—11:30 P. M.
St. Elizabeth Guild House—Meeting—4:00 P. M.
7 Ash Wednesday—Pro-Cathedral—Low Mass—9:00 A. M.
St. Michael's—Lenten Sermon—7:45 P. M.
9 Friday—Blessed Sacrament—Lenten Sermon—7:45 P. M.
11 Sunday—Our Lady of Lourdes—Pontifical Mass—11:00 A. M.—Closing Novena Services—7:45 P. M.
12 Columbus Civic Centre—Opening Catholic Courier Campaign—Low Mass—8:30 A. M.
13 Tuesday—Columbus Civic Centre—Priests' Holy Hour—3:00 P. M.
14 Wednesday—St. Michael's—Lenten Sermon—7:45 P. M.
16 Friday—Blessed Sacrament—Lenten Sermon—7:45 P. M.
18 Monday—Seneca Hotel, Rochester—Opening Dinner—Catholic University Drive—7:00 P. M.
21 Wednesday—St. Michael's—Lenten Sermon—7:45 P. M.
23 Friday—Chamber of Commerce—Address, Commerce Club—12:15 P. M.
Seneca Hotel, Rochester—Report Meeting, Catholic University Drive—8:30 P. M.
Blessed Sacrament—Lenten Sermon—7:45 P. M.
26 Monday—Seneca Hotel, Geneva—Report Meeting, Catholic University Drive—8:30 P. M.
27 Tuesday—Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira—Report Meeting, Catholic University Drive—8:30 P. M.
28 Wednesday—St. Michael's—Lenten Sermon—7:45 P. M.
29 Thursday—Edison Technical High School—Address—8:30 A. M.
Seneca Hotel, Rochester—Report Meeting, Catholic University Drive—8:30 P. M.

By order of the Most Rev. Bishop, Lawrence B. Casey, Vice-Chancellor.

## LENTE REGULATIONS

- 1. All week-days of Lent up to noon of Holy Saturday are fast days.
2. All persons who have completed their twenty-first year, and have not yet completed their sixtieth year of age, are bound under pain of mortal sin to fast, unless they are exempted or dispensed.
3. The law of fasting implies essentially that only one full meal a day be taken either at noon or in the evening. But the law also permits a very light breakfast of bread with coffee, tea or cocoa, as well as a lunch either at midday or in the evening.
4. The following persons are excused from the obligation of fasting: The sick and convalescent; pregnant and nursing women; those who do hard and exhausting labor; and those who cannot fast without doing grave injury to their health or without seriously interfering with their daily duties.
Whoever is in doubt about the sufficiency of his excuse should seek the advice of his pastor or confessor.

### ABSTINENCE

- 1. The law of abstinence from flesh meat binds under pain of mortal sin everyone who has completed his seventh year.
2. The days of abstinence during Lent are the Wednesdays, except the Wednesday of Holy Week, all the Fridays, the Saturdays of Ember Week, and the forenoon of Holy Saturday.
3. Lent, meat and drippings are permitted in the preparation of food for the days of abstinence.
4. Those who are obliged to fast may eat meat only once in the week-days of Lent when the law of abstinence does not bind. But those who are excused from the observance of the law of fasting are permitted to eat meat more than once on those days.
5. A Pastor for a just reason may dispense individuals or families from the law of fasting, or from the law of abstinence, or from both laws. He cannot grant a general dispensation to his entire parish. Likewise a Confessor may dispense a penitent, but only in confession.

### SPECIAL

By virtue of a Special Indulgent of the Holy See, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, dispenses working people, and also all the members of their families from the law of abstinence, when they find real difficulty in observing the law of abstinence—except on Ash Wednesday, Fridays during Lent, and Holy Saturday up to noon. The same dispensation is extended to the other days of abstinence during the year, with the exceptions of all Fridays, and of the Vigil of Christmas.

However, those members of the family who are bound to fast may eat meat only once on the days for which the dispensation is granted.

## Bishop To Open Radio Talks

### Nine To Broadcast On 'Mass' Topic

Inaugurating a series of radio address on the Discussion Club Lenten program on the Mass, His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, will speak to the laity, Sunday, Feb. 4, at 12:15 P. M., over Station WHAM.

Following week by week, the text "Why All Should Go To Mass," will be treated on the Rochester Catholic Hour by noted speakers of the diocese.

These talks will aim at developing and expanding points from the material presented for each week's consideration. The Rev. John M. Duffy, Director of the Discussion Clubs, has engaged these well-known speakers of the diocese for a series of nine broadcasts over Station WHAM. Following the Bishop's general address on Feb. 4 will be one given by the Rev. Benedict Ehmman of St. Bernard's Seminary who has been heard frequently by the Rochester Catholic Hour audience.

The complete program follows: Feb. 4—"All Should Go To Mass," Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D. Feb. 11—"Because the Mass Brings God to the People," Rev. Benedict A. Ehmman. Feb. 18—"Because the Mass Brings the People to God," Rev. John S. Randall. Feb. 25—"Because the Mass is the Most Exalted Act of Adoration," Rev. William Byrne, Ph.D. Mar. 4—"Because the Mass is Able to Inspire Acts of Perfect Contrition," Rev. Wilfred T. Craggh, Ph.D.

Mar. 11—"Because the Mass is the Real Way of Saving the Soul," Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione. Mar. 17—"Because the Mass is a Most Powerful Sacrifice of Satisfaction," Rev. William J. Brian, Ph.D. Mar. 24—"Because the Mass Gives Life to the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist," Rev. Edward K. Ball. April 1—"Because the Mass Leads to Eternal Glory," Rev. Maynard A. Connell, Ph.D.

Thousands of pamphlets have been distributed to churches of the diocese during the past week, and arguments are being made in many parishes for the first meeting of the week of Feb. 11, with leaders meetings set in advance. The pamphlet, "Why All Should Go to Mass," which is being distributed, is of intrinsic value of the Mass and follows up and continues the subject of the first Discussion Club program in 1933 on the externals of the Mass: the vestments, vessels and ceremonies of the Mass.

Father Duffy has announced that arrangements upon request can be made through his office for the services of someone to help the Moderator in organizing groups.

## Mexico School Law Opposed by Parents

MEXICO CITY (NC)—The Mexican Congress was well informed of the opposition of parents to the new Education Law before the bill was passed. On December 22, the National Union of Parents of the Children of the District of Mexico presented a 16,000-word brief—a courteously worded but well-drafted legal document in which the proposed law was analyzed article by article.

# CALL TO AID CATHOLIC U. SOUNDED AS 750 RALLY

## Other Dioceses Push Campaign

### Rector Reports Generous Giving

WASHINGTON — The Golden Jubilee debt-reduction appeal of the Catholic University of America has shown gratifying progress, it was announced Monday by the Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the University.

With the million-and-a-half dollar debt-reduction appeal as its first and main objective; with but four dioceses having actually completed their campaigns; and with St. Louis, Erie, Columbus and Rochester just starting; the sum of \$40,000 has been assembled, of which \$30,000 is in cash.

Of this Monsignor Corrigan stated, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati contributed \$17,000 and the Archdiocese of St. Paul, \$13,000. San Francisco's \$40,000, Boston's \$20,000, and Philadelphia's \$10,000 were "advance gifts" the release coming from advance gifts in the Dioceses of Hartford, Burlington, Portland, Me., Harrisburg, Kansas City, Peoria, Brooklyn, Charlotte, New York, Albany, Baiter, Baltimore, Duluth, Wilmington, and Baltimore. Miscellaneous gifts from priests, organizations, and religious in scattered localities total \$3,100.18. With efforts still continuing, Los Angeles reports over \$25,000 and Newark over \$20,000. The Diocese of Peoria has sent \$10,000 in response to the Jubilee appeal and more than this sum in the last two annual collections.

Many of these, and the majority of the remaining dioceses and schools, will undoubtedly carry an organized campaign to increase their advance gifts, Monsignor Corrigan stated.

"These results have proven" the Rector stated "that where the University plan are followed, they achieve two most desired objectives—first, literally thousands come to know the University as never before; second—they are most willing to support it. The value of such campaigns is great and lasting; many new friends of the University are made."

"This success should indicate the great possibilities for our University in successfully prosecuting like campaigns in other dioceses. The Golden Jubilee celebration of our Catholic University," said Monsignor Corrigan, "has brought favorable comment from many sources. We have reason to believe that it has made for a better knowledge and better understanding of the University and of the needs of the Catholic people."

"The gracious action of our Holy Father in appointing the Apostolic Delegate as his special representative in the Jubilee commemorative program is being recognized in his own august person to honor the University Convocation, has made many realize the importance he places on the University in its relation to the Catholic University of the country. Appreciates Cooperation.

## SPUR CATHOLIC U. CAMPAIGN



GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER: Monsignor Corrigan (left) presiding, with other guests at the Golden Jubilee dinner, Wednesday night.

## Text of Msgr. Corrigan Address On Jubilee

(Following is the text of address given by the Most Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the Catholic University of America, at the Golden Jubilee Dinner, Wednesday night at Hotel Denbar.)

What I would like to put into your minds, that you may give to them from whom you solicit, is the reason—the basic reason—why the average Catholic of the United States should be asked to contribute, for a University away off in Washington; how the money is to be used; where it affects his welfare, and how it must have, in his mind, any real importance to him as an individual Catholic.

It is not difficult to put before him, in a way that he can understand readily, that university life in any country is the measure in which knowledge pervades down to the "tank and file of the people."

We know that very great numbers of people in this country take their ideas from the newspapers, the radio, the magazines, and all these instrumentalities are in the hands of those who have been in high schools and colleges, who they were taught by those who were once university life.

## Drive To Open On February 19

### Need Explained By Noted Rector

"It is too frequently said that the Catholic Church in America is a 'closed society,' that it is too 'self-contained' and that it does not have a 'dynamic' interest in the life of the people."

These are the words of Rev. Monsignor Corrigan, Rector of the Catholic University of America, who in a recent address to the National Association of Catholic Priests, explained the need for the University's drive to open on February 19.

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## Council of Churches Indorse Taylor Choice

NEW YORK (NC)—Indorsement of the appointment of Hyron C. Taylor by President Roosevelt to be his representative at the Vatican was voted by the executive committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America here, Friday, since it assumed that the appointment is strictly temporary, unofficial and centrally concerned with the efforts for world peace.

The 50 members of the committee, representing 22 denominations, voted unanimously for the statement. The committee said that if the appointment of Mr. Taylor should unfortunately prove a stepping stone to a permanent diplomatic relationship, the Federal Council would feel obliged to oppose it.

## London Catholic School Has Air Raid Shelter

LONDON—The first new Catholic school in this country to be opened complete with air-raid shelters has been blessed by the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, the Most Rev. J. McCracken, at South Shields. The school provides for 30 children who can, in an emergency, be marched into underground passages.

## Catholic College Girls In Poll Voice Hope of Having Larger Families

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.—A survey of Catholic college girls in New York State has shown that they are hoping for larger families in the future. The survey was conducted by the National Catholic Education Association.