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Russian Youth Hate Religion

Fr. Ledit Tells Of Grim Condition

"The most important factor in Soviet Russia today," declared Rev. Joseph H. Ledit, S.J., in a lecture Sunday night at St. Bernard's Seminary, "is that about half of its population—all who are now 30 years of age or less—have received all their education in the Communist schools. It is in fact about half of the population of the U.S.S.R. has been drilled to believe that religion is the worst enemy, the enemy which must be destroyed in Russia and in the rest of the world."

"There is no influence that can counterbalance that lamentable fact. Not the family, for when the Liquidation of the Kulaks was decreed in 1929, a great number of the Christian families were dispersed, the father in one place, the mother a thousand miles away, and the children left to themselves or to the party (Soviet) organization; moreover, the Soviet manner of life—with the children taking their meals at school, the adults at the factories—and all spending their evenings in endless compulsory meetings—renders home life, in the customary sense of the word, impossible."

Jail Clergymen
"Not the clergy for they cannot do anything to remedy the condition. The Catholic clergy lives exclusively in prisons, concentration camps, or in exile in distant places in Siberia. Two priests were still officiating in 1939: namely, a French priest in Leningrad, and an American priest in Moscow. The other 150 or 170 Catholic priests were all living in the places of detention, provided by the C. P. U. after abandonment."

Father Ledit is at present engaged in this country in fighting against the Neo-Pagan philosophy of life, condemned so vigorously by the Encyclicals of Pius XI and of Pius XII. An Alaskan, by birth, he joined the Society of Jesus in England and later requested that he be transferred to the Oregon province of the Society, so that he might be used in the Alaskan missions.

While studying in Europe, his interest in the Russian church caused him to be chosen as one of the Apollo band, which Pius XI sent to combat the devastating effects of the Soviet Regime in Russia and its surrounding countries. Later he became one of the professors of the Russian section of the Pontifical Oriental Institute at Rome and an editor of the international Monthly Review "World Problems" which had as its purpose the Catholic interpretation of world events.

At present Father Ledit is lecturing in this country in an effort to affect the influence of Communism and Neo-Paganism. He was in Rochester Sunday as the guest of St. Bernard's Seminary Mission Society.

"True to Stalin"
"It is interesting," declared Father Ledit, "to follow the various reactions of the Communists since the Russian-German Pact of last August. At first, the Communists were stammered all over the world. For Stalin had launched them against Hitler, they had created strong fronts in the democratic countries, and then, all of a sudden..."

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Autos May Enter Cemetery Till 3 On Mothers' Day

In honor of Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 12, and to give our people an opportunity to visit the graves, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will be open for automobile traffic, that day, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

"Catholic School Week" Set For This Diocese

Parents of children attending Catholic Schools will have an opportunity to investigate the fine work being carried on during the forthcoming "Catholic School Week," May 19-24.

The Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, invites the parents of the school children to visit the schools and view the samples of actual classroom work of the children. Representative work from September on, the display includes a graduation of testing projects in art, music, citizenship, etc.

This program shows how the Catholic schools with their motto, "For God and Country" are preparing students for worthy citizenship not only in this life but also in the life hereafter.

Special programs have been arranged in many schools. In some schools the children will sing special Masses. (In the May 16 special school issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER will appear a list of the schools having an exhibit and special features.)

DAILY MASS FOR PEACE IS SAID IN ST. PETER'S FOLLOWING POPE'S PLEA

VATICAN CITY (NC).—One of the most intense recommendations the Pope has always made, every time he has spoken of the sorrowful moment mankind is passing through, is that of praying with the utmost fervor and with the greatest intensity so that God may grant mankind an honorable peace founded on justice and charity.

This special initiative of prayer and celebration of Masses have been taken. One of the practices regarded with the greatest favor as that begun in 1939 at Turin, where a daily Mass, and often two, are celebrated for peace before the body of St. John Bosco.

Now also at Rome, in the Basilica of St. Peter, a similar practice has been begun and every morning at 7.30 a Mass is celebrated for the pacification of the world. The faithful have learned with great pleasure of this fact, and the Mass is frequented by a numerous public.

Nazi Plane Crashes Into Nuns Hospital

LONDON.—St. Michael's Orthopedic Hospital, conducted at Clarendon-on-the-Sea by the Sisters of Mercy, narrowly escaped serious damage when the German plane crashed nearby.

The windows and doors of the chapel aid hospital were shattered by the impact but no one was injured. The superior reported the children behaved admirably, although they were smothered in glass. The nearby Catholic church was undamaged.

The Eighteen Ordinandi For The Diocese of Rochester



These 18 young men of the 1940 graduating class of St. Bernard's Seminary will be ordained May 18 for the Diocese of Rochester. They are (top row, from left): the Rev. Vincent F. Collins, the Rev. Joseph D. Donovan, the Rev. John S. Hayes, the Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, the Rev. Alfred J. Herr, the Rev. Thomas C. Kase, the Rev. Francis J. Moran, the Rev. Bernard V. Kuchman, the Rev. Joseph F. McCarthy, the Rev. John A. Morgan, the Rev. John A. Murphy, the Rev. William F. Nolan, the Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, the Rev. Richard M. Quinn, the Rev. Albert Joseph Shannon, the Rev. Edward Francis Tozier, the Rev. Wallace J. Van Dusen, the Rev. George S. Wood.

Picket Indecent Film, Only 320 See 15 Shows

HOUMA, La.—Concerted action—including picketing—by Catholics and Protestants, directed against the exhibition of the motion picture "Strange Cargo" at the Bijou theater here is credited with having reduced the attendance at that house to a total of 320 persons for the whole three-day run of the film. The theater has a seating capacity of 1,100 and runs five shows daily.

The pickets carried banners reading "Unfair—This picture ridicules religion and insults Catholics, Protestants and Jews—Don't pay to be insulted."

Easter Duty Extended For British Soldiers

LONDON.—Members of the forces may make their Easter duty this year, it is announced by the Ordinary to the Forces, the Most Rev. J. Dey.

Our Catholic Charities As They Pass In Review

THESE, MY LEAST BRETHREN

No. FOUR—... You Can't Stop Funerals

By JOHN SPRINGER

(NOTE: This is a true story—typical of the stories that can be found behind the covers of the books, "Case Study" and "Records" in the offices of the Rochester Catholic Charities. Naturally, names have been changed in this story and situations disguised, but the essence remains. It is a true picture of one family, its problems and the solution of that problem. There is drama here, there is near tragedy, there is a happy ending—a story with all the elements of successful fiction for the layman. But to the social worker, it is another case—one of every day life. Not that there is anything unusual about these stories. On the contrary, Rochester Catholic Charities' work concerns the troubles of their clients more keenly because they know them so well. It is their duty to do everything possible to alleviate such miseries. But more than their job, they feel their work is a sacred trust—they feel that they must live up to that maxim, "As long as you did it to one of these, my least brethren, you did it to me.")

The young man was propping up her job to be his wife. "But just a little impatient with the questioning," Miss O'Leary asked the "Him," she thought, "There's a boy with a good Irish temper. He's keeping it in pretty well so far, but he's apt to explode any time now." But she continued with her questioning.

"The boy had applied at relief headquarters, had been refused and had been referred to Catholic Charities. The reason he had not been accepted at relief headquarters was that he, while on relief, had married a girl who gave

Ordination Of 36 Set May 18 At Cathedral

Holy Orders will be solemnly conferred upon 36 ordinandi by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James H. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Saturday morning, May 18. The ceremony will begin at 9 o'clock.

First Solemn Masses Of New Priests Set In Home Parishes

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Non-Catholic Doctor Calls Cure 'A Miracle'

DAYTON, O.—"If this is what your Church calls a miracle, then I concede that this was indeed a miraculous cure, for nothing on earth, no human power, could have saved your sister's life."

Such is the testimony of an attending non-Catholic physician who gave a Cincinnati priest after the latter's sister had recovered from an apparently incurable illness a few hours after the nurse had pointed on her arm a religious medal. The medal had touched a swelling of the sister's arm, and she had recovered. The physician of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Precious Blood.

This testimony of a favor received through the intercession of Mother Brunner is only one of many received within the past few years at the Motherhouse of her congregation here. The incident, with several others, is related in a pamphlet, "Praying Hands," recently published by the congregation. The congregation emphasizes, of course, that in such incidents they do not wish to anticipate the action of Holy Mother Church in declaring any of them to be of a miraculous character. The pamphlet bears the imprimatur of the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati.

CHEST AIDS TRAINING THE YOUNG



Boys at St. Mary's Home shown at meal-time carefully supervised by the Sisters of St. Joseph.—(A Chest Participating Agency).

Offers Pontifical Mass For Campaign

Community Chest Leaders Asked To Participate

To ask God's blessing on this year's Community Chest campaign, opening Monday, His Excellency, the Most Rev. James H. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester will celebrate Solemn Pontifical Mass, Sunday, (Mother's Day) at Sacred Heart Cathedral beginning at 11 o'clock.

The Bishop has given his enthusiastic support to the Chest campaign and is asking the laity to offer a special prayer at Mass Sunday for success of this year's project.

A letter to be read from the pulpits in Rochester diocesan churches Sunday is being issued by His Excellency calling for cooperation in the Chest campaign.

Stressing the need for generosity to the Community Chest, Bishop Kearney states:

"A review of the report of the various Catholic agencies assisted by the Chest, should challenge the generosity of everyone who has been blessed by Christ with sufficient income to meet his needs."

"The Bishop urges generous support of the Community Chest campaign which means so much for the successful maintenance of the various agencies devoted to the unselfish apostolate of human welfare."

Coming to preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion at the Solemn Pontifical Mass, Sunday, is

Catholic Charities 1939 Report

	Expenses	Receipts	Community Chest
Rochester Catholic Charities	138,854.80	63,082.31	75,781.85
St. Ann's Home for the Aged	79,222.77	63,304.21	15,983.71
St. Mary's Boys' Home	52,462.51	36,965.69	15,534.31
St. Patrick's Girls' Home	39,704.85	25,538.48	13,334.38
Columbus Youth Association	26,718.21	16,863.10	9,441.73
St. Elizabeth Guild House	12,688.32	8,578.52	4,300.53
Gennepo Institute	9,509.20	123.76	8,986.32
Charles Settlement House	6,437.86	98.90	6,346.72
St. Mary's Hospital	374,761.39	353,139.92	32,681.58
Total	740,359.91	567,694.69	182,291.33

the Rev. Bryan J. McEntagart of New York, Director of the Children's Division, New York Catholic Charities and President of the New York State Conference on Social Work.

All those associated with the Rochester Community Chest, either as members or directors, agency representatives or workers are invited to attend the Pontifical services.

The various Catholic agencies participating in the Chest will be represented by their board and staff members, as well as by their clientele, wherever possible.

In considering the tremendous amount of good work done by the Community Chest, the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, today points out that "Catholic institutions are enabled to carry on their extensive program of service only through the fine cooperation of the Community Chest. It would be almost impossible to maintain our institutions unless this assistance is given."

The 400 individual subscriber division Community Chest workers were inspired at a preliminary meeting Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce by clergymen of three faiths who emphasized the social contribution of the Chest.

Speakers were Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, Temple Beth El; the Rev. William S. K. Yeaple, pastor of Lake Avenue Baptist Church and Father Lambert, Director of Catholic Charities.

The campaign to run from May 15 to May 25 will open its dinner meeting Monday evening at which His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will attend.

General Chairman of this year's drive is M. Herbert Eisenhart with these Associate General Chairmen: Harper Sibley, Bernard E. Fin-

CHEST HELPS CARE OF THE AGED



Care for the Aged at St. Ann's Home for the Aged, a Chest Participating Agency.