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Families Make New Record At Communion

Throng Churches In Response To Bishop Kearney's Invitation

"Family Communion Sunday" was definitely established as an edifying, unifying and basic custom in the Diocese of Rochester last Sunday as in an unprecedented outpouring of the faithful, in every church of the diocese responded devoutly to Bishop Kearney's personal invitation to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion as a family unit.

'Month's Mind' Offered For Archbishop

Offered for the repose of the soul of His Excellency the Most Rev. Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey was an impressive Solemn Pontifical Mass on Tuesday morning in Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10:30 A. M.

The Memorial Mass was offered by His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester.

A large number of diocesan officials, including the Most Rev. Bishop Kearney, and representatives of the various parishes, members of the faculty and friends of the Archbishop assisted.

Officers of the Mass with Bishop Kearney were Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V. G., Deacons of Honor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the diocese, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, Dean of the Mass, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, Subdeacon, the Rev. John M. Schinger, Master of Ceremonies, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. P. Goggin in the sanctuary and were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Bopp and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady.

Minor offices were taken by students of St. Bernard's Seminary. Handed by their professors, the full student body of St. Bernard's Seminary assisted. Music was furnished by St. Bernard's Choir directed by the Rev. Benedict Ebmann.

Teacher's Influence Seen In Personal Acts

MEXICO CITY (U.S.P.)—Personal political or social convictions should not be carried into the school room by teachers in the employ of the State. This was the message of an editorial discussing school reform in Mexico.

"We wish to make a move toward a more national teaching body," the editorial read, "that for getting past struggles and dissension they are in a single body closely supporting the present Government in the community of ideals and obligations within the educative function. No conviction of political or social character which the teacher may have as a citizen or as a worker should cause him to forget that first of all he is a teacher and that his conduct, his very life will have more effect upon the rising generation than his theoretical lectures."

The Revolutionary Front of Mexican Teachers has informed the press that Communist elements are still holding "posts of confidence and responsibility" in the Ministry of Public Education and that these persons, aside from the fact that they "support a social theory foreign to Mexico" are also lacking in adequate technical training for their positions and serious interest in the education problems of the country.

Records in the number of the faithful entering the confessionals and receiving the Holy Eucharist at the altar rail were shattered at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday night and at the Masses on Sunday demonstrated.

The scene at fathers and mothers, with the children, young and older, assembled in their parishes, churches, taxing the capacity of those churches brought education to the people and which impressed deeply. Enthusiastic reports of the devotion and serious devotion of family units have come in from every section of the diocese.

Throng Confessionals

Pastors entered wholeheartedly into the idea of again having "Family Communion Sunday." With their assistants they spent long hours in the confessionals as long lines of penitents waited patiently to partake of the Sacrament of Penance. Extra confessors, priests of the religious orders in the diocese were called in to assist in larger churches as practically the entire membership of each parish responded to the call.

Three of the Church's Seven Sacraments were emphasized by the willing response of the faithful to participate.

The consolation of Penance, the spiritual nourishment of the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist and the unifying bonds of the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony were firmly fixed upon the minds of the laity.

Sincere and spontaneous commendation of the Bishop's thoughtfulness in inaugurating the custom of having the family together assisting at Holy Mass and going to the altar rail following the making of good Confessions was heard on all sides.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral, said that the numbers receiving Holy Communion in the Cathedral on all previous occasions had been greatly exceeded.

At Corpus Christi Church the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V. G., pastor said, the sight was most edifying as the families taxed the capacity of the church at the Masses.

The Holy Communion was greater than at Easter and other special feasts at St. Monica's Church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the diocese and pastor of St. Monica's, said in expressing commendation of the "Family Communion Sunday."

From other parts of the diocese reports were being made. In Oswego, the Rev. Michael L. Hynes, pastor of St. Ignace, reported that the Holy Family provides the perfect setup for civic as well as spiritual conditions and this demonstration Sunday shows the ideal condition for the parish.

Charles F. Shay, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, declared, "It was marvelous, one of the finest things I have seen in a long time. The breakdown in civic life comes from lack of unity in the family," he said. "With unity established in such a manner in the family they will be united in civic duties. The Family Communion Sunday is one of the outstanding things in the administration of Bishop Kearney."

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Family Communion—The beautiful custom inaugurated by Bishop Kearney of the family receiving Holy Communion together on the Feast of the Holy Family is typified by two photos showing the family of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brennan, 189 Alameda Street in a front pew at Sacred Heart Cathedral last Sunday. Children from left, Herbert, 10, Joan, 11; Thomas, 12; Barbara, 5; Eileen, 7, and Anne.

As the Rev. Alphonsus P. Crimmins (center) nears his Brothers, Joseph B. and John at the altar rail. Lower photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Leo F. Rombaut and family of 572 Augustine St. at breakfast in Columbus Civic Centre Coffee Shoppe. Children from left, Robert, Catherine, Edmund and Paul.

Bishop Urges Prayer To Guide U. S. Leaders

Calls For 'Serious Prayer' As New Administration Is Inaugurated

Faithful of the Diocese of Rochester are called by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, to fervent prayer for the administration of the United States which begins with the inauguration of the President on Monday in the nation's capital.

His Excellency in a special letter to his people (printed completely below) is asking that serious prayers be offered on Sunday at all the Masses "that God may direct the national policies in the right direction." The specific prayer directed to be said is the "Prayer for the Civil Authorities," composed by Archbishop John Carroll, first Archbishop of the United States. (Text of prayer is given below.)

Bishop Kearney on Monday, January 20, the day of the inauguration will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 9 o'clock in Sacred Heart Cathedral "for the welfare of the United States under the administration inaugurated on that day." The public is invited.

On Monday Morning INAUGURATION DAY His Excellency Will Offer Mass at the Cathedral of The Sacred Heart at Nine O'clock for the Welfare of The United States Under the Administration Inaugurated on That Day

The Bishop's Letter

October of Epiphany
 My dear People:
 The inauguration of the President of the United States is a matter of serious thought for every true American. The momentous problems confronting our country today, the serious questions demanding immediate answer, the awful responsibility of steering the Ship of State through troubled waters, all these face the gentleman whom the people have chosen Chief Executive, and who will take his oath of office on Monday, May 1, with your serious prayers at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday, that God may direct the national policies in the right direction. The prayer by the first Archbishop of the United States expresses our thoughts at this time. Everyone should recite it at Mass on Sunday.

The National Anthem reads:
 "And this be our motto—
 In God is our trust."
 Let us commit the administration which now opens to the special guidance of Almighty God.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ
 + James E. Kearney
 BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Diocese To Join In Church Unity Octave

Prayer Crusade Asked For 'Return To Fold'

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REFUGEE GROUPS DISAVOW 'RESCUE MISSION SHIP'

NEW YORK—A statement issued for the purpose of preventing a religious organization of America, the Rescue Mission Ship, an organization of Protestants, Catholics and other Christians, from being used for the purpose of rescuing refugees from Europe, has been issued today. The statement, issued by the International Rescue Mission Ship, an organization of Protestants, Catholics and other Christians, from being used for the purpose of rescuing refugees from Europe, has been issued today.

Church Unity Prayer Appeal

Other sheep I have, that are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice, and they shall be one fold, and one Shepherd."

My dear Friends:
 Today the Society for the Propagation of the Faith invites you to unite your prayers to the prayer which Christ offered upon the night before He died. At this solemn moment He prayed for His Apostles and for all who would come after them or who would bear their teaching; "that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou hast given I have given to them, that they may be one as We also are One."
 How far the peoples of the world have strayed from the unity which was in the mind of Christ may be seen from the fact that there are over five hundred religious sects in the world. For their return to the Fold of Christ we ask your prayers during the eight days set apart as the Church Unity Octave.
 Jan. 18—Return of the "other sheep."
 Jan. 19—Return of Oriental Separatists.

Prayer For The Civil Authorities

(Composed by Archbishop John Carroll)
 We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through Whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy holy spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of the United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.
 We pray for His Excellency, the Governor of this State, for the members of the Assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.
 We recommend likewise to Thy unbounded mercy our brethren and fellow-citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctification in the observance of Thy most Holy Law; that they may be preserved in union and in that peace which the world cannot give and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal. Amen.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS		DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER	
REGENTS SCHEDULE			
January 20-23, 1941			
A. M.		P. M.	
Monday	Geography History B American History Typewriting	U. S. History Latin 2 yrs. French 2 yrs. German 2 yrs. Spanish 2 yrs. Italian 2 yrs. Economics Comprehensive vocational.	
Tuesday	Elementary English English 4 yrs. Plane Geometry Business Arithmetic	Spelling and Silent Reading Physics Chemistry Biology Physical Geography Shortland 2 Comb. Shorthand and typewriting Comprehensive technical (except textiles)	
Wednesday	Arithmetic Int. Algebra Adv. Algebra Bookkeeping 2	Civics and Economic Geography Latin 3 yrs. French 3 yrs. German 3 yrs. Spanish 3 yrs. Italian 3 yrs. Comprehensive technical (incl. textiles)	
Thursday	Solid Geometry Trigonometry History A Business Law	Comprehensive textiles Comprehensive music Comprehensive art	

*Diocesan examinations