

NATIONAL NEWS

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS REAL DEFENSE NEED

St. Paul Plans Eucharist Meet 333 Bishops Asked To Participate

Direct Service



ST. PAUL.—(NC)—Three hundred and thirty-three bishops, 23,000 priests, members of 21 national men's organizations and 18 national women's groups, and thousands of soldiers throughout the country have been invited to participate in the Ninth National Eucharistic Congress to be held in this city and Minneapolis, June 23 to 26.



In addition to invitations to heads, officers and members of national lay organizations, word of the Congress also has been sent to the heads of local organizations with emphasis placed on those whose membership comprises residents of Northwest States.

Sale of official emblems to finance the Ninth National Eucharistic Congress will open April 1. Proceeds of the sale, to be conducted in local parishes, is expected to raise \$150,000, total cost of Congress budget \$200,000. Expenses of the Congress are being underwritten by parishes of the archdiocese.

The official emblem will be used to designate as official anything that has received sanction of the Congress, declared the Very Rev. James M. Rhea, director of the Congress, who is in charge of the emblem described.

The official emblem of the Congress designates both the religious character of the meeting and the place where it is held. The aureole (gold band) is universally recognized in Christian art as a symbol of sanctity representing the golden rays enveloping the whole figure of a saint and the glory with which heaven invests a number which circles the head only. The way hands of white and blue in the lower third of the emblem are used to signify water, and the crescent and stars suggest the battlements of a city. This means that the Congress is to convene in a city or cities by the water, namely, of the Mississippi River, St. Paul, Minneapolis and the myriad lakes of Minnesota.

The cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis are identified by the colors of the Cathedral and the Basilica of St. Mary, the most striking church edifices in the Northwest. Between them, resting on a cloud, is the silver monstrance wherein will be enshrined the Holy Eucharist to be carried by the Papal Legate in the procession on the last day of the Congress. It is a photographic reproduction of the monstrance used by Father Tissot, a missionary in the Diocese of St. Paul, in the sixties of last century. The rays emanating from it symbolize the glory shed by the Sacred Host over the Twin Cities, the State and the Nation.

Above the monstrance are the words, "O Salutaris Hostia," and on the red scroll at the base is the phrase, "Mea Omnia Tui" (All I have is yours) the motto of the Most Rev. John Gregory Murray, Archbishop of St. Paul. It is incorporated in His Excellency's coat-of-arms. Monstrance and dome are shown against the background of a blue sky flecked with fleecy cloudlets and seen in perspective above the wall of the city.

The aureole is depicted in the national colors—red, white and blue and the inscription tells the kind of religious congress (Eucharistic) the sequence in the series (Ninth), the meeting-place (St. Paul and Minneapolis), and the date, (June, 1942).

Dr. Franklin Dushan, of New York, educational director of the National Broadcasting Company, who has been appointed Executive Director of the National Catholic Community Service, the Catholic agency for providing spiritual and recreational care for men and women in the armed forces and in defense industry areas. Dr. Dushan will be assisted by Anne Sarachan Hooley of Kansas City, a former president of the National Council of Catholic Women, who has been chosen Assistant Executive Director, in charge of the Women's Division.

ACTU TO MARK ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT ENCYCICALS

NEW YORK.—The national office of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists has announced that all of its chapters are participating in the nationwide celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical, *Rerum Novarum* and Pope Pius XI's Encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno*. The actual anniversary occurs on Thursday, May 15, and most of the ACTU programs will be concentrated in that week.

The Cleveland Chapter is presenting a series of weekly programs devoted to the Encyclicals, culminating in a special program on May 15. The Pittsburgh Chapter has arranged for a "Workingman's Mass" to be celebrated by the Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh, who also will deliver a special sermon.

Corporate Communions of ACTU members on Sunday, May 19, are being arranged. Special articles on the Encyclicals are being published in the ACTU's three papers.

Tunney Gets New Athletic Post in Navy

WASHINGTON.—Lut. Commander James J. (Gene) Tunney was ordered here last week to become director of the physical and athletic program of the United States Navy. The former heavyweight boxing champion has been given physical training to the Navy's flying cadets at air schools and now has been transferred from the Bureau of Aeronautics to the Bureau of Navigation to set up athletic programs at every naval station in the United States.

Msgr. Sheen Featured In Scribner's

NEW YORK.—The May issue of Scribner's *Commentary* will devote its cover and leading article to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America. The cover will bear a picture of Monsignor Sheen and the leading article will be by the noted "Catholic Hour" speaker. The article will be entitled "What Are We Fighting For?"

New Italian Bishop

Vatican City.—Monsignor Carlo Confalonieri, private chamberlain to His Holiness Pope Pius XII and former private secretary to Pope Pius XI, has been appointed Archbishop of Aquila, Italy.

100 Masses Daily At Shrine

WASHINGTON.—(NC)—Destruction of or damage to European religious institutions has made the Catholic University of America a haven in which many young men preparing for the priesthood or doing graduate work may pursue their studies. An abandonment of all classes or their curtailment has occurred at the American College at Louvain, Belgium, and Louvain University and the University of Innsbruck. The North American College at Rome and the Gregorian and Angelicum Universities also have been affected by war conditions, necessitating

Avers Hatred For Dictators Not Real Defense Need

NEW YORK (NC)—Strengthening of moral fiber—hand in hand with military preparedness and not hatred for dictators should be the real approach to national defense, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, declared Sunday in his address over the "Catholic Hour."

The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast over the Red network of the National Broadcasting Company through Station WEA-F here and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men.

"America has no need of stressing the danger from without—our press, cinema, radio, and government are of one voice in warning against dictators," Monsignor Sheen said. "But it is the duty of those interested in God and morality and peace to emphasize a less popular theme—and a more needed one—the danger from within."

"Our present temper is to assume that our hatred for 64 2/3 per cent of our dictators can provide the discipline, order, and authority essential for the preservation of a nation. It is the purpose of this broadcast to challenge that mood and to suggest that a strengthening of our moral fiber must go hand in hand with military preparedness. History, Scripture, and nature all come to us freighted with a warning that the greater danger is facing individuals and nations in from within rather than from without."

"A distinguished historian of London, Professor Toynbee, proves that out of nineteen civilizations in the history of the world no less than sixteen have broken down through their own acts before any alien human force succeeded in dealing them a mortal blow. In sixteen out of nineteen cases all that the foreign enemy did was to give the last gasp to a civilization that had already committed suicide; or to change the figure to devour the carcass after it had already become carrion. The collapse of these civilizations have not been due to circumstances beyond their control; they were neither the inexorable verdict of cruel fate, nor the prey of the sadistic sport of barbarous warriors, nor the result of catastrophes like floods, fires, and shipwrecks, nor were they the effect of an assassin's blow. In sixteen out of nineteen cases, the history is the same: the civilization wrote down the verdict of suicide."

In rebuking the Pharaohs who were over-concerned with extraneous our Divine Lord said that the things that come into a man from the outside do not defile him, but the things which proceed out of the mouth, come forth from the heart, and those things defile a man (Matthew, 15:19). And we might add that since they defile a man they must also defile a nation. Defeat springs less from invasion than from corruption.

"If we turn to God to the nature He made we find the same warning. Collect a flock of pigeons of every shade, color, and marking then take them to an uninhabited island, and after many years all the pigeons will be one color—a dark slaty blue. Neglect keeping a garden in order and it will run to weeds; neglect your muscles and they stiffen. Human life is not always surging upwards by evolution as our pseudo-scientists told us, it is also tumbling downwards by devolution. Human nature is not only subject to conversion; it may even be subject to reversion and perversion. Degeneration is a fact of life to which we have been blinded by loose talk about progress; it is now time to face the bias of evil."

HOLY NAME SOCIETY FORMED AT U. S. ARSENAL

EDGEWOOD, MD.—A flourishing Holy Name Society unit has been inaugurated at Edgewood Arsenal here through the efforts of the Rev. Austin J. Healy, Catholic chaplain with the Chemical Warfare Service at the arsenal and formerly attached to Nativity Church, Washington, D. C.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Harry A. Quinn, spiritual director of the Holy Name Union of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington, officiated at the first reception and led the men in the recitation of the pledge. Chaplain James E. Richardson, a Protestant, was among those present.

Joins Business Staff Of 'Woman's World'

DETROIT.—The appointment of the Rev. Francis E. Benz, Editor of the Catholic *Life* magazine, as Director of Promotion and Circulation for the Catholic *Woman's World* is announced here. The Catholic *Woman's World*, only magazine in America published expressly for Catholic women, began publication in June, 1939, with business offices in Chicago, Ill., and editorial offices here. Father Benz has moved the business offices to Monroe, Mich. Father Benz will continue as Editor of the Catholic *Life* magazine.

BLIND—HE RANKS HIGH IN COLLEGE



Although blind since the age of six, John Morrison, of Milton, Mass., is a ranking student in the freshman class at the University of Notre Dame. He is shown with his blind teacher, Brother Justus, C. S. C., at his desk preparing his assignments. John takes notes in Braille on copies of popular magazines, using the slate and stylus required for the system, and then he transcribes his work on the typewriter. (N.C.W.C.)

Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, every Sunday at 1:30 P. M., over Station WEA-F.

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LOS ANGELES WITNESSES ANCIENT MEXICAN RITE

LOS ANGELES.—"Benediction de los Animales," ancient Mexican ceremony in which domestic birds and beasts are brought in the springtime to be blessed that long life and fertility may be insured, was conducted in the courtyard of the old Plaza Church of Our Lady Queen of the Angels here with the Rev. Peter Inalita officiating and Leo Carillo, screen actor, as the "padrino" assisting.

Prayer dogs and family cats, parrots and canaries, tame mice and ducks and chickens were led and carried to the Plaza where the traditional prayers were recited and the officiating priest sprinkled them with holy water.

Following a descriptive talk by Mr. Carillo, the animals were treated to a buffet supper each after its own kind.

Indifference is diminished when the Catholic newspaper is read constantly.

Holy Father Hears Trio Of Philharmonic Society Of Berlin

VATICAN CITY.—During the stay in Rome of the Philharmonic Society of Berlin, the chamber music trio of the organization was permitted to present a 30-minute private recital for His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The trio, Messrs. Helms, Horrocks and Ahlgren, flute, viola and violin, presented the serenade in D Major, Opus 33, of Beethoven. At its conclusion, the Holy Father conversed in German with the musicians and praised their rendition. He presented to each a souvenir of the annual medal of the Philharmonic and gave them his blessing.

Chicago.—Last week and the 1,000 mark in men's retreats was reached at St. Francis Laymen's Retreat House at Hinsdale. The retreat house, in charge of the Franciscan Fathers, was opened 30 years ago by the late Cardinal Mundelein.

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Named Port Chaplain

LONDON.—Liverpool's new port chaplain is the Rev. George Warburton. He succeeds the Rev. Denis Kelly who was stranded on the Pacific island of Emirau with other victims of a German raider. It is stated in Liverpool that Father Kelly has returned to Australia to take up temporary duties. He was returning to England after having escorted refugee children to Australia when his ship was torpedoed.