

# U. S. Catholics 22,293,101 Directory Records 889,965 Increase

NEW YORK (NC) — Catholics in the United States, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands now number 22,293,101 according to the Official Catholic Directory for 1941, just issued by P. J. Kennedy & Sons, New York. With all of the Archdioceses and Dioceses this year showing substantial gains, this figure represents an increase of 889,965 over last year.

The Archdiocese of Boston reported 456,023 more Catholics than in 1940 and the Archdiocese of Chicago has a gain of 138,100. Archdioceses with Catholic populations in excess of a million are Chicago with 1,535,100; Boston with 1,400,389 and New York with 1,004,173. The Diocese of Brooklyn which last year, due to a revision of figures reported a decrease, now registers a gain of 18,767 for a total of 962,053 Catholics.

The Directory this year also records comparative figures on the number of clergy and Religious in the United States. A special diagram reveals that there are in the United States 152,159 priests, 85,339 nuns, 13,439 brothers, 13,439 sisters, 13,439 postulants and aspirants. There are 35,139 priests, both diocesan and those belonging to Religious Orders and communities and 7,762 professed Brothers.

## Military Ordinariate Grows

The Military Ordinariate, which comprises all Catholic Chaplains on active duty in the Military and Naval services of the United States, has expanded to more than three times its normal size. Where as last spring there were only 58 Chaplains of the Army and Navy on active duty, this year's Directory lists 163 on active duty. The Ordinariate is growing larger from day to day and the number of Chaplains has risen to 269 with the promise of further advances within the next few months. The number of Catholic persons coming within the jurisdiction of the Military Ordinariate was set at 138,000 when the Directory went to press. This figure has also increased substantially since that time.

**Increase in Hierarchy**  
The total number of Archbishops is 21, and Bishops 122, an increase of seven over the figure for 1940. The new Directory reports an unusual increase in the number of the clergy of 1927 over the figure for 1940, as there are now 23,600 diocesan priests and 12,430 Religious Order priests, or 36,039, the largest total ever. The number of parishes has grown to 13,224, which, with a corresponding increase in the number of missions, now numbering 5,897, brings the total number of churches to a new record of 19,121, an increase of 288 over last year's total.

**New Editorial Features**  
The 1941 Directory, a volume of over a thousand pages, contains several new editorial features in addition to the many thousands of normal revisions in names and statistics.

First in importance, and particularly useful to subscribers, is the new "Hints and Helps" section—a detailed guide to the most fruitful use of the wealth of data in the Directory. This key to the quickest way of locating the information also conveys facts about the religious personnel of the Church not generally known. Another new feature gives the correct ecclesiastical forms of address recognized in the United States and a Third is the completely revised and re-edited List of Places in the United States having Catholic institutions. Whereas this section formerly listed only those places having churches with resident pastors, every locality with a Catholic institution is now alphabetically indexed with the key to the Diocese in which it is situated.

The Alphabetical Cross Index added last year has been enlarged, as has the cross index to the Religious Orders section, as well as the Classified Buyers Guide and Index.

## ARCHBISHOP DISPENSES SOUP TO HOME PATIENTS

MILWAUKEE — Bed-ridden old men and women at the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor here received special thrill at a celebration in honor of St. Joseph, patron saint of the institution.

The Most Rev. Moses E. Kiley, Archbishop of Milwaukee, visited the old folks, donated an apron, led out soup and distributed cigars and candy.

## Catholic Girl Named Army Camp Dietitian

FORT BENNING, GA. — New dietitian at the army hospital here with the rank of first lieutenant is Miss Catherine Fox, former dietitian at Miami, Fla. hospitals.

## Will Leaves Bequest For New High School

TUCSON, Ariz. — Specific bequests of \$10,000 to be made to churches in the Diocese of Tucson by Mrs. Catherine Hesse, of this city, according to the will filed for probate here.

# A Chapel for Every Army Camp



Within the next six months, 604 temporary, frame chapels, like the one pictured here by the artist, will be built in army posts, camps and stations at a cost of \$21,220 each. Every chapel will have an electric organ and a seating capacity of 362. Never before in the history of the United States Army has there been such an undertaking. (N.C.W.C.)

## THE GOSPEL — In The New Bible Text

### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

(Chapter 20, Verses 19 to 31)

When it was late that same day, the first of the week, though the doors where the disciples gathered had been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at the sight of the Lord. He said to them again, "Peace be to you." As the Father has sent me, I also send you. When he had said this, he breathed upon them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained."

By Rev. Dr. Edward H. Donst, S.M.  
General Secretary, Catholic Biblical Association of America.  
(For N. C. W. C. Year Service)

The Gospel of the Mass for Low Sunday is taken from that of St. John, Chapter 20, verses 19 to 31. The revised text which will be published for Biblical Sunday, May 18, is given here.

It is presented without the numerals which in the printed form appear in the left-hand margin and refer to the verses in the old text. Moreover, certain words in the text are italicized whereas they are not italicized in the printed form of the revision. The italics are employed here to show the places where changes have been made from the old text of this particular Gospel. In the old text italics were used for two purposes: (1) to indicate quotations from the Old Testament and (2) to indicate words which had been used to complete the thought in English, but for which there was no corresponding word in the Latin text. In the revision of the New Testament, quotations from the Old Testament are indented rather than italicized. The second use which italics had in the old form of the New Testament does not arise in the revision, for the additional words necessary in English expression by the thought are a real part of the translation, and should not be emphasized by the use of italics.

Full appreciation of the improvement in the new text can be had only by comparing the general sentence structure with that of the old text.

There are here several small instances of the modernization of the text. The archaic spelling "shewed" is replaced by "showed"; "bring hither" is rendered "bring here"; in the disciples "were within" we now read "the disciples were inside"; "Unless I see" replaces "Except I see"; the word "ghost" is no longer used as a synonym of soul, spirit, or life. It now evokes thought of weird stories of the dead. Hence "Holy Spirit" is used of the Third Person of the Trinity. "Ghost" in other uses is given this or another equivalent.

The word "Twelve" referring to the group of Apostles has been capitalized in the revision, because it is clearly taken not merely as a numeral but as a proper name of the Apostolic college. The word is applied to the group even after the betrayal of Judas when twelve clearly does not indicate the number.

Thomas who is said to have been called Didymus in the old text is now identified as one called the Twin. Such is the meaning of the Greek text. The word Didymus means the Twin. The meaning of the common noun is intended, so it is given its English equivalent here.

Walk before God and be perfect. — Gen. XVII, 1.

## Knights Ask Friends To View Inspections

Activity in the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, during the coming week will center about two group inspections.

Commandery No. 43 of St. Michael's Church under command of Capt. Victor G. Knittel, Commandery No. 40 of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church under command of Capt. John G. Blitzer, Commandery No. 201 of Sacred Heart Cathedral under command of Sgt. William J. Simons, Jr., and Ladies' Auxiliary No. 288 of St. Michael's Church under command of Capt. Louis Wetzel will be inspected at St. Michael's Hall on Wednesday April 23. A dress parade and review will follow with Maj. Al G. Miller in command.

Commandery No. 9 under command of Capt. Frank X. Hauser and Commandery No. 39 under command of Capt. Leo Hohman and Auxiliary No. 47 under command of Capt. John Miles both of St. Boniface Church will be inspected at St. Boniface Hall on Thursday April 24. Maj. Al G. Miller will also be in command of this group during the dress parade and review.

Other group inspections will be held during the next few weeks at St. Ambrose Hall and Holy Family Hall.

## Students Oppose Birth Control

BOSTON — Members of the Boston University Catholic Council at a Communion breakfast were urged to join in the crusade against birth control by the Rev. Frank E. Gartland, C. S. C., of the staff of the Young Men's Christian Association and former Prefect of Religion at the University of Notre Dame.

Referring to the move to legalize the sale of birth control devices in Massachusetts, Father Gartland said, "We know that no matter what laws go on the books, birth control is an anti-family society."

## Ask Masses Offered That Fire Avoid War

NEW YORK (NC) — Friends of Irish Neutrality have invited members of the Catholic clergy in the United States to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on April 19 to invoke Divine aid to preserve Ireland from invasion. Michael G. McGlynn, National Organizer, has announced here.

## U. S. Priest Tells War Experiences

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cept for an injury to one wall, nothing ever happened to the monasteries.

Regarded As A Shrine  
"The refugees had such confidence in the shrine that whenever a bombardment started they ran to it," Father Cannon added. "After the German army had retreated, a German armoured car doing a reconnaissance for the special protection he into him, hurling him off the bicycle and injuring him painfully. For two days he was in acute pain, but despite the fact he could get no medical attention for a month, he recovered."

An Father Cannon cycled from place to place he would get out of the path of one German column only to get into the path of another. For a week he was in the Battle of the Somme. It was one of the most severe side battles of the war. He recalled one day particularly.

"We went out to search for food and water under shell fire," he said. "We were shelled all day long. We were machine gunned all day long."

He celebrated Mass often during air raids, but never shortened any of the Masses. Cannon said.

The Abbey St. Achel, where he passed much of his time during the German invasion, was bombed and shelled day after day because some French troops had taken up quarters there. Twenty-seven big bombs fell around the monastery, tearing up the grounds.

One day the place was brought under shell fire as he said Mass. He continued without interruption. He said the house was under the special protection of St. Joseph and was recognized as a shrine. Houses nearby were blown down, but ex-

# Push Program For Servicemen

## N.C.C.S. Reports Show Results

WASHINGTON (NC) — The highly successful inauguration of still further important projects in recent days has given tremendous stimulus to the already widespread work of the National Catholic Community Service in caring for the men with the nation's armed forces and for families brought together in defense industry areas.

Formal opening of the National Catholic Community Service center in San Antonio, which took place this week was marked by the participation of the Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, Lt. Gen. Herbert J. Brea, Commander of the Third Army, Major Maury Maverick, and a large outpouring of civic and military leaders.

This followed closely the inauguration of the new N. C. C. S. unit which will serve the personnel of the U. S. Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Tex. Here Capt. A. D. Bernhard, U.S.N., the commanding officer, expressed appreciation to the N. C. C. S. for its generous and wholehearted cooperation on behalf of the naval personnel, called Cathedral Hall "a beautiful home" for the men of his station, and urged "all hands" to make use of its facilities.

The Rev. Dr. Howard J. Carroll, Assistant Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and Secretary of the Government Committee of the N. C. C. S., has just returned from a swing through the South, and reports impressive labors and achievements in that area.

While in Atlanta and San Antonio to attend meetings called by the United Service Organizations, the group of six organizations recognized by the Government for recreational and welfare work near army and navy bases, Dr. Carroll conferred with representatives of the N. C. C. S. in those areas. A meeting held in Atlanta was attended by N. C. C. S. workers from Florida, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana.

A meeting held in San Antonio was attended by N. C. C. S. representatives from the Archdiocese of San Antonio and the Dioceses of El Paso, Corpus Christi, Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Little Rock, Galveston and Dallas. A meeting of N. C. C. S. representatives in the New England area had already been held. Similar meetings are planned for other sections of the country.

## Design Created For Army Air Field

SAN ANTONIO — A design completed at St. Mary's University here will be used in recruiting and publicity campaigns at Randolph Field, United States Army Air Corps. The design designates the air field as "The Nest of Our Country's Eagles."

Idea for the representation of the "Nest of Our Country's Eagles" was credited to the Rev. William R. Lamm, S. M., Professor of Classical Languages at the University of Virginia. The design was developed by a graduate of Incarnate Word College here, planned the actual drawing and did the rough sketch. The Army training planes are depicted in flight overhead and in the background.

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## Pope Provides Fund To Feed Rome's Poor

VATICAN CITY — An abundant meal which the Society of St. Peter in Rome made available free of charge to all the poor who appeared at its kitchen on a recent specified day, was made possible by a sum of money which His Holiness Pope Pius XII gave to the Society in commemoration of the second anniversary of his accession. At its own expense the Society gave a picture of the Holy Father to every one who appeared.

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