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Diocese Heeds Pope's Plea For May Peace Prayers

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JESUIT CENTENARY was observed at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday, when His Excellency, Bishop Kearney pontificated, the Rev. Francis A. O'Malley, S. J., (left) of Buffalo delivered the sermon and the Fordham University Glee Club of which the Rev. Theodore T. Farley, S. J. is moderator (right) sang the Mass responses. (Story on Page 9).

The Bishop's Appointments

(Daylight Saving Time)

MAY

1 Thursday—St. Bernard's Seminary—Ordinations—6:30 P. M.
2 Friday—St. Patrick's—Low Mass. St. Monica's Sodality—9:00 A. M.
St. Bernard's Seminary—Conference—5:30 P. M.
St. John's, Spencerport—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
4 Sunday—St. Joseph's—Low Mass. Rochester Police Dept. Holy Name Society—8:30 A. M.
Columbus Civic Centre—Exemplification of Fourth Degree, K. of C.—2:30 P. M.
5 Monday—Pro-Cathedral—Novena Sermon—7:45 P. M.
6 Tuesday—Genesee Valley Club—Luncheon. St. Bernard's Alumni Association—12:30 P. M.
7 Wednesday—Nazareth Academy—Sodality Reception—2:30 P. M.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
8 Thursday—St. Monica's—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
9 Friday—St. Ambrose—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
10 Saturday—Blessed Sacrament—Low Mass. I.F.C. Alumnae—12:00 Noon
11 Sunday—Pro-Cathedral—Mass coram Episcopo. Opening Community Chest Drive—11:00 A. M.
St. Mary's, Canandaigua—Diocesan Holy Name Rally—2:30 P. M.
Corpus Christi—Adult Confirmation—4:30 P. M.
Pro-Cathedral—Adult Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
12 Monday—Sagamore Hotel—Safety Committee Luncheon—12:45 P. M.
Sacred Heart Academy—Confirmation—4:00 P. M.
Chamber of Commerce—Dinner. Opening Community Chest Drive—6:30 P. M.
13 Tuesday—Nazareth College—Low Mass—9:00 A. M.
Columbus Civic Centre—Priests' Holy Hour—3:00 P. M.
St. Mary's—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
18 Sunday—Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico, Md.—Confirmation—10:00 A. M.
Sacred Heart, Bushwood, Md.—Confirmation—3:00 P.M.
19 Monday—Chamber of Commerce—Dinner. Closing Community Chest Drive—8:30 P. M.
20 Tuesday—St. Bernard's Seminary—Deacons' Conference—12:15 P. M.
Aquinas Institute—Finals, C. S. M. C. Oratorical Contest—8:00 P. M.
21 Wednesday—Pro-Cathedral—Pontifical Requiem. Bishop O'Hern's Anniversary—10:30 A. M.
St. Lucy's—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
22 Thursday—Pro-Cathedral—Low Mass. First Communion Class—8:00 A. M.
St. Andrew's—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
23 Friday—Carmelite Monastery—Religious Profession—8:00 A. M.
24 Saturday—Our Lady of Mercy High School—Scout Field Mass—10:00 A. M.
25 Sunday—Immaculate Conception, Irvington, N. Y.—Sermon 11:00 A. M.
26 Monday—Sacred Heart Academy—Low Mass—9:00 A. M.
Pro-Cathedral—St. Mary's Nurses' Baccalaureate Sermon—4:00 P. M.
27 Tuesday—Oak Hill Country Club—Luncheon. St. Elizabeth's Guild—12:30 P. M.
St. Michael's—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
28 Wednesday—Immaculate Conception—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
30 Friday—St. Peter's, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.—Pontifical Mass. Opening K. of C. Convention—10:00 A. M.

By order of the Most Reverend Bishop.

Lawrence B. Casey
Vice-Chancellor

STATISTICS SHOW EVIL OF EASY DIVORCE LAW

VATICAN CITY — Condemnation of Hungary's easy divorce law by the Most Rev. Stefan Madarasz, Bishop of Kosice, in a recent pastoral, is supported by statistics.

In 1900, when the law was adopted, 380 divorces were granted. By 1928, when the country had been reduced to a third of its original territory, the number of divorces amounted to more than 14,000.

A campaign for a more strict divorce law has been launched as the result of the Bishop's pastoral.

Professor Condemns 'Sneer At Religion'

BOSTON — Accusing some secular educators of insincerity, Professor Edward B. Hanify of the Boston College Law School, charged that teachers who had urged the young men in their classroom's "to sneer at religion" were now exhorting them to "go forth and die for God and spiritual values."

Branding the "hurried about-face movement" in secular universities and colleges as a "shocking paradox of our day," Professor Hanify delivered his ringing denunciation in an address to 1,500 women at the Fifth Diocesan Congress of Catholic Women.

Bishops Stress 5-Point Peace Plan of Pope

Call NCCS Set-up 'Spiritual Armory'

WASHINGTON — (N. C.) — Directing public attention again to the five points which His Holiness Pope Pius XII said must form the basis of any peace that is to be just and lasting, the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference today called for prayers for the victims of war, for a just peace, and for the guidance of America's civil authorities.

The Archbishops and Bishops spoke through a statement. It was made public following the regular semi-annual meeting here this week in which the Administrative Board discussed relief and other subjects.

Following is the complete text of the message of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference:

The American people has, through orderly democratic action, expressed its solemn judgment that to be safe in the world today our nation must be strong. That judgment is reflected in the greatest defense effort in the history of the United States. An adequate program of national defense, as we see it, embraces both strength in arms and strength in spirit. With armed strength, it is not for us as Bishops to deal. We leave that to our civil and military authorities. Our particular part in any program of national defense must have to do with the things of the spirit.

We are deeply concerned, therefore, with seeing to it that the spiritual influences of their home communities shall follow our boys who answer their country's call to train themselves to be their country's defenders if the need arise. Our Government has followed the best of American traditions in entrusting the task of maintaining morale for camp communities and defense areas to private agencies whose service is inspired and guided by faith in God and love for man. We deeply appreciate the confidence this invitation implies, the challenge it carries and the cooperation it promotes.

Agency of Bishops

The National Catholic Community Service is the agency which the Bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States have commissioned to do their share in this providential work. In doing this work on a national scale, the National Catholic Community Service is associated with similar agencies representing our fellow citizens and other faiths in the United Service Organizations for National Defense. A nation-wide appeal for funds to carry on this work will be made during the month of June. We are confident that the soul of America will give a generous answer to this appeal for the means to throw the saving influences of home and church around the young manhood of America in whose hands the defense of all that we hold dear will finally rest. We are confident, too, that our Catholic people will cooperate wholeheartedly in making this answer an eloquent expression of their interest in the souls of their soldier-sons.

The will of America today is set on peace, not war, as the aim of our defense program. The strongest defense weapon with which we can equip the American soldier is a clear vision of the kind of peace that constitutes our ideal. An august voice has sounded again and again in an America still at peace, as well as in a Europe already at war, applying to the conditions of our day the Gospel message of peace on earth to men of good will. In his Christmas allocution of 1939, Pope Pius XII laid down these five essential points of world order, and therefore of enduring world peace:

First—The assurance to all nations of their right to life and independence—the will of one nation to live never justifying the death sentence of another.

Second — Progressive disarmament, spiritual as well as material, and security for the effective implementing of agreements to this end.

Third — Juridical institutions guaranteeing loyal fulfillment of peace terms and providing for revisions called for by changing conditions.

Fourth—Satisfaction of the fair demands of national and racial minorities.

Fifth—A deep sense of responsibility for the observance of the precepts of justice and charity among men and nations.

BASIC PEACE PRINCIPLES

It is significant, indeed, that the authoritative spokesmen for

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Why not finish that spring meal with an assortment of Aunt Jennie's home made cookies—delicious, old - fashioned molasses, ginger, sugar and sour cream—baked fresh every day — only 20c a dozen. AUNT JENNIE'S BAKE SHOPPE 316 Monroe Ave. Monroe 666.—Adv.

Feast Of Our Lady of Good Counsel

My dear People:

Once again, our Holy Father with his deep concern for the welfare of all men has urged our prayers for peace during the month of May. The month of Our Lady should bring us all to her shrine with the prayer of our Holy Father in our hearts and upon our lips. Only the omnipotence of God can correct the failure of men. May I urge then during the month of May that you endeavor to attend Mass each morning for this special intention and attend the May devotions offered for world peace. May I especially urge, and our Holy Father has specifically asked this, that our children be led as frequently as possible to the altar of Our Lady that their innocent and unselfish supplications for peace may ascend daily to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let the month of May be a month of Prayer for Peace.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ

+ James E. Kearney

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Prayer of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, for Peace of Concord and Justice

To this prayer His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, has attached an indulgence of 500 days which is applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

O, OUR FATHER Who art in Heaven, O God, our strength, turn Thy gaze toward Christ Thy Son. Behold the Crimson marks of His Wounds, to which He was brought by His love for us and His obedience to Thee, through which He ever wished to be our Advocate and Peacemaker.

O JESUS, our Saviour, speak to Thy Father for us. Intercede with Him for us, for Thy Church, for all men who have been won by Thy blood. O Peace-bringing King, O Prince of Peace! Thou Who hast the keys of life and death, grant the peace of eternal rest to the souls of all the faithful who have been swept to their death in this whirlwind of war and have been known and unknown, wept and unwept, and buried beneath the ruins of cities and villages destroyed, or have met their deaths on gory plains on war torn hill sides, in gorges and valleys or in the depths of the sea.

MAY Thy purifying Blood descend on them in their pains, to wash their mantles and render them worthy and bright in Thy blessed sight. Do Thou, O loving Comforter of the afflicted, Who didst weep at the tears of Martha and Mary desolate for their brother, grant peace and consolation, resignation and health to those poor people who are overcome by the sorrows and tribulations of war's calamities, to exiles, to refugees, to unknown wanderers, to prisoners and to the wounded, who trust in Thee.

DRY abundant tears of wives, mothers, orphans, of whole families, of so many left destitute, heavy tears falling on the bread of sorrow, eaten after long fast in cold hovels, bread divided between children who often have been brought to Thy altars in a little church to pray for father or elder brother, dead perhaps, or wounded, or missing.

CONSOLE them all with Divine gifts and with those helps and that effective charitable relief which Thou canst suggest to kindly souls who recognize in the afflicted and unfortunte their brothers and love them as Thy image. Give to the combatants, together with heroism in fulfillment of their duty, even to the supreme sacrifice in defense of their native land, that noble sense of humanity by which they will not, no matter in what circumstances, do to others that which they would not have done to themselves or their country (Matthew 7:12).

O LORD, may the charity of Thy Divine Spirit reign and triumph over the world. May the peace of concord and justice among nations be restored. May our prayers be acceptable and welcome to Thy meek and humble heart. May the numbers and devotion of Holy Sacrifices which the Church, Thy Spouse, on bended knee, offers Thee, Priest and Victim eternally, to Thy Divine Father, render Thee propitious toward us. Thou hast words which penetrate and overcome hearts, which enlighten intellects, which assuage anger and extinguish hates and revenge. Speak that word which will still the storm, which will heal the sick, which is light to the blind and hearing to the deaf and life to the dead.

PEACE among men, which Thou desirest, is dead. Bring it back to life. O Divine Conqueror of death, Through Thee, at last may the land and sea be calmed. May whirlwinds, that in the light of day or in the dark of night scatter terror, fire, destruction and slaughter on humble folk, cease. May justice and charity on one side and on the other be in perfect balance, so that all injustice be repaired, and the reign of right restored, all discord and rancor be banished from men's minds. And may there arise, and gather strength in contemplation of a new and harmonious prosperity, true and well-ordered peace that will permanently unite as brothers, through the ages, in harmonious search of high good, all peoples of the human race in Thy sight. Amen.

PAPAL DELEGATE BLESSES NEW VINCENTIAN HOUSE

WASHINGTON — In the presence of three Archbishops, four Bishops, representatives of various religious communities, and members of the laity, His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, dedicated Wednesday the new Vincentian Fathers' House of Studies here, a residence for members of the Congregation of the Mission who are pursuing graduate studies at the Catholic University of America.

The house of studies is a gift from Mrs. C. Estelle Doheny, of Los Angeles, a Papal Countess, in memory of her late husband, Edward L. Doheny. The Very Rev. Daniel J. McHugh, C.M., is Rector.

Widow, Daughter Of Socialist Converted

LONDON — The widow and the eldest daughter of Kurt Eisner, President of the Bavarian Socialist Government of 1918, have been received into the Church at Cambridge. The ceremony took place last month and the news has just become known. Kurt Eisner was slain in 1919.

Deaf-Mute Youth, Blind, Receives First Communion

MONTREAL (NC) — A very touching ceremony took place in the chapel of the Deaf-Mutes Institute here when a 14-year-old boy, a deaf mute also suffering blindness, made his First Holy Communion in the presence of many friends and benefactors of the Institute.

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Philippe Perrier, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Montreal, celebrated the Mass and administered Holy Communion. Assisting the boy were two of his young companions at the Institute, able to see although they are deaf-mutes. Each holding a hand, they guided him to the Communion railing. Also assisting the boy was his professor, Brother Alfred Graveline, C.S.V., who "spoke" to his protege by a language of pressure of his hands.

Roosevelt Authorizes Pulaski Memorial Day

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt has signed a joint resolution authorizing him to proclaim October 11 as a memorial day for General Casimir Pulaski, Polish Revolutionary War hero.

REDS CONFISCATE LAST LITHUANIAN SEMINARY

VATICAN CITY — The only remaining seminary in Lithuania, Russian-dominated Baltic State, has been confiscated by Soviet authorities, according to word received here by the Catholic Institute for the Press.

Even the boarding school for young aspirants at the seminary has been occupied by the authorities, it was announced, and priests up to the age of 40 have been ordered to serve as soldiers in the Red Army. Nevertheless, seminary instruction is being given in a little church at Kaunas.

All Bishops have been instructed to leave Lithuania and take up residence in the Crimea and the region of the Caucasus.

Seminary Professor Named Army Chaplain

FORT NIAGARA, N. Y. — Appointed a first lieutenant in the Army Reserve Corps, the Rev. Christopher O'Hara, has reported for duty as a chaplain with the 1,213th Service Unit stationed here.

At the time of his appointment, Father O'Hara was professor of philosophy of St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie.

Faithful Told To Intensify 'Trust In God'

VATICAN CITY—(N. C.)—His exhortation of a year ago that all, especially the children, raise their minds and hearts to Heaven in prayer, particularly during the month of May, is repeated by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a letter to His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State.

The Holy Father charges the Cardinal Secretary of State to "make these Our wishes and exhortations known to all" and "first of all to the sacred pastors, who will certainly wish to bring them to the attention of the flocks entrusted to their care."

(Response of the Rochester diocese is indicated in the letter of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in adjoining column, this page.)

Pope Pius notes in the letter that "the bitterness of war increasingly distresses and crushes the hearts of men," and that "the dangers of every sort which threaten so many nations become ever more appalling." His Holiness adds that it is from Heaven alone that "in the midst of such profound mental perplexity and material disorder can come the hope of a better day."

Must Trust in God

"If our prayers and aspirations have not as yet had the result which we ardently desired," Pope Pius says, "our trust in God must not be lessened on this account, but we must all continue with constant and persevering devotion to be patient in tribulation, instant in prayer. The designs of God are hidden from us, but we are certain that, although innumerable and grave offenses call down the avenging justice of Heaven, the Lord is nevertheless the Father of Mercies and the God of All Comfort, and we know that His love and benevolence for us is boundless.

"But there is still another motive for our trust and hope, for we have at the throne of Almighty God the most suitable Mother of God and Our Mother, who, through her all-powerful intercession, can certainly obtain for us all the favors that she asks of Him."

(Complete Text of the Holy Father's appeal begins in the column to the right, this page.)

Text Of Pontiff's Plea For Prayers In May For Peace

VATICAN CITY—Following is the complete text of the letter of His Holiness Pope Pius XII to His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, again urging all the Faithful, and particularly the children, to pray for the restoration of world peace throughout the month of May:

While We are fully confident that the Faithful, and especially the children under the guidance of their parents, will be mindful of Our invitation of last year and will gather before the altar of the Most Blessed Virgin Mother of God during the coming month of May to implore peace for an unfinished and mutilated humanity, We desire, nevertheless, through the medium of this letter addressed to you, to repeat that exhortation to all as the bitterness of war increasingly distresses and crushes the hearts of men. And, as the dangers of every sort which threaten so many nations become ever more appalling, We confidently express the wish that the Faithful raise their minds and hearts in prayer to Heaven, whence alone, in the midst of such profound mental perplexity and material disorder, can come the hope of a better day.

If our prayers and aspirations have not as yet had the result which we ardently desired, our trust in God must not be lessened on this account but we must all continue, with constant and persevering devotion, to be patient in tribulation, instant in prayer (Rom. xii, 12). The designs of God are hidden from us, but we are certain that, although innumerable and grave offenses call down the avenging justice of Heaven, the Lord is nevertheless the Father of Mercies and the God of All Comfort (II Cor. i, 3). And we know that His love and benevolence for us is boundless. But there is still another reason for our trust and hope, for we have at the throne of Almighty God the most suitable Mother of God and Our Mother, who, through her all-powerful intercession, can certainly obtain for us all favors that she asks of Him.

Works of Mortification

Let us then place ourselves and our problems under her protection that she may make our prayers and aspirations her own and enhance the value of the works of expiation and charity which we must offer in generous measure to satisfy the Divine Majesty. May she dry all our tears, strengthen us in all our suffering, console us in all our sorrows and, in lightening these afflictions, enable us with the hope of eternal reward to bear them more easily.

If in calling to mind our sinfulness we feel ourselves to be unworthy of her maternal solicitude, let us lead our children in ever-increasing numbers to her sacred shrine, especially during the coming month of May, that they may plead our cause—those little ones with innocent souls and lips unstained, who in their limpid eyes seem to mirror and reflect something of the splendor of Heaven. United with us in prayer, let them petition that wherever covetous greed may hold sway there may the reign of love soon prevail; that where now the spirit of vindictive persecution flagrantly rages may be converted in that instead of discord among men there may be substituted the loving harmony which reconciles and unites them; and finally that where now deep emotion has aroused unhappily prevailing widespread disorder there may be effected new ties of friendship which will calm the hearts of men and bring to the universe the tranquility of an order founded on justice.

Let these little ones implore of the most amiable Mother of God heavenly comfort for all those who are suffering and particularly for exiled refugees and prisoners and for the wounded in hospitals. Let them ask of Jesus, overflowing with their innocent voices that the duration of these awful miseries be shortened after having rightly paid for our sins we may be spared further ills. Served by the angelic choirs of Heaven, And then, many more voices in the sanctuaries of the consolatrix Virgin of Lourdes, supplicants, and humble, in order to obtain the merciful intercession of Mary, will not [illegible] of discord and [illegible] of refugees [illegible] by assuring a [illegible] assistance [illegible] hospitals [illegible] hastening of [illegible]

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Holy Name Meet May 11 at Canandaigua

Commissioned to handle distribution of the Revised New Testament, members of the Holy Name Society will assemble in St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, Sunday afternoon, May 11, for the annual

Norman A. O'Brien
President

convention of Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union.

Opening the convention will be His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, who will speak to the men from all sections of the diocese at services in St. Mary's Church at 2:30 P. M. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will close the services.

The Rev Thomas F. Carey, O.P., of the Holy Name Society, national headquarters, New York City, will speak at the business session which will be called to order by President Norman A. O'Brien at 3 P. M.

General election of officers for the next two years will take place.

Francis J. Wardwell, president of the society at Canandaigua, heads the reception committee.

President O'Brien has appointed the following committees to handle convention details:

Nominating: James Connolly, Blessed Sacrament parish, chairman; Arthur Haurratty, Corpus Christi; Joseph R. Vay, Holy Family; Clarence J. Schoonmaker, St. Michael's; John J. Armstrong, St. Monica's, all of Rochester; Andrew F. McLane, Holy Family, Auburn; John Cooney, St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; William J. McCarthy, St. Peter and Paul's, Elmira, and

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