

# Blessing of New St. Stanislaus Church Organ Listed

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## BISHOPS FLAY NAZISM, COMMUNISM

### New Organ Dedication Set Nov. 27

Dedication of the new pipe organ in St. Stanislaus Church, Hudson Ave. Rochester, will take place on Thursday evening, Nov. 27, at 8 P. M. with His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D. officiating.

Under the direction of the Rev. Joseph A. Balcerak, pastor, a musical program has been arranged to follow the blessing ceremony.

Organ solos will be played by Philip C. Kreckel, noted organist of the diocese. St. Stanislaus Church organ under the patronage of St. Cecilia will be heard at church selections directed by John J. Bensch, Director.

A sermon for the occasion will be preached by Bishop Kearney. It will be followed by another group of numbers on the organ played by Mr. Kreckel and selections by the St. Stanislaus choir.

The organ, which was constructed by the Telfers Organ Company of Erie Pa., is said to be the finest and largest organ installed in any Catholic Church in Rochester during the last quarter of a century.



George M. Bunch, Auburn Post

**A REFUGEE FROM POLAND** in his student days, Catholic Courier Nov. 6, 1941, the Rev. Edwin Agonis, O.M.C. newly appointed assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, is shown with the Pastor, the Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen (right). Father Edwin began new duties Nov. 9.

### Cornerstone Laying Set At St. Mary's Hospital

With His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D. officiating, the ceremony of cornerstone laying at the new St. Mary's Hospital will take place on Thursday, Nov. 27, at 4 P. M.

Prayers of the diocese, Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, members of the hospital staff, the Board of Directors, nurses and organizations affiliated with the hospital will participate.

The public is invited. Sister Mary, superintendent of the hospital, announced today.

The cornerstone containing the largest documents of the 84-year-old institution which has achieved a remarkable record in the care of the sick and injured of this community, will be placed in the front entrance facade facing on Geneva Street.

Progress of the building ground for St. Mary's was broken by Bishop Kearney on May 18, in a speech of welcome. Joseph P. Egan, architect, said the entire superstructure is completed. The exterior brick work is completed, and the perimeter of the building to the ground floor.

Construction of the building which is being completed by J. M. Egan, architect, is being completed by the lack of materials. But the progress is being made.

When construction of St. Mary's Hospital will be completed, design and construction of a new community center will be started. The new center will be a part of the hospital complex.

### Link Religion With Patriotism

NEW ORLEANS. Religion and patriotism must be linked or little but chaos is to be expected, the Most Rev. Joseph F. Hummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, said at the convention here of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women for which the theme was "Religion and Patriotism."

It is said that religion is on trial. His Excellency said: "Religion is not on trial, because there can be no trial for what comes from God, but the people are on trial, to see how true they are to their faith. The undermining of Christianity in daily life is more serious than physical warfare. We must become more active and militant in asserting our faith and more militant in the practice of it."

### 'Crisis' Reviewed By Over 100 Prelates

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—Nazism and Communism were termed "subversive forces, both in control of powerful governments, both bent on world dominance" in a statement on "The Crisis of Christianity" issued Sunday by the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

This statement was deputed to make the declaration as an expression of the faith of the Bishops of the United States totaling 111 members of the American Hierarchy who concluded their Annual Meeting here Friday. This was the largest number of the Bishops of the United States in history to assemble at the Annual Meeting.

(Complete text of the Bishop's Statement on "The Crisis of Christianity" is on Page 3, this issue.)

Neither system, Nazism or Communism, the statement declared, understands or respects freedom of man's conscience.

Noting that the late Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical, "Mysticis Sacris," issued his Encyclical on Nazism and atheistic Communism within five days of each other, the statement pointed out that while condemning both systems that Pontiff expressed his sympathy for their suffering victims. It asserted that it was not part of his intention to condemn the peoples of the Soviet Union en masse, recognizing that "not a few" of their groans beneath the yoke imposed on them by men who in very large part are strangers to the real interests of these countries.

The Bishops pledged wholehearted support of "the adequate defense of our country."

The prelates called for temporary restraint by saying:

"In this solemn hour when fateful decisions are to be made it is evident that a spirit of exemplary restraint should characterize our prelates and people. In every national crisis and every danger our prelates have been an inspiration. We are confident that their good example of strong faith and courage founded on the virtue of love"

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### Spends 80 Million



Col. John J. O'Brien of St. Paul, Minn., Chief of the Real Estate Branch, Construction Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, Washington. During the past year his office has acquired over a million acres of land, at a cost of \$40,000,000, for Government use. Colonel O'Brien is an alumnus of St. Thomas College and St. Paul (Minn.) College of Law, U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. (N. C. W. C.)

### Bishop Kearney Named To Home Mission Board

WASHINGTON—The Most Rev. John A. Floersch, Archbishop of Louisville; the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester; and the Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, Bishop of Indianapolis, were elected new members of the American Board of Catholic Missions at the Bishops' Annual Meeting here.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney's election came in recognition of his continued interest in the Salt Lake Diocese and in other important home mission projects.

### Highlights At Bishops' Annual Meeting

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—Under the leadership of their Bishops, leaders of the United States are to celebrate next year the twenty-fifth anniversary of the episcopal coronation of His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The 111 Bishops, following the Annual General Meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States just held at the National University of America here, His Excellency, Pennam Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, who presided over the meeting, appointed the Archbishops Metropolitan of the United States a special committee to plan the celebration.

### Pope's Gratitude Expressed For Aid

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII sent to the Hierarchy, priests and faithful of the United States special testimony of his gratitude for the upholding of his hands in his paternal efforts to bring relief to suffering peoples throughout the world.

Gratefully acknowledging the Sovereign Pontiff's message, the Archbishops and Bishops reaffirmed their "profound desire to support the Holy See in carrying on its mission of apostolic charity in war-torn countries."

Making an extraordinary appearance before the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States as they opened their Annual General Meeting, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, read a cablegram signed by Pope Pius XII conveying his "special Apostolic Benediction to the Catholics of this country as a pledge of copious heavenly favors."

### Archbishop Mooney Renamed Chairman

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—Members of the Hierarchy elected by the Annual General Meeting of the Bishops this week to constitute the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference for the coming year met at the N. C. W. C. headquarters and organized.

The Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, was elected Chairman of the new Administrative Board. Archbishop Mooney also served as chairman last year.

### Confraternity Hears Bible Revision, Catechism Lauded

PHILADELPHIA—(N. C.)—Led by His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and 68 members of the American Hierarchy, 400 delegates from all parts of the United States assembled here over the weekend to attend the Seventh National Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The four-day Congress opened Monday morning with

### Priest Offers Congress Prayer

WASHINGTON—A plea that the Peace of Peace might be the distribution of the House of Representatives and fill its members with great courage to fight for a just and lasting peace, was made by the Rev. L. B. Keegan, pastor of St. James Church, LaCrosse, Wis., when he delivered the invocation at the opening of its session.

Give them, Father Keegan said in his invocation, the wisdom to understand that the fundamental basis of life is a rejection of greed in business, politics, government, education, and only through a return to Him can a restoration of peace take place.

### Votive Lamp Lighted Over Venice Lagoon

VATICAN CITY.—The votive lamp that the Republic of Venice once kept lighted in the little temple of the Madonna di San Vito above the Lagoon of Venice in memory of the victories over the Turks has been renewed through the initiative of the Mediterranean fishermen of the Institute Maris Stella.

When the Republic of Venice fell at the end of the eighteenth century in consequence of the French occupation, the lamp was taken away by foreign soldiers.

Cardinal Dougherty pontificated at solemn Mass in Convention Hall, the first Mass ever to be celebrated in that venerable edifice. At the Mass the Apostolic Delegate, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and 68 members of the American Hierarchy, 400 delegates from all parts of the United States assembled here over the weekend to attend the Seventh National Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

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A total of 3,927 registered for the convention. Of these 68 were Archbishops and Bishops, 733 priests, 1,827 Sisters and 1,239 laywomen.

### Mass For Brother

GREAT FALLS, Mont.—The Most Rev. William J. Condon, Bishop of Great Falls, officiated at funeral services in Spokane, for his brother, Dr. E. P. Condon of that city.

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