Blessing of New St. Stanislaus Church Organ Listed

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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. Bakeras, pastor, a

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musical program has been arranged to follow the blessing ceremony.

Organ selections will be played by Philip G. Kreckel, noted organist of the diocese. St. Stanislaus Church Choir, under the patronage of St. Cecilia, will be heard in choral selections directed by John J. Bogaski, Director.

A sermon for the occasion will be preached by Bishop Kearney, which 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 Tellers 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. Hoeger, Author, Elmira

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 L. Cowen (right). Father Edwin began new duties Nov. 9.

Milliken Heads Laymen On Southern Tier Board

In an endeavor further to merit the hearty response tendered the first issues of the southern Tier edition of the CATHOLIC COURIER, an advisory committee of laymen has been designated. It will be the purpose of this group to offer criticism of a constructive nature as they interpret changes and conditions which warrant attention. The policy of the CATHOLIC COURIER has been designed with a degree of elasticity to meet current needs.

Because this group is composed entirely of laymen, it is felt that they will reflect the opinion of the readers of the Southern Tier edition. With this as a prospectus, men from various parishes in the Southern Tier have been designated on this good will committee.

Heading the group is Cornelius J. Milliken, who has been associated with newspaper work since 1917. Cooperating with him will be:

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St. Antoninus Parish, Michael J. Morrell.

St. Casimir's Parish, Stephen J. Bedparek.

St. Cecelia's Parish, Harry P. Farrell.

St. Joan [illegible] Parish, Richard A. Prebis.

St. Mary's [illegible], David Sheehan.

St. Patrick's Parish, Harry J. Lagonegro.

St. Peter [illegible], William Bennett.

Our Lady of [illegible], Lawrence Hastings.

CORNING

St. Mary's [illegible], Chas. of Murphy.

[illegible] Parish, Paul Lamarre.

[illegible] Parish, Paul Leverett.

WATKINS GLEN

St. M[illegible] of the Lake Parish, Alfred A. Valente.

WAVERLY

St. [illegible] Church, Edgard P. Snell.

Mr. Milliken has been a notable Catholic layman in the city of Elmira for many years. He

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Confraternity Hears Bible Revision, Catechism Lauded

PHILADELPHIA — (NC) 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, 4,000 delegates from all parts of the United States assembled here over the week-end to attend the Seventh National Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The four-day Congress opened formally Sunday morning when Cardinal Dougherty pontificated at Solemn Mass in Convention Hall, the first Mass ever to be celebrated in that spacious auditorium. At the Mass the Apostolic Delegate asserted that the Revised New Testament and new Baltimore Catechism are "the twin gifts of the American Hierarchy to the faithful."

The great assemblage of worshippers heard Archbishop Cicognani assert that "the sublimest of works is cooperation in the salvation of souls." "There is no cooperation more intimately effective for the sanctification of souls than making known the Gospel and catechetical instruction," His Excellency added. "These are the means used by our Lord for both the young and the old."

Source of Happiness

The greatness of the Congress in the city of [illegible] was stressed by President Roosevelt in his letter of greeting to the fraternity. Stressing that the founders of the United States were men and women who placed their faith in [illegible] religion, the President said: "true to the [illegible] the friends of Our Federal Constitution guaranteed among [illegible] rights and freedoms complete freedom of conscience which has been a source of happiness to us as a people throughout the years. [illegible] more than a century and a half ago."

A total of [illegible] registered for the convention. Of these 68 were Archbishops and Bishops, 7[illegible]2 priests, 1,827 Sisters and [illegible] women.

Priest Offers Congress Prayer

WASHINGTON — A plea that the Prince of Peace might guide the deliberations of the House of Representatives and fill the members with "great courage to fight for a just and lasting peace" was made by the Rev. L. B. Keegan, pastor of St. Jerome's Church, La [illegible], Wis., when he delivered the invocation at the opening of the session.

Chaplain Fleet Keegan said in [illegible] prayer to God to guide the deliberations of the House of Representatives [illegible] passage of the [illegible] bill, "that our country may be spared any threat of [illegible] to Hitler and a restoration of peace may 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 victories over the Turks has been revived through the initiative of the Mediterranean Institute 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.

Jesuit Jubilarian

MONTREAL — The Rev. Louis Lalande, S.J., of Immaculate Conception School, residence here, has just celebrated the sixth anniversary of his entrance upon the religious life. He will mark his eighteenth birthday on Nov. 25.

Served 5 Popes

LONDON — Pray [illegible] Pope from Leo XIII to Pius XII. Leonard C. Lindsay, [illegible] for 24 years secretary to the superior council in England and Wales of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, has died at the age of 84.

'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 minds 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 permits freedom in its true Christian sense."

Noting that the late Pope Pius XI significantly issued his Encyclicals on Nazism and atheistic Communism within five days of each other, the statement reminded that while condemning both systems that Pontiff expressed his love for the German people, and his sympathy for their sufferings, and 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 them groan beneath the yoke imposed on them by men who in very large part are strangers to the real interests of their country."

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

The prelates called for "exemplary 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 priests and people. In every national crisis and every danger our priests have been an inspiration. We are confident that their good example of strong faith and courage, founded on the virtue of for-

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Spends 80 Million

C. J. LOBDELL [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Chairman of the Board of Corning Glass Works, [illegible] Corning, N. Y., [illegible] Corning Glass Works [illegible] (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 — (NC) — Under the leadership of their Bishops, Catholics of the United States are to celebrate next year the twenty-fifth anniversary of the episcopal consecration of His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

This was announced following the Annual General Meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States just held at the Catholic University of America, here. His Eminence Dennis 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 — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII sent to the Hierarchy, priests and faithful of the United States special testimony to 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-stricken 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 the "Apostolic Benediction" to the Catholics of this country as a pledge of "ever abundant favors."

Archbishop Mooney Renamed Chairman

WASHINGTON — (NC) — 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.

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