

Objectionable Films On Upgrade, Bishops Told At Annual Meeting

Renewal Of Decency Pledge Set Dec. 14

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The increase in the number of films rated as objectionable by the Legion of Decency continues the Most Rev. John T. M. Nicholas, O. P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, revealed in his report as Chairman of the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures delivered before the Annual General Meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States here this week.

The Chairman reminded the Bishops of the customary renewal of the pledge of the Legion of Decency in all churches on Sunday December 14, the Sunday within the Octave of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. He asked that it be pointed out to parents and pastors that films rated as A-2—unobjectionable for adults—are not suitable for children.

The Archbishop reported that the National Legion of Decency reviewed a total of 221 feature pictures between November, 1940, and November, 1941. Of these, he said, 287 films or 51.2 per cent of the total reviewed were placed in Class A, Section 1, Unobjectionable for General Patronage; 197 films or 37.1 per cent of those reviewed were placed in Class A, Section 2, Unobjectionable for Adults; 50 films or 9.6 per cent of those reviewed were placed in Class B, Objectionable in Part; and seven or 1.3 per cent of those reviewed were placed in Class C, Condemned.

Archbishop Nicholas emphasized the necessity of strong diocesan organization of the Legion of Decency to implement the work of the national office for wholesome pictures. For cooperation in the work of the Legion he thanked the Bishops, the priests of the country, the cooperative producers, the Catholic and secular press and the Motion Picture Department of the International Federation of Catholic Almanac which reviews films for the Legion.

The Archbishop concluded by recording the approval of the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures for the work of Joseph I. Breen who recently resigned the post of Post-Censor Administrator of the Motion Picture Distributors of America.

Religious Freedom Try Of President Praised

PHILADELPHIA.—Ten thousand persons attending a meeting of the seventh national congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in Convention Hall last evening heard the Most Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen of the Catholic University of America extol President Roosevelt for seeking to secure religious freedom throughout the world in Russia as well as in Germany.

Speaking on "Religion in Education," Monsignor Sheen quoted from the letter which President Roosevelt addressed to the congress of Confraternity here saying it would be unfair "to say President Roosevelt is not trying to free religion in Russia as well as in other countries. It would be wrong. Monsignor Sheen added "to believe he is working only for freedom of religion in Germany. Since he has said he also is working for freedom of religion in all countries we have a right and a duty to believe him and we do believe him," Mr. President.

Religious education in the Monaghan said "is the preservation of our rights. It is the respect for authority, and it inculcates a spirit of sacrifice."

Bishop Lamb declared the fact that only half of the Catholic children in the country attend Catholic schools and that 70,000 do not attend Catholic schools in Philadelphia. "We appeal to you," he said "to give your support to this great movement to bring religion to the lives of these spiritually undernourished children."

100,000 at U. S. O. Club
San Antonio, Tex. Total attendance to date at the USO club operated here by the National Catholic Community Service has passed the 100,000 mark less than seven months after its opening.



NEW CATHOLIC CHAPEL at MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla., is jammed to the doors as First Lieut. William J. Gaynor, Chaplain, sings a Military High Mass in conjunction with religious dedicatory ceremonies. (Inset: Chaplain Gaynor, a native of Auburn, who was ordained at Rochester in 1935.)

Fr. Gaynor Dedicates New Florida Air Field Chapel

Special to the Catholic Courier
MACDILL FIELD, Tampa, Fla., Nov. 27.—The Catholic Chapel at MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla., was impressively dedicated with solemn religious ceremonies Sunday, Nov. 16 by the Rev. William J. Gaynor, Chaplain, who was ordained at Rochester in 1935.

Father Gaynor, who is extremely popular with Catholic Protestant and Jewish soldiers, sang a Military High Mass in the chapel, one of two on the air base. Each chapel was constructed at a cost of \$21,000. A total of 500 other such chapels are being built on Army reservations throughout the country.

The Catholic and Protestant chapels were dedicated in formal ceremonies a week before. The religious dedicatory ceremonies of the Catholic chapel were presided by a colorful procession around the chapel.

The chapel was jammed to the doors for the ceremonies. Participating in the impressive ceremonies were Catholics of the Tampa branch Knights of Columbus and the girls' choir of the Sacred Heart Academy, Tampa.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. R. A. McDonald, president of Jesu High School, Tampa. Two soldiers served as altar boys while music for the Mass was played by Private First Class Harry

ARMY LIFE SEEN AIDING RELIGIOUS LIFE OF MANY

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—The religious life of many draftees is greatly improved by their presence in the army, the Rev. William E. Pearson, chaplain at Scott Field near here, told a diocesan meeting of the Catholic Nurses Association held at St. Teresa Academy.

The chaplain cited several instances where Catholic soldiers who had been away from their religious duties for protracted periods returned to the active practice of their religion after coming to the Army.

The hope of the masses in the United States

Confraternity Termed Church's Main Weapon Against Paganism

PHILADELPHIA.—The peoples of the world are in the midst of an "out struggle" between modern paganism and Christianity. On the one side are grouped the unbelievers under the banner of skepticism; on the other side the children of God under the cross of Jesus Christ.

From the tragedy of defeat at the hands of the paganism America can be saved only by the Catholic Church, and in this struggle the Church is using as its major weapon the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

This note of hope and offer of assistance to a world assailed by forces of evil endangering both religious and human liberty were heard described late Tuesday afternoon in this city's Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul as the fruits and the flowers of the Seventh National Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, which closed in the Cathedral with a Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament offered by the thronged congregation as a prayer of thanksgiving for the success of the four-day conference here.

The Congress was held under the patronage of His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, with His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States participating in the Instrument for Preserving U. S.

Shortly before the Most Rev. Hugh L. Lamb, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia and Chairman of the Congress Committee, celebrated the Pontifical Benediction, the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, told this city the nation and the world that the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is the ready instrument for preserving America as a Christian nation of brotherhood, of decency of morality and therefore of defending the very existence of the United States itself.

For four days Philadelphia and the nation had turned their eyes

The Bishop's Appointments



DECEMBER

- 1 Monday—St. Andrew's Seminary—Low Mass—8:30 A. M. Nazareth Academy—Nazareth College Senior Play—8:30 P. M.
- 2 Tuesday—Hotel Sagamore—Dinner, Catholic Speakers' Bureau—6:30 P. M.
- 3 Wednesday—St. Margaret Mary's, Rochester—Low Mass, Holy Childhood Association—9:00 A. M. Hotel Sagamore—Dinner, Holy Cross College Alumni—7:00 P. M.
- 4 Thursday—Nazareth College—Sodality Reception—3:00 P. M.
- 5 Friday—Nazareth Convent, Pittsford—Opening Forty Hours 6:00 A. M. St. Patrick's—Sermon, St. Monica's Sodality—9:00 A. M.
- 6 Saturday—Pro-Cathedral—Pontifical Mass, Rochester Parish Sodality Union—12:15 P. M. Nazareth Academy—Address, Catholic School Press Conference—2:00 P. M.
- 7 Sunday—St. Stephen's, Geneva—Confirmation—3:00 P. M. St. Francis de Sales, Geneva—Confirmation—4:30 P. M. St. Bernard's Seminary—Pontifical Vespers—8:00 P. M.
- 8 Monday—St. Bernard's Seminary—Pontifical Mass—9:00 A. M. Sacred Heart Academy—Benediction—4:45 P. M. Immaculate Conception—Novena Service—7:45 P. M.
- 9 Tuesday—Pro-Cathedral—Pontifical Requiem Mass, Archbishop Hickey's Anniversary—10:00 A. M. Columbus Civic Centre—Priests' Holy Hour—3:00 P. M. St. Bernard's Seminary—St. Cecilia's Choir—7:15 P. M.
- 13 Saturday—St. Mary's Hospital—Low Mass, Alumnae Association—8:00 A. M. Cutler Union—Newman Club Chaplains' Luncheon—12:30 P. M.
- 14 Sunday—St. Mary's Chapel—Low Mass, Newman Club Conference—9:00 A. M.
- 15 Monday—Nazareth Hall—Christmas Play—8:00 P. M.
- 16 Tuesday—Aquinas Institute—Low Mass—9:00 A. M. Sacred Heart Academy—Christmas Play—1:00 P. M.
- 17 Wednesday—Nazareth College—Low Mass—9:00 A. M. St. Agnes Institute—Christmas Play—3:00 P. M. Nazareth Academy—Christmas Play—8:30 P. M.
- 19 Friday—St. Andrew's Seminary—Low Mass—8:30 A. M. Our Lady of Mercy High School—Christmas Play—8:30 P. M.
- 21 Sunday—St. Mary's Boys' Home—Low Mass—7:30 A. M. Pro-Cathedral—Christmas Pageant—8:00 P. M.
- 22 Monday—St. Ann's Home—Low Mass—8:30 A. M.
- 24 Wednesday—St. Mary's Hospital—Low Mass—8:00 A. M.
- 25 Thursday—Pro-Cathedral—Pontifical Mass—12:00 Midnight.
- 31 Wednesday—Pro-Cathedral—Holy Hour—11:30 P. M.

By order of the Most Rev. Bishop,
Lawrence E. Casey.

Crime Magazine Ban Sought

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—As a result of approximately 100 resolutions or crime magazines appear each year, many of them anonymously published the Rt. Rev.

Msgr. P. J. McCormick, vice rector of the Catholic University of America, favors the passage of a law by Congress requiring all magazines to print the names of their publishers and places of publication.

In a radio address on "The Drive for Decency in Print," Monsignor McCormick said "Such an action would force the owners and editors to reveal themselves to public notice. When they are known our American people may be depended upon to deal effectively with them. They may be trusted to cope with a situation that is both a national disgrace and a national menace for while some may see in this avalanche of indecent literature only a passing wave of naturalism or atheistic propaganda it is evident to all serious observers that the ready victims of this insidious movement are the young and immature whose reading habits may be permanently debased and their morals hopelessly degraded unless something drastic is done to prevent the continuance of the evil. We who are interested in good reading should do all we can to further and support any movement intended to overcome the prevalence of indecent and bad reading."

FAITH'S NAME
So clear is my knowledge of the mysteries and so firm my conviction of the truths of the Faith that it seems to me more like sight than faith. The very name faith, fills me with abundant sweetness. St. Peter, Martyr.

toward the City of Brotherly Love upon a convocation of more than half the Catholic Hierarchy of the United States of 4,000 priests, Sisters, laymen and laywomen.

These delegates in clerical and religious garb and civilian attire mingled at more than 70 meetings devoted to fields of interest and activity that covered virtually the entire social, cultural and religious life of the American people. On behalf of the parish, the clergy, the school, college and university, the most scientific fact of the hour—retreats, discourses, the Holy Scriptures, catechesis, the home, the armed forces, literature, the clergy, the public schools, conversions, the deaf, hard of hearing and the blind, vacation schools, seminaries.

Through all ran some dominating themes and predominant viewpoints, chief of which was that individual salvation and the welfare of society and country can be achieved only through a knowledge of and adherence to Divine Truth.