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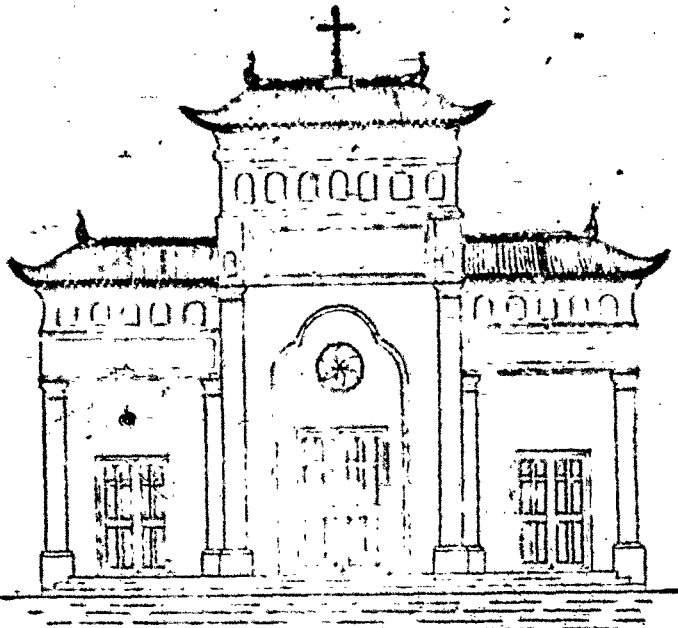
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Children Here Sponsor Chapel Rising In China



QUEEN OF PEACE CHAPEL in Kiangsu, China shown in this architect's drawing is being built with funds sent by the boys and girls of the Holy Childhood Association of the Diocese of Rochester.

Construction of the new Queen of Peace Chapel, being built with the Lenten sacrifice money of boys and girls of the Holy Childhood Association, Diocese of Rochester will be started soon in Kiangsu, China.

According to the Rev. John S. Randall, Diocesan Director of the children, saved \$1000 for the Chapel, deciding themselves the name and the country where it should be located. Applications were sent to the various Vicariates in China, and it was decided to send the donation to Bishop Simon Tsu, Vicar Apostolic of Hamen, China.

In his letter to Father Randall, Bishop Tsu states that the Chapel

will be erected in the parish of St. Rosary in the Chungking section of the Vicariate of Hamen. Rev. Simon Wang will be the pastor of the newly erected chapel. Local materials will be used in the construction of the building which will have brick sidings, wooden columns and Chinese tile roofing. The Bishop proposes to start construction in the Spring of 1942. The structure which will have care of 700 adult Catholics.

The Rev. Father Randall is gratified that if the children direct their sacrifice money toward the complete construction of the Chapel, it will be forwarded for that purpose. Feeling that a great many adults would be interested in helping to build this little mission Chapel, Father Randall recommends this matter when discussing of mission matters. Contributions may be sent to the Diocesan Office at 50 Chestnut St. The Bishop, blessed Father Randall, did that because of a tremendous increase of new Christians in his part of the country. There is an immediate need for a Chapel in Chungking, the city of the Holy Spirit, which is the most general headquarters of the Holy Childhood Association. The Bishop recommended that there be arrangements for bringing into the Church countless numbers of new Christians.

Dec. 8, Feast Is Holy Day

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the United States, will be solemnly observed Monday, Dec. 8. The Feast is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Faithful are obliged to assist at Holy Mass on that day under pain of mortal sin. Noon Day Masses will be offered in many churches of the diocese. The CATHOLIC COURIER and all other diocesan offices will be closed on Monday.

Catholics Are Saddened By Death of Mayor Beers

The unexpected death of Mayor J. Maxwell Beers last Saturday night while attending a banquet at St. Anthony's Church hall was widely mourned throughout Catholic circles of Elmira and Chemung County.

On many occasions Mayor Beers demonstrated his friendship for Catholic organizations and was genuinely cooperative in many of their endeavors. He was an honored guest at all of the recent St. Patrick's Day banquets of Elmira Council Knights of Columbus.

The Mayor was an active promoter of civic and moral betterment and when it was in his province effectively supported Catholic movements which combatted immoral and subversive enterprises.

Mayor Beers was one of the first to be elected to command the in-

auguration of the Elmira edition of the CATHOLIC COURIER when it was inaugurated in October.

Brother of Archbishop Mooney Dies In Youngstown

Word has been received here of the death of Charles Mooney, brother of the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney of Detroit, on Dec. 1. Funeral services will take place in Youngstown, Ohio, this morning (Thursday, Dec. 4). Mr. Mooney, it is recalled, was in Rochester for the solemn installation of Archbishop Mooney as Bishop of Rochester in 1933.

Dioceses Back Legion In Fight On 'C' Film

Wide Support Given National Decency Movement In Protest

NEW YORK — (N. C.)—Diocesan organizations of the Legion of Decency are rallying impressively behind the national office of the Legion in its condemnation of the motion picture "Two-Faced Woman." It is shown by reports reaching here.

In many sections of the country, Archbishops and Bishops in increasing numbers are calling to the attention of their people the adverse appraisal which the Legion of Decency has made of the film, and in unmistakable terms are warning them of their moral obligations in this connection.

Notable among the episcopal pronouncements regarding the film so far are those of the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and of the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati. Archbishop McNicholas is Chairman of the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures.

Writing to his priests to "call to the attention of your congregation the condemnation of Two-Faced Woman" by the Legion of Decency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, says "knowing these facts Catholics need not be warned of the serious moral implications of encouraging the showing of such a picture."

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Bishop Warns of Movie Condemned By Legion

In a letter to the pastors, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney sounds the following warning on a motion picture (classified as "C" or condemned by the Legion of Decency). The letter follows:

Dear Reverend Father: Please call to the attention of your congregation the condemnation of the film "Two-Faced Woman" by the Legion of Decency. The Legion has seldom been so specific and bitter in its condemnation.

This statement points out: 1. An immoral and indecent attitude towards marriage. 2. It is impudently suggestive. 3. In its costuming, it is suggestive.

Knowing these facts, Catholics need not be warned of the serious moral implications of encouraging the showing of such a picture.

Many feel it is a deliberate challenge to the Legion of Decency. If so the movie industry makes a serious mistake.

Sincerely yours in Christ, +James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester

Cardinal Urges Prayers To Blessed Virgin For Peace

BOSTON—A prayer to the Immaculate Mother of Christ to "beseech thy Divine Son to bring back peace to our world so harassed and confused by the fruits of irreligion, of vice,

of inhuman hate, of greed and ambition" was contained in a pastoral letter issued by His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, in urging the faithful to special observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, coinciding with the eighty-second anniversary of the Cardinal's birth.

The pastoral deplored the "torrent of immorality and vice with which the world is flooded today and remarked that every good Catholic must recognize that 'evil forces are at work not only in Europe or in Asia but right here in our own beloved land."

The immorality of the press, stage, screen and radio were assailed by His Eminence, who added that if ever the comfort and assistance of the Blessed Virgin were needed "it is surely now."

Need of Comfort, Assistance. Reminding at the outset that the Blessed Virgin under the title of the Immaculate Conception is the heavenly patroness of this country, His Eminence continued:

And if ever we her children, needed comfort and assistance and counsel, it is surely now.

"The entire world today is flooded with a torrent of immorality and vice. Every good Catholic and indeed every decent citizen must recognize that evil forces are at work not only in Europe or in Asia but right here in our own beloved land. Crimes of passion and hate and greed are everyday occurrences. Secretly and subtly the decency of the individual is being undermined. The home, the foundation and cornerstone of the State is viciously assailed. Public morality is the object of cunning and artful attacks. Every known means of expression is being used to degrade and debase the mind and the heart, the thoughts and the sentiments of the whole people.

Some newspapers, which formerly were clean and good family reading seem to have thrown to the winds all their rules and restraints and advertise "wisdom and vice in its cheapest and meanest forms. Much of our literature and many of our magazines have sunk to the very depths of vulgarity and indecency. The stage and screen are befouled with obscenity and vice. Even the radio which could be of such an excellent means of education and entertainment is besmirched by purveyors of subtle innuendoes, decadent music and suggestive songs.

Welfare of Nation Menaced. "Beloved children in Christ, the Welfare of our own souls and of those of our children, and indeed of the whole nation, is seriously menaced. Be it said to their praise, some of our public officials with a true sense of decency and honor have tried to stem the tide of vice and immorality. But that duty is not theirs alone. Each one of us, motivated by a high sense of honor and the defense of our country, must join the fight against these vicious influences."

Mass Marks Anniversary Of Bishop Hickey's Death

First Anniversary of the death of His Excellency, the Most Rev. Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, D.D., second Bishop of Rochester, will be commemorated with a Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 10:00 A. M.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester will be celebrant of the Mass for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Hickey.

Assisting will be Assistant Priests: the Rev. Rev. Mgr. William M. Hart, V. C. In Canon of Honor, the Rev. Mgr. George V. Burns, pastor of the Cathedral and the Rev. Mgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the Diocese. Deacon, the Rev. Michael J. Krieg, Subdeacon, the Rev. Edward M. Lyons and Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Mgr. J. F. Goggin.

The Mass will be sung by students of St. Bernard's Seminary under the direction of the Rev. Benedict Ehmahn.

Archbishop Hickey died Dec. 10, 1940 after a long and fruitful career in the Holy Priesthood, as Shepherd of this diocese and as an Archbishop of the Church.

The beloved former leader of the diocese was for 56 years a priest of God. During the 23 years of his episcopal reign in Rochester diocese a multitude of achievements were recorded to his credit in the building of churches, establishment

of parishes, charitable endeavors and in the field of Catholic education.

His reputation as a forceful eloquent speaker was international in scope. He is laid to rest in the Bishop's Crypt in All Saints Chapel, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Three New Bishops Named

YAUAN CITY, No. Radio. Mgr. Ernesto de Paula, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Sao Paulo, Brazil, has been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Jacareizinho in that country.

Mgr. Jose M. Chenco, Vicar General of the Diocese of Cebu, has been appointed Titular Bishop of Emerita and Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Jaro, Philippine Islands.

The Rev. Maximilian Spiller, a missionary in the Vicariate Apostolic of Napo, Ecuador, has been appointed Vicar Apostolic of that ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

AGED PRELATE DIES

Frederickton, N. B. On the eve of his eighty-third birthday and his fifty-seventh anniversary in the priesthood, the Rev. Mgr. Francis L. Carney, died here.

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