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Bishop Pledges Support Of Diocese In Government Crisis

Pledge of allegiance to the flag in all churches of the Diocese of Rochester, Sunday, Dec. 11, is asked, this week, by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester. At the same time, His Excellency issued a statement placing all the spiritual, moral and material forces of the Diocese at the disposal of the government in the crisis with Japan. The statement follows:

The American people have been trying to adjust their affairs with Japan over the conference table. While these conferences were in progress, an unexpected and unprovoked attack was made on our defenders.

Obviously, the Japanese want war. Well, they must be taught the decencies of civilization and obviously we must do it. Our armed forces are ready to defend the American Way of Life at any cost and to punish this dastardly attack on the flag of our country.

We place at the disposal of our country

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

all the spiritual, moral and material forces of our church. Our thoughts go out in deep sympathy to those whose sons are in that far off battle line and day by day these men and those near and dear to them will be in our prayers at God's altar.

May God bless and protect our country.

Catholics Called To Pledge Fight Against Indecency

A warning that an intensified campaign on two fronts must be conducted against indecency will be sounded, Sunday, when a letter from His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, to the pastors will be read at all Masses.

Concerned over the increasing objectionable motion pictures being offered and the constantly recurring indecent literature offered for sale, the faithful will be asked to take a combined pledge.

The pledge will embody the Legion of Decency promise to remain away from condemned motion pictures and to see only approved films. It will contain the pledge of the National Organization for Decent Literature to refrain from purchasing and reading literature violating the Code.

(Copy of Pledge appears in adjoining column)

The campaign against the growing trend toward indecency is being directed in the diocese by the Rev. John S. Randall, diocesan director of the Legion of Decency. The drive for decency in literature is directed by the Rev. Alphonsus P. Crimmins, diocesan director of the Bishop's Campaign for Decent Literature.

Called in for Revision

Nation-wide unity of members of the Legion of Decency has had its effect in the case of the condemned motion picture "Two-Faced Woman," classed as "C" by the Legion. A United Press dispatch from Cleveland printed Sunday stated that the management of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures branch office said the New York office had ordered the movie withdrawn nationally from theaters after Dec. 16 for revision.

Constant vigilance is needed in the campaign to eliminate the sale of objectionable reading matter. Father Crimmins stated this week. Stores and magazine dealers cooperating display a card from the National organization showing that they are cooperating. All who take the pledge to promote decent literature are asked to look for the card and to report those dealers violating their pledge of co-operation.

Reports in the N. C. W. C. News Service continue to come in showing the combined effort that was made against the film now recalled for revision.

In Peoria, Ill. Bishop Joseph H. Schlarmann said that if Catholics will stand by the Legion of Decency and refuse to patronize a film that agency has condemned, motion picture producers will learn that film does not pay.

To take positive action in the motion picture campaign, Catholics are urged to see "The Story of the Vatican" wherever shown to demonstrate their willingness to cooperate with the movie industry when it produces worthwhile screen fare.

Irish Nuns In Argentina Mark Foundress' Centenary

BUENOS AIRES. The Irish Sisters of Misericordia have just commemorated the centenary of their foundress' death. The foundress was Mother Catalina Isabel McCauley.

The Order, which has five houses in Argentina, was established in this country in 1856 for the purpose of educating the children of the then large Irish colony. However, during the epidemic that swept through Buenos Aires in 1871, the Sisters heroically engaged in such corporal works as burying the dead and ministering to the sick and dying.

The Pledge

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

I condemn indecent and immoral pictures and those which glorify crime or criminality. I promise to unite with all who protest against them.

I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life.

As a member of the Legion of Decency, I pledge myself to see only good pictures. I promise, further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which make a practice of showing pictures that can be an occasion of sin.

I promise to refrain from purchasing and reading anything which violates the Code of the National Organization for Decent Literature, and

I promise not to enter places where such literature continues to be sold.

Holy Father Blesses Workers

LISBON (CNC)—A recent issue of The Worker, newspaper published by the League of Catholic Workmen in Lisbon, reveals that in answer to an expression of fidelity sent by the group to the Holy Father, the Pontiff has sent a special apostolic blessing.

The communication from His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, mentioned in particular Father Abel Varzim, ecclesiastical moderator of the League of Catholic Workmen, and Manuel Soares, editor of the newspaper, and said in part: "The affecting homage of the General Council of the Portuguese League of Catholic Workmen, in such filial harmony with the aims of the Apostolic See, has filled with comfort the heart of the August Pontiff in this moment of such woeful straying from truth."

WARNING

To Those Sending money outside the U. S.

The local office of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith issued a warning today to all persons sending money for mission purposes to any foreign mission country.

They were urged to route this money through the Propagation of the Faith Office which is prepared to advise just what countries can receive money and those that are cut off from financial aid.

Any person sending donations abroad can do so safely through the Propagation of the Faith Society, 26 Chestnut St., Rochester, N. Y. They possess the right to use one of the few channels available for this purpose.

Two-Day Program For Newman Clubs To Bring Delegates From 28 Schools

Luncheon Meet Set For Newman Chaplains

A two-day conference of the Central New York Province Newman Federation, here, Dec. 13 and 14, will bring Catholic students from some 28 secular universities and colleges in this area.

Prestidigitors will accompany the Newman Club members and will be guests of the University of Rochester at a luncheon, Saturday, Dec. 13 at 12:30 p. m.

With His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, episcopal chairman of national Newman Clubs, as celebrant, the Conference Mass will be held Sunday, Dec. 14 at Old St. Mary's Chapel at 9 a. m. Greetings will be extended by the Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell, pastor.

Communion Breakfast

A Communion Breakfast will follow at Hotel Sagamore, where speakers will be Bishop Kearney, and the Rev. John J. Dempsey, chaplain, Buffalo State Teachers' College. Dolores Swanson, University of Rochester will preside.

National Chaplain of the Newman Federation, the Rev. Donald M. Cleary of Cornell University, will lead the discussion on "Province Chapter," at the opening session in Kibbourn Hall, Eastman School of Music on Saturday start.

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NATIONAL CHAPLAIN



Rev. Donald M. Cleary

'The Story of The Vatican'

December 10, 1941

My dear People:

The possibility of a visit to the Vatican and a study of the life and activity in the center of Christendom is available to the Catholics of Rochester in the film "The Vatican," which is now being shown at the Little Theatre on East Avenue. I would recommend that parents bring their children to see this picture. It is both educational and interesting and should be inspiring for Catholics. The Vatican has deep significance for every one of us, and the intelligence and reverent treatment of the subject makes this picture most attractive. The management of the theatre has not caught this message from me; it is prompted by the nature and worth of the picture itself.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

+ James E. Kearney
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Pueblo Bishop, 2 Others Named

WASHINGTON (CNC)—Appointment of three new Bishops in the United States—one to head the newly-created Diocese of Pueblo one to become Coadjutor of the Diocese of St. Cloud, and the third to become Auxiliary of Columbus—is announced in word from Vatican City received at the Apostolic Delegation here Dec. 9.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph C. Willing, Vicar General of the Diocese of Helena and pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Butte, Mont., is named the first Bishop of Pueblo, Colo.

The Rev. Peter W. Bartholome, pastor of St. John's Church, Rochester, Minn., is named Titular Bishop of Lete and Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of St. Cloud. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward G. Hettinger, Chancellor of the Diocese of Columbus, is named Titular Bishop of Teos and Auxiliary Bishop of Columbus.

Say a Merry Christmas with a delicious Fruit Cake, gaily wrapped in holiday attire—40 cents a pound. Phone orders reserved. AUNT JENNIE'S BAKE SHOPPE, 518 Monroe Ave. Monroe 665.—Adv.

URGES WIDE OBSERVANCE OF CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

VATICAN CITY. The widest possible observance of the Church Unity Octave Jan. 18 to 25 is urged by His Eminence Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, in a letter to all Ordinaries.

Thanking the Ordinaries for their response to communications concerning the observance in previous years, His Eminence expresses the hope that through the Octave there may be verified "that unity of all the Christian Faithful in Jesus, the Redeemer, which is the aim of the Octave." He suggests particularly that general Communion of children be offered up for the intention that there "may soon arrive among men the Kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Named Conciliator

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Haas, Dean of the School of Social Science at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. has been appointed by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins to seek to effect a settlement of the department store strike here.

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