

# Bishop Urges Clean-up In Movies and Literature

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## Pupils Open Crusade of Prayer



**Promise To Pray** for their choice in servicemen. These children are first to sign for His Excellency Bishop Kearney their pledges in the Crusade of Prayer. They are (from left) Francis Moynihan, Norma Schafina and William Kelly.

## Children To Pray For Servicemen

A personalized "Crusade of Prayer" for men in the U. S. armed forces, regardless of creed, and opened this week, is winning the enthusiastic response of the 26,000 students of elementary and secondary schools of the Rochester diocese.

The Crusade was launched by His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D. on Tuesday with the cooperation of the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Rochester diocese.

Already busy in doing their part to help our country in this crisis, the pupils of the Catholic Schools of this diocese are purchasing stamps, buying all paper and are now beginning a vast crusade of prayer to Almighty God for the spiritual and physical welfare of the boys at the front.

### PRAY FOR ALL

The youngsters are asked to pray for all the boys in the Protestant and Sea. They will pray for them not only in their own parish but in their own part of the world.

Each child will adopt spiritually a soldier sailor or marine for whom he will pray daily (see pledge card, and instructions, this page).

Launching the Crusade His Excellency Bishop Kearney said:

"The mobilization of spiritual power is the serious obligation of our churches and institutions at this time. The power of prayer must not be neglected or underestimated in this crisis. Every act of self-sacrifice every Mass offered, every visit to the Altar is a contribution to victory and peace."

"Our boys and girls realize their responsibility in this matter and this Crusade of prayer will give every pupil the opportunity to do something very much worthwhile in these trying days. I would point out especially the importance of daily Mass in this Crusade. That will be the outstanding contribution of a zealous crusader."

Prayers of children are prepared. Father Duffy said as the crusade idea spread among the schools this week. Our Saviour showed special tenderness and affection for children, and expressed

### What To Do For Servicemen

Here is what pupils of the Catholic Schools will do in the personalized Crusade of Prayer.

Each child will choose a soldier, sailor or marine in the service, regardless of creed, for whom he or she pledges to offer daily special prayers and spiritual exercises.

Children are urged to select someone from their own family or parish or neighborhood.

Priests of the parish are invited to help the students find names of those who have gone to active service from their own parishes so that as many of the army and navy members as possible will share in this spiritual treasury.

Local draft boards will furnish additional names.

A pledge card will be found on this page for enrollment in the Crusade. The student may sign and bring this to his classroom teacher.

Himself in those gingerly touching words: "Bless the little children to come unto Me."

First to sign the pledge cards and designate their choices of men in the armed forces were three children of St. Mary's School, Norma Schafina, William Kelly and Francis Moynihan. They were in a General camp, William Kelly selected the Rev. Thomas A. Manley, Chaplain at Fort Totten, L.I., and Francis Moynihan said his choice was Captain Robinson in the U. S. Navy.

Pupils are requested to clip the pledge card on page one of this issue. Fill it in and return to their classroom or home room teachers. The pupils of the Rochester diocese will all respond to the Crusade started by their Bishop.

## Brigadier General Rank For Msgr. Arnold

WASHINGTON (NC) The Very Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army, was nominated Dec. 15 by President Roosevelt for temporary promotion to the rank of Brigadier General.

Monsignor Arnold is one of 15 Army officers whose names were sent by the President to the Senate for approval of advancement as general officers. After Senate approval of the nomination, Monsignor Arnold will be the first member of the Chaplains Corps ever to hold a general's rank. He is now Colonel. The promotions are due to the war emergency officials stated.

Monsignor Arnold was born in Wooster, O., June 10, 1881, and was ordained June 8, 1908, after completing studies at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind., and at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

After five years as pastor of St. Charles Church, Peru, Ind., he pursued graduate studies at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., entering the Army with the rank of first lieutenant in 1913. He was first assigned to Fort Washington, Md., and in 1915 was transferred to Fort Mills, Philippine Islands.

### CATHOLIC VETERAN DIES

Washington. Funeral services were held at St. Anthony's Church here for Francis J. Gough, 49, national aide to Commander Thomas A. Walsh, Catholic War Veterans of the United States.

### Deadline Advanced

To permit distribution of the CATHOLIC COURIER to subscribers before Christmas, next week's issue goes to press two days earlier. All news must be in the CATHOLIC COURIER office by noon, Monday, Dec. 22.

### CRUSADE OF PRAYER PLEDGE

Catholic Schools, Diocese of Rochester

I, \_\_\_\_\_ promise to pray daily and offer other spiritual exercises and sacrifices to Almighty God for the spiritual and physical welfare of \_\_\_\_\_ in the service of the United States of America.

## Communists Offer of Aid Amuses Elmira Pastors

The Communists apparently consider wartime conditions ideal for advancing their philosophy and doctrines in the minds of the American people after rather hard going for a long period beginning with the war in Europe in September, 1939.

The party in Elmira lost no time in getting under way and their tactics smack of the familiar Trojan Horse strategy in which they are adept.

The united front has been the party line for many years and the zealots of the cause and most of them are just that. They have been to ingratiate themselves in the ranks of labor, educational fields, peace groups and church circles. That they have had in the past a considerable measure of success has been fully proved by official investigations in this state and in the nation.

Now the Catholic Church is to be openly wooed as a comrade in arms of the common cause. The Catholic pastors of Elmira were greatly amused this week when they received from the secretary of the local Communist party a gracious offer of assistance in any way it can be of help. The offer was accompanied by a laudatory testimonial to the loyalty and devotion of the Communists to the United States in its war against Axis aggression.

## Reopen Bombed Church In London

LONDON. Closed for several months owing to extensive damage by bombs the Church of Notre Dame de France in Leicester Square has been reopened.

The church is the center for the French colony here. One of the Westminster Auxiliaries, the Most Rev. E. Myers, preached in French during the High Mass which marked the reopening.

## Pope's Views Upheld By Daily Paper

WINDSOR, Ont. Under the heading "Code to Conscience" the Windsor Star, daily secular newspaper, has published the following editorial:

"His Holiness Pope Pius XII has made an important pronouncement as to the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward the war a matter which has been productive of much discussion. His statement that the Church will not mix in controversies involving to do with different political regimes, but will continue to serve as a guide to the conscience of its people places its principles as clearly before the world as they have ever been placed.

There are those who have been critical, because the Vatican has not unequivocally come out against the Axis. These have apparently expected the Holy See almost to take up arms on the side of Britain and her allies, quite forgetting that such a course would be unthinkable for any Christian church. The Vatican is a world State. Its subjects are in all countries of the globe. To take the action which some have almost demanded would mean the splitting of that State.

which, would lead if not to its destruction at least to a great diminution in its influence for good.

What the Pope has said is that the Church refuses to become national in scope but it has not and will not divest itself of one whit of its principle, its unshakable support of what is good and condemnation of what is evil. He has committedly in a delicate position, but he holds firmly to his convictions and to the great principles of the Church and in these there is no question as to what stand he takes on his followers in a conflict in which great moral issues are at stake.

## Utica Catholic Group Arranges Radio Series

UTICA, N. Y. A new Catholic radio period was inaugurated here over Station WIBX on Saturday. The Catholic Information Society of Utica is sponsoring the transcribed weekly program, the "Highway to Heaven."

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