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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, Diocese of Rochester.

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 salvaging old 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 going to pray for all the boys Catholic, Protestant and Jew. They will pray for them not only in general, but also in particular.

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 precious," Father Duffy said as the Crusade idea spread among the schools, this week. "Our Saviour showed special tenderness and affection for children, and expressed Himself in those singularly teaching words, 'Suffer 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 put down the name of Walter Raymond of 63 Marshall St. in a Georgia camp, William Kelly selected the Rev. Thomas A. Manley, Chaplain at Fort Totten, L.I., and Francis Moynihan said his choice was Norton Robinson in the U. S. Navy.

Pupils are requested to slip the pledge from 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.

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF NOCTURNAL ADORATION

MONTREAL - On the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the foundation of the Nocturnal Adoration, a Pontifical Mass of thanksgiving was celebrated at Notre Dame church by the Most Rev. Joseph Charbonneau, Archbishop of Montreal.

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.

Religion Study Time Set For Catholic Pupils In High School

Catholic students of the Elmira Free Academy will now receive religious instructions as part of the regular school course beginning with the second semester.

High school students of the Southside High School have been receiving this instruction at St. Mary's parish every Wednesday afternoon at 3:15. Father McKay, Father Stanton and the Sisters of St. Joseph have been in charge of instruction. This has been done through the cooperation of Clifford F. McNaught, principal of Southside High School.

The arrangement for instruction to students of Elmira Free Academy has been brought about through the cooperative efforts of the Rev. Francis J. Pegnam of St. Patrick's parish, Oscar F. Kerlin, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Albert B. Heimkamp, principal of Elmira Free Academy.

Religious instruction has been made possible through the recent legislation permitting release of students for this instruction. Once a week students are given this instruction. It does not interfere with their schedule as this time would ordinarily be a study period.

Parents have been asked to sign cards indicating that they wanted their children to have this religious instruction period. This move has the enthusiastic approval of all.

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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 souls of the cause, and most of them are just that have striven 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.

K. of C. Offers Club For Defense Use

Use of their clubhouse and facilities for national defense purposes has been offered to authorities here by Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus.

Following is a letter sent to City Manager Ralph D. Klebes, Chairman, Elmira and Chemung County Civilian Defense Council.

"My dear Mr. Klebes: "Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, adopted the following resolution unanimously at a regular meeting, Monday, Dec. 15:

"Resolved that the rooms and facilities of Columbus Centre be made available to the Elmira and Chemung County Civilian Defense Council for any meeting they may desire to hold there and, be it further:

"Resolved that the accommodations of Columbus Centre be available to military leaders who may be in Elmira on civilian defense matters and be it further:

"Resolved that Elmira Council go on record as heartily supporting and offering full cooperation to any action taken by the Elmira and Chemung County Civilian Defense Council to protect and promote the welfare of this section of the United States."

NEW NUNCIO TO COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA, PANAMA NAMED

VATICAN CITY - His Excellency the Most Rev. Louis Centoz, formerly Apostolic Nuncio to Lithuania, has been appointed Nuncio to Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama. He succeeds His Excellency the Most Rev. Carlo Chiarlo, who is destined to receive another diplomatic assignment. He is to depart soon to take up residence in San Jose, Costa Rica.

NEW HOSPITAL WING - New York, Nov. 19 - The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, has dedicated a new \$125,000 wing and entrance to St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

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