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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 Schalina 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 especial tenderness and affection for children and expressed Himself in those singularly touching 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 Schalina put down the name of Walter Raymond, 1 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 clip 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.

Friends 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.

Brigadier General Rank For Msgr. Arnold

WASHINGTON (NSC) 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 1915. He was first assigned to Fort Washington, Md., and in 1918 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 too busy striving to ingratiate themselves in the ranks of labor, educational fields, peak 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.

Christmas Features Edition

New Year's Plans Made by K. of C.

AUBURN. Holiday plans are keeping members of Auburn Council Knights of Columbus busy as they look forward to the annual New Year's Eve ball at Hotel Osborne and open house at the club house on New Year's Day.

Turkey dinner will be served New Year's day as the knights greet members and friends. An entertainment will highlight the day's program.

An outstanding out-of-town band is being negotiated for the New Year's Eve party which will be semi-formal.

"Old-Timers Night" was fittingly observed Dec. 18 with special tribute paid to the older members of the council and the past grand knights. M. Frank Dullea was general chairman assisted by a large committee.

A class of ten candidates received the First Degree of the order on Dec. 11 in an impressive ceremony.

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.

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."