

# Bishops To Work For Victory Followed By World Blessing

CHICAGO Dec 17 Announcing that it will do its "utmost to make our victory in the present war a benediction to all the world," the Bishops Committee on the Pope's Peace Points made public on Dec. 17 an outline of the program it will follow "in its efforts to marshal all Christian resources for the making of our victory in very truth the winning of the peace."

The announcement followed a meeting of the Committee held here. Appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Archbishops held in Washington last month, the Committee is composed of the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, the Most Rev. James H. Ryan, Bishop of Omaha, and the Most Rev. Aloisius J. Muench, Bishop of Fargo.

Pointing out that Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has formulated the indispensable postulates for a peace in justice and charity, the Bishops Committee states that "His Holiness gives us the principles on which statesmen will build and make this great world war the vestibule to world prosperity and lasting peace."

Charged with the obligation of making the peace principles of the Holy Father better and more widely known, the Bishops Committee announces that it will issue statements at opportune times, will foster research studies on peace in the light of the Papal proposals, will give the public scholarly and popular literature on the peace of our ambitions and prayers, will inspire lectures on the Papal proposals in schools and on public forums.

"In the clouds of war," the Bishops Committee says, "we must think of peace."

As our President recently said, we shall win the war and win the peace. Clearly we must delineate for ourselves the things for which we are fighting and definitely we must contrast our new era in which nations will co-exist in amity and justice for the prosperity and equal opportunities for all the world with the hoarded new era of our enemies which offers no rights to men, no freedoms and only serfdom for the many under the overlords of despotic ambitions. It is as necessary for us to give thought to the winning of the peace as it is necessary for us to make every sacrifice for the winning of the war.

"Our Holy Father Pope Pius XII, has formulated the indispensable postulates for a peace in justice and charity, leaving to statesmen of good will the working out of the details of a peace treaty, which will be a guaranty for human rights, respect man's dignity, violate no legitimate sovereignty, take account of the problems of a world economy face the honest needs of peoples and inaugurate a beneficent era of national prosperities in international neighborliness."

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war the vestibule to world prosperity and lasting peace.

The Bishops of the United States have appointed a Bishops' Committee to study deeply the proposals of the Holy Father and to make them better and more widely known and to seek to lodge them in quarters where they will be the guiding lights in the winning of the peace.

This Committee had its first meeting in Chicago Tuesday, December 16. It formulated its plans and discussed the means for effectively executing them.

"In its efforts to marshal all Christian resources for the making of our victory in very truth the winning of the peace it proposes to issue statements at opportune times to foster and encourage research studies on the peace in the light of the Papal proposals, to give to the public scholarly and popular literature on the peace of our ambitions and prayers, to inspire lectures on the Papal proposals in schools and on public forums and by the use of the means for disseminating helpful information to do its utmost to make our victory a benediction to all the world."

## Catholic Hour Message

# Dictator Shifted World's Allegiance To Christ

NEW YORK (CNC)—It was a dictator, Caesar Augustus, who thought he was enrolling the citizens of the world under his power, but who actually had set the wheels in motion that shifted the world's allegiance to the King of Kings, the lit. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, said here Sunday night.

Speaking on "Salvation" Monday night, Monsignor Sheen said men today in the midst of war, are seeking for the source of peace. He recalled that when Christ was born a new world order and a new philosophy of life a true and genuine peace, were given to the world, but it came from an unheard of and unsuspected lowly place.

"Peace and the pattern of a new world, he added, came as it had been foretold centuries before, from one of the most obscure little villages in the world, the insignificant shepherd town of Bethlehem." He declared that "it was a peculiar twist of history, when Caesar Augustus, the Dictator of the Seven Hills who was bent on world-empire, became the unconscious instrument of Divinity in fulfilling the prophecy that the savior of the world's peace would come from Bethlehem."

And may it not be true today that the peace we are seeking, that is, a peace with justice, is to be found not in our great metropolitan centers of power but in a place where we least expect to find it, namely in Bethlehem? Monsignor Sheen asked. "But why Bethlehem? Because what we need today is not a philosophy, not a great sword, not a humanism, not a new politics or economics, not even a new teacher. What we need today is a Savior. And that is what happened in Bethlehem."

Monsignor Sheen said "the V symbol for victory is good, but we want more than victory, we want something more than the defeat of our enemies, we had that in 1918. We want salvation, salvation from evil, sin, injustice, tyranny, infidelity and paganism," he added. "For victory we need only strong armies, for salvation we need not only these, but we need also strong souls made strong through a Savior before Whose merciful heart we can cast ourselves in petition, sacrifice, and adoration."

Declaring that "too many of us wanted peace without glory, earth without heaven, and man without God," Monsignor Sheen asked: "If peace is inseparable from giving glory to God, does it not follow that in order to have peace we must once more begin giving glory to God, not only as individuals but as nations?" He said "Christ could be born each year in Bethlehem, but it will do the world no good unless He is also born in our hearts."

## C. S. M. C. BEGINS LATIN - AMERICAN BROADCASTS



The guest of honor for the initial broadcast to Latin-America over station WLWO, the Crosley International short-wave station, at Cincinnati inaugurating a series of programs under the auspices of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade December 11, was the Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O. P., of Cincinnati, and National President of the Mission Crusade. Pictured here with His Excellency is Alfredo Buxo, WLWO's Spanish announcer and Olga Rodriguez, a Puerto Rican student at Mt. St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio, Cincinnati, who delivered an address in Spanish, greeting the large Latin-American audience. (N.C.W.C.)

## Family Farm Seen 'Best Insurance'

SEATTLE (CNC)—An integrated, self-sufficient family farm homestead is the best insurance for the years ahead.

This is the opinion of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Luigi G. Ligutti, Executive Secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, in an address to the students at St. Edward's Seminary on "The Rural Apostolate."

"Proper use of the soil is an escape from some of the uncertainties of life, it is a hedge against inflation, unemployment and hunger," said Monsignor Ligutti in an interview he gave The Catholic Northwest Progress. "We of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference regard proper use of the soil not only as an escape but as a solution of the complexities of life developing in our over-centralized industrial economy," he continued.

Monsignor Ligutti is credited with the noteworthy success of the Granger, Iowa, Homesteads project. He offered this advice to farmers:

"Remain on the farm. You can serve the nation and yourself best by growing the food the nation and you need. The Vermont Yankees have a saying worth remembering. It is not the amount you make, it is the amount you don't spend that counts. Don't increase capital investment. Get out of debt now; do not figure today's good prices will be the prices in years ahead. That was the mistake farmers made in the first world war. Generally it is better to meet labor shortage by reducing acreage rather than by buying more labor-saving equipment which will take five years or more to pay for."

## Named Protector

Vatican City.—His Eminence Francesco Cardinal Marmaggi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Council, has been named Cardinal Protector of the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph, whose mother house is at Buenos Aires.

## N. Y. Hospital Seeks Funds For War Work

NEW YORK—Plans to raise \$750,000 by direct appeal to all New Yorkers for the modernization of St. Vincent's Hospital were given official endorsement by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, last week.

With Mayor La Guardia present the campaign was announced to enable the ninety-two-year-old institution to meet competently the requirements of another wartime emergency.

Former Governor Alfred E. Smith agreed to serve as general chairman of the drive, scheduled to open Jan 5.

The conference was held in the Archbishop's residence with non-Catholic as well as Catholic public officials and prominent laymen attending. Governor Lehman tele-

graphed word of his inability to attend because of an unexpected defense meeting.

Mayor La Guardia promised all the assistance his office can give the campaign because, "after all, St. Vincent's Hospital belongs to the people of this city and even if there was no war it would need to be larger, as it is located in a district where more and more people are going to live."

Accepting the chairmanship of the drive former Governor Smith said it comes at a fortunate time when the people of this city are interested in defense.

David H. McAlpin Pyle, head of the United Hospitals Fund and Special Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein praised the work of St. Vincent's, especially stressing its service to the sick without distinction as to race, color or creed. Both will serve as honorary vice-chairmen of the fund-raising campaign.

Brief talks were made also by Msgr. Robert F. Keegan, Archbishop secretary of Catholic Charities; Sister Lorello Bernard, administrator of St. Vincent's, and Dr. Raymond Sullivan, head of the surgical department of the hospital.

These speakers cited the history of the institution, founded in 1849. Throughout the Civil War service was maintained for 200 beds. The Sisters of Charity, composing the nursing staff, later rendered public aid during the cholera epidemic of 1871 and the smallpox scourge of 1890.

The Sisters also administered to the sick and wounded soldiers returning from the Spanish-American War. Sister Loretto Bernard added that they "will be on the front line in this war—as in all others."

## Archbishop Spellman Gives Pint of His Blood For Injured Soldier or Sailor

NEW YORK (CNC)—The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, has given a pint of his blood for the use of some injured soldier or sailor.

Archbishop Spellman is Vicar Delegate of the Army and Navy Diocese and head of the Catholic chaplains with the United States Armed forces.

The Archbishop told of his gift in an address to 60 prominent Catholic and non-Catholic leaders launching an appeal for \$750,000 to modernize St. Vincent's Hospital.

The Archbishop pointed out that, with the danger of air raids over New York, the expansion of the hospital at this time was a patriotic service to all the people of New York. He added that he had placed all the hospitals and other resources of the New York Archdiocese at the disposition of the country as soon as war began.

"I am happy that I was able to answer the call of my country by giving a pint of my blood to help some soldier or sailor who is prepared to give all his blood that the Bill of Rights may endure," His Excellency said.

## 60th Anniversary

NEW ORLEANS. When Sister Valerie, O.S.U., observed her sixtieth anniversary as a Religious at the Ursuline Convent here there stood with her Mrs. Cecile Marchal, who, as little Cecile Lambert, stood as the young Religious "angel" when she pronounced her vows at her first profession. Sister Valerie, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, came to New Orleans in 1872.

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