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Mine to determine the amount—
After prayerful consideration—
Of the various suggestions—
Mine to specify how much.

Diocesan Seminaries

Our diocese is most fortunate in the equipment it possesses for the training of its clergy. St. Andrew's Seminary founded in 1872 and St. Bernard's Seminary founded in 1893, give respectively the preparatory course and the philosophical and theological course, that is prescribed by the Church for those who feel a call to the Holy Priesthood. Bishop Kearney's Seminary Letter for 1941 (below) may be considered as a complete statement of the needs of our seminaries, and of the spirit of our people in responding to that need.

Feast of the Holy Name of Mary
1941

My dear People:

Among the various appeals which are issued each year for the purpose of soliciting your interest and financial support, there is none which has traditionally met with such ready acceptance and generous returns as the appeal for our diocesan seminaries. From the beginning our people have grasped the thought that it is a privilege to share in the seminary work and no one has ever been so bereft of Catholic spirit as to look upon this matter as a burden or even as "just another collection."

There is a sanctity about the seminary and its high and holy vocation. Our deep religious faith and our sincere respect for the sanctuary, have found us even lavish in our generosity that nothing might be wanting to give to God's service a priesthood, properly equipped spiritually, mentally and physically, to carry out God's work.

Pius XI, very aptly says in his classical encyclical on the priesthood, "The priest is set up as a master in Israel. He has received from Jesus Christ the office and commission of teaching truth. He must teach the truth that heals and saves." . . . and to the bishops, the same Pontiff says, "The seminary is and should be the apple of your eye, the chief object of your solicitude."

St. Bernard's Seminary is now approaching the half-century mark. After all these years of service you can readily understand that to the ordinary expense of maintenance, there is added yearly an increased expense for renovation and necessary reconstruction. For that reason we appeal in a special way to your generosity this year on behalf of the seminary. The Annual Collection is the principal source of revenue for the seminaries and your opportunity to share in its great mission. May I ask every wage-earner at least two dollars for the support of our seminaries, St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's.

May I also suggest on this occasion, that there could be no cause more worthy of remembrance in the making of your will than a legacy to

the seminary to assist in its program of educating students who have a vocation to the altar.

Thanking you for your interest in the seminary in the past and confident of your generous support this year, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
+James E. Kearney,
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

The Holy Father

Support of the work done for all the Church by the Supreme Ruling Pontiff, Pope Pius XII is rendered by every Catholic in the Annual Holy Father Collection. A worthy cause calls for a worthy offering. Our contribution should be the Tribute of a faithful child of the Church to the Supreme Head of the Church.

The Holy Land

To preserve the places in the Holy Land made precious to us by events in the life of Our Saviour, is the work of the Franciscan Fathers. They receive the needed funds to do this work through the collection taken on Good Friday in each church.

School Collections

For the parish school a monthly collection is taken up in nearly all parishes. For Aquinas Institute a yearly quota is required in every parish in Monroe County. The purpose of this is to fulfill the guarantee given by

the Catholics of Monroe County on building the Aquinas Institute that it would be open to every boy without any exclusion on financial grounds. Tuition is now paid by those able to pay, and this fund enables those not able to pay to enjoy the advantages of this famous Boys' High School.

God and God's Church in Your Will

We come into the world without possessions: we live in the world and receive good things from God: we should not go out of the world without a thought of God and His goodness in our Last Will.

What we leave may be much, it may be little; however small the gift, God will be honored by it; however large, it can not begin to equal God's gifts to us.

Consult your Pastor before making your will. Secure the corporate titles of the church, hospital, school, home, you wish to remember in your will. We give here a few suggestions; clip this out and keep it where you can find it when you are preparing to make your will.

Some forms of bequest to be used in making your Last Will and Testament:

I give, bequeath and devise to Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester (state amount here) to be used for such good works in the Diocese as he may choose.

I give, devise and bequeath to the Bishop of Rochester, the sum of

to be used by him in training students for the priesthood.

I give, bequeath and devise to St. Bernard's Seminary the sum of for the education of students for the priesthood for the Diocese of Rochester.

I give, bequeath and devise to the Diocese of Rochester the sum of to be used for religious and educational purposes according to the disposition of the Bishop of Rochester.

In making your will, go to a good lawyer, tell him what you want to do with your property, and bring him forms like to those above, in case you wish to leave something to God in your will.

Have the lawyer call the Chancery Office for information on the corporate titles of your church, your seminary, your diocese, or any other religious organization you wish to name in your will.

Provide for your soul after death by the prayers you merit through becoming a benefactor of the seminary or other institution in your will by setting aside a sum to be used for Masses for your soul or the souls of your dear ones.

Visit your Pastor, your Bishop, the Rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, to discuss your wishes in regard to making a bequest to any pious cause. The visit will not obligate you, and may be fruitful in suggestions that will help you decide what disposition you may wish to make of your property real and personal.

Washington Letter

Study Inter-Allied Board Of Strategy Set-up

By Elmer Murphy

WASHINGTON (NC)—The broadened perspective of war, which now includes every continent, has raised the question of policy-making on a larger scale than has ever been known.

It now may be truly said that the sun never sets upon the devastated areas of conflict. Never before have so many people concentrated their efforts upon a single purpose, either defending themselves or destroying others. The world-wide battle lines are drawn.

Military and naval operations are not limited to single peoples or small groups of peoples. Virtually every government is on one side or the other. Accordingly, strategy must take into account the resources of all the nations supporting one cause or the other.

General Headquarters

This gives rise to the question, now under discussion in Washington, of setting up an inter-allied board of strategy—a sort of general plan of campaign and of focusing the efforts of the individual nations upon a common objective. This would include the timing and dovetailing of operations, the distribution of supplies and equipment to the allied armies and navies. Whether it can be successfully done is yet to be determined.

The question, however, focuses attention upon the significance of the changes that have been brought about by the stern necessities of war. It would be the most comprehensive undertaking of its kind ever tried, bringing together many nations and races in a common purpose, paving the way for an international accord of world-wide proportions with the purpose of preserving democratic government and democratic institutions.

This leads to another question, which is not being overlooked. If so many nations can unite their efforts to protect their common interests by crushing totalitarianism and autocracy, why can they not unite in pooling their interests in perpetuating these common matters and extend them to now enemy peoples when their ruthless rulers have been crushed and the task of world reconstruction is taken up?

New Clearly Defined

Something of the kind was tried in the wake of the first World War, when President Wilson suggested the World Court. It failed because, when the war was over, national interests were asserted and the scramble for national advantage became uppermost. But the world at that time had only limited experience with international undertakings of this kind. Neither the war nor the peace that followed appeared in world-wide perspective. Neither was the common objective of the warring powers clearly defined.

Many officials in Washington believe that it is clearly defined. Never before has there been so striking a solidarity of purpose

among so many nations. The agreements made that if they can, by pooling their efforts, accomplish this purpose, they can as well insure just and permanent peace in the same way. All of this might seem available but there are those who believe that it can be done. President Roosevelt himself, as the Atlantic Pact agreed upon with Churchill indicates, is looking in that direction.

Probably with this in mind, some people have deprecated propaganda efforts to arouse needless hatred and animosity toward the peoples of the enemy countries. This, it is contended, becomes a government that is fighting for democracy. It is, rather, the practice of the axis powers. There is the utterance of Mussolini who is quoted as saying a few days ago: "In time of war we cannot fight unless we hate the enemy before us. In time of war the moral principles of normal times are superfluous and at times bothersome." The same thing has been said over and over by Nazi spokesmen. What they probably mean is that dictatorial governments are not to be hampered by moral restraints of any kind.

Contrast this with what Undersecretary of War Patterson said, addressing a meeting to discuss army and navy chaplains—that the soldier needs two things: a firm faith in his country's cause and spiritual strength. The hatreds aroused by war are formidable obstacles to peace. They have no place in the principles which the democracies are fighting to uphold.

N. C. W. C. News Service

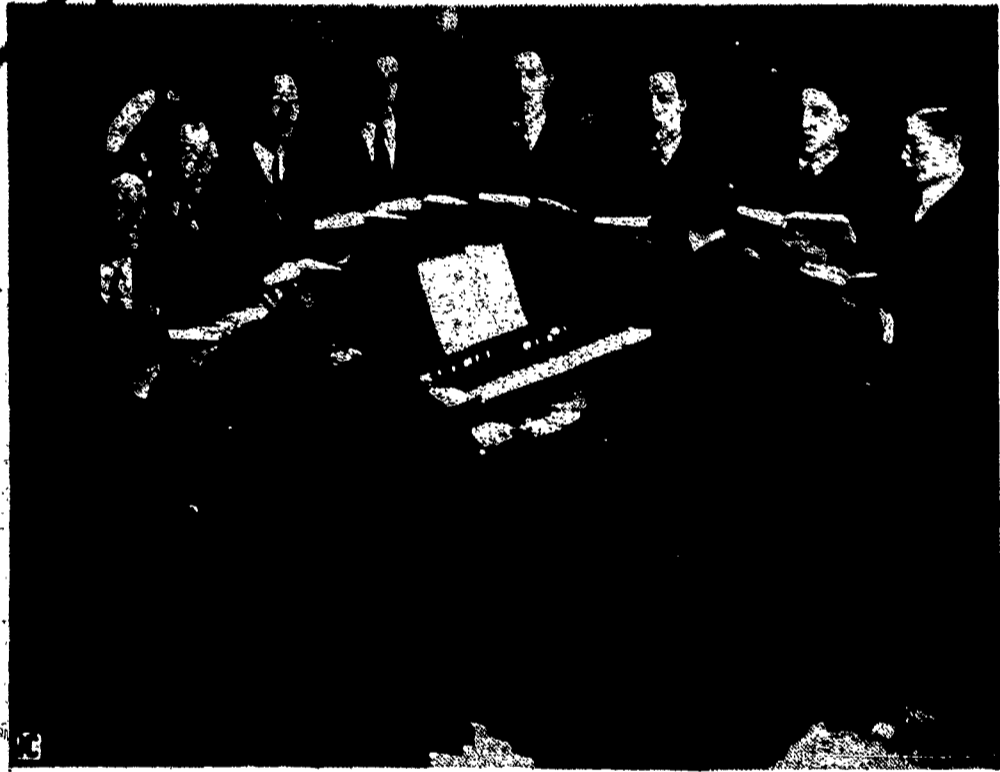
Ask Restoration Of Seized Churches

MEXICO CITY.—Catholics of Guadalupe, State of Jalisco, have petitioned resumption of services in certain churches which were withdrawn from religious use. Included in the number are some colonial monuments such as Santa Maria de Guadalupe, La Soledad, San Diego, El Sagrado Corazon, La Universidad, La Natividad and Cristo Rey.

These churches, especially, the petition informs President Manuel Avila Camacho, should be returned to the care of worshippers for under present circumstances both the edifices and the art treasures which they contain are suffering from neglect.

True wealth is measured by capacity to enjoy life's good things—whether the capacity is limited by poverty, ill health or old age.

NINE BROTHERS FORM THIS CHURCH CHOIR



A choir that is certainly unique is this one at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. It is composed of nine brothers, all from one family. They are led by the oldest, Frank, and the youngest member is Johnny, 14. The LaFalce boys also have a dance band. Left tonight, Louis, Joseph, James, Anthony, Michael, Patrick, John, Carmine and Frank at the organ. (N.C.W.C.)

Nuns To Make First Aid Study

NEW YORK (NC) — Special first aid courses for all members of the Catholic Sisterhoods in hospital work in the New York Archdiocese will be offered by the Catholic hospitals affiliated with New York Catholic Charities. It was decided at a meeting at the New York Foundling Hospital.

Addressing the 80 Sisters representing 16 religious communities attending the meeting, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, declared:

"We shall defend to the very limit of our lives and resources this our Government. It is also evident that the health resources and agencies and facilities of this Archdiocese and the Catholic Church all over our country, unqualifiedly and in every way, will be given to the support of those charged with the duty of organizing our country in this situation.

"I am naturally proud to know that we have something to give to our Government and our State and our City."

IN OCCUPIED FRANCE

London.—Twenty centers of the Legion of Mary are operating in Unoccupied France. It was reported here at the annual social meeting of units in the Southwest diocese.

Religion Is 'Sound Basis For Good Army Morale,' Says Jewish Adviser

LOUISVILLE — "It is realized now, as it was not in the last war, that religion provides a sound basis for good morale," it was stated by Dr. David de Sola Pool, of New York, official adviser to the War and Navy Departments on Jewish religious matters, on conclusion of a four-week tour of military camps from New York to Texas.

Dr. Pool concluded his tour of the camps with a visit to Fort Knox near here. He had visited camps in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Virginia, North Carolina, Delaware, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Soldiers who "literally never" attended church before donning uniforms are now showing great interest in religious activities offered in the 600 chapels at military camps, Dr. Pool reported.

Cooperation from military au-

thorities in promoting religious services for men in the nation's armed forces has been "outstanding and commendable," he said, adding that the one chaplain to every 1,200 men in the Army today represents a big increase over the number provided for the men in the last war.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH sincerely thanks the people of the Diocese of Rochester for their generosity toward the missions during the past year.

TO ALL OUR BENEFACTORS A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

In the charity of your prayers remember the missionaries laboring in the war zones of the East. Fear the priests and Sisters of the Philippines, 240 Americans among them.

LEGATE RETURNS

Buenos Aires.—His Eminence Santiago Luis Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, has returned home on a special train provided by the Chilean Government, after a busy week in Santiago as Papal Legate to the eighth Chilean National Eucharistic Congress.