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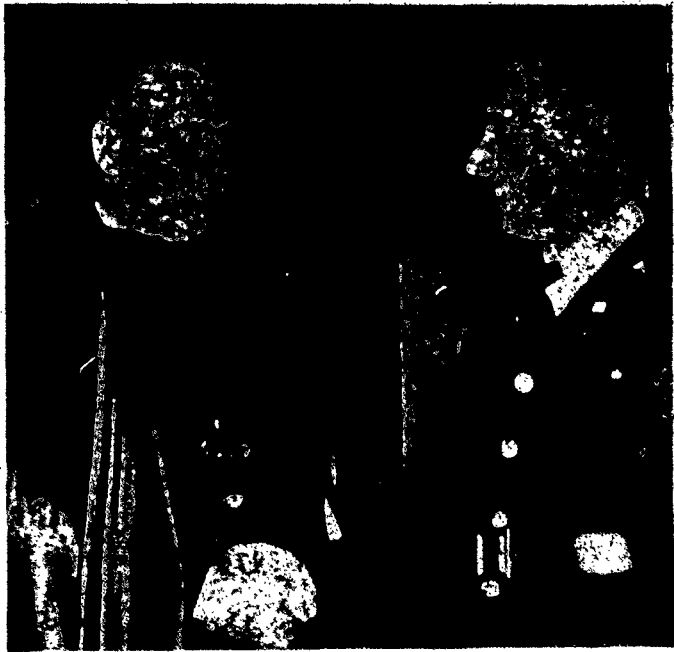
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'Family Communion' Set Sunday



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AMONG THE MANY greeting His Excellency, Bishop Kearney at the Episcopal Residence, Sunday, was Pvt. Paul D. Ryan, 36th Field Artillery, home from Fort Bragg, S. C. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ryan, 736 Parsells Ave., he is also among the many servicemen who will be remembered at the Family Communion, Sunday.

Fast and Abstinence Rules Continue In Force Here

The war-time dispensation granted by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII to Ordinaries of the world, where conditions warrant it, from the rules of fast and abstinence does not apply here.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in a statement today said: "This legislation does not affect the Diocese of Rochester. The law of fast and abstinence on the appointed days is still in effect."

A radiogram from Monsignor Enrico Pucci, Vatican City N. C. W. C. News Service correspondent states that the faculty, granted for the duration of the present war, "is to be used according to the prudent judgment of the Ordinaries."

In many countries a serious food shortage as the result of war exists, and the dispensation there is a necessity. So far this is not the case in the United States.

Pick Septuagesima For 'Bible Sunday'

WASHINGTON (NC) Septuagesima Sunday has been selected by the Catholic Biblical Association of America as the permanent Biblical Sunday, according to an announcement by the Very Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., President of St. Bonaventure's College, Allegany, N. Y., and President of the Association. Septuagesima Sunday this year is February 1.

The purpose of such an action, Father Plassmann writes, is "the unfolding to the faithful of the spiritual values and priceless treasures of the venerable Book which she rightly claims as her own, and of pointing out the rare advantages that accrue from the time-honored practice of the devout and intelligent reading of God's Word in our Catholic homes."

The new THE STORE at 167 Main St. E. wishes to thank you for your holiday business and hopes to continue to serve you this coming year. Our policy: Quality Hand Made Toys at ridiculously low prices.—Adv.

Soviet Envoy Signs Pact Pledging Church Freedom

WASHINGTON (NC) — In their joint agreement signed here Friday, the 26 nations at war with one or more of the Axis powers specifically declare religious freedom to be one of the primary rights of man which they wage war to defend.

Having subscribed to a common program of purposes and principles embodied in the Atlantic Charter drafted by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, the signatories say that they are "convinced that complete victory over their enemies is essential to defend, life, liberty, independence and religious freedom, and to preserve human rights and justice in their own lands as well as in other lands."

FRESH FRIED FISH for Friday's dinner can be a real treat if you get it at Aunt Jennie's Bake Shoppe, 518 Monroe Avenue, the home of "100 tempting desserts." Phone Monroe 965.—Adv.

National Crisis Furnishes Added Incentive For Devotion

Bishop's Invitation Expected To Draw Full Response

With war clouds lowering over the nation, an unprecedented response to the Family Communion and Breakfast invitation of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester is expected on Sunday, Jan. 11, the Feast of the Holy Family.

Throughout the diocese, pastors are urging their flocks to have all families represented at the early Masses and to follow out the Bishop's suggestions for observance of the Feast.

(The Bishop's invitation is in adjoining columns, this page.) For the first time since the Family Communion and Breakfast custom was started by the Bishop in 1940, members of a large number of families are away in the country's armed forces. Special intentions for them and for the entire defenders of the home and of the nation respecting the rights of the home will be offered.

The customary children's Masses and corporate Communion of the Holy Name Society will be foregone on Sunday to permit the families to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion as a unit.

As a basis for the observance will be the three holiest persons the world has ever beheld, Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God, His Immaculate Mother, Mary and His foster-father, St. Joseph. It is upon their family life in the humble home at Nazareth that present-day families will meditate. It is to them that those in anxiety and sorrow can go Sunday for consolation and succor.

Following the Masses, Sunday, the idea of taking "mother" out to breakfast with her entire family will be carried out, a custom which has met growing response each year of the Family Communion and Breakfast.



Feast of the Holy Name

My dear People:

Once again, the Feast of the Holy Family summons Family Communion and Breakfast. For the past few years you have observed the custom of celebrating the feast of the Holy Family, by asking the entire family to attend Mass together, and, having received Holy Communion, take breakfast as a group, at home, or as a consideration to Mother, at some outside spot, where the burden of preparation will not be hers. I know you will join in this practice next Sunday.

It is true, the service of our country has cut into our family groups. The sanctity of the home and the family is one of the very ideals for which America is prepared to fight. It will undoubtedly be a source of courage and inspiration to those who are away to know that those at home are with them in spirit on this day. The prayers of a united people will ascend to God's throne in humble supplication that the feast of the Holy Family next year will find them all united again at the Altar of God.

With a blessing upon you, your home, and your family, I am
Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

+ James E. Kearney
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

Speakers Named For Rites Climaxing Holy Name Feast

Speakers for the "Candle Light Ceremony" climaxing observance of the Feast of the Holy Name and to be held in four Rochester district churches are announced by the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union sponsoring the celebration.

The "Candle Light Ceremony" will begin at 4 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 11. A great outpouring of Holy Name men is predicted by the Diocesan Union officers.

Sermons in connection with the special services will be preached as follows: the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Charles F. Shay, pastor, at Holy Rosary Church, 414 Lexington Ave. in the Northwest District; the Rev. Gerald T. Brennan, pastor of St. Bridget's Church, at St. Michael's Church, 869 Clinton Ave., North-Northeast District.

The Rev. Dr. Maynard Connell of St. Bernard's Seminary, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 534 Ox-

ford St., Southeast District; and the Rev. L. Emmett Davis, at St. Augustine's Church, 410 Chili Ave., Southwest District.

Following the opening hymn, "Sweet Name Which Makes the Dying Live," sung by the men standing, opening the services, the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus will be recited. The sermon will follow the Hymn to the Holy Ghost.

Lights will be extinguished and candles held by the men will be lighted. The Holy Name Pledge will be recited.

At this point one minute of silent prayer for the boys called to the service of our country will be observed.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by extinguishing of the candles and singing of "Holy God We praise thy Name."

Arrangements for the observance of the Feast, which includes reception of Holy Communion with their families in the morning and listening to a nation-wide broadcast by the Very Rev. Harry L. Graham, O.P., National Director of all Holy Name Societies in the United States at 7 p. m. over the Columbia Broadcasting System, have been made by the Diocesan Union officers.

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