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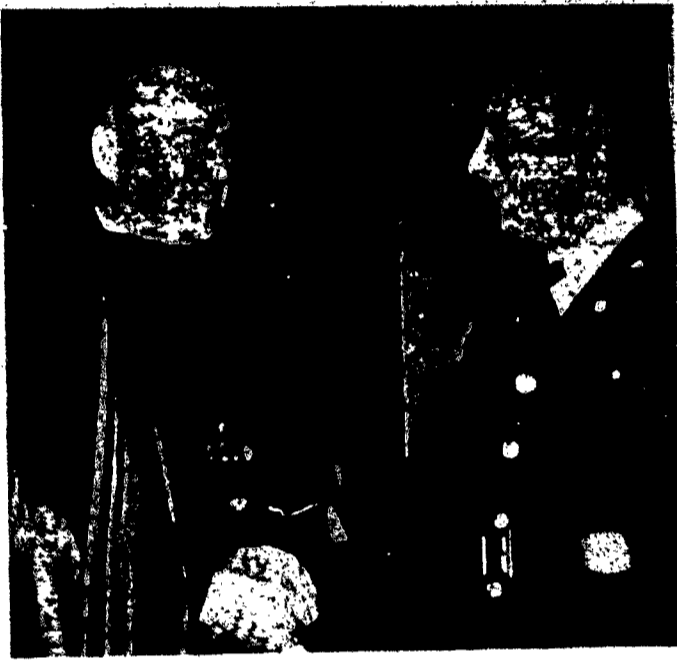
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'Family Communion' Set Sunday



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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 Parrott Ave., he is also among the many servicemen who will be remembered at the Family Communion, Sunday.

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 column, 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, 1942

My dear People:

Once again, the Feast of the Holy Family summons us to our Family Communion and Breakfast. For the past few years, we 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

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."

Family Communion Sunday

Fire Destroys Church

Lynn, Mass.—Damage estimated at \$500,000 was done when flames destroyed St. Mary's Church, oldest Catholic church in this city.

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."

One of the signatories to this

agreement is Maxim M. Litvinoff, Soviet Ambassador to the United States, who signed for Russia. In early steps of the Soviet regime, this conviction, it is immediately called to mind that one of the following the Nazi invasion of Russia, was to allow Polish forces fighting with them to have Catholic chaplains.

Men of Deanery Will Mark Holy Name Feast, Jan. 11

Members of the Holy Name Societies from all Churches in the Elmira Deanery will participate in the diocesan-wide celebration of the Feast of the Holy Name on Sunday, Jan. 11.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's parish has asked all pastors in Elmira to invite all men of the parishes to this special celebration. It is not limited only to Holy Name members.

In compliance with the program set forth by the Diocesan Holy Name Union, under the direction of the Rev. F. W. Stauffer, Director, the men are asked to receive Holy Communion with their families in their respective churches. The Family Communion Sunday has been designated for this Sunday, Jan. 11, by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney.

Bishop of Rochester. Accordingly, the reception of Holy Communion by Holy Name Societies as a unit will be omitted.

At 1 p. m. the men are invited to listen to a broadcast by the Very Rev. Harry C. Graham, O.P., on the "Church of the Air" program of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

A "Candle Light Ceremony" will be held at St. Peter and Paul's Church at 8 o'clock under the direction of Msgr. Lee. It will consist of the Rosary, sermon, the Litany of the Holy Name and the Holy Name pledge. The services will conclude with the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Each man will hold a lighted candle during the recitation of the pledge.

Family Communion Sunday

Havana Archbishop

Vatican City.—The Most Rev. Manuel Arteaga y Balboa, who has been Vicar Apostolic of the Archdiocese of Havana since the death of Archbishop Ruiz in January, 1940, has been named Archbishop of Havana. The Rev. Dr. Emilio Diaz Rector of St. Christopher's Seminary, Havana, has been named Bishop of Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

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