

Civil Air Head



Meet Major General John F. Curry, U. S. A., who has been named by Mayor LaGuardia of New York, Director of Civilian Defense, to be Commander of the Civil Air Patrol. General Curry, a Catholic, will aim to enlist 90,000 licensed pilots and 90,000 student pilots to train civilian personnel in this new branch of civilian defense set up (N.C.V.C.)

ST. CECELIA'S PARISH

EARLY MASS FOR WORKERS

In order to accommodate those who are working in defense industry on Sunday, Father Smith has advanced the time of the first Mass on Sunday to 8 o'clock. Many workers must start at 7 o'clock and do not have enough time to hear Mass. With the first Mass at 8 o'clock it is hoped that all will find it possible to attend Mass.

To Aid Soldiers

A move has been started at St. Cecilia's parish to cheer up men in the service with a little gift box and a letter. At the invitation of

Priest-Educator Says Masses For Both Parents In Month

LOS ANGELES—(NC)—Funeral Masses for both his parents were celebrated by the Rev. Louis E. Kern, S.J., Vice-President of Loyola University here, within a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Kern were buried in Calvary Cemetery after Masses in St. Ignatius' Church.

Family Communion Sunday ARRANGES LECTURE TOUR

Washington, — Miss Elizabeth Lynskey, of the Department of Political Science, Hunter College, New York, will lecture on Latin America in ten towns of Wisconsin during January. These lectures are sponsored by the Wisconsin Federation of Catholic Women.

their pastor, the Ladies of the Rosary and Altar Society had a meeting in the rectory. There it was decided that all members of the parish who are now serving with the fighting forces should receive something to encourage and cheer them on in their duty. A list of service men is to be drawn up and each one will then receive this 'parish package.' It will be financed from the parish party held every Tuesday night. The package will contain cigarettes, candy, etc., and a few Catholic magazines or newspapers.

The children are doing their part by offering up their prayers each day for the men. A special novena prayer is said each Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon for the welfare and safety of our soldiers.

Parishioners are asked to attend these services and to join in the

recitation of the prayers, thus manifesting their interest.

Thanks Parishioners

St. Francis Indian Mission, through its pastor, has gratefully acknowledged the four large cartons of clothes and presents which were sent in December. This little mission out in South Dakota is in need of assistance and in turn remembers the parishioners of St. Cecilia's parish in their prayers.

The school children had a party

last Wednesday afternoon. The usual Christmas party could not be conducted this year and Father Smith arranged this entertainment and party last Wednesday.

The children are doing their part to help in the war emergency by saving their pennies for the Red Cross and defense stamps.

Flowers which enhanced the altar during the holiday season were donated by the Ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society. Many compliments were heard and pastor wishes to extend his thanks to the organization.



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1,000 Enter Seminaries In Spain Within 2 Years

(By Rev. Manuel Grana) MADRID—(NC)—More than 1,000 of the 100,000 members of Juventud Catolica, the Catholic young men's organization of Spain, have entered the seminary within the last two years. Among these is Manuel Aparici who for seven years has served as national president of the youth group.

At the conclusion of a meeting at La Coruna to plan for the next national pilgrimage to Compostela, Senor Aparici announced his decision to his associates. "I am going into the seminary," he said, "because without priests there can be no Christianity. I am going to study for the diocesan clergy, because, although I admire the formidable work of the Religious Orders, I feel in the depth of my soul that the urgent, pressing, imperative need in our country is for diocesan clergy."

Although many of the 1,000 youths have entered Religious Orders, the majority are aspirants to the diocesan clergy. They are following the example of Don Angel Herrera, founder of El Debate, who is today curate of Santa Lucia parish at Santander and ecclesiastical adviser to the parish branch of Juventud Catolica, the movement inspired by him and founded, indirectly, according to his designs.

Physician Enters Religion About the same time that Senor Aparici entered the Madrid Seminary, Manuel Ubedas, Dean of the Superior Council, a distinguished physician and former president of the National Confederation of Catholic Students, took the Dominican habit at Salamanca along with five youths from Madrid and two from Bejar, Salamanca.

In addition to those who are actually entering the religious life, Catholic Youth is awake to its religious responsibilities, and particularly aware of its duties with respect to the Christian apostolate. Its members are doing important work in this field, and when some of them leave for the seminary or novitiate, they do not go alone. Several Diocesan Centers have lost their president, treasurer and secretary, and in each instance others have followed. The president of the Tortosa Center entered the Jesuit novitiate. It is also noteworthy that these young men, many of them, are abandoning careers as attorneys, engineers, pharmacists or in other professions, but candidates for the priesthood are not lacking from the fields of labor and agriculture.

The Institute of Ecclesiastical Counsellors, founded by Don Angel Herrera before the civil war, has made available a group of priests who are in daily contact with young men as the spiritual direct-

ors of their respective centers, and who, through their own varied activities, have instilled in the minds of their associates a new conception of the Catholic priesthood. The tremendous spiritual necessities of the nation, the scarcity of priests, and the new religious and ethical conception of life, all have contributed to produce a harvest of vocations that has exceeded the most optimistic hopes. Today the youth apostolate surpasses in vigor that of the women who, in former years, were the only ones engaged in a Catholic Action that was worthy of the name. There is truly in Spain, among the youth, a counter-reformation.

At the meeting of Diocesan presidents and secretaries, held at Valladolid, there were 66 presidents and secretaries from 46 dioceses. At this meeting reports revealed that 14 training courses had been organized for leaders, and twelve others for "future pilgrims" in preparation for the national pilgrimage to Compostela. There are 56 Diocesan Councils as compared with four in 1934, and 1,800 parish centers already functioning and 438 in process of organization.

Receives Papal Honors

After the war Manuel Aparici covered over 10,000 miles in his organization tours. He was followed up by Antonio Garcia Pablos—who has succeeded him in office—and the Rev. Emilio Bellon, ecclesiastical counsellor. At the Valladolid meeting of Juventud Catolica, a telegram was received from the Papal Secretary of State, His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, announcing that the Holy Father had conferred the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Fide on Senor Aparici in paternal recognition of his "work of abnegation." Maria de Madariaga, who heads the women's association, received the same award.

The most important matter before the Juventud Catolica just now is spiritual preparation for the pilgrimage to Compostela. There were 25,000 youths at Zaragoza this year, but 100,000 are expected at Compostela. But Juventud Catolica has other activities and programs. In the Marian campaign, eleven corporations and eight deputations are enrolled, also the Artillery Academy, the Congregation of Santiago the Apostle, and the Congregation of Priests of Madrid. As a part of the "pro seminary" campaign 2,000 copies of the Encyclical Ad Catecheticos were distributed. Catechists and other Catholic Action workers are busily engaged in parishes where there are no pastors, or not enough priests to meet parish needs.

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