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# 7th Annual Students' Catholic Press Crusade Opens on Sunday

## Bishop's Catholic Press Month Letter



My dear People:

There never has been a period in the history of the Church or the history of our beloved country when enthusiastic support of the Catholic Press was so necessary.

The Crusade of 1942, therefore, takes an exceptional importance as the occasion for securing a wider and more effective circulation of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

Our advertisers deserve a word of appreciation at this time. We are grateful for the selection of the COURIER as a means of bringing their wares before the public. We gladly commit their cooperation to the attention of our readers, with the suggestion that readers mention to them now and then, that as patrons of the COURIER, they are pleased to note the advertisement. The COURIER has offered us as its slogan "serving the Catholic church, home and school." In doing this the COURIER gives the highest form of service to our country.

The Crusade of 1942 must be a success. With your sincere cooperation it will be a success.

I pray God's choicest blessings upon all who help achieve this goal.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

*James E. Kearney*

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

## Pupils Urged By Bishop To Collect Rosaries For Men In Armed Forces

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., has, this week, made an urgent appeal to the Catholic school children of the diocese for rosaries, medals and prayer-books for the men in the service.

The February Schedule of Bishop Kearney's appointments appears on Page 3, this issue.

## Ranks Muenster Bishop 1941 Hero

LONDON.—(NC) News Review here ranks the Bishop of Muenster, the Most Rev. Clemens August Count von Galen, as among the five greatest heroes of 1941.

A rarer quality than physical courage, says the paper, is moral courage. "the ability to hold out, unbroken and unflinching, against the blackest forces of tyranny."

"The man who last year gave the most sensational example of moral courage was a German," it adds. "Inside Hitler's third Reich he dared to raise his voice against the Nazis."

If you want to taste something really delicious in fresh fruits, try a fresh frozen blackberry pie, made in a way that has established AUNT JENNIE'S BAKE SHOPPE, 316 Monroe Ave., as "the headquarters." Call Monroe 605-Advt.

In a communication to the children, Bishop Kearney said: "Now I want your help in a project that I know will win your ardent support. Our Chaplains are begging for rosaries, medals and prayer-books for our boys in camp. It is impossible to buy enough to supply them. However, I feel that in every home there are rosaries to spare. There are broken rosaries that can easily be fixed, discarded rosaries that can be cleaned up. Will you start now and gather all the spare rosaries, medals and prayer-books you can save them, and bring them to school on or before Feb. 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes?"

After these religious articles have been collected by each school, the school will fix the rosaries, if necessary, and then forward all articles to centers designated by the Catholic Education Office. The designated centers are:

Holy Family School, Auburn, for the Catholic schools of Auburn.  
St. Mary's School, Corning, for the Catholic schools of Corning and Hornell.

St. Mary's School, Danville, for

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CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo  
PRESS CRUSADE PLANS are given special attention of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney (right) as he talks Catholic Press Month observance over with Monsignor William M. Hart, V.C., editor-in-chief of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

## Defying Peril, Fr. Dissett Brings Last Rites To Two Women in Burning Building

By Dolores Hanrahan

HORNELL.—The Rev. Andrew T. Dissett, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Hornell, heroically entered a burning building against the advice of authorities to administer, conditionally, the last Sacraments to two Negro women who had been trapped in the flames. The women, Mrs. Cora Dunn, 62, and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Aiken, 28, perished in the fire.

The fire broke out in the apartments over the Steuben Grill and the restaurant operated by Omer Cornish between Canisteo Street and Broadway about 3.30 o'clock Monday morning. Isajah Aiken, husband of Mary Aiken, discovered the blaze and believing that his wife and mother-in-law were following him from the building, rushed out to notify the fire department. Upon his return, flames were shooting from all parts of the building and he was restrained from reentering the apartments and taken to police headquarters for a refuge.

Father Dissett was notified sometime later and upon rushing to the scene of the fire, was told that it would be impossible for him to enter the building as the stairway was blocked and pieces of debris were falling from the building. The priest then climbed the ladder which had been placed outside the building from sidewalk to roof for the use of the firemen.

Father Dissett was accompanied by Police Captain Archie Crozier. Charred wood and falling debris made entering the apartment doubly hazardous, but the priest and police officer made two trips into the building before both bodies were located and the last rites of the Church conditionally administered.

## Inter-Faith Luncheon Set February 4

With three outstanding speakers scheduled, the Americanism luncheon sponsored by the Inter-Faith Good Will Committee will be held Wednesday noon, Feb. 4, at the Chamber of Commerce.

(See Editorial, Page 27)  
The speakers are: the Rev. Michael Ahern, S.J., famed Jesuit orator and scholar; Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, President of National Conference of Christian and Jews, and Rabbi Milton Steinberg, author and lecturer.  
(Photo of leaders planning luncheon on Page 5)

## Noted Novelist Enters Church

VATICAN CITY.—(CN-Radio)—Anna Vivanti, celebrated Italian novelist and poet and favorite disciple of the poet Giuseppe Carducci, has become a convert to the Catholic Church. She was born a Protestant.

An invalid, Anna Vivante resides in Turin, and on her entrance into the Church His Eminence Maurilio Cardinal Fosati, Archbishop of Turin, visited her to administer Confirmation.

## \$100 Defense Bond Is Added Incentive For Youthful Crusaders

Inspired by the Catholic Press Month message of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, the army of young crusaders are set for the starting gun in the 7th Annual Students' Catholic Press Crusade opening Sunday, Feb. 1.

(The Bishop's Letter is on this page)  
Guiding the efforts of the zealous boys and girls determined to carry out the Bishop's slogan of "A CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic Home" is a specially selected Priests' Committee and the good Sisters teaching in the schools. Competition for the prizes offered is expected to be especially keen this year.

Bishop Kearney Prize  
As a special grand award, the "Bishop Kearney Prize" of \$100 in United States Savings Defense Bonds will go to the individual student division winner, boy or girl, having the highest grand total of point credits. The winner will also be declared the "Crusade Leader" of the Rochester diocese for the ensuing year.

Two types of subscriptions will be sought by the Crusaders in this year's campaign. They will be mail delivery orders of one year at the special Crusade price of \$2.00 and the Carrier delivery orders.

Other prizes are being offered. The winning school in each of the six "divisions" will be awarded an honor prize in the form of an order for \$25.00 in books to supplement the school library. This prize will symbolize outstanding merit in the entire Crusade.

Each school which has an average of one subscription per participating student will again be awarded a scroll of honor embodying membership in the Crusade "League of Leaders."

Enthusiastically entering into the Crusade the Priests' Committee met with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney on Tuesday at a luncheon meeting at Hotel Sagamore.

The Bishop said it was not necessary to urge this group of priests to do their part in a campaign for the diocesan newspaper. His Excellency stressed the vital importance of promoting the Catholic press in these trying days.

How the CATHOLIC COURIER specifically serves the Rochester diocese was voiced by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. William M. Hart, V. C., ed-

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## HONG KONG MISSIONERS SAFE, ROME HEARS

VATICAN CITY.—The Most Rev. Enrico Vallorta, Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong, and all missionaries staying there, are free and safe, according to word received at headquarters in Rome of the Pontifical Institute for the Foreign Missions of Milan, of which Bishop Vallorta is a member.

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