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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.

Catholic Press Month, therefore, takes on 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 100% coverage plan 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.

Bishop Will Conduct Triduum In Elmira

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, will conduct a triduum in honor of the feast of the Apparition of the Blessed Virgin to Bernadette at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira. Rev. Leo G. Schwab is pastor.

Services will be held Feb. 8, 9, 10 at 7:45 each evening. These will consist of rosary, a sermon on Lourdes and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Bishop Kearney plans to have a special service for the children on Monday and Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The three day service will close on Feb. 11, the feast of the Apparition at the 9 o'clock Mass.

Priests from Elmira and vicinity will assist at the services and hear confessions afterwards.

It was Bishop Kearney who suggested the erection of the Grotto in Our Lady of Lourdes Church here in Elmira.

Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor, has been giving a description each Sunday of some phase of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin at Bernadette.

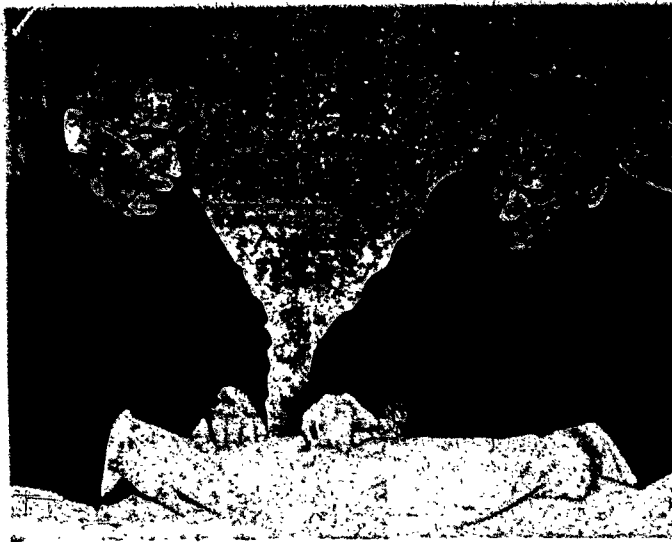
In a communication to the children, Bishop Kearney said:

"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 38 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. Isaiah Alkon, 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.

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."

Monastery Monument

London.—The ruins of the 800-year-old Cistercian monastery of Saddell, near Carradale, Argyllshire Scotland, are to be preserved as a national monument.

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.

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 Vivanti resides in Turin, and on her entrance into the Church His Eminence Maurizio Cardinal Foschi, Archbishop of Turin, visited her to administer Confirmation.

Improvements in Paper Accelerated By Wide Acceptance in Parishes

Launched with the inspiring message of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, observance of Catholic Press Month will be auspiciously opened in all parts of the diocese on Sunday, Feb. 1. (The Bishop's Letter on this page)

"A CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home," the Bishop's slogan is the slogan for the Catholic Press Month campaign. Goals of the campaign is the "100 Percent Plan" which has already met with favor in many parishes and which carries out the full intent of the Bishop's slogan.

The campaign will further throw the spotlight of interest on the CATHOLIC COURIER which in the past year has added a group of improvements designed to serve better the readers in all sections of the diocese. Loyalty to the diocesan newspaper will be developed by a 100 percent cooperation in the Catholic Press Month campaign. Parish Coverage Halted

As the campaign opens, the management takes opportunity to express deep appreciation to the pastors who have put the 100 Percent parish coverage into effect in their parishes. This plan supplements the school crusade of former years and gives opportunity to everyone in the parish to have their diocesan newspaper delivered to the home, each week. In many other parishes, consideration is being given to adopting the 100 Percent Parish Coverage Plan which has met with great success in other dioceses and is appreciated by the pastors who have adopted it.

Definite improvements in the CATHOLIC COURIER during the past year have been widely hailed. Development of the special editions for deanery coverage is gaining favor as the plan is being worked out. Personalized service is thus forthcoming for diocesans in the various sections of the large diocesan area.

New Format Pleases

To make the diocesan paper more attractive the diocesan format was introduced and has been unanimously acclaimed. For easier access to news and views desired the newspaper has been departmentalized with special headings to guide the reader.

Compared with Catholic diocesan newspapers throughout the country unbiased observers have declared that the CATHOLIC COURIER now is outstanding in the Catholic press field of the country. Priests, members of the Sisterhoods and the laity, young and old can do their part in the Catholic Press Month campaign by emphasizing the slogan "A CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home," by encouraging reading of the paper thoroughly when it gets into the home.

MATHEMATICIAN DIES

Vatican City.—Tullio Levi-Civita, famous mathematician and member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, has just died.

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