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Elmira Knights Launch 'Bishop Kearney Class' Membership Campaign

Membership drive of the Elmira opened on Wednesday evening with Council, Knights of Columbus opened on Wednesday evening with a dinner at 6:30 in Columbus Center.

Rev. Raymond Heisel, Chaplain of the Council, delivered the keynote address and outlined plans for the drive.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, is honorary chairman of the drive. Eugene F. Agan and Basil J. Vallancourt are the co-chairmen.

In honor of the Bishop, this will be known as the "Bishop Kearney Class."

A new procedure is being followed this year in the campaign. Members of the Passionist Order will give talks on the Knights of Columbus in every church in Elmira, Elmira Heights and Horseheads.

After this, captains will be appointed in each parish and they will direct the activities of their workers. Prospective and former members will be called upon.

Exemplification of the major degree of the Order has been tentatively set for April 19. Bishop Kearney will be the guest of honor at a Communion Breakfast in which all members of the Council will participate.

Bona Prof. Speaks At Holy Name Breakfast

OLEAN -- Addressing members of the Holy Name Society of St. John's Church, Olean, at their monthly communion-breakfast meeting last Sunday morning, Marius Risley, English instructor at St. Bonaventure College stated that "everywhere today in a world of seeming victory of might over right thinking men are asking the time-old question, 'How long is God mocked?' Scripture replies, 'Not forever!'"

"We feel helpless as individuals," he said, "to do anything to set the world aright, yet actually the most powerful person in the world is not the dictator, but the holy man and woman. If we understand this, we cannot be discouraged. Ultimately, our side wins!"

2 French Books Condemned By Sacred Congregation

VATICAN CITY. - Two books in French have been placed on the prohibited list by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office. They are "Une Ecole de Theologie: le Saulchoir" ("A School of Theology: le Saulchoir") by E. D. Chenu, and "Essai sur le Probleme Theologique" ("Treatise on the Problem of Theology") by L. Charlier.

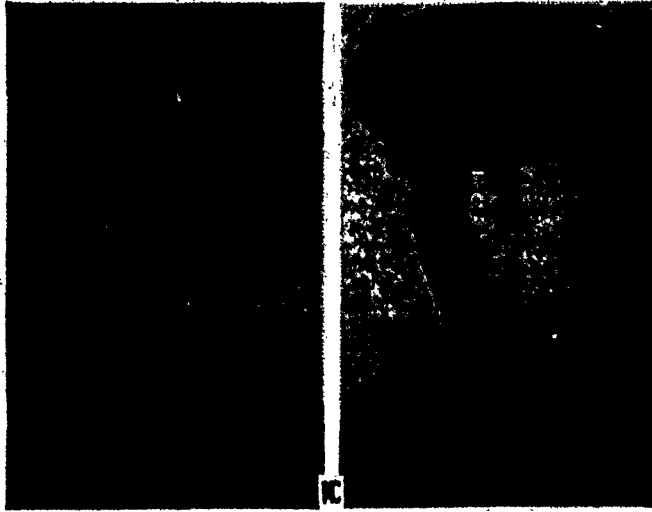
Coadjutor Named

Vatican City. The Most Rev. Jeremiah Kinane, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, Ireland, has been appointed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII as Titular Archbishop of Derco and Coadjutor with right of succession to the Most Rev. John Harty, Archbishop of Cashel, Ireland.

Study Clubs Open Program

All Religious Discussion Clubs should begin their activity next week, the week of Feb. 15, "Do Not Delay," urges the Rev. George C. Vogt, diocesan director.

WITH U. S. TROOPS IN IRELAND



Serving with the first American Expeditionary Force in World War II, are these two Catholic Chaplains, who arrived with the troops who landed in Northern Ireland recently. They are, Chaplain Albert J. Hoffman, U. S. A. (left), of Dubuque, and Chaplain Neil S. Cashman, U. S. A., of St. Paul. War Dept. photos. (N.C.W.C.)

Religious Articles Pour In For Servicemen

All roads lead to the Bishop's Office today as rosaries and other religious articles suitable for use by the men in service, are turned in by the various schools designated as centers. This drive, sponsored by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Bishop James E. Kearney, to fill the requests of Chaplains in service from this diocese, closed on Feb. 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Volunteers from the Sodality Union under Florence Dietrich, President, collected materials from the four Rochester Centers this week and will devote this weekend to sorting, counting and packing the contributions received.

Although this drive was set up in the schools, many thoughtful readers of the CATHOLIC COURIER have responded with their contributions directly to the Catholic Education Office. Any other wishing to do their bit may send any rosaries, prayerbooks or medals to the Catholic Education Office, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N. Y. Such contributions will help to fill the great demands for such articles.

Believes Sales Tax Would Oppress Poor

NEW ORLEANS (NC) -- "I do not hesitate to state that the literal adoption of the proposed federal sales tax would crush the hearts of millions of American citizens who are admittedly already bearing the burden of many indirect taxes, breed discontent and nurture the germs that disintegrate people," the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, told a luncheon meeting of the members' council of the Association of Commerce.

The Archbishop warned that a federal sales tax on basic foods, on medicines and on the cheaper grades of clothing "would certainly be no contribution to the morale of the millions of our population whose present living conditions are just about one step removed from abject destitution."

Sermon at 'Red Mass'

WASHINGTON. -- The sermon delivered by the Rev. Robert J. White, Dean of the Law School of the Catholic University of America, at the Red Mass held at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for members of the legal profession in the nation's capital, has been printed in the Congressional Record at the request of Representative John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts.

Nun's Doll Collection Given To Little Girls In Shriners' Hospital

SHREVEPORT, La. (NC) -- Thirty dolls collected by Sister Francis of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word at Schumperdt Sanitarium were given to little girls who are patients in a non-sectarian hospital that is conducted by the Shriners for crippled children.

CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING RESTRICTIONS IN CANADA

OTTAWA (NC) -- Special federal permits for construction or repair of churches, hospitals, schools and private residences, if the cost exceeds \$5,000, are now required throughout the Dominion. The same order applies to the installation of machinery. This is a war measure to restrict the use of materials required for other purposes.

MASS IN REICH PRISON

London. -- Seventy Masses are being said daily in a prisoner of war camp in Germany, according to the Catholic Times here, quoting an article by Father Laboute in the French paper Croix de Piers.

Catholic Schools Diocese of Rochester

BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK

The week of Feb. 15-21 has been designated as Bill of Rights Week in the schools of the State of New York, in accordance with the Education Law (Section 52A) which provides that "The Regents shall designate a week during each year and prescribe a uniform course of exercises in the public schools of the State suitable for pupils of various ages to instill into the minds of such pupils the purpose, meaning and importance of the Bill of Rights articles in the Federal and State Constitutions."

The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Rochester are respectfully requested to observe this week "in a manner befitting its place in our lives." It is especially timely that careful study and renewed emphasis be given to this historic document. It treats of some of our most cherished and sacred rights. It is a safeguard of the very things for which we Americans are fighting today. A Bill of Rights is one of the best forms of constitutional insurance against the development of a Pagan All-Powerful State.

The message of liberty guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, have their roots in God and in God's creative purpose. The more people recognize God's supreme dominion over them, the greater their freedom, strength and security. Without sincere recognition of God and His purpose our American way of life would be extremely perilous. This fact children and youth should be reminded of again and again.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Communion Fast Rules Modified For Defense Workers

Regulations for the Holy Season of Lent as directed by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, will be announced in all churches of the Diocese of Rochester on Sunday.

By virtue of a faculty recently granted by the Holy See, His Excellency, this week, granted the following permission which took effect Feb. 7:

"Those who are engaged in works of national defense and must work after midnight, may receive Holy Communion without observing the fast required by Canon Law."

"These workers must abstain from solid food for at least four hours before receiving Holy Communion, and from liquids for at least ONE HOUR."

"Moreover, the liquids taken must not be alcoholic."

The Bishop stresses the fact that "persons who are concerned about application of these privileges to themselves will do well to consult their Confessors."

With Lent approaching, His Excellency urges upon all the faithful "the importance of prayer and sacrifice in the winning of victory and peace."

At the same time the Bishop has granted permission to all churches of the Diocese where necessary to have a noon-day Mass on Sundays to begin not later than 12:15 p. m. War Saving Time. The necessity for such a Mass, it is pointed out at the Chancery, will be judged in each case by the individual pastor.

Seek To Recover Chamber Of Last Supper For Church

ERIE -- A determination to purchase from the present Mohammedan owners the Upper Chamber in Jerusalem where Christ ate the Last Supper and instituted the Holy Eucharist was restated by the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, when he addressed the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity here at the observance of the 300th anniversary of their founding.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Charity were founded by St. John Eudes, who also desired to recover the Upper Chamber for the Church, a quest which Bishop Gannon referred to as the only "unfinished business" of the Saint's life.

Bishop Gannon told an assemblage of priests and Sisters in the chapel of Garmondale Home for Underprivileged Girls how his activities for the purchase of the Upper Chamber were almost successful but were frustrated by the uncertain conditions abroad for the past several years and by the present chaos of war. A well organized

society has been formed to meet the purchase price of the present owners, Bishop Gannon said, adding that he hopes the quest may be brought to a conclusion when the times are more propitious.

Reviewing the important events in the life of Christ and of the infant Church that took place in the Upper Chamber, Bishop Gannon told of his own visit to the Holy Land and of the activities of the Pia Unio Eucharistica, a Society founded to recover the Upper Chamber as a result of a discussion he had with an Italian Archbishop on that occasion.

The late Cardinal Mundelein and other American Bishops became interested in the project, he said, and offered financial support for its success.

Says Man Has Spurned God

CLEVELAND (NC) -- "If there is evil in the world, it is due to the fact that the divine plan, manifested in the natural law and in the divine positive law has been disturbed by man," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William L. Newton, Professor of Scripture at Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, this city, declared in an address before the Knights of Columbus Luncheon Club.

Speaking on "Trust in Divine Providence," Monsignor Newton said "If Providence appears to have abandoned us, a proper understanding of the term will indicate rather that we have forsaken Providence."

28th Season of Noted Passion Play Set

UNION CITY, N. J. -- The twenty-eighth season of "Veronica's Veil," well-known Passion Play, produced here annually under the sponsorship of the Passionist Fathers, will begin Sunday, Feb. 22, at Veronica's Veil Auditorium. Twenty-nine performances of the play, one of them for children, will be given throughout the season of Lent.