

Ten Parish Teams To Vie In Elmira K. of C. Membership Drive

The membership drive for the "Bishop Kearney Class" of the Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus is well under way.

Eugene F. Agan and Basil J. Vallancourt, co-chairmen of the drive have announced the following parish teams.

Team members follow St. Cecilia's, George E. Griffin, Henry Farrell, James Barrett, Charles Connelly, Francis Connelly, Francis Cassidy, W. Harry McConnell, John D. White, Ronald R. Prechtl, Irving T. Kline, David H. Dickenson, James B. Lynch.

St. Casimir's, Stanley Kay, Stanley Kale, Michael Novick and Siegfried A. Stepinski.

St. Mary's (Hersheida), Thomas J. Brett and William A. Danaher.

St. John's, Vincent A. Chisholm, Joseph G. Backe, Paul F. Affeldt, Leonard Desjardins, Samuel DeRozzo, Frank Rhode and Stephen Dombroski.

St. Charles (Elmira Heights), Joseph Paladino, John J. Sullivan, Theodore A. Doran.

St. Anthony's, Nicholas T. Malone, Anthony Bonignore, John Canzoneri, Victor Caroscio, Anthony Cleri.

Our Lady of Lourdes, William F. Van Wert, Lawrence W. Hastings, Edward J. Marks, Daniel F. Kennedy, James E. Casey, Joseph H. Fitzpatrick, James E. Kirby, Cornelius O'Dea, Francis Raub and Francis T. Woods.

St. Peter and Paul's, Ronald B. Bacon, Earl V. Costello, Edmund L. McGlenn, Charles J. Curtin, Daniel H. O'Brien Sr., Edward J. Supple and Walter Supple.

St. Mary's, George Tallman, Thomas A. Burns, John J. Richardson, John J. Ryan, William H. Osborne, Phillip Sullivan, George Laufferweiler, Nicholas J. Grimaldi, Thomas P. Donahue, William J. Devereaux and Carl E. Clary.

St. Patrick's, Thomas J. Hannon, Claude E. Graves, Charles Agan, James W. Hennessy, Robert Paultz, Francis O'Brien, Thomas R. Burns, Leo McPherson, Justin Romasser, Frederick Batterby, John T. Connelly, Edward C. Davis, John J. Doohar, W. Joseph Dowdle, Thomas Dean, Martin L. Ford, John Allen, Harry J. Lagonegro, Joseph Limoncelli, John Nugent, Leo Norton, Richard J. Moxley, Gregory T. McGraw, James W. McGill, H. H. LaRiviere, Charles J. Kromer, Leo J. Hourihan.

INDIA BISHOP GIVEN CIVIC WELCOME ON PASTORAL VISIT

COIMBATORE, India—A hearty civic welcome was given the Most Rev. Bernadette Oubagaraswami, Bishop of Coimbatore, when he made his first pastoral visit to the parish at Udampalpetta.

The President of the Council presented to the Bishop an address of welcome on behalf of the Municipal Council and in the course of his greeting extolled the Bishop for his interest in the general welfare of the community.

In reply, Bishop Oubagaraswami urged the Catholic population to cooperate with the other people of the community in all things designed for the common good.

"For they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God."—St. John VIII, 43.

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Fr. Newcomb Urges Christians Unite In Action, Prayer, Study For Peace

A call for united action on the part of all Christians "first of all in prayer and then in intelligent external activity and study" was sounded by the Rev. John C. Newcomb, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, last Friday.

Father Newcomb was addressing the largest attendance thus far of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club at the Baron Steuben Hotel.

In his informative and timely discourse, "The Effects of Law Without Sanction," Father Newcomb stressed the importance of reading of the Holy Father's Encyclical "Summi Pontificatus" on the Function of the Modern State.

That a peace based upon the principles of natural law and Christian law must come from the present struggle is the obligation resting upon Christians of the world, Father Newcomb declared. His address follows:

"In one of his early speeches Winston Churchill claimed that the allies of England and France were fighting the battle of Christianity. Maybe that is so. I don't dispute him. But just what do we seem to be fighting for? There can be little doubt that we are engaged in a struggle for restoration of world peace and order and its preservation through intelligent application of international law.

"I must necessarily be brief. Therefore I pass over the development of this phase of international relations and cooperation and quote from probably the most eminent authority of recent times, L. Oppenheim: 'International Law in the meaning of the term as used in modern times did not exist during antiquity and the first part of the Middle Ages. It is in its origin essentially a product of Christian civilization, and began gradually to grow from the second half of the Middle Ages.'

"Again, Suarez, a Spanish Jesuit and professor at Coimbra, who published in 1612 his Tractatus de Legibus ac Deo Legislatore in which for the first time the attempt is made to found a law between the states on the fact that they form a community of states."

"In 1625 a Dutch jurist and statesman, Hugo Grotius published his work, De Jure Belli ac Pacis, which became the greatest single influence on modern international law. Grotius' whole scheme relied upon a common morality between Christian nations based principally upon natural law as known from reason. From the treaty of Westphalia concluding the Thirty Years War in Western Europe, his principles were utilized and developed as applying to Christian nations, and it is important to emphasize this fact that it was Christianity, both Catholic and Protestant, that considered international law binding, and also that it was only Christian, both Protestant and Catholic nations that comprised the so-called Family of Nations. This was due to a common recognition of a common natural law of morality and it was only in 1856 that there was any abandonment of this regulation, when Turkey was admitted conditionally as a member of the Family of Nations. Later on Japan came into the family.

"But in the last two centuries a school of philosophers arose called the Positivist School. As in the other branches of science and arts, this philosophy had its influence also on law, international as well as municipal. Its main tenet is the supremacy of man, at least, that is what it amounts to. In law it says that there is nothing which binds man except what man decides will bind him. In morals there is no such thing as natural law, and consequently, in our international relations there is no natural basis of morality for obligation. And this is precisely the trouble with international law today. If a law has no sanction, it has no force. How is law between sovereign nations could have any force, is difficult for me to understand, unless there were a basis in nature. For the essence of ordinary municipal law is that the sovereign has external force to compel compliance with it. Between nations, there is nothing but reason and a common conscience based upon natural morality. And this is why only Christian na-

tions considered the former natural concept of international law as binding upon themselves, and considered all other nations as excluded from their family. In short, the positivist stole, you might say, international law from the Christians.

Pope Was Smuggled "That this seems to be borne out, you have only to consider Peace Conference after the last war, and the League of Nations with its sanctions. It is needless to go into detail about either now. Religion was taboo and there is no mention of God. The Pope was determinedly smuggled as were all other signs of religion. How powerful were the sanctions? How effective were the peace? A new government arose in Germany carrying positivism to its extreme, and a logical one at that, making the state absolute over everything, a huge fiction and unreal. When Japan founded and grounded upon in its philosophical, religious and historical fiction and unreality, saw fit to leave the league she did, because she does not recognize any natural moral law, least of all any Christian morality. I could go on but the time is short. As our present Holy Father says 'To tear the law of nations from its anchor in Divine Law, to base it on the autonomous will of States, is to deprive it of its noblest and strongest qualities.'

"The present world struggle is being carried on principally by Christian nations. There are at least 710,000,000 Christians involv-

ed. Of these there are 360,000,000 Catholics, in so-called Catholic nations, and 350,000,000 non-Catholics, but this includes nations, such as our own, where there are 2,000,000, engaged in the struggle for democracy, a total of 570,000,000. Against us we have 40,000,000 Italians and 30,000,000 Germans, a total of 140,000,000.

"Are we as Catholics, and are we as Christians, (include all Protestants) going to let slip from our hands this time a peace based upon the true principles of natural law and Christian law? Yes, if we do not see to it that the international politicians steal it from us as they did the last time. But that calls for the intelligent action and pressure of every Christian involved in this phantasmagorical struggle. It means you and me acting first of all in prayer, and then in intelligent external activity and study. We as Catholics have our own international interests, and when we bespeak a place for our Supreme Pontiff in international relations, we are not seeking a mere place of honor and recognition for him, for there are 27 Catholic countries involved on our side, and at present only two on the other, Italy and Spain. If you wish to consider Spain in.

"With the approach of the Holy Season of Lent, I recommend to you the reading of the Holy Father's Encyclical Summi Pontificatus on the Function of the Modern State, and its serious study and discussion if you have not already done so."

Catholic Institutions Bequeathed \$100,000

The will of Margaret O'Connell, resident of Wayland, New York, recently admitted to probate disposes of an estate of over \$100,000.

Miss O'Connell included in her bequests, generous gifts to various Catholic organizations. Among these are St. Bernard's Seminary, \$1,000; Society of the Divine Word of Techy, Illinois, \$1,000; St. Pius Church Cemetery, Cohocton, \$300; St. Patrick's orphanage, Rochester, \$500; St. Pius Church, Cohocton, \$500; St. Mary's Church, Canaseraga and St. Matthias Church, Atlanta. Other legatees include various relatives and friends.

The residue of the estate, representing the major portion, is bequeathed to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith of Rochester.

The Rev. Joseph H. Gefell, D.D., Pittsford, is executor of the estate.

Requiescant In Pace

Miss Alice Rita Wainwright, 12 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Saturday, Feb. 14. The family formerly resided in Corning. She is also survived by a sister, June, and two brothers, James and Walter of this city; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Miller of Corning.

Funeral was held Tuesday at 9 a. m. at St. Patrick's Church. Burial was in SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

Lawrence Fowers, 77, of 206 Scottwood Ave., Elmira Heights, died at 11 p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. He was a retired night watchman at the Elmira Knitting Mill. Surviving are several nieces and nephews. The funeral was held Saturday at St. Charles Church at 9. Burial in SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

Money talks! United States Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps shout "Victory!"

Ladies of Charity Foster Youth Project, Sponsor First Aid

The key strains of music mingled with the joyous laughter of youth, floated from the windows of Columbus Center on Friday, Feb. 12. Over two hundred boys and girls from the Junior and Senior High Schools of Elmira, enjoyed this Valentine Party, which closed the dancing classes of the Catholic Youth Organization until after Easter.

This project of the Recreation Committee of the Ladies of Charity has met with universal approval from both the youth and their parents. Although carefully supervised, and definitely limited in time, the program planning has been shared with the youth themselves.

The committee in charge of arrangements for this party was headed by Mrs. John H. Ronan and Miss Eleanor McConnell, assisted by Mesdames Howard Campbell, Gerald Delaney, Daniel O'Herron, and Miss Ann Hatterby.

Prizes, which were defense stamps, were awarded to Misses Ellen Mulcahy, Rosemary Ryan, Marion Naughton, Eleanore Garzynski, David Weaver, Harold Hart, Jr. and Thomas Stowell in the Junior High School group, Misses Ann Garvey, Dolores Hanlon and Margaret Keaton and John Orlosky were the lucky contestants in the Senior group. The dancing classes will be resumed immediately after Easter.

First Aid Class The First Aid Class sponsored by the Ladies of Charity attended the opening lecture of a twenty hour course on last Thursday.

Through the cooperation of the local Council, these meetings will be held at Columbus Center. The generous response to the plea for registrations in addition to a number of the Ladies of Charity, who are already taking the course, is another indication of the awareness of this organization of the national emergency. There will be no sacrifice of regular program, the service to which, the Ladies of Charity have consecrated themselves will still be given, but every call for assistance from the Office of the Civilian Defense will be given precedence over other projects.

"Because we are at war, the blind do not see, the crippled are not made straight and the sick are not cured"—said a speaker at a Canadian Conference a few months ago. There is much for the Ladies of Charity to do as a Big Sister, a Friendly Visitor, a Secretary, an Institutional Visitor or a Recreation supervisor, but Charity knoweth no bounds. So those who have consecrated themselves to that cause must give as Catholics first, but as Americans always, whatever the need in town, county, state or country, such will be the response of these Daughters of St. Vincent de Paul.

DISTRIBUTE PARISH HONOR ROLLS



Marie Lambert, of St. Vincent Ferrer's Parish, New York City, points out the name of her boy friend, now serving in the army, on the new Holy Name Honor Roll to Thomas Walsh, National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans. The Holy Name Honor Roll have just been released to all parishes throughout the United States. (N.C.W.V.)

'Catechism Hour' Inaugurated On Radio

ST. LOUIS. — "The Catechism Hour" was inaugurated over WEW, St. Louis University, Sunday, by the Rev. Aloysius J. Heeg, S.J., an Associate Editor of The Queen's Work, national Sodality monthly. The 30-minute feature will be heard every Sunday at 5:15 P. M., Central Standard Time.

Six children from as many Catholic elementary schools will take part every Sunday. The purpose of the program is to provide instruction in Christian Doctrine to Catholics, as well as non-Catholics.



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