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My dear People:

With the impressive and significant ceremony of Ash Wednesday, we shall enter the Holy Season of Lent. The season has seldom come upon us at a time when those practices which express the spirit of Lent were so necessary as today. In a very serious national crisis such as we now face, the combined power of prayer and penance, devotions and mortifications, are our most potent contributions to the victory and peace for which we pray daily.

We have an obligation to solicit divine guidance for our leaders. We have pledged the assistance of our prayers to those who fight our battles. We seek God's protection for our homes, our institutions, and all these liberties which constitute our American way of life. It is not asking too much that we sacrifice our comfort in order to make this Lenten Season especially powerful for our own salvation and for the needs of our country. This is no ordinary Lenten Season and no customary interpretation of its meaning or ordinary way of life can hope to effect the results we pray for.

The season must be most extraordinary in the tremendous volume of prayer which will ascend to the throne of God for the intention common to all of us, victory and peace.

Let me suggest then, that you assist at Mass every day during Lent and that you add to the time spent at Mass at least a quarter of an hour of prayer in church in the presence of Jesus Christ. If this will require a sacrifice on your part, if it will put you to great inconvenience, the value of the exercise will be so much greater.

I would have you take that as the theme of my Lenten message *Daily Mass for the Holy Season*. Put this exercise first of all, and any additional prayers, mortifications, and sacrifices will take on increased power and efficacy in the sight of God. As your Bishop and supreme pastor, I beg of all of you the daily Lenten Mass, and then whatever further individual or parish devotions you can arrange.

May our merciful Father in heaven see fit to accept the Lenten prayers of our people and restore peace to this upset world and return our loved ones to our broken homes.

Rest assured that those dear to you who have gone forth to fight for our common cause are always in the prayers of

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

James E. Kearney
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Diocese Chaplains To Receive 12,000 Articles Sent By School Children

Bishop's Appeal Brings Avalanche of Religious Articles For Soldiers

"You have answered it with more than 3,000 rosaries, 6,000 medals, 2,500 prayer-books, 700 crucifixes and hundreds of pieces of literature and miscellaneous items."

This is reported by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, in expressing appreciation for the generous response to his appeal for religious articles to be sent to Chaplains from this diocese for men in the armed forces.

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The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wednesday of last week, marked the close of a drive sponsored by the Bishop in the schools of the diocese for the rosaries and religious articles for the men in the service.

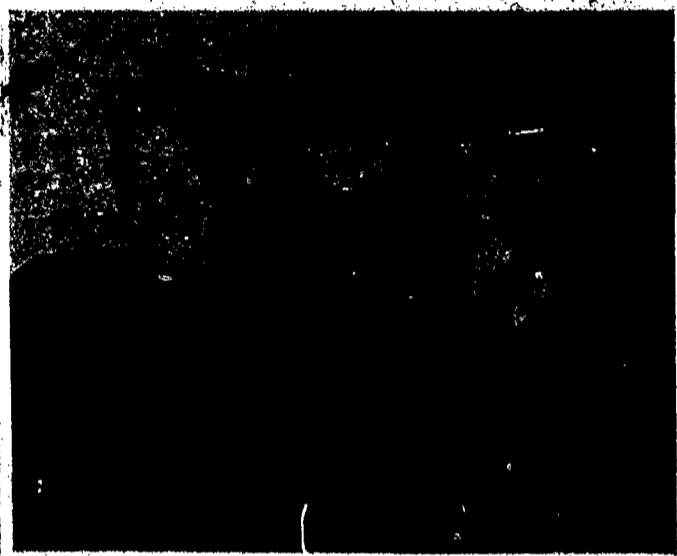
From Owego to Sammerville, from Auburn to Perkinsville, package after package, box upon box, poured into the Catholic Education Office. Friends in towns of the diocese not having Catholic schools sent in their contributions to the Center in response to the announcement in the Jan. 28, 1942, CATHOLIC COURIER.

Sodalists under the direction of Miss Florence Dietrich, President of the Sodality Union, undertook the task of unpacking, sorting and counting the results of the "Treasure Hunt" launched by Bishop Kearney. Contents revealed that it was more than a treasure hunt.

Children in some schools used money usually expended on Valentines for the purchase of new rosaries, medals on chains and prayer-books. In one school, pupils mounted 650 medals and sent in athletic chains "for the Chaplains" and 200 official prayerbooks for the "U. S. A. Men in Service."

Among hundreds of new rosaries were found unusual ones artistically combining beads of two colors which showed that efforts had been made to make use of every contribution. One Sister alone re-

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CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo
READY FOR SERVICE—Conferring with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in the Bishop's office is the Rev. John S. Maloney, First Lieutenant Chaplain assigned to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis. Leaving this week also is the Rev. J. Emmett Murphy, First Lieutenant Chaplain, enroute to Camp Claiborne, North Carolina.

Frs. Maloney, Murphy Join Up As Chaplains

Called to serve their country as Chaplains in the U. S. Army, this week, were two more priests of the Diocese of Rochester.

They are:
The Rev. John S. Maloney, assistant pastor, Blessed Sacrament Church.

The Rev. J. Emmett Murphy, assistant pastor, St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva.

Father Maloney with the rank of First Lieutenant has been assigned to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind. and Father Murphy with the same ranking goes to Camp Claiborne, North Carolina.

A native of Elmira, Father Maloney attended Elmira Southside High School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary. Ordained June 23, 1936, he has served at Blessed Sacrament Church where the parishioners, last week, presented him with a check for \$1,000. Father Murphy's home is in Rochester. Following study at the St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary and Gregorian University in Rome he was ordained Dec. 8, 1928. He has served as Assistant Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn and has been at St. Francis de Sales, Geneva since Jan. 23, 1941.

Nun's Father Dies in Rochester

Death of her father, Richard Fennessy, 79, organizer of men's choirs in several Rochester churches, called Sister Agnes Vincent, Second Grade teacher of St. Alphonsus' School to Rochester last week.

Mr. Fennessy served as director of choirs at St. Monica's and Corpus Christi churches in Rochester.

The Solemn Funeral Mass of Requiem was offered in Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, by the Rev. Robert Fennessy, assisted by the Rev. Donald Murphy as Deacon and the Rev. George Wood as Subdeacon. In the Sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Mgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the diocese; the Rev. Harold Rogers and the Rev. J. Joseph Connell.

He leaves five daughters, Sister Agnes Vincent, of this city; Sister Mary Matthew, Mrs. Stanley J. Morris, Mrs. Dewey W. Bloodgett and Miss Anna Fennessy; a son, Richard Fennessy, and two brothers, William and John Fennessy, all of Rochester.

Catholic Club Leader Has 3 Sons in Service

NEW ORLEANS—Mr. and Mrs. Ewell T. Weber have three sons in the United States service. Mrs. Weber is president of Mother's Club of Sacred Heart of Jesus School. William is in the Air Corps, Ewell, Jr., is in the Coast Guard and Dalton has just gone to Camp Beauregard.

\$3,500 Estate Goes To Dominican Fathers

PHILADELPHIA—The entire \$3,500 estate of Annie Elizabeth Walton, who died in St. Mary's Hospital here November 14, is left to the Dominican Order, Province of St. Joseph, under her will which has just been made public. Headquarters of the Province of St. Joseph are in New York.

Wins Debate Award

Quebec—Laval University this year won the Villeneuve cup, an award presented each year by His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, for competition by debaters representing Laval, Montreal and Ottawa Universities.

25,000 Pounds School's Paper Collection Total

DAVENPORT, Ia.—In a campaign in which class competition sent totals skyrocketing, girls of the Immaculate Conception Academy collected 25,000 pounds of waste paper for the benefit of the Red Cross.

SCHOOL ACCREDITED

Washington—The Department of Library Science of the Catholic University of America here has been made an officially accredited library school by the American Library Association.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

A. Member of workingman's family or workingman himself	Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays	Wednesdays	Ash Wednesday, Fridays	Ember Wednesday, Ember Saturday	Wednesday of Holy Week	Saturday of Holy Week
(1) If over 21 and not yet 59 AND not excused or dispensed from FASTING.	1 full meal. Meat at this meal only.	1 full meal. Meat at this meal only.	1 full meal. No meat.	1 full meal. Meat at this meal only.	1 full meal. Meat at this meal only.	No full meal before noon. No meat before noon.
(2) If under 21 or over 59; OR excused or dispensed from FASTING.	3 full meals. Meat at all meals.	3 full meals. Meat at all meals.	3 full meals. No meat.	3 full meals. Meat at all meals.	3 full meals. Meat at all meals.	3 full meals. No meat before noon.
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