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CALLING CATHOLIC LAYMEN to membership in Elms Council, Knights of Columbus are the above Fathers of the Congregation of the Passion. Speaking in the various Elms Churches in the campaign for the "Bishop Kearney Class" are: (from left) the Rev. Urban Curran, C.P., the Rev. Winifred Guenter, C.P., the Rev. John Gerard McMenamin, C.P. and the Rev. Anthony Ansbro, C.P.

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

K. of C. Campaigners See Full Quota Membership

Results thus far in the Knights of Columbus membership campaign are very encouraging according to co-chairmen Eugene F. Agan and Basil J. Vaillancourt.

There is every indication to believe that the quota of 100 new members and 60 reinstatements will be achieved.

(See Diocesan Recordings, Page 18.)

Men joining now will become members of the "Bishop Kearney Class." The campaign will close on April 19 with a Communion Breakfast at which the Most Rev. James E. Kearney State Chaplain of the Order will be the guest speaker.

In order to acquaint men with the Knights of Columbus, members of the Passionist Order will speak at St. John the Baptist, St. Casimir's and Our Lady of Lourdes churches this Sunday.

Last Sunday, talks were given at St. Patrick's, St. Peter and Paul's and St. Anthony's churches.

Participating in these talks are the Rev. Urban Curran, C.P., Rev. John Gerard McMenamin, C.P., Rev. Anthony Ansbro, C.P. and the Rev. Winifred Guenter, C.P.

The priests are urging participation in the program offered by the Knights of Columbus as a means of further service to the nation, saying that as part of a national group engaged in war work their efforts would be more valuable than as individuals.

2 Broadcasts Weekly To U. S. From Vatican

WASHINGTON, (NC) — The Vatican Radio Station EIVJ hereafter will broadcast in English to the United States regularly on Sunday and Thursday of each week at 9:30 P. M. Eastern War Time, over a wave-length of 31.08 meters, according to word received today at the headquarters of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Preliminary reception tests made in this country, it was stated, ascertained that the time and wave-length selected were technically satisfactory and were such as to afford a minimum possibility of intentional interference.

Slain At Manila

Los Angeles. The first former student of Loyola University here to die in action was Major David William Maynard, who was killed during defense of Manila, it has been learned.

Negro Benedictine At St. Bernard's Urges Ban On Evil Books Sent To Troops

A plea for the stoppage of a flood of vile, debasing publications, which has followed the arrival of American troops in the island of Trinidad, one of the military and naval bases acquired over a year ago from Great Britain, was voiced Sunday night by Rev. Basil Matthews O. S. B. during a lecture before the Mission Society of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The effect of such literature upon the inhabitants of Trinidad is, according to Father Matthews, of a kind to corrupt the native inhabitants of the island and to offset many of the good impressions which the character of the newly arrived American troops has given concerning the quality of the culture of the people of the United States.

Father Matthews, who stated that as far as he has been able to ascertain, he is the first Negro priest admitted to the Benedictine order since its foundation over 1500 years ago, came to Rochester on the invitation of Rev. E. J. Byrne, Moderator of St. Bernard's Mission Society.

Purpose of his address before

the Seminary Mission unit was to explain the needs of the Catholic missions among the Negro peoples of the West Indies. Descended from Negro stock, taken as slaves from the Gold Coast of Africa over a century ago, Father Matthews gave a very complimentary report of the cultural and religious work of the Catholic Missionaries in Trinidad since its discovery by Christopher Columbus until the present time.

Father Matthews himself proved to be an excellent personal illustration of what can be done for the Negro people, when they are given the opportunities of education and culture possessed by the whites. An accomplished and graceful speaker in several languages, after five years of study at Louvain University, Belgium, and a period of teaching in the diocesan Seminary at Trinidad, Father Matthews is now making special studies in Philosophy of Sociology at Fordham University. He has interested himself in the welfare of the Catholic Negroes of the Archdiocese of New York and the Eastern part of the United States.

Air Raid Plans Announced For School Children

To meet any emergency that may arise during an air raid, children attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rochester are being adequately trained, it is announced today at the Catholic Education Office.

In accordance with instructions from the Superintendent to principals, each school is conducting air raid drills weekly as a minimum.

The plan set up in Rochester diocese calls for the joint cooperation of pastor and principal in executing orders given. Older children are being trained to assist in directing the young children to safety positions in the shortest time possible.

An effective communication system has been worked out for notifying the schools of air raid warnings. With a direct telephone line installed in the Catholic Education Office and the Rochester Control Center, all schools can be notified of a warning within a space of a very few minutes.

Parents have been cautioned through the schools to refrain from calling schools in the event of an emergency, since children will be well cared for by their teachers.

Handling all defense plans in the Rochester area for Catholic schools in the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent. Assisting him in the deansery areas are the Rev. Thomas J. Toole, Elmira; the Rev. John J. Healy, Auburn; the Rev. William McFadden, Geneva, and the Rev. John A. Smith, Corning.

Children Keep Up Efforts For Red Cross

Following the suggestion of the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent, that banks be installed in all classrooms for donations to the Red Cross War Fund, regular contributions continue to come in to the Catholic Education Office. This week a total of \$24.35 has been received.

Holy Henry School, reporting for the fourth time, sent in a check for \$2.75. St. Joseph's Commercial School added \$20.00 to their original gift and Holy Apostles' pupils increased their first donation by the sum of \$1.60.

The total amount now sent to Red Cross Chapters by Catholic Schools of the Diocese as reported has now reached \$1,824.41.

HEALS DOCTORS' GUILD

New Orleans.—Dr. M. L. Leckert has been elected President of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of New Orleans for 1942.

Birth Control Deprives Australia Of 360,000

BRISBANE, Australia — (N. C.) — If the average birth rate for the period 1911-1921 had been maintained, there would have been 360,000 children more in Australia at the time of the last census, figures just released show.

"If it is assumed that 20,000 men constitute a division, then between 1922 and 1933 Australia lost nine divisions of men to defend our shores," a deputation of Catholic chemists of New South Wales de-

clared in protesting against the distribution of contraceptive devices and propaganda in the State. The deputation was sponsored by the Catholic Chemists' Guild.

"If we persist in treading the same road as France, how can we escape her fate?" the statement said, adding: "We have seen the collapse of a world power because in her people the spirit of pleasure prevailed over the spirit of sacrifice."

Citing figures to show that the birthrate in Australia had fallen from 17.44 per thousand in 1914 to 7.63 per thousand in 1933, the statement claimed that "the cause of this decline is to be found in a changed attitude to parenthood," resulting from "the elimination of ethical training from the education of children, and the modern campaign for birth-prevention."

The Guild insisted that the morals of youth be protected by a more rigid application of the censorship over papers, plays and books, and that "the advertising and display of contraceptives be forbidden, and their sale rigorously controlled."

Club Selects 2nd Book By Noted Convert

NEW YORK — "Fast by the Road" second book by John Moody, has been selected for February by the Catholic Book Club.

The volume, published by the Macmillan Company, is characterized by St. Ignace Cummings in the Book Club's Newsletter as "the answer to the layman's often inarticulate cry for theology in his social aspect."

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