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## K. of C. Complete Plans For Irish Day Celebration

Members of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, were pleased to learn this week that the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, will be a guest at their annual St. Patrick's Banquet which will be held Sunday evening, Mar. 15, at the Mark Twain Hotel.

### K. OF C. SPEAKER



Andrew C. McCarthy

### Ladies of Charity Honor Co-Foundress Sunday, March 15

By MARY E. FITZGERALD  
Plans are being made for the second annual observance of the feast day of the First Lady of Charity, by the Elmira unit of this international organization. The day will open with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James Edward Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester and Honorary President of the Society. Members and prospective affiliates will attend the Mass and receive Holy Communion, praying for the future of the organization and the welfare of the nation. A Communion breakfast will be served at the Mark Twain Hotel following the Mass. Speakers will be Bishop Kearney and Miss Mary John of Syracuse, well known Catholic Action Commentator. Flowers Mark Day

The windows of local florists will be trimmed with iris and violets and will display cards, announcing the observance of the Feast Day. These flowers will adorn the breakfast table at the hotel and be worn in tiny corsages by the guests. The modest display of flowers cannot be considered an extravagance when the story of their significance is known. St. Louise died on the 14th of March, 1680 and her body was interred in the Chapel of the Visitation, in France. "The Abbessillon bears witness to the miraculous incident at her tomb, which was testified by hundreds of trustworthy persons. There arose from the tomb a cloud which exhaled a perfume like violets and iris, and a strong was this delicious fragrance that those who prayed near the tomb while it lasted carried it away in their clothes, the Sisters

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### Study Defense

Boston. A total of 475 students, more than 30 per cent of those in the College of Arts and Sciences at Boston College, are taking extra courses in special fields of military and naval study, the Rev. John J. Mag. Dean, announced today.

Bishop Kearney will celebrate Mass for the Ladies of Charity at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday morning, Mar. 15, and the Rev. Raymond G. Hessel, chaplain of the Council, received word Tuesday that His Excellency will also attend the banquet in the evening. Andrew C. McCarthy, assistant district attorney of Bronx County, has accepted the committee's invitation to address the gathering on a subject appropriate to the occasion.

Mr. McCarthy has been a prominent member of the Knights of Columbus for many years, taking part in its activities throughout the eastern section of the United States. He is a former professor of law and is known as a lecturer and writer.

He is a graduate of Fordham University, class of '23 and the school of law, '29. He also studied medicine and surgery at Bellevue Hospital. He holds A.B., M.A. and LL.B. degrees from Fordham.

Mr. McCarthy is a past grand knight of Guiding Star Council, No. 212 and is former district deputy of the 28th district. He has assisted in exemplification of initiatory work in 18 states and has participated in more than 600 degrees.

At the present time Mr. McCarthy is master of the Fourth Degree of the K. of C. for the Second New York District, embracing the archdiocese of New York. He is a former president of Division No. 5, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Bronx County.

One of the largest attendances in years is anticipated for the St. Patrick's banquet. Other arrangements, including the musical and entertainment program, will be announced later by the committee, of which E. C. J. Marks and Past Grand Knight Cornelius O'Dea are co-chairmen.

### War Industry Training

Chicago. — The Federal Government has authorized DePaul University to offer tuition-free courses to train men and women as war industries workers, according to an announcement by the Very Rev. Michael J. O'Connell, C.M., President of the university.

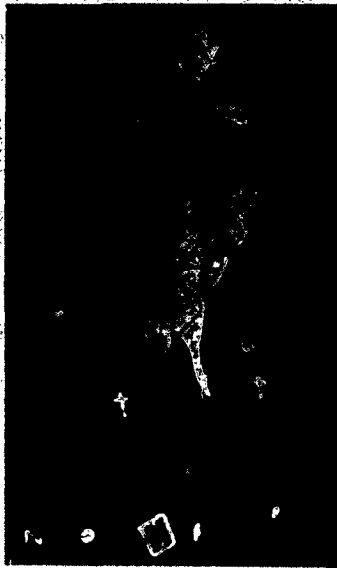
## Suggests Enrolling Service Men In Faith Society

"We suggest a new Honor Roll of soldiers, the names of the soldiers who have been enrolled as the members of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Certainly, it would mean much to each soldier to know that there are others who are praying for him as he fights in defense of his country and those dear to him at home."

This was suggested by the Rev. John S. Randall, Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, this week.

Father Randall calls attention of those who have men in camp to this suggestion, urging them to enroll their friends and relatives in the Society.

The benefit of such a membership is two-fold. It places at the disposal of the soldier the spiritual benefits which accrue from membership. Each day and every



**HEROIC CHAPLAIN:** Joseph Verbie Lafleur, U. S. A., who, according to news reports, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism at an airport in the Philippines during the Japanese attack of December 8. Father Lafleur removed wounded men to safety and relaxed them in the face of continuous diving-bombing and machine gunning. Before entering the Army, in July 1941, he was stationed at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Abbeville, La. (N. C. W. C.)

### Fined For Profanity On Street

WINDSOR, Ont. — "There is a law in this city which prohibits the use of profane language on the streets," Magistrate J. A. Hanrahan told a 24-year-old man who appeared before him. The court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs, with an option of seven days in jail. The accused paid the fine.

## Two More Diocesan Priests Enlists As Army Chaplains

Twelfth and thirteenth priest of the Diocese of Rochester entering the armed forces of this country received their commissions as first lieutenants in the U. S. Army, this week, and were assigned to army posts as chaplains.

They are: The Rev. William J. O'Brien, assistant pastor, Corpus Christi Church, Rochester.

The Rev. Elmer W. Heindl, assistant pastor, St. Andrew's Church, Rochester.

Ordered to report on March 12, Father O'Brien will go to Ft. George G. Meade, Md. and Father Heindl to Fort McClellan, Ala.

hour of the day in some mission territory, a priest ascends the altar to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In offering the Sacrifice the priest places before the throne of God the intentions of the members of the Society and prays for them. Secondly, it enables the Soldiers of Christ to remain at their posts as they fight the battle against paganism, to win the hearts of men to Christ and finally to a true peace through Christian brotherhood and justice.

Catholic Missions, a rotogravure publication of mission news and interesting highlights of mission life will likewise be sent to every member enrolled, if the name and address is sent with the membership to the Diocesan Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith at 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester.

## Holy Name Men To Pray For President

Holy Name Societies of the Rochester Diocese will unite with members throughout the country in observing National Day of Prayer for our National Leaders, Sunday, March 8, it is announced this week by the Rev. F. William Stauber, Diocesan Director, Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union.

Responding to a call from the Very Rev. Harry C. Graham, O.P., National Director of Holy Name Societies (CATHOLIC COURIER, Feb. 12, 1942), the Holy Name men of this diocese on their regular Communion Sunday for March will offer their Holy Communions and prayers for the nation's leaders in the present grave crisis.

"This corporate action of all Holy Name men may be efficacious in bringing into the conference of our leaders the whisperings of Divine Wisdom," Father Graham stated in a letter to the spiritual directors of all Holy Name units throughout the country.

### Scroll To Be Sent

To the individual societies in this diocese has been left the suggestion of Father Graham that Holy Name men fill out a card with their names and addresses. These cards may be sent direct to National Headquarters Holy Name Society, 141 East 65th Street, New York, N. Y.

Signed cards from all sections of the nation will be later placed on a scroll indicating that the signatories received Holy Communion for the President and other leaders and recited the Prayer for

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## Pupils Make Model Planes For Defense

Pupils of Catholic High Schools of the Diocese are answering the call of the State Education Department to help fill a quota of 80,000 model planes for use in Army, Navy and Civilian Defense Instruction.

Boys from Aquinas Institute, De Sales, Genesee; Holy Family, Auburn, and Elmira Catholic High, Elmira, will help to complete the quota of 150 planes accepted by the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent. This consists of 3 sets each of 50 different models.

Also assisting in this work will be the Rev. Joseph Vogt and members of the Columbus Youth Association Craft classes.

A letter from the Secretary of the Navy to the U. S. Commissioner of Education states: "The specific purpose of the project is to provide a large number of model planes built to scale which can be used in training air and ground personnel in recognition, range estimation, and determination of 'cones of fire.' These models will be used by both the Army and Navy, and in connection with training 'spotters' for civilian defense.

Plans, specifications and instructional materials are furnished by the State Education Department, while materials used in construction are contributed by the school or interested groups. Certificates of award will be granted to boys whose planes have passed rigid inspection. The planes are requested to meet an immediate need, and every effort is being made to complete the quota within six weeks.

## Pope Aids Sick, Hungry In Greece

VATICAN CITY — Long-continued efforts of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII to bring aid to the hungry and sick people of Greece, particularly children, have been successful, it is revealed here.

The Holy Father negotiated for months with various national authorities for the purchase and delivery to Greece of food and medicines. The success of these efforts is disclosed now with the receipt of word that the food and medicines have arrived in Greece, have been distributed, and have been received there with the utmost gratitude.

Before effecting this particular kind of relief, Pope Pius XII had caused kitchens to be established in various parts of Greece to feed the hungry.

## Investigate Degrees Held By Teachers

MEXICO CITY — Minister of Education Vojar Vasquez has ordered an investigation of degrees held by teachers in the official schools, particularly the secondary schools. It has been charged that some teachers got their degrees without studying for them. One teacher is said to have enrolled as a student in March and received his degree in May.

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