

Pope Pius XII Honors Seven K. of C. Supreme Officers

WASHINGTON — (N. C.) His Holiness Pope Pius XII has bestowed high Papal honors on seven Supreme officers of the Knights of Columbus. His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, announced here on Mar. 21.

Supreme Knight Francis P. Matthews of Omaha and Supreme Advocate Luke E. Hart of St. Louis have been advanced to the rank of Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. This same honor was bestowed on the late Supreme Treasurer, Daniel J. Callahan, Sr. of Washington, D. C.

Deputy Supreme Knight Judge Felix E. Swift of Milford, Mass., and Supreme Secretary Joseph F. Lamb of New York City have been made Knight Commanders of the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

Supreme Warden Charles K. Walsh of Wichita Falls, Tex., and Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree Timothy P. Galvin of Hammond, Ind., have been named Knights of the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

The honor for Mr. Matthews comes shortly after the observance of his fifty-fifth birthday on Mar. 16. The Omaha attorney, a graduate of Creighton University, was chosen Supreme Knight at the fifty-seventh international convention of the Knights of Columbus held at Seattle in 1939. He is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Catholic Community Service and Vice President of the United Service Organizations. Justice John E. Swift of the Superior Court of Massachusetts was chosen Deputy Supreme Knight of the K. of C. when Mr. Matthews was advanced to the office of Supreme Knight in 1939.

Mr. Hart, who has been Supreme Advocate of the Knights of Columbus since 1922, is a member of the Executive Committees of the K. C. C. S. and the U. S. O.

Mr. Lamb was elected Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus in 1939. He succeeded William J. McGinley, who retired at that time because of ill health.

Mr. Walsh, long active in the Knights of Columbus in Texas and a leader in the legal profession in that State, was chosen Supreme Warden of the K. of C. in 1941. Mr. Galvin, Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree, is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

The late Supreme Treasurer, Mr. Callahan, died Feb. 16, 1942.

Americans Must Fight For 'God-Given Rights' Avers K. of C. Speakers

NEW YORK — (N. C.) — "God-given rights," and principles that have had "their noblest practical exemplification in history in the Government of the United States, are at stake in this war and every real American knows he must fight for them even to death, nationwide radio audience was told Sunday night by the Most-Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, in a program sponsored by the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus.

"Long before the birth of our republic, even from the very dawn of Christianity," Archbishop Spellman said, "the Church proclaimed before the powers of paganism and the tyrannical absolutism of monarchs that all men are equal in their natural dignity, their destiny and in the right to recognition by all their fellow human beings. God-given rights."

"When we compare our philosophy of government with the bad political creed and the worse po-

litical practices of those powers that boast that they will conquer us, it becomes indeed crystal clear that we are fighting for God-given rights."

Timothy P. Galvin, Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree, who presided, said President Roosevelt in effect has "told the world that America fights for God-given rights." "In such a fight," he added, "Americans can gladly give their all to the end that no earthly power shall take from us that protection of our God-given freedom which we, as Americans, have inherited from the founding fathers of our republic."

"All Americans must realize the vital nature of the things that are at stake in the great conflict which shakes the very foundations of Christian civilization at this very moment," Mr. Galvin said. "There must be no mental groping, no doubt, no uncertainty in the minds of our people as to the reasons why our country is fighting in this conflict—the reasons why our country will continue to fight until the things for which we fight are once again made secure to us and our posterity."

Heard in U. S., Canada

Paralleled notes were sounded in addresses by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Clarence Manion, Dean of the Law School at the University of Notre Dame. The program, entitled "America Fights for God-Given Rights," was heard on stations from coast to coast in the United States and Canada.

"The spirit of America is God-given, and we, the living, in these tragic days must show our worthiness of this Divine inheritance by our deeds and actions," Mr. Hoover said. "Our own country has been won and preserved thru prayer and toil and hardship, and we must defend it at any cost."

"Though we are at war, we Americans love peace; but no matter what happens in the future we shall always keep our heads high for God and country," he said.

Reviewing the Christian principles of the "birth certificate of our own United States," the Declaration of Independence, Dean Manion said:

"Ours was a revolution of believers, but let us remember that in framing this great declaration its authors were not composing a prayer, they were constructing an argument. They were making the only clear and logical case for Human Freedom that could then or can now be made.

"From the bitterest kind of personal experience, they had found that the first requisite of any declaration of human rights is a firm and fervent act of Faith. They well knew that if the rights of man are not anchored to the supreme laws of God, those rights will always be within the destructive reach of any one of many forms of government despotism."

Lactare Medalist



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No one is really beaten unless he is discouraged.

America Will Win War If It Gets On God's Side, Avers Msgr. Sheen

NEW YORK—America will win the war if it gets on God's side, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, declared in his address over the "Catholic Hour" Sunday night.

Monsignor Sheen said "we must talk less about whether God is on our side, and more about whether we are on God's side," because, he added, "that is the only way really to insure victory." "But why is identification with God's will the path to victory?" he asked. "Because God's purposes are always preserved from defeat by the very nature of things."

Declaring that "to nail the Son of God to our ideologies and ways of thinking is the greatest tragedy

of the world," Monsignor Sheen said "the modern attempt of some to make Christianity fit this war in its entirety is really the denial of the Crucifixion, where men attempted to make the Son of God fit something else they had made: the Cross." "As they then patterned the Son of God to a cross," he added, "so now they would pattern Him to a war."

Monsignor Sheen said "there is no need for God to intervene to frustrate the evil purposes of men who ignore the moral law, for men cannot be in opposition to Him without being in opposition to themselves." "The universe," he said, "absolutely will not respond to anti-Christianity being. Everything from the stars to the earth on which we live will rebel against

The Bishop's Appointments



APRIL

- 1 Wednesday—Holy Rosary—Sermon—7:45 P. M.
- 2 Thursday—Pro-Cathedral—Blessing of Holy Oils—10:30 A. M. Tenbrace—4:00 P. M. St. Patrick—Holy Hour—10:00 P. M.
- 3 Friday—Pro-Cathedral—Mass of the Pre-Sanctified—12:00 Noon. Corpus Christi—Sermon—7:45 P. M.
- 5 Sunday—Pro-Cathedral—Feast of Ascension—11:00 A. M.
- 12 Sunday—St. Mary's Chapel—Low Mass, Rochester Council Catholic Nurses—8:30 A. M.
- 14 Tuesday—Columbus Civic Centre—Priests' Holy Hour—5:00 P. M. Hotel Seneca—A. O. H. Auxiliary Dinner—8:30 P. M.
- 15 Wednesday—Mother of Sorrows, Mt. Read—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
- 16 Thursday—Hotel Seneca—Mercy Guild Luncheon—12:30 P. M. Immaculate Conception, Ithaca—P. T. A. Dinner—8:30 P. M.
- 19 Sunday—Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira—K. of C. Communion Breakfast—9:30 A. M. Our Lady of the Lake, Watkins Glen—Confirmation—1:30 P. M. Holy Cross, Ovid—Confirmation—3:00 P. M. St. Patrick, Seneca Falls—Blessing of Cemetery—4:30 P. M. St. Mary, Waterloo—Confirmation—7:30 P. M.
- 20 Monday—Our Lady of Mercy High School—Concert—8:30 P. M.
- 21 Tuesday—Nazareth Academy—Senior Play—8:30 P. M.
- 22 Wednesday—St. Peter & Paul, Elmira—Deanery Conference—4:00 P. M. St. Cecilia, Elmira—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
- 27 Monday—Hotel Seneca—N. C. C. W. Luncheon—12:15 P. M.
- 28 Tuesday—St. Francis de Sales, Geneva—Deanery Conference—3:30 P. M. Holy Family, Auburn—Deanery Conference—4:30 P. M. St. Joseph's, Weedsport—Confirmation—7:45 P. M.
- 29 Wednesday—Columbus Civic Centre—Deanery Conference—3:00 P. M.
- 30 Thursday—Our Lady of Mercy High School—Sodality Reception—2:30 P. M.

By Order of The Most Rev. Bishop Lawrence J. Casey

Holy Name Men Nuns in Mindanao To Convene May 3 Reported Safe

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its Spiritual Director and four delegates. Under the constitution of the Union, the President and Secretary of each society are ex-officio delegates. In connection with the tenth anniversary celebration, however, an invitation is also being extended this year to the other officers of the individual societies to attend the convention sessions.

Arrangements for the convention are being directed by Frank E. Wolfe, President of the Union, and it is expected that the full personnel of the Convention Committee will be announced by him within the next few days. James D'Amico, Treasurer of the Union, and John Dieringer, Marshall, are handling plans for the luncheon, while arrangements for the mass are in the hands of the Rev. F. W. Stauder and the Rev. Arthur F. Flor-

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Concern for the safety of American Sisters in two convents of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Mindanao, P. I., has been relieved by a cable from Mindanao just received at the community's Procure for Foreign Missions here.

The cable, sent by Mother Mary Fellicidade (Eva Casavan), of Brooklyn, and Mother M. Clare-Joseph (Lauretta Payne), of Detroit, reported that all the Sisters are well, but that they are unable to communicate with the convents in the north.

Give the Red Cross little or much, it needs "all-out" help.

ack, Spiritual Director and Assistant Spiritual Director, respectively, of the Union, B. Edward Sheehy and Lewis A. Schur are in charge of publicity.

Special Program On 'Catholic Hour' Listed Good Friday

WASHINGTON.—A special program of the "Catholic Hour" will be presented Good Friday evening, according to an announcement here by the National Council of Catholic Men, producer of the nationwide National Broadcasting Company program.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, will deliver an address entitled "The Crucifixion" and the musical portion of the program will be presented by a group of the Pacific Coast. The program will be broadcast from 10:30 to 11:00 P. M. Eastern War Time, over the NBC Red Network.

Win First Prize
Nashville, Tenn.—The Holy Family Quartet of Holy Family (Colored) Church here has been announced as first prize winner in the January "Colonial Quartet Contest," heard over Radio Stations WLAC here and WLBJ, Bowling Green, Ky.

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