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Diocesan-Wide Triduum To St. Joseph Set April 22-25



Blessing New Convent — For Sisters of St. Joseph of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Wednesday. His Excellency, Bishop Kearney officiating is assisted by Rev. Francis J. Hoefen (left) and Rev. Lawrence B. Casey. (Story on Page 12-13)

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Bishop Asks Special Prayers For Nation To Patron Of Church

Asking that every "church, oratory and chapel" in the diocese conduct special prayers to St. Joseph in the form of a Triduum to open on the evening of the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, April 22 and to close with the Mass of St. Joseph on Sunday, April 26, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney has sent a letter to all his congregations which will be read on Sunday at all the Masses.

The intercession of St. Joseph is one of the most powerful forms of prayer and the dangers which confront the Universal Church from totalitarian states will surely draw his paternal solicitude to our needs.

It was St. Joseph who saved the Infant Jesus from the tyrant of his day. He is equally concerned about the welfare of the Church founded by that Infant.

The Services of the Triduum will be announced in each church, next Sunday, April 19.

Vatican-China Relations To Be Established Soon, States Embassy in U. S.

WASHINGTON — The Chinese Embassy in Washington today made known it had received word of a statement made in Chungking by an official spokesman of the Government to the effect that the Holy See had granted the request of the Republic of China for the establishment of diplomatic relations. Such relations, the Chungking spokesman was quoted by the Embassy as saying, would soon be established.

Latest figures compiled by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith show there are more than 3,000,000 Catholics in China. There are 16 native Bishops in China and nine native Prefects Apostolic. Of the 4,961 priests laboring there, 1,957 are natives. Of the 6,065 Sisters, 2,781 are natives. In the Major Seminaries there are about 1,000 native students preparing for the priesthood.

World Must Cooperate Or Get Deluded Peace

NEW YORK. — Broad international cooperation in economic, social and political fields as the only way to avoid the "ruin of a frustrated and deluded peace" and as a responsibility of all peoples but of the Christian world especially, was urged yesterday by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Donald A. MacLean, of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., in an address at the sixteenth annual conference of the Catholic Association for International Peace.

The American nations are destined to play a special role in the construction of a world order and world peace based on the principles enunciated by Pops XII, Monsignor MacLean said. These principles, he said, are the only basis on which such a world order can be constructed.

"As partners, not merely as good neighbors," the Americans have pledged their loyal and undivided forces to resist totalitarianism and barbaric attacks on any front where "freedom, democratic institutions and Christian civilization may be imperiled," Monsignor MacLean stated.

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Flays Unrestricted Contraceptive Sale

LONDON — A challenge to the Government to interest itself in the country's falling birth-rate is made in a letter printed in *The Times* here from Charles E. Macbeth, secretary of the Catholic Pharmaceutical Guild.

Mr. Macbeth points out that the sale of contraceptives is unrestricted by the orders which limit the supplies of many other goods and that they bear no tax.

Mr. Macbeth adds: "It is to the eternal shame of pharmacy in England that it has engaged in this trade, though it is also true that very many have refused to do so. The whole sordid business is one with our pleasure-seeking way, which we are now learning must be rejected for the hard realities of life."

'And Down The Days' Is April Book Choice

NEW YORK. — "And, Down the Days," a novelized biography of Lizie St. John Eckel, daughter of Maria Monk, is the April choice of the Catholic Book Club here. It's author is the Rev. John L. Bonn, S.J., of Boston College, and it is published by the Macmillan Company, this city.

Saying that in the book Father Bonn has shown Catholic authors "how to write a novel," Francis X. Connolly, in the Book Club's Newsletter, says "its theme, God's pursuit of a recalcitrant soul, is at once essentially dramatic and absorbingly real" and is "subtly constructed, admirably paced, skillfully emphasized."

President 'Deeply Touched' By 1942 Holy Name Plaque

WASHINGTON (NC) — President Roosevelt is in possession of a plaque commemorative of the national Holy Name Communion Sunday observed on March 8 of this year for the offering of prayers by Holy Name men throughout the country for the "divine guidance of our President and National Executives."

The plaque, bearing the meditation of the Christ Child which is the symbol of the Holy Name Society and a plate dedicating the prayers of the Holy Name men to the guidance of the nation's leaders, was presented at the White House by the Rev. Harry C. Graham, O.P., National Director of the Holy Name Society.

Presentation of the plaque completes the 1942 program of the Holy Name Society enlisting the spiritual assistance of its members throughout the country for the enlightenment and guidance of this country's national leaders in the present world crisis.

"In a letter to Father Graham, President Roosevelt said:

"I am deeply touched by that handsome plaque, presented by the Holy Name Men of the country. Will you not be good enough to convey to them my sincere thanks and appreciation. It is indeed most gratifying to know that I have their friendly thought and prayers."

The dedicatory plate on the plaque bears the following inscription:

"Dear Mr. President: The highest act of religion for me as a

American's No. 1 desert — Fresh Apple Pie — is only 25¢ at AUNT JENNIE'S BAKE SHOPPE, 516 Monroe Ave. Please orders reserved. Monroe 688.—Adv.

Catholic and a Holy Name man is to participate actively with a priest in offering to God the Sacrifice of Christ's Body and Blood in Mass whilst also partaking therein of the Divine Banquet, Holy Communion. The share I have and can give in this supreme act of religion on March 8, 1942. I offer for you as the duly elected President of my Country.

"The Holy Name Men of the Country."

Volume Pays Tribute To Hilaire Belfoc

LONDON. Noted Catholic writers are paying a tribute to Hilaire Belfoc, now in his 72nd year, by contributing to a book entitled *For Hilaire Belfoc* which Sheed and Ward will publish here. The contributors include Monsignor Ronald Knox, Christopher Hollis, Douglas Woodruff, Douglas Jerrold and J. B. Morton.

Clyde Woman Walks 73,000 Miles Attending Daily Mass For 20 Years

CLYDE. — Attendance at Holy Mass every day for the last twenty years has meant that Rosa Mary Iocco has walked a distance of almost three times the circumference of the earth, or 73,000 miles. Mrs. Iocco, widow of the late Michael Iocco, lives five miles east of Clyde, near Savannah, and by her daily trek to Mass at St. John's Church, Clyde, she covers a distance of ten miles.

At the age of 62, Mrs. Iocco is

enjoying the best of health to which she attributes the many hours she has spent out of doors. Undaunted by rain, sleet or snow, she has become known to every resident of that area by her faithful attendance at the 7:30 Mass. She is not in the least upset by the present auto and rubber shortage, and feels that, by walking she can reach any desired destination.

Mrs. Iocco is the mother of six boys, one of whom, Frank, is now serving in the U. S. Forces.