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Bishop Kearney Lauds K. of C. Initiating Class of 235 Members

Sunday, April 19, long will be remembered in the minds of Knights of Columbus as a red letter day for Columbianism in Elmira.

From early morn, when new and old members began receiving Holy Communion in their respective churches of the city and county, until late in the evening when the last farwell was said at Columbus Center a program was carried out that not only climaxed a long and active period in the cause of Catholic Action but was significant in the portend of a continued and fruitful future.

As the day of exemplification of the Major Degree of the order on the Bishop Kearney Class, it was auspicious that Elmira Council should be honored by the presence of His Excellency the Bishop of Rochester who is also state chaplain, the State Deputy, Hugh A. Doyle of New Rochelle, and the State Warden, Hugh A. Sheridan of New York.

Praises Clergy Cooperation

Following reception of Holy Communion the annual Communion Breakfast of the Council was held at the Mark Twain Hotel. Bishop Kearney, as the principal speaker, lauded the standing of Elmira Council and congratulated its officers and the co-chairmen of the membership campaign, Deputy Grand Knight E. J. Vaillancourt and Eugene F. Agan, for the outstanding record they had achieved.

He paid tribute to the whole-hearted cooperation and support given by the clergy of Elmira to the program of the council. He also praised the plan for the membership drive which was originated here and expressed the hope it would be adopted by Councils throughout the country.

This is a great year for the Knights of Columbus," Bishop Kearney said. "The Pope has bestowed signal honor on the supreme officers of the Council by conferring on them Papal Knighthood. This is not only a great honor for the organization but also serves to silence those who would criticize the Order by proving that Mother Church fully approves the

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Fr. Randall Named To Direct Defense Effort

Appointed by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D. Bishop of Rochester, today as Designee of the Diocese in charge of national, state and local defense activities, the Rev. John S. Randall will coordinate any activity in this diocese that applies to defense.

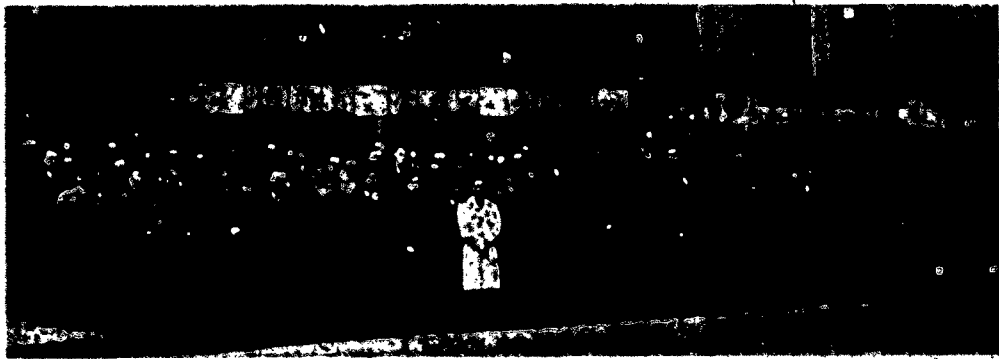
Father Randall's appointment came in answer to a request from Secretary Charles J. Tobin of the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee, Albany.

In a letter to Bishop Kearney Secretary Tobin stated:

"There will be times when matters dealing with defense, will require immediate action, and to help make our services more worthwhile in this particular line, we have to suggest that you designate someone who will be responsible for defense activities in your Diocese, with whom this office can contact as occasion requires and needs.

"This particular person would in turn advise the Chancery office, the Director of Charities, the Superintendent of Schools and such other units in your Diocese as you would arrange for under an organization that might be called defense."

A member of the Speakers Bureau of the Rochester Defense Council, Father Randall is also representing the Bishop on the local United Service Organizations committee of which Jacob Gabelman is chairman.



BISHOP KEARNEY CLASS of Elmira Knights of Columbus shown outside Columbus Center where they received the Third or Major Degree Sunday. The 235 in the class heard His Excellency, Bishop Kearney and State Deputy Hugh A. Doyle at a Communion Breakfast opening the day's program.

—Joe Lynch Photo

Diocesan Holy Name Convention Will Have National Director As Speaker

N.C.C.W. Convention Opens With Papal Blessing

By Katherine McKiever

HOLLYWOOD BEACH—(N. C.)—The National Council of Catholic Women went into the second day of its twenty-first national convention here with the Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness Pope Pius XII and a message by the Most Rev. Joseph P. Hurley Bishop of St. Augustine and host to the meeting.

At the Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated Sunday morning by Bishop Hurley in the Church of the Little Flower, Hollywood, the Ordinary of St. Augustine read a telegram he had received from His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States which said:

"The Holy Father, comforted by the knowledge of its outstanding achievements and devoted service to God and Country through works of religion, charity and education, graciously confers his paternal Apostolic Blessing upon all participating in the convention of the National Council of Catholic Women in Hollywood, Fla., as a pledge of abundant heavenly benedictions."

Bishop Welcomes Delegates

Following the Mass, at which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, preached the sermon, Bishop Hurley welcomed the delegates to the Diocese of St. Augustine and emphasized the religious basis of all the deliberations of the convention.

Monsignor Ready, in his sermon, called upon the Catholic laity of the United States to fill "the com-

PELLING need of effective holiness" emphasized by "our modern environment." He declared that all men are members of the Mystical Body of Christ and of Christ's Kingdom and that because of the resulting human brotherhood the holiness that comes from Christian living cannot be complete unless it is fully related to society. He urged personal holiness as the starting point of the laity's mission of "restoring society's relationship with Christ," saying that the devout Catholic laywoman, in particular, "will seek out ambitiously both the means of grace whereby she can preserve holiness and the opportunity of service for Christ and His Church whereby she can make her holiness effective socially."

The delegates were told at the general session in the evening that liberation for the world is the only thing that can keep the United States safe. Speaking on "What is the Front Line?" Charles P. Taft, Coordinator of Defense, Health and Welfare Services of the Federal Security Agency, Washington, declared that to win the war "we need an intelligent understanding of what we are fighting for." "Survival," he asked, "Yes, God help us. Revenge? Perhaps, but vengeance is God's, not ours. Liberation? Yes, and not just freedom from fear for ourselves or free speech, free religion and economic

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Mass, Luncheon, Panel Discussions Planned

The Rev. Harry C. Graham, O.P., National Director of the Holy Name Society will be the principal speaker at the tenth annual convention of the Diocesan Holy Name Union to be held in Rochester on Sunday May 2. This announcement was made yesterday by headquarters of the Holy Name Union in Rochester.

"National Headquarters of the Holy Name Society in New York City has again honored our Rochester Diocesan Union by sending us the head of all Holy Name activities in this country to address our convention," said the Rev. F. W. Stauder, Spiritual Director of the Rochester Union.

"It is a notable tribute to the ten years of work of the Union in this diocese. Father Graham is an exceptionally gifted speaker in an order noted for its speakers. He has been an active participant in the recent reorganization of the Holy Name Societies in the Archdioceses of Chicago and New York, and he has been in close touch with authorities in Washington in connection with the work of the Church for the men in our armed forces, and I know his talk will be of deep interest to all our Holy Name men."

Sermon by Bishop

The convention will open with Mass at Holy Redeemer Church in Rochester, at which the sermon will be delivered by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney. This will be followed by a luncheon at the Powers Hotel to be addressed by a speaker of outstanding experience in Holy Name work. Then will fol-

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Revive Patriotism, Instill In Youth, Bishop Urges In Ithaca, P. T. A. Address

ITHACA—"The word patriotism has not been heard with sufficient frequency in the United States during the past generation," the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, bishop of Rochester, said Thursday evening, April 16, at a P.T.A. Fathers' Night supper in Parish Hall of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

About 300 fathers, Parent-Teacher Association members, and invited guests attended the dinner in honor of Bishop Kearney.

"The disappearance of the word patriotism from popular usage has been accompanied by a more serious change," Bishop Kearney said. "The quality of citizenship indicated by the term patriotism has been changing. Love of country has not only lost its spontaneity for many of our citizens but an intelligent understanding of the real meaning and importance of patriotism has almost disappeared," he said.

"Peace societies and other pacifistic organizations have contributed, either innocently or maliciously, to the creation of a spirit of indifference to the welfare of the nation and to its defense in time of emergency. Not all of these organizations have been inspired by high idealism; some of them have been a part of the red front and have sought to destroy patriotism in order to destroy the nation.

"Youth, with its idealism, has frequently been the easy victim of pacifistic propaganda and very often, in its passion for peace, has forgotten unintelligently its patriotic obligations, if it ever knew them."

The Bishop said that conditions which had contributed to the collapse of that patriotism which characterized the citizenry of earlier generations were that the country has just gone through a period when it was considered smart to be steeled against any expression of emotion; that it has passed through a period when the elders selected to give commencement addresses, felt constrained, with weeping and gnashing of teeth, to confess publicly before the younger generation of graduates that the nation was bankrupt in more ways than one, and that a series of "vicious political campaigns during the last 10 years, has operated to undermine the patriotism of our youth.

The revelations of recent days in prominent centers, Bishop Kear-

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Appeals To Citizens For Better Play Aids For Children

The Rev. Francis H. Vogt, assistant pastor of St. Anthony's Church, is the author of a stirring appeal to the citizens of his parish and the Catholic citizens of Elmira in general in behalf of better recreational and playground facilities for children.

Father Vogt initiated his movement with a signed article in the parish bulletin, "The Antonian," in which he cited the refusal of city authorities to permit the youths of St. Anthony's School to practice baseball on the hardball variety at Washington Park.

The playing space at Washington Park was reduced considerably more than a year ago by the erection of a building to house the NYA work center cutting across the outfield. A considerable controversy was aroused at the time because of the curtailment of space. Father Vogt, referring to this controversy, quoted articles published in the local papers to the effect that City and NYA officials had worked out a compromise plan relocating the work center, the park playground and baseball diamond to meet the objections of those protesting.

Queles City Manager

Bearing on Father Vogt's present protest he said the City Manager, Ralph Klebes, had informed him that the City Council had passed a resolution forbidding hard ball at Washington Park and that "city officials never made any promise, or ever had any intention of allowing hardball in Washington Park, regardless of what was in the papers."

Quoted in the Star-Gazette Tuesday evening, City Manager Klebes said Father Vogt was in error, that the city council changed the work center site to provide more playground space but banned hardball on the diamond as a safety measure because parents of children using the playground viewed hardball games as a hazard for the youngsters.

Father Vogt takes issue with the city authorities in general that sufficient recreational and playground facilities are available to the children of the city and declares that the situation is getting critical in what it may portend for the future. Members of St. Anthony's parish are awaiting with interest the result of their assistant pastor's effort to secure greater playground facilities for their children.

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