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## PRESIDENT RECEIVES HOLY NAME PLAQUE



In front of a painting of Blessed John of Verceil, first director of the Holy Name Society, in 1274, Rev. Harry C. Graham, O. P., National Director of the Society, inspects the plaque presented to President Roosevelt, commemorating National Holy Name Communion, Sunday, March 8, 1942, when all Holy Name men were asked to pray for "Divine Guidance of Our President and National Executives." (N.C.W.C.)

## Pope's Blessing Opens N.C.C.W. Deliberations

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 J. 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. Magr. Michael J. Reedy, 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 Reedy, in his sermon, called upon the Catholic laity of the United States to fill "the compelling 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 lay-woman, 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 freedom."

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### DESIGNEE



Rev. John S. Randall

## 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 his 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 Gitelman is chairman.

## GRANDNEPHEW OF GARIBOLDI RECEIVED INTO CHURCH

VATICAN CITY—In the chapel of the Sisters of Blessed Mother Cabrini, this morning, His Eminence Cardinal Casati Dominioni administered the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation to General Elio Garibaldi, grandnephew of General Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian national hero.

General Garibaldi was accompanied by the Jesuit Father Calimberti.

## Diocesan Holy Name Convention Will Have National Director As Speaker

### 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."

Written 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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## Indifferentism Endangers U. S., Warns Fr. O'Connell

AUBURN—"God bless America? Don't be silly. God will never bless America until America first blesses God." This was the stirring conclusion to an address on "The Challenge

to Our Catholic Womanhood," by the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, chaplain at Nazareth Academy, Rochester, at the first annual reunion and banquet of the Senior Society of St. Mary's Church in which he soundly scored indifferentism.

The banquet was held at Spring-side Inn.

(Other details in Auburn parish news.)

Father O'Connell, former assistant at St. Mary's, took to task advocates and followers of Nazism, Communism, atheism and of the un-Christian life. He scored also those who shout their pro-Americanism, "but at the same time do everything in their power to break

down our ideals and our religious and home institutions."

In his eloquent and stirring address, Father O'Connell said:

"The world today offers a picture of human societies stripped of all elements of Christian thought and Christian life. We are faced with an anti-Christian revolution that goes further in its denial of Christian principles than any previous movement.

"Communism holds no essential difference between the human being, man, and a simple material substance. The official Communist definition of a human person is, 'A material substance that has organized itself.' According to Communism, what we mean by person is a mere illusion. All concepts of human dignity are nonsense. Man has no free will; enthusiasm, love, moral judgments have no basis or foundation. According to this theory what we refer to as a human person has no rights. Thus the logical consequence of such an idea of the human person is the annihilation of all real human life.

"Nazism proclaims the human person to be different from material substance but not essentially different from an animal. Listen to Hitler's formula: 'Between a man of a higher race and a man of lower race there exists a more essential difference than between a man

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## Edifice Reds Wanted For Meeting Becomes Church

MEXICO CITY.—The Most Rev. Serafin Armora, Bishop of Tamaulipas, in the presence of a large gathering, dedicated the Church of Nuestra Señora de la Merced at Tampico, donated by Dona Andrea Vinas-Izant.

This is the edifice which Communists of Tampico sought as a meeting place. By presidential order it was turned over to the Diocese of Tamaulipas and its opening as a place of public worship has been authorized by the Ministry of Government.

## First Catholic Church In Village, Result Of War

LONDON.—Ellesmere, Shropshire, has its first Catholic church as a result of the war. Children, socked in the place from St. Michael's parish, Liverpool, and one of the curates went with them. The priest, who offered Mass in various places from week to week, has now secured a temporary chapel to accommodate about 100 persons.