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Bishop Rallies Elmira Catholics To Support Community-War Chest

Catholics of Elmira and Chemung County joined in support of the United Community Chest—War Relief Fund campaign under the inspiration and leadership of the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester.

Heroism of Anzacs 'Amazing' Declares Father Sweeney

By JEANETTE J. CARR CORNING—In a lecture describing aspects of life in Australia, the Rev. Stephen Sweeney of the Order of the Sacred Passion, Scranton, Pa., told his hearers that the heroism and fighting qualities displayed by the Anzacs—soldiers of Australia and New Zealand—in the present world wide conflict has been amazing.

Father Sweeney has but recently returned from an 18-month stay in Australia where his community conducted missions and retreats. Father Sweeney described life in the Bush which he said was very rigorous. These Bushmen he compared to the pioneers of the United States, saying that they made their homesteads in unsettled lands. The great distances, light water supply and other hardships make up their daily lives but they remain happy and bring up their families to be good and loyal citizens of the commonwealth.

Church's Growth Cited
"The growth of the Catholic Church in Australia is very gratifying," said Father Sweeney. "In spite of the hardships encountered almost every parish has a Catholic school. The parishes themselves are enormous. In fact I have worked in parishes which are the size of all Ireland."

Father Sweeney also described the native sons of Australia and New Zealand—the Aborigines and the Maoris, respectively. The former are a stolid race who like to keep to themselves. They have their tribal customs and rites and one of their outstanding characteristics is their loyalty and love for one another. The love of an Aborigine mother for her child cannot be surpassed, Father Sweeney believed. They are, however, a vanishing race.

The Maoris, on the other hand, are a progressive and thriving race. They too have their tribal customs and like to live according to them but they do not shun contact with the white race the way the Aborigines do. Several hundred of them have enlisted in the British Army.

Perilous Journey
Remarking on his journey home the priest said it was a "long and perilous one." Following the attack on Pearl Harbor blackouts in Australia were frequent and that together with the lack of gasoline made it practically impossible for the missions to carry on their work. They were ordered to return to America which they did on the President Grant which had miraculously escaped destruction at Manila and which was then ordered to Australia to pick up American evacuees.

Father Sweeney looks forward to the time when the world will be at peace again and the work of the missions of the Passionist Fathers may be carried on.

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Holy Father Paid Homage Throughout Diocese On 25th Episcopal Jubilee

Tribute To Pope Of Peace' Given At Pontifical Mass

"Pius XII will always be known as the Pope of Peace." Thus declared the Rev. John H. Maney of St. Andrew's Seminary, Ithaca, who studied for the Holy Priesthood in Rome, at the solemn Pontifical Mass commemorating the Holy Father's Silver Episcopal Jubilee in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wednesday, May 13, the anniversary date.

With His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester officiating, the solemn but joyous liturgical ceremony was conducted at the central offering of prayer for the Bishop for His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

Throughout the diocese special Masses were offered by each priest and the faithful attended these Masses in paying grateful homage to the Supreme Pontiff. A spiritual bouquet of Masses, Holy Communion and other devotions was prepared by the children in the diocesan schools. (See adjoining column.)

Assisting the Bishop were: Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. William M. Hart, V.G., Dean of Honor, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the diocese, and the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Charles F. Shey, Master of Ceremonies, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. J. F. O'Connell, Student of St. Bernard's Seminary filed the minor altar.

"The man whose silver jubilee as a Bishop, the world over is celebrating today has exemplified perfectly the ideals of Holy Church," Father Maney declared in his sermon.

"He has throughout these 25 years shown himself a man of firm faith, a manager and agent of peace, an indelible preacher of the word of God, a shepherd whose care for the flock of Christ has ever been first and foremost in his heart; a faithful servant in God's house to whom the Sovereign Pontiffs have accorded many important

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Spiritual Bouquet For Our Holy Father's Anniversary Offered By Pupils and Students Of All Schools of the Diocese

Masses	60,917
Communions	40,379
Rozaries	49,221
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	67,744
Stations of the Cross	15,935
Aspirations	3,953,571
Litanies	22,507
Miscellaneous	29,768

'School Exhibit Week' Set In Diocese, May 17 to 22

All elementary schools of the Diocese will open their doors to the public next week during "School Exhibit Week." Although plans in various schools will vary as to time and days,

the classrooms effort, and in others have been made to present special work to be demonstrated.

For the past two years School Exhibit Week has drawn hundreds of parents and friends to the Catholic elementary schools throughout the diocese. Great interest has been expressed in the high type of work found in the curriculum offered. Important of past years has warranted a continuation of this program.

'Flying Chaplain' Wins 'Wings' At Ithaca Exercises

ITHACA—Graduation exercises of the Ithaca Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol were held Sunday afternoon, May 4, at the Ithaca Airport. An overflow crowd, the largest to attend an aeronautical function in the city since the opening of the airport a few years ago, witnessed the thrilling two-hour program.

Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Newman Club Chaplain and chairman of the CAP exercises, was among those who were awarded their "Wings." Father Cleary also participated in the exercises.

Fr. Cleary To Compile Clergyman-Pilot List

ITHACA, N. Y. (NCI)—The Rev. Donald M. Cleary, National Chaplain of the Newman Club, Ithaca, and chairman of the Newman Club of Cornell University, has been appointed by the national office of the Civil Air Patrol to compile a list of all priest-pilots, ministers and rabbis who are airplane pilots.

The list was sought by the Civil Air Patrol in order to encourage these clergymen to take an active part in the patrol's work in their own communities and to highlight by their presence and encouragement the merits of their support in the plane of civilian life.

The compiled list, Father Cleary said, will include names, address, denomination, number of flying hours, rating and any other information which would be of use to the Civil Air Patrol.

"LEICHT FATHER, LEICHT SON!"



John Leicht, Sr. (left), is retired director of the choir at the Holy Spirit Church in Ithaca, and his son, John, Jr. (right), directs the Marquette University choir. The two appear in a comedy sketch in Ithaca, N.Y.

Mass Listed Sunday At Conesus Lake

Mass will be celebrated at Conesus Lake, N.Y., at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 17, at the St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Conesus Lake, N.Y. It will be presided over by the Rev. Donald M. Cleary, National Chaplain of the Newman Club of Cornell University.