

Msgr. Arnold Says Purchase Of War Bonds Aids Chaplain

WASHINGTON—By purchasing War Bonds the American people become "partners in projecting the finest spiritual program in the armed forces our country, or any country, has ever attempted," Monsignor William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army, said today in a statement supporting the intensified War Bond Sales Campaign which was launched throughout the country on May 1.

"All of us," Monsignor Arnold said, "are interested in buying U.S. War Savings Bonds in this time of national emergency and I am especially interested because it affords an opportunity to assist in the spiritual defense of our country. By buying Savings Bonds we are putting money to the use of our Government in a time of urgent need, making it possible for us to maintain an expanded Corps of Chaplains and to secure the necessary materials and equipment for them to accomplish an efficient and fruitful ministry.

"This far-sighted spiritual program is fast becoming a reality with the construction of more than 60 chapels, equipped with altars, altar furnishings, electric organs, Bibles, prayer books, hymn books, and all the usual ecclesiastical appointments for the conducting of services of the three major faiths. Such a program enables us to maintain our cherished religious liberties and to preserve our democratic American way of life.

"Let us purchase Savings Bonds and help safeguard our spiritual heritage."

Mary

By Dolores Hoffman
What power and strength in Thy Holy Name
With joy and love we singers lay claim
O Mary, our mother, accept as thine own
We poor erring mortals and bring us safe home.
O dearest of all Mary Immaculate Queen
Thy beauty and light far beyond any dream
Thou fairest of all God's chosen flowers
Endowed with great miraculous powers.
Hail full of grace the Lord is with thee
He gave thee to us our Mother to be
O may thy sweet name help us on this rough way
O Mary, dear Mary, we humbly pray.

First Ordained

Berkeley Springs, W. Va. — The Rev. Chester P. Michael, frat native of Morgan County, to be ordained to the priesthood, celebrated his first low Mass in St. Vincent's Church here, Apr. 7.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, D.D., President
Most Rev. Msgr. Bryan J. McEnany, C.C., National Secretary
Rev. John J. Corrigan, Assistant Secretary

Tabernacles

The Blessed Sacrament may not be reserved unless a suitable place is provided for it. To enable our people in the Near East to have Christ present in their Churches at all times, we need Tabernacles. One can be provided for only Ten Dollars.

THE HOLY ICONS

All Oriental Christians, whether Catholic or Separated, have the greatest reverence for God's Saints. Their lives are an inspiration to these people, who continually beg their intercession. In the Byzantine Rite, the priest (whether Catholic or Orthodox) in his prayers before Mass makes six separate invocations of the saints. He ends these prayers with the words, "For all the saints, through whose prayers may God look down upon us."

Hence, as might be expected, Catholic Churches are usually lavishly adorned with pictures. These pictures are called icons—from a Greek word meaning "likeness or image." If a Catholic chapel is bereft of pictures the separated Oriental feels that something is lacking and he is not attracted to it.

Since most of our congregations in the Near East are very poor, the people cannot provide pictures of their favorite saints—many even lack a picture of Our Blessed Mother. Under these circumstances it is almost impossible to convince their Orthodox neighbors that they hold the true Faith, since the outward signs are so lacking.

We need many pictures for our little chapels. It is a real missionary work to provide them. Large pictures, suitable for church use, can be obtained in the Near East for Five Dollars each. Will you donate a picture of Our Lord, Our Blessed Lady or your favorite Saint?

IN THANKSGIVING

Ask our priests to say Mass in thanksgiving for the favors you have received.

FALSE RELIGION

It is bad enough when Catholic children have to attend schools where no religion is allowed. It is far worse when they are obliged to go to one where a false religion is taught. That is what happens in many places in the Near East, when we have no Catholic schools. The state schools are Mohammedan. Think of the danger to faith in the attendance of children at these schools. Five Dollars will care for a child in a mission day school for six months.

PROSPECTS IN EGYPT

The vast majority of the people of Egypt are Mohammedans. Since Apostolic times, however, there has been a considerable Christian population, following the Alexandrian Coptic Rite. For fifteen hundred years most of these have been separated from Catholic Unity on account of the Monophysite heresy. Today, however, most of the Copts know and care little about that peculiar doctrine and many of them are ready to become Catholics if we give them the opportunity. Twenty-five Dollars a month will support a Catholic Coptic priest. This enables him to devote himself to the work of conversion. It means progress for the Catholic Church in Egypt, which is one of our most promising fields. Please help us support these priests.

VESTMENTS

New vestments add greatly to the dignity of the Church's services. Our mission chapels are bare enough without their poverty being made more apparent by the use of old, soiled vestments. Provide a new set. Twenty Dollars buys one in the Near East.

FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

If you provide a chapel in the Near East with a crucifix, candlesticks and a year's supply of candles, your intentions will be remembered so long as they are used. This can be done for Twenty-five Dollars.


ALTAR AS MEMORIAL

An Altar makes an excellent memorial to your beloved dead. By giving one they will be remembered every time Mass is said on it. A suitable Altar can be erected in the Near East for Fifty Dollars.

NEW MEMBERS

We need new members to keep up our work in the mission field. This Association is the Holy Father's main reliance for aid to the Near East. If you have ever been a member, renew your membership. If you have not, why not join us today? The dues are only One Dollar a year, and there are many spiritual benefits.

Introducing a happy man to a pessimist is like shaking a red rag at a bull. It is for Plagues & is for Quail. Keep your War Bond Plague and we'll sell our War Bond Quail. A cynic is a person who knows the cost of everything and the value of nothing.



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