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Cooperate In War Week Program

BISHOP KEARNEY'S 'War Week' LETTER

My dear People:

In an impressive statement published in the Congressional Record for December 21, 1941, the Most Reverend Archbishop Spellman of this province said:

"Americans, we have prayed for peace and justice. We shall continue to pray for peace with justice, but peace with justice can now come only through victory. The chief responsibility for that victory is still on our soldiers, sailors, marines and flying men, but essential responsibility is also on the rest of us."

To stimulate our consciousness of that "essential responsibility," we in Rochester have set aside the week of June 14. This war is on the shoulders of all of us. Our country is contending against strong, resourceful, clever enemies. Proud of the fact that we have been accused by an enemy nation of idealism, we are ready to make hard sacrifices and to give generously of our resources to outlaw forever the domination of international life by brute force, lying propaganda and privileged nationalism. The things which our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, points out as requisite for the peace, which our victory will establish, these we place in our war aims and make the very prime reason for our hardships and sacrifices, disappointments and triumphs.

On Sunday, June 14, we shall open our War Week with special prayers at all our churches for the victory of our country and for the welfare of our men in the service of their country. On this Sunday, we celebrate in Rochester the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, patronal feast of the Pro Cathedral. As our contribution to the spiritual and material program of this important civic activity, I offer the following program:

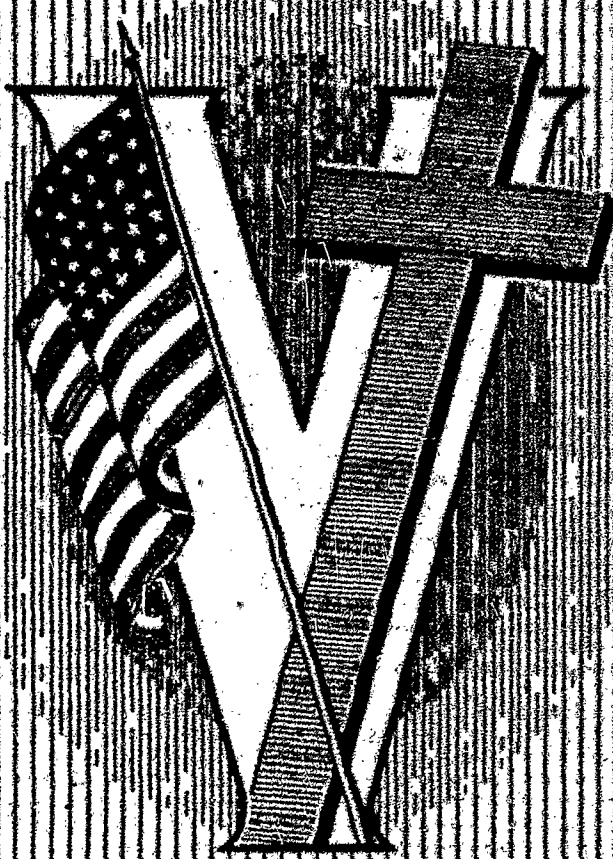
1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in all our churches and chapels from the end of the last Mass until evening Benediction, that all our people may have the opportunity of special visits to Our Lord to pray for those serving our country, from the Supreme Executive to the latest inductee.
2. Enthusiastic cooperation and support of the city program for the week whenever opportunity presents itself.
3. A special collection to be taken in every church in addition to the Sunday offering to purchase a Victory Bond, that bond to remain the property of the parish.

Your bishop will offer his Mass on Sunday at Our Lady of Victory Church in this city. Pope Pius XII, has asked so often for special prayers to the Mother of God and has expressed his confidence that "her powerful intercession may finally restore the order of tranquility and justice and a happier era for human society."

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ.

James E. Kearney
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

For God and Country



War Week—June 12-20

Dr. Cowen Marks Fortieth Anniversary In Priesthood

By Maryrose Barron

AUBURN—Sunday, June 14 will mark the Fortieth Anniversary of the ordination to the Holy Priesthood of the Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, pastor of St. Mary's Church.

The day will commemorate for him forty years of thrilling experiences, of monotonous details, forty years of accomplishments and zealous labor on behalf of seminarians of the Diocese of Rochester and of the parishioners of St. Mary's Church, Auburn. In Doctor Cowen's class of 1902

at St. Bernard's Seminary marking also their fortieth anniversary are: the Rev. Louis W. Edelman, Pittsford; the Rev. Bernard J. Gaffey, East Rochester; the Rev. Joseph H. Gettel, Nazareth College chaplain; and the Rev. Michael J. Krieg, Brockport. Born in Auburn.

It is a rare thing indeed, to have a priest return as pastor to the church where he was baptized, received his first holy Communion and sang his first Solemn High Mass. Dr. Cowen was born in Auburn, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Cowen. He was graduated from St. Mary's School, attended the Auburn High School and then entered St. Bernard's Seminary. In each of these schools he was distinguished for his brilliancy and was chosen by the faculty of St. Bernard's to try for the degree of doctor of theology which he received before the age of twenty-eight.

For nearly thirty years he was a member of the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary where he was Professor of Fundamental Dogmatic Theology, Dogmatic Theology, English Literature and Ethics. There is scarcely a priest in the Diocese of Rochester who is not acquainted with Dr. Cowen for the

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God knows and loves me. All other friends may fall; the essential love of God can never fail for His loving children.

Catholics Heed Bishop's Appeal For Full Support

"On Sunday, June 14, we shall open our War Week with special prayers at all our churches for the victory of our country and for the welfare of our men in the service of their country."

Thus says His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, upon the call for his people to join in the Rochester War Week observance beginning from June 14 through June 20.

The Bishop will celebrate Holy Mass at 8:15 A. M. in Our Lady of Victory Church, Sunday, June 14. Members of Rochester Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus will furnish a choir and officers and members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus will attend.

The Rev. John E. Randall, who has been assigned to look after national defense and production in directing arrangements for the Catholic diocese participation in the War Week Program.

Highlights of the week are: June 14, Patriotic services in churches; Kites Flag Day ceremonies in Geneva Valley Park; June 15, Mass Meeting, Gastman Theatre; June 16, Women's War Service Day; June 17, Tribute to Labor, back out mobilization with a band; June 18, C. B. Shriners, Night at Red Wing Stadium; June 19, Air Raid Demonstration; June 20, Huge Parade, 7 P. M.; June 20, Old Rochester Drive picnic.

Climax of the week's program will be the mammoth parade on Friday, June 19, which Catholic groups will participate and Catholics will be numbered in the various divisions.

Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary drill units will be in the parade commanded by Colonel Frederick J. W. Egan. Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus will be headed by Grand Knight Joseph J. Flynn. Various Catholic women's organizations are reported planning places in line.

In the 15th Division, Catholic schools will join with the public schools in the parade. The Catholic

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JUBILARIAN



MONSIGNOR WILLIAM F. BRENNAN, Jubilarian of the Diocese, made his Silver Sacramental Jubilee Sunday. (See "Jubilarian Comes To The Chancel" and "Ten Jubilarians," Page 11)

Catholic Senators Hit Divorce Bill

OTTAWA (NC)—A bill which would enable deserted married women to apply for divorce in any Province in which they have been residing for two years or more following the desertion, was vigorously opposed by three Catholic Senators at a hearing of the Senate Private Bills Committee.

Senators Leon Mercier Gouin, of Montreal; Athanase David, of Montreal; and Louis Cote, of Ottawa, took a firm stand against the proposed change in Dominion legislation. As the law now stands, deserted married women may bring suit only in the Province where the husband has been domiciled immediately prior to the desertion.

Army Chapel

Indiana, Gap, Pa. The Most Rev. George L. Leech, Bishop of Harrisburg, officiated at the dedication of Our Lady of Victory Chapel at the great army center here.

Regents Examination Schedule

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS		DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER	
	A. M.		P. M.
Mon., June 15—	Geography History B Am. History Typewriting	El. U. S. History Latin 2 yrs. French 2 yrs. German 2 yrs. Spanish 2 yrs. Italian 2 yrs. Economics	
Tues., June 16—	El. English English 4 yrs. Plane Geometry Bus. Arithmetic	Spelling St. Reading Physics Chemistry Biology Earth Science Shorthand 2 Comb. Shorthand and Typing	
Wed., June 17—	Arithmetic Int. Algebra Adv. Algebra Bookkeeping 2	Latin 3 yrs. French 3 yrs. German 3 yrs. Spanish 3 yrs. Italian 3 yrs.	
Thurs., June 18—	Solid Geometry Trigonometry History A Business Law	Comprehensive art Comprehensive music	