

Bishop Urges Response To 'Peter's Pence' Appeal

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MARYKNOLL PRIESTS FORCED BY WAR TO RETURN FROM JAPAN

NEW YORK (AP)—The first repatriation ship from Japan is carrying out of the Japanese Empire 76 of the 119 Maryknoll priests, Brothers and Sisters who have been laboring in Japan, Korea and Manchukuo. It is possible the remainder will be required to leave on future vessels. This first ship also has aboard six Maryknoll Missioners from Hong Kong.

(Listed among the Maryknoll priests and Brothers returning from the Japanese Empire are: the Rev. Patrick H. Cleary of Illinois and the Rev. E. Felix White of Geneva.)

In the absence of Bishop James E. Walsh, superior General of Maryknoll, who is at present visiting the new Maryknoll mission in South America, the Rev. James M. Drought, Vicar-General, commented on this latest of the dramatic developments among Maryknoll Missioners in the Far East since the outbreak of the war.

Wanted to Stay

"So far as we know," he said, "the largest single group of Americans in the Japanese Empire today are the Maryknoll priests, Brothers and Sisters, 119 in number. These, it should be noted, represent only a quarter of the 450 Maryknollers in the Pacific war zones. These missioners in Japan have consistently taken the stand that they were to stay at their posts regardless of circumstances. While the American Ambassador on several occasions very graciously advised evacuation, the group has replied that Catholic mission tradition required them to remain.

"These Maryknoll priests, Brothers and Sisters who are now being repatriated from the Japanese Empire because of the war conditions represent over a thousand work years of mission effort. Scores of them have each devoted ten and fifteen years to building up flourishing Catholic communities and winning converts who today number tens of thousands. A messenger force of native clergy and European priests remain behind to care for these orphaned Christians during the years of the Maryknollers' forced absence.

"We expect that after the war our missioners will return to Japan. They might help to prevent another war. Meantime, a substantial number of them are assigned to Maryknoll missions in Latin America."

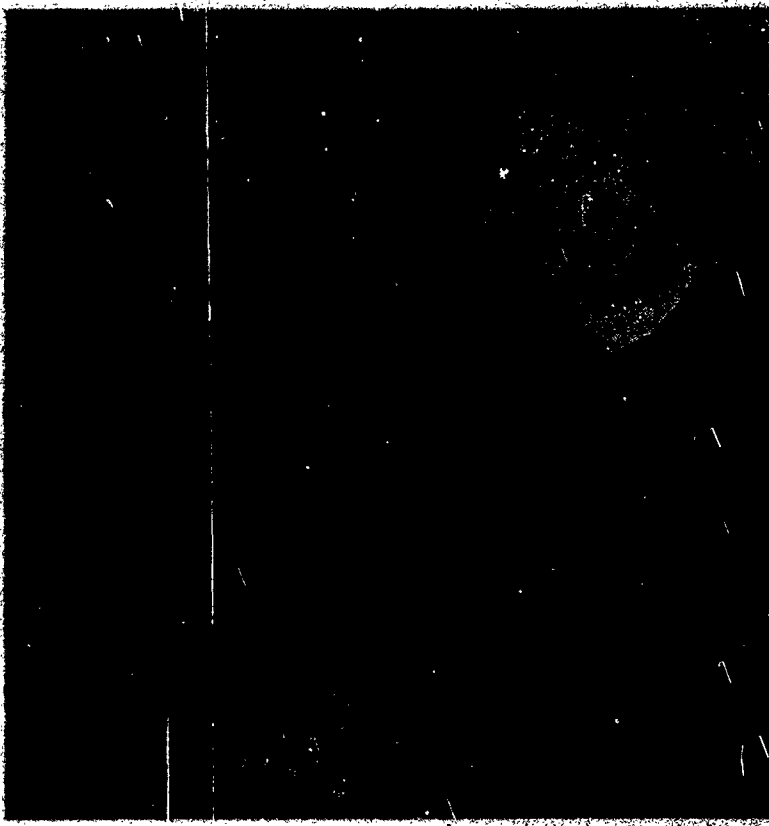
Warns Against Hasty War-Time Marriages

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (AP)—In a pastoral to the clergy, the Most Rev. Henry Althoff, Bishop of Belleville, warns of the evils resulting from hasty and mixed marriages. He earnestly requests the pastor to exercise more than ordinary caution in regard to this matter.

"Since owing to present conditions there is a growing tendency toward hasty marriages and also frequent mixed marriages, and often times there is no intention or possibility of newly-married couples to live together, I would earnestly request all pastor to take an active interest in the young people of their parish and also give them the necessary warning and instruction in this regard," the Bishop wrote.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Quebec's Leon Casgrain, member of one of Quebec's oldest and best known families, has been sworn in as Attorney General.



FELICITATIONS on 50 fruitful years in the Holy Priesthood are extended by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, to the Rt. Rev. Mgr. James J. Griffin, pastor emeritus of St. Mary's Church, Corning. Monsignor Griffin ordained June 21, 1892, was recently honored by Bishop and fellow-priests on his sacerdotal anniversary.

Auburn Priests Emphasize God's Place In War-Torn World To High Graduates

AUBURN—Baccalaureate services were conducted in two of Auburn's public high schools by Catholic clergymen who stressed the need of God in a war torn world. Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen was the speaker at East High School and Rev. Bernard Newcomb, assistant pastor at St. Francis Church, delivered the address at West High School. Musical numbers were a part of the devotional services at both schools with selections by the High School Bands of the respective schools.

In the baccalaureate address delivered at West High School Father Bernard Newcomb said in part:

"America is great today because it has the blood of many nations; America is rich today because she has for her own not people from one land but from all lands who have come to love this as their own. Not English, not Irish, not Italian, not French, not German, not Slavic or Nordic but American. An America that always has had God and placed God always first, an America which because of this love of God, because of the ideas, the culture, the thoughts of so many nationalities has been able to take the best from each and to give to us those great and many things which we, as Americans, enjoy today.

Great Traditions

"Now you may say and think to yourselves, why all this talk about America, its traditions, its privileges, why bother us with this talk. We are graduates why not tell us how great we are, how smart we are? Yes, you are members of the graduating class of 1942 of West High School. But if it were not for the great traditions of this land, if it were not for those great developments that have taken place, you would not be on the stage today.

"For in what other kind can you receive the advantages that you have? Only the rich and those who have more receive these in other lands as a whole. Because you have graduated, you are the envy

and admiration of your companions, the pride of parents who in many instances could not receive what you are receiving today. Because you are in America.

"After graduation there will come many disappointments. Some of you will go farther ahead than the others. There will come a time when you will stop and wonder why you continued in school. Why didn't I stop and go to work? I would have been farther advanced. You spent this time in school because it is a custom, a right and privilege, your heritage as an American. Because you are an American, you have a chance to make a decent living; you have a chance to be on equal footing with all; if it is at all humanly possible you may not but you must learn to read and write; you will be enabled to judge right and wrong; you will be trained to carry on the traditions of America, these so aptly put by our press, Freedom of Religious Worship, Freedom of Speech, Free from Fear, Freedom from Want.

"If you do not amass great wealth; if honor and power do not come your way; if you do not scale the heights which your ambitions have fashioned for you, do not be discouraged. No one of us ever attains the greatness of our dreams. Do not think your education worth-

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Archbishop at Centenary of Native Parish

ST. RAYMOND, Que.—The Most Rev. Alexander Vachon, Archbishop of Ottawa, a native son of this parish, officiated at the centenary observance of the parish.

4 Diocesan Meetings Listed For Patriotic, Charities, Training

A "Call To Service," given the full approval of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, goes out, this week, to Catholic women of the Rochester Diocese.

That Catholic women in various sections of the diocese may be enabled to respond wholeheartedly to this call, a series of conferences to train women volunteers for service with Church or patriotic organizations has been arranged.

The conferences open in Geneva July 11, to be followed by other one-day meetings in Rochester on July 14; Auburn, July 15; and Elmira, July 16.

First of their kind to be held in the United States, these conferences will serve as a pattern for similar conferences to be scheduled in various parts of the United States.

The Chancery asks the pastors in the diocese where the conferences are to be held to designate the time and place from the people. A special invitation is extended to the Reverend Clergy to attend the sessions.

The one-day meetings in Geneva, Rochester, Auburn and Elmira are being sponsored by the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Rochester and Elmira Catholic Charities; the National Council of Catholic Women and the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

National leaders in the work of organizing Catholic women and in the Catholic Charities program will be here for the meetings. Taking a prominent part will be the Rt. Rev. Mgr. John O'Grady, executive secretary, National Conference of Catholic Charities who will come from Washington, D. C.

Speakers at the sessions will be Miss Irma Piepho, Field Secretary, National Council of Catholic Women, Washington and Mrs. Lee Kenny, national chairman, Committee on Cooperating with Catholic Charities, National Council of Catholic Women, Fremont, Ohio.

Participating will be the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, spiritual director, Rochester Diocesan Council; the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, diocesan director, Rochester Catholic Charities; Miss Cecelia M. Yawman, diocesan president, Mrs. M. H. Keogh, national director of N. C. C. W. and Mrs. Louis A. Langlois, diocesan chairman, Committee on Cooperating with Catholic Charities, Rochester Diocesan Council.

Discussion at the conference will center about "A Call To Service," a manual issued recently by the National Council of Catholic Women and the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

The manual contains sections dealing with volunteer work within the parish, the community, and the diocese. Among the opportunities within the community listed for service are: state and local defense councils, American Red Cross, United Service Organizations, public health, public welfare, juvenile court work and institutional work.

The groups arranging the meetings point out that the training given the women will be most useful, not only during wartime, but particularly during the period of post war reconstruction. A number of volunteer groups within the diocese are already assisting in work for the handicapped, child care, institutional visiting. It is to give these groups ideas gathered from nation-wide experience in the conferences.

ON NCCW PROGRAM



Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities

Tentative Program For Women's Meetings

A tentative program for the Institute for Cooperating with Catholic Charities for Catholic Women of the Rochester Diocese to be held in Geneva, July 11; Rochester, July 14; Auburn, July 15 and Elmira, July 17 follows:

Registration 10:00 a. m.
General Meeting
Topic: Organization and General Principles of Volunteer Work
President of Diocesan Council presiding.

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel by Spiritual Director of Diocesan Council.
Introductory Remarks: Rev. Gerald C. Lambert and Miss Cecelia M. Yawman.

Cooperating: Catholic Volunteer Work, Miss Irma Piepho, Field Secretary, N. C. C. W.
Discussion.

10:00 to 11:00 a. m.
Representatives of Catholic Charities presiding.
Topic: Opportunities for Volunteer Women's Organizations in the Field of Charity: Within the Parish, Within the Community.

Guiding Principles for Catholic Volunteer Work, Mrs. Lee Kenny, National Chairman, N. C. C. W., Committee on Cooperating with Catholic Charities.
Discussion.

Summation by Miss Piepho, closing in work of morning sessions.

Double Jubilee

Chicoutimi, Que.—The Most Rev. J. M. Leventoux, C.S.B., retired Vicar Apostolic of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, observed a double anniversary here: the 50th anniversary of his ordination and the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration.