

Urges Tighter Drawn Spiritual Bonds Of Americas' Catholics

MEXICO CITY (C.O.) - "I deem it of capital importance that the spiritual bonds uniting all the Catholics of America be more and more tightly drawn," the Most Rev. Luis M. Martinez, Archbishop of Mexico, said to Carlos A. Mori, Editor of Noticias Catolicas, during the latter's visit to Mexico. The development and dissemination of this Spanish-language coverage of world news by the Press Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Archbishop added, will "contribute effectively to the attainment of this desired unity."

Noticias Catolicas is already serving the press of the Mexican Capital. Among its subscribers are the Central Board and the various branches of Catholic Action, the Agencia de Publicaciones Sucesas Freres, and leading dailies. Noted was the fact Mexican daily to subscribe: El Universal, Excelsior and La Frases have subscribed more recently. The combined Mexican subscribers represent a circulation of more than 300,000.

The text of Archbishop Martinez's statement is as follows: "I deem it of capital importance that the spiritual bonds uniting all the Catholics of America be more and more tightly drawn."

"God grant the day may come when we shall have only one soul and one heart united in the motherly embrace of the Most Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe."

This spiritual unity is of special importance at this solemn hour of history in which it is the hope of all that once the horrors of war have passed, America may succeed in wielding an effective and beneficent influence upon the world.

"There is no doubt but that the development and dissemination of Noticias Catolicas, published by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, will contribute effectively to the attainment of this desired unity."

War Casualty



Brother Dominic Peter, O.S.B., member of the Religious Province of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, who was killed during the fighting in Hong Kong last December, according to word just received. Formerly stationed in Manila, he was attached to the staff of St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong, at the time of his death. (N.C.W.C.)

Death Roll of Week in Southern Tier

Anna Dooling, formerly of Norwich, died in a Boston hospital Monday, Aug. 31, 1942. She was a daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. Richard Dooling, and lived in Norwich until a few years ago. She is survived by her brother William. The funeral was held at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 at St. Ann's Church, Norwich. St. Ann's Cemetery.

Mrs. Catherine G. Hogan of 1234 Irvine St. widow of Thomas J. Hogan, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 1942. She was a member of St. Patrick's Church. Survivors are a daughter, Catherine E.; two brothers, Thomas Connelley of Elkins and Michael Connelley of Ireland.

The Solemn High Requiem High Mass was celebrated at 9 a. m. Monday, Aug. 31 at St. Patrick's Church by the Rev. William J. Brien, assisted by the Rev. Hubert A. Binky and the Rev. Francis J. Fogarty. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Andrew J. Shannon, 21, of 228 W. Center St. died Monday, Aug. 31, 1942. He was an employee of Berger and Sherin Co. for several years. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Shannon; grandmother, Mrs. John Shannon of Arnot, Pa.; sisters, Mrs. Peter Jurusik, Mrs. Joseph Schickler, Mrs. Charles Ruzsak of Elmira, Mrs. Joseph Bird of Napoleon, Pa.; Agatha of Rochester, Sophie, Josephine, Matilda, and Theresa of Elmira; brothers Stanley and Anthony of Elmira.

The funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, Sept. 3, 1942 at 9 a. m. at St. Columba's Church, St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Wickham, widow of John Wickham, died Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1942 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary G. Halberstam, 112 Broadway. She was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Halberstam and Mrs. Charles Halberstam of Elmira; four sons, John of Elmira, M. J., Edward B. of Richmond Hill, N. Y., James E. and Leo of Newark, N. J.; a sister, Mrs. Henry Champion of Sayre, Pa.

The funeral Mass was celebrated at 9 a. m. Saturday, Aug. 29 at St. Mary's Church, by the Rev. Joseph L. Hogan. The Rev. J. J. Moriarty was in the sanctuary. Burial was in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

Mrs. Helen Frances Bird of 204 Southwood Ave., Elmira, died Monday, Aug. 31, 1942. Survivors are her husband, Lark C.; a daughter, Phyllis J. of Elmira Heights; two sisters, Mrs. Kate Tompkins and Mrs. Jane E. Wood of Penn Yan. The Requiem

Retreat Conducted in California Army Camp

PERKINS, CALIF. - Hundreds of Catholic soldiers received Holy Communion in the three chapels of Fort Ord during a week's retreat presided by the Rev. A. P. McAnis, O.P.

The retreat was arranged by Father Patrick J. Ryan and Father Denis Moore, chaplains who assisted Father McAnis.

Mass was celebrated at 7:30 p. m. each day and was followed by a sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Other spiritual practices of prayer featured each Mass and more than 1,200 retreats were distributed.

Mass was celebrated Thursday, Sept. 3 at 9 a. m. by the Rev. Thomas J. Tonde at St. Charles Church, Elmira Heights. St. Mary's Cemetery, Harrisburg.

Ursula A. Woods, 41, of 204 Maple St., died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1942. She is survived by her husband, Mrs. Anna Rowland Woods; brother Albert J. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church. The funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, Sept. 3 at 9 a. m. at St. Patrick's Church, St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

Pope Elevates Priests in Paterson Diocese

PATERSON - Two priests of this Diocese - the Rev. William V. Dunn and the Rev. Lawrence Sporc - have been elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. It is announced today by the Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, Bishop of Paterson.

Monsignor Dunn is pastor of St. Nicholas Church, Passaic, and Monsignor Sporc is pastor of St. Joseph's Church in the same city.

Burma Refugees Say Rosary On Flight Into India

CALCUTTA, INDIA - An account of how a party of refugees from Burma made the discovery en route to India that all of them were Catholics and recited the Rosary together daily during their perilous journey is published in The Herald, Catholic weekly of this city.

Interviews with members of the party described how they had placed themselves under the protection of Our Lady. The discovery that all were Catholics was made when they reached Mawlaik on the Chindwin River and were held up nearly a week. One of the party stated:

"We thought we would get no farther and, in desperation, determined to storm heaven with our prayers. Then we learned that all

of us were Catholics and we decided to place ourselves under the protection of Our Lady. Almost that moment our difficulties seemed to disappear. We said the Rosary together that night in Mawlaik. The same evening we were instructed to be on board a launch the following morning to proceed up the river to Sillang.

"From that day until the end of our journey we recited the Rosary together every evening. These community prayers were a great source of comfort and strength to us throughout those weary and anxious days."

War refugees and evacuees arriving in Calcutta are cared for by an Evacuee Reception Committee. Two of its Rest Centers are maintained at Catholic institutions here - for men at St. Xavier's College and for women at the Loretto Convent.

Named Supervisor Of Nuns' Schools

LAFAYETTE, La. - Mother Mary Rose, of the Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament, has been designated to serve as School Supervisor for her community in all Dioceses where the Sisters conduct schools. Formerly she served as Supervisor in the Archdiocese of New Orleans only. Mother Mary Rose recently has been Superior at St. Bernard's School, Breaux Bridge, La.

The Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament have schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and in the Dioceses of Lafayette, Natchez and Mobile. The motherhouse is in Lafayette.

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