

Christian Living In Wartime Stressed As Teachers Confer

Practical Christian living was the recurrent message given to teachers at their 33th Annual Institute last Friday. Some 300 teachers from elementary and secondary schools of the diocese assisted at Mass opening the session, at which the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D. was celebrant.

At the conclusion of the Mass Bishop Kearney reminded the teachers of the power of their influence over those in their charge. Counselling them to a consciousness of their responsibility, he stated "the fruit of the work which you are doing will be coming to blossom in days to come. Homes will be more Christian, civic life will be purer, living will be better in every way because of the influence of you on those coming under your charge."

Bishop Kearney brought out the fact that it would not have been necessary to leave home and consecrate lives in religious communities to teach mathematics, history and geography. But these sacrifices are made to enable teachers to see those subjects as handmaids to the love of God. He appealed to the teachers to bring their children close to the heart of Jesus Christ. The classroom is our channel to do this.

Urges Wartime Sacrifices

Turning to the war Bishop Kearney challenged the teachers to generous cooperation and sacrifice in any demands made on them. He referred specifically to the civilian defense program mapped out for schools as the teachers way of fighting the war. "We have seen the awful catastrophe come over the world in Europe. We are fighting for the preservation of them in our own country."

Stating that "we must be victorious in the conflict," Bishop Kearney asked for a prayer from in which the teachers are the leaders - leading the children in incessant prayers for the welfare of the fighting forces, for peace and victory.

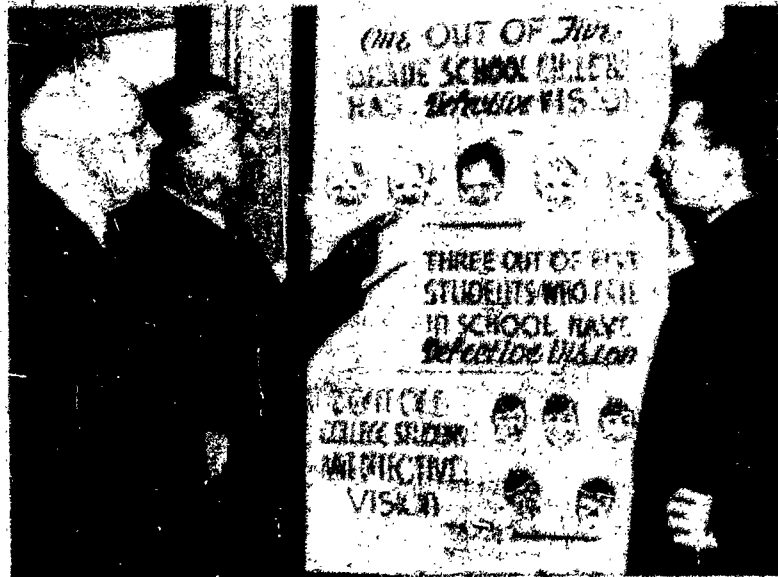
Teachers of the upper grades heard the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Schools, direct attention "to the love of God if we are going to accomplish that for which we are striving - Christian living." "To know Christ and to recognize the dignity of hum in nature are essentials for the child if his whole education is to prepare him for purposeful living."

The Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, Associate Superintendent of Schools, struck the same note in his talk to the high school teachers, pointing out that Catholic social principles have a place not only in the religion class but in every other subject of the curriculum. Forming correct social attitudes in every student should be the concern of every teacher if our graduates are to be prepared to lead a sound and sane Christian life. The man digging the ditch, paving roads, collecting refuse and doing it well - is making as an important contribution to social life as the successful professional or business man. The student should be trained to judge correct values and to think independently in terms of Christian concepts. The teachers were exhorted to prepare high school students for the post war age to be Christian social leaders in every walk of life. He called attention to the President's warning that the problems of the post war world would be those of youth today, and that the Christian solution would be the only one.

In the first session, Sr. M. Victoria, O.S.F., a teacher in Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Rochester presented tried and proved teaching devices effective for establishing a strong foundation in primary grade work.

The attention of grade teachers was directed to the importance of speech correction by Miss Regina Kennedy, Principal of No. 28 School. Miss Kennedy discussed some of the common defects and their remedy in the classroom and discussed opportunities offered by local communities for more seriously handicapped children.

A plea for good tonal quality in music work in primary grades was made by Miss Monica Servas, a teacher in St. John the Evangelist School, Rochester. Miss Servas demonstrated with the diocesan text, methods to achieve this goal. For a well-rounded music program, the speaker offered this three-fold set of objectives: to sing well and to enjoy singing; to read



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DIOCESAN TEACHERS in conference at Aquinas Institute, Sept. 18, studied methods for maintaining children's health. (Upper Photo) From left: Sister Sylvia, Holy Family School, Rochester, a School Sister of Notre Dame; Sister Mary Stephen, Elmira, Sister of St. Joseph; Sister Mary Dennis, Auburn, Franciscan Sister. Confering with the Rev. Patrick Lewis, C.S.S. (right) of Aquinas Institute are: Joseph P. MacSweeney (left) President County Tuberculosis and Health Association and Harry B. Crowley (center), chairman of Eye Conservation Committee.

music with a fair degree of skill, and to appreciate good music.

The final session for primary grade teachers dealt with the teaching of religion. The Rev. Benedict Ehmman of St. Bernard's Seminary, again struck the note of emphasis on the love of God as the basis of teaching. Father Ehmman outlined for his group the effective method of making religion something living and real in the lives of children. First he would convey to the child a knowledge and appreciation of the love of God. This is followed by an increase of understanding of the truths which are presented to them. As the final step, the presentation to them of little formulas of the catechism to help retain the new truths is essential.

Sr. M. Dominic, librarian of Nazareth College, read a paper to the upper grade teachers on the elementary school library. Claiming that Rochester diocesan schools were ahead of many others in elementary library development, Sr. Dominic explored the field and challenged school authorities to greater sacrifice in expanding existing school libraries and in establishing others on a firm and sound basis. The speaker gave telling figures on pupil weaknesses in reading ability and demonstrated the force of the school library in remedying these. Sr. Dominic referred to the growing field of Catholic children's literature and urged its patronage.

The high school teachers attended departmentalized sessions in their own subjects. Round table discussions took place in the science, Latin, social studies groups. Father Ehmman gave a talk in the English session, stating that the English teacher is the greatest auxiliary to the religion teacher by helping to Catholicize all pupils through the medium of literature. Father Ehmman reminded the group of the wonderful treasure house the Catholic Church has in our modern Catholic literature which he maintains can favorably compare and even surpass other writers over the same period.

Mr. Edward Murphy, of the Faculty of Niagara University, advised business teachers to train prospective employees to do well

whatever the immediate job is. Miss Elsie Noun, of East High School, gave a practical talk on teaching devices for the improvement of written and oral French, while Mr. Adolfo Ruiz of Eastman Kodak Company encouraged teachers of Spanish with a picture of the growing need of the study of this language for business use today. Mr. William Betz, specialist in mathematics for the Board of Education, stressed the necessity of basic fundamental courses in mathematics for the youth of today. The Institute came to a close after a general assembly at which the Rev. John M. Duffy presided.

Fr. Senft Becomes Chairman

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of English at St. Hyacinth's Seminary Granby Mass. He reported for duty on Saturday at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island where he will serve as chaplain.

Father Henry is the third priest of St. Hyacinth's parish serving his country as chaplain. Rev. Arthur Bojcum, a member of the Franciscan Order and a classmate of Father Henry is stationed at Fort

MOTHERHOUSE DESIGNATED AS EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

NEW YORK - In line with civilian defense activities, the Maryknoll Sisters' Motherhouse, just outside of Ossining, N. Y., has been designated as a base hospital to be used by the government in case of an emergency. Fifteen of the Sisters at the Motherhouse are trained nurses and 65 more have completed either the Red Cross First Aid or Home Nursing courses since the outbreak of war.

The section of the Motherhouse which is planned to be converted into emergency hospital use, has an estimated bed capacity of 400, with this number of army cots already on the premises.

The worst bankrupt is the soul that has lost its enthusiasm.

Holy Childhood Association

Rev. John S. Randall
DIRECTOR

Your return to school has once again become almost routine. I bet it scarcely seems as though you have had a vacation. But it is fun to be back with the old gang again, meeting all your schoolmates, swapping stories about the summer, comparing notes on your trips etc.

These are going to be hectic days what with the country at war and all. It may seem to you boys and girls that you are a little bit left out of things. That seems to have been the experience of the boys and girls in England. They appeared to be doing so little about the war effort that they got somewhat disgruntled.

Well, believe me, there is a spot for every one. No one is being forgotten. You can, then, console yourselves with the thought that right here at home even the little things you do are a real contribution to ultimate victory.

You're going to buy war stamps to the fullest extent of your pocket books. You're going to engage loyally in the various salvage campaigns. But let's not stop there. Boys and girls, all these things, while important, can achieve only victory. There is something beyond that - that is of even greater importance - namely a lasting peace.

To work for peace is to work and pray for the missions and missionaries. They are the real Ambassadors of Peace, preaching "peace on earth to men of good will." They have gone forth unarmed with only a crucifix upon which Our Lord died. Like Him they would willingly give their lives that others may find the way to Heaven.

Just as our fighting force depend upon the Home Front to rush supplies to them with which to carry on so too the missionaries, struggling to implant in men's hearts the peace of Christ, need the Home Front Forces to keep them going. It is our duty and our privilege to see to it that our prayers and alms flow like a mountain stream bringing the means of salvation for other souls to the priests and Sisters afar.

I'm confident, boys and girls, that your activities in support of the war effort, will not exclude the

New Home For Boys Is Gift To Diocese

SPOKANE, Wash. - A Catholic home for orphan boys of high school age, the St. John Bosco Center, which has just been opened here under the direction of three Brothers of Holy Cross, is the gift to the Diocese of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Flannery, of St. Augustine parish, Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Flannery have donated \$15,000 to cover the expense of purchasing the former Hutter mansion and equipping it for its new use. The institution will care for 25 to 30 boys.

missionaries. The grand things you have done for them in the past will be continued. Those countless babies whom you have brought to God, cry out to you in this great hour of need. You won't be deaf to their cries but your prayers and pennies will continue to pour in to make others happy and glad in the knowledge and love of Christ.

First Week's Report Indicates Banner Year

If the work of the first week of school is any indication, boys and girls, we are going to have a blue-ribbon mission year! Were we surprised to be receiving adoptions and dues when we thought that you were busy buying books and knocking down to school work.

As a lovely feast-day gift for Our Lady of Sorrows, the pupils of the Sixth Grade of St. Mary's School, Corning, ransomed a little Chinese girl and named her Mary Dolores.

The children of St. Mary's School, Elmira, have started the year off with an adoption in the home mission field, from our own diocesan mission in Selma, Alabama. They would like two little Negro babies to be called Sara and Anna. You may be sure that we shall take care of this matter immediately.

The Sixth Grade of St. Andrew's School gets a blue ribbon for the first grade to have its dues paid in full. They are full fledged members of the Holy Childhood Association for the year. Good work! To this they add an adoption, a little Chinese baby to be baptized Joseph Donald, James Fedigan and Mary L. Siegfried are to act as Godparents.

And now I know that you will be interested in this letter from Billy Moser of St. Mary's School, Elmira. He writes:

Dear Father Randall: Enclosed is five dollars which is the first I have earned all by myself. I want to adopt a baby girl and want you to choose where it is most needed. I want it named Teresa Gerard for my Fifth Grade Sister.

Your friend,
BILLY MOSER

Of course, we were delighted to receive this note and since the choice was left to us we have decided to place this adoption in China. We are sure that it means a warm home and the tender care of the Sisters and most of all, baptism and the salvation of a little soul.

To the credit of St. Stephen's School, Geneva go two adoptions - two Negro babies to be called Pius and Mary. Many thanks, boys and girls!

Triduum For Servicemen At Cathedral

A Holy Triduum for the welfare of all the boys now serving in the armed services of our country will be offered Wednesday evening, Sept. 30, Thursday, Oct. 1, and Friday, Oct. 2, to St. Theresa the Little Flower of Jesus, in preparation for the Feast on Saturday.

The services will begin at 7:45 P. M. and will be held in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Sermons on each evening of the Triduum will be preached as follows:

Wednesday evening, Sept. 30, "The Prayer Front," His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

Thursday evening, Oct. 1, "The Carmelite Nuns," the Rev. John S. Randall, Chaplain of Carmel in Rochester.

Friday evening, Oct. 2, "The Little Flower of Jesus," His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

All mothers, relatives and friends of the service men are cordially invited by the Bishop to make this Triduum.

On Saturday morning Holy Mass will be offered at the Carmelite Monastery for the welfare of all the boys in the service.

Many of the technologists who pioneered synthetic rubbers in this country were originally petroleum scientists and experts in petroleum chemistry and research.

One of 3 Sisters

Manchester N. H. - Sister Mary Raphael, formerly Miss Lucretia Jeanne L'Hercourt, of Taftville, Conn., has died at the Monastery of the Precious Blood here in the thirty-eighth year of her religious life. Two of her surviving six sisters are members of the same community.