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K. OF C. SUPREME KNIGHT on first visit. At Communion Breakfast in Hotel Sagamore, Sunday, (top photo, from left) Supreme Knight Francis P. Matthews, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, state chaplain; State Deputy Hugh A. Doyle; Rochester Chaplain, the Rev. Raymond G. Heisel. Marching from Mass at Columbus Civic Centre (center photo front line, from left): Supreme Knight, Bishop Kearney, State Deputy, and Grand Knight Thomas H. O'Connor; First meeting of (lower photo, from left) Supreme Knight Matthews of K. of C. and Supreme President Frank H. Biel, Knights of St. John and Bishop Kearney.

Supreme Knight Exhorts K. of C. To Add Glory To 60-Year Service Record

"Let this order ever dedicate itself to the self-sacrificing service of mankind."

From their Supreme Knight, Francis P. Matthews of Omaha, Neb., nearly 300 members of the Knights of Columbus heard this call at the annual Communion Breakfast of Rochester Council, Sunday morning, as their supreme leader summed up eloquently, forcefully and convincingly, the 60 year record of the order.

The Supreme Knight on his first visit was the guest in Rochester of His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester and State Chaplain of the order.

In Columbus Civic Centre, beautifully decorated for the occasion, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney celebrated Mass of the Feast of St. Luke and personally distributed Holy Communion to all the men at the Mass.

Stresses Apostolate The apostolate of men belonging to a strong Catholic lay organization was stressed by the Bishop at the Mass. Their responsibility to God, to Church and to their neighbor was emphasized and the Bishop called upon them to become better informed by reading their own "Columbin" and other Catholic publications and to bring that information to others not of the fold.

Music for the Mass was furnished by Paul A. Fredmore who was heard in solos and leading the Communion hymns.

Led by the American flag borne by Charles O'Connell and headed by Bishop Kearney, Supreme Knight Matthews, State Deputy Hugh A. Doyle and Grand Knight Thomas H. O'Connor, the knights marched in quiet and dignified manner from Columbus Civic Centre to Hotel Sagamore for the breakfast program.

"Only an unselfish service to God, to our country and to our fellowman can be realized the ex-

REPATRIATED PRIEST STRESSES WARTIME AID FOR MISSIONS

Mission Sunday was observed at St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, last Sunday with an attendance of 500 students from the seventh and eighth grades of all the Elmira Catholic grammar schools a representation of the Crusade Unit of Elmira Catholic High and a delegation of nurses from St. Joseph's Hospital at the 11 o'clock Mass.

The Rev. R. Felix White of the Marshfield Fathers, a missionary in Korea for five years, described his experiences as a prisoner of the Japanese for more than six months, prior to his recent repatriation and return to the United States aboard the diplomatic exchange liner Gripsholm.

Held in Custody Father White told of being awakened at 2:30 in the morning last Dec. 8, by two Japanese detectives and given 10 minutes to dress and pack a few belongings. He was taken to an internment camp and there held in custody with other priests and nuns. The missionary described the disappointment of those held prisoner when plans in the spring for an exchange of prisoners fell through.

Later in May reports again were spread of impending repatriation but little credence was placed in them. Then in June the prisoners were told by their captors to prepare to leave. Father White and a colleague were permitted to return to their former charge and collect articles they wished to take with them. The priest emphasized the sense of frustration upon his return when he was unable to speak to the children of the mission school nor they to him. All conversation was forbidden because he was an "enemy."

Return Home The Americans sailed on a Japanese liner to Yokohama and there they were held in the harbor for 10 days. Most of those aboard did not believe they ever would return to the United States as it was reported the Japanese were building a large concentration camp for them in the interior. Finally the ship sailed, stopping at Hong Kong, Saigon in French Indo-China for more Americans, and then on through the Java Straits and across the Indian Ocean to Laurence Marques in Portuguese West Africa where they were exchanged for Japanese returning from this country.

The remainder of the trip across the South Atlantic to Brazil and then north to New York was made without incident.

Father White cited the added difficulties of mission work in war time and the necessity for greater financial support from those at home.

Music for the Mass was provided by St. Patrick's boys' choir.

FR. SLATER DIES New Orleans The Rev. Thomas Francis Slater, S.S.J., pastor of St. Joan of Arc Church here, has died at Hotel Dieu. He was a native of New York City.

Calls Birth Curbers No. 1 Saboteurs of Manpower

WASHINGTON—Advocates of birth control were called the No. 1 saboteurs of the nation's manpower by Representative Louis C. Rabaut, of Michigan, Saturday, in the House of Representatives debate on the Wadsworth Bill to lower the minimum draft age to 18 years.

Representative Rabaut said he lifted his voice "in consolation to the mothers of America," and that he thought particularly of "those mothers who spurned the laissez-faire doctrines of the birth-control radicals." Through the tears of such a mother, the Congressman said, "a resplendent flag is haloed, for she sees it panic-stricken

500 Elmirans Greet Bishop, Fr. Gannon At Charities Dinner

"Catholic Optimism" was the subject of the address delivered by the Rev. Robert J. Gannon, S.J., president of Fordham University, before 500 guests at the seventh annual dinner of the Elmira Catholic Charities, held on Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Mark Twain Hotel.

CHARITIES SPEAKER



Ann Donahue Photo Rev. Robert J. Gannon, S.J.

British Bishop Named U. S. Vicar Delegate

NEW YORK—Appointment of the Bishop-Ordinary to the English Armed Forces as a Vicar Delegate of the Military Ordinariate for the American Armed Forces in Great Britain is announced by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who is Military Vicar.

The Most Rev. James Day, Titular Bishop of Sebastopolis, who resides at St. Edmund's College, Old Hall, Ware, Herts, England, has accepted the appointment. He will assist in supervising the work of the Catholic chaplains in providing for the spiritual care of American Catholic troops stationed in Great Britain, Archbishop Spellman said.

The Most Rev. Neil Farron, Bishop of Derry, whose appointment as Vicar Delegate was announced several months ago, is already supervising the work for the Catholics of the American Armed Forces in Northern Ireland.

NUN SIXTY YEARS DIES Covington, La. — Sister Mary Stanislaus, O.S.B., of the city, has died at Hotel Dieu, New Orleans, at the age of 78. She spent 60 years as a religious.

The speaker was introduced by Treasurer Dr. John F. Lynch, Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities. Closing remarks were given by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester. A musical program was given by Miss Letitia Ryan.

Present also at the speaker's table were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee, V.F., first vice-president of the Board of Directors; the Rev. Jeremiah E. Mulrady, second vice-president, and the Rev. William J. Hien, third vice-president; the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, Director of Catholic Charities; Mayor Emory Strachan, Mr. Noel Vallancourt, Grand Knight, Elmiran Council, Knights of Columbus; Brockway Museum, President of the Artistic League; Don Patterson, President of the Board of Directors of the Elmira Community Chest; the Hon. Herbert L. Newman, Judge of the Chemung County Children's Court; Edgar Austin, Executive Secretary of the Community Chest, and Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Executive Director of Elmira Catholic Charities.

Co-chairmen of the Reception Committee were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cramer and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dalley. Members of the committee were the Rev. Thomas J. Toole, Mrs. Margaret De. John F. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCally, Mr. and Mrs. Alice Quirk, Mr. and Mrs. Uri S. French, Mrs. E. Fitzgerald, Francis Clark, Noel Vallancourt, E. F. Lagonegro, Major G. E. Graves.

Co-chairmen of the Table Decorations committee were Mrs. Haddock Prechtl and Mrs. Edward Widman of Table Reservations, Mrs. William A. Antea, Mrs. Joseph Spiegel and Fred Gierzy.

Co-chairmen of others were Florence H. Kane and Rose Kingston. Also on the committee were Annamaria Birmingham, Margaret McTiernan, Mrs. James O'Connell, Margaret Kennedy, Elizabeth Kingston, Angela Strachan, Marion Kelly, Mary Stoppel, Vera Spolin, Madeline Murphy, Dorothy Martin, Elizabeth Denese.

Hostess Committee chairmen Mrs. Thomas A. Malone and Mrs. Edmund Maloney, Mrs. William Dunaher, Mrs. John Nugent, Mrs. William Osborne, Mrs. John H. Harrison, Mrs. John B. Roman, Mrs. W. G. Ervin, Mrs. Ronald Prechtl, Mrs. E. F. Lagonegro.

Study Week On Priesthood Is Prelate's Jubilee Gift

MEXICO CITY — A Semaine sacerdotale will be held at Puebla the latter part of this month.

A week of study devoted to the priesthood is what the Most Rev. Jose Ignacio Marquez, Coadjutor Archbishop of Puebla, requested of the Most Rev. Pedro Vera y Zarco, Archbishop of Puebla, as a three jubilee gift. Archbishop Marquez will pontificate at the Mass commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination on Oct. 15. Archbishop Vera y Zarco will inaugurate the Semaine sacerdotale in Concepcion Church on Oct. 27.

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