

# Archbishop Spellman Condemns Immorality In N. Y. Theaters

NEW YORK—(N. C.)—Those responsible for the return of immorality to the New York stage were denounced by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, Sunday, Nov. 1 in addressing 3,000 members of the Police Department Anchor Club in their annual memorial services in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

## Defeat Would Make U. S. 'Prize of Despoilers' Cardinal Dougherty Says

PHILADELPHIA—Warning that defeat in the present war would make the United States "the choice prize of despoilers," His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, declared Sunday that "we must sacrifice private interests in behalf of the common good," and that "no matter how hard this task may be, we will perform it without flinching."

Cardinal Dougherty spoke at a Solemn Pontifical Mass for Victory over which he presided in Municipal Convention Hall here. The Most Rev. George L. Leach, Bishop of Harrisburg, was celebrant of the Mass. More than 21,000 were drawn to the great edifice for the ceremonies.

"In these days of crisis," President Roosevelt said in a message to the Cardinal, "we need more than ever the guidance that can come only from On High. We must all unite in labor and in prayer to achieve victory and to bring back to the world an international order dominated by true Christian principles."

Cardinal Dougherty at the Mass said in part: "In view of our inexhaustible natural resources, with a people never yet conquered, a people swayed by neither fear nor servility and endowed with an indomitable will to safeguard against all enemies our liberty and rights, we must win, we will win, the victory."

"To do so unity and sacrifice are needed. To win the victory our entire people like a single unit, must fight shoulder to shoulder under our Commander-in-Chief."

"We must sacrifice private interests in behalf of the common good. No matter how hard the task may be we will perform it without flinching. We will not complain if the struggle be prolonged or costly, nor if it strike home to us by lessening luxury and depleting coffers or even by the death of those that are dear to us."

"We are resolved to meet with God's help every danger to overcome every obstacle and to vanquish every foe. In order that the shame of defeat may not be handed down by us to future generations of this country, we will never yield to the greed, the treachery, the cruelty of our foes."

Bishop Lamb in his sermon recalled the message sent by the American Catholic Bishops last December to the President of the

### Hero-Brothers



Dallas Joseph Bergeron (upper photo) and his brother Frederick Paul Bergeron, former altar boys at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Freeport, Tex., who have been awarded Distinguished Flying Crosses for heroism as gunners aboard U. S. Navy dive bombers in the battles of Midway and the Coral Sea. In the picture they are shown wearing scapular medals given to them by their pastor. (N.C.W.C.)

United States pledging the loyalty of the Catholic Church.

In reply, Bishop Lam cited President Roosevelt's memorable words: "We shall win this war and in victory we shall seek not vengeance but the establishment of an international order in which the Spirit of Christ shall rule over the hearts of men and of nations."

### PAPER'S DRIVE NETS 200 ARTICLES FOR CHAPLAINS

DUBUQUE, Ia. About 200 packages of religious articles containing rosaries, crucifixes, prayer books and pamphlets, were sent to chaplains from the Archdiocese of Dubuque now serving in the armed forces of the United States as a result of the October collections made by readers of the Witness, Archdiocese newspaper.

Broken rosaries and parts of rosaries were especially solicited and these were mended by the Sisters of St. Francis at their motherhouse here. All Catholics here were urged to search diligently for even the smallest parts of rosaries to be mended and repaired.

Particularly, Archbishop Spellman condemned those responsible for corrupting the youth of the city while their fathers are away fighting for their country and unable to protect them from purveyors of indecency.

"Everyone of us," His Eminency said, "is proud of the fair City of New York. If we are outside of the city, we cannot even hear the name of New York without having our pulses beat a little faster. In many of my visits to the cities of our country and beyond our shores, it was an indescribable thrill to meet a soldier or sailor from New York."

Non-Catholic's Account "But unfortunately there are some who would drag the name of New York down to be synonymous with the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Only this week I had the experience of talking with a man, a non-Catholic, a man who has devoted his life to the amusement field and is one of the great men in his business."

"He told me that from some of the theaters of New York, he has been obliged to get up and leave in horror and shame at some of the performances and at some of the utterances."

"And what is worse, he said that while he left there were girls of 18 and 19 years of age, some of them apparently with their mothers, who were not shocked into leaving the theater. This is the barometric reading of the depravity of our times."

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Face Cry of Censorship "Would I do something if I could? Would I snatch poison from a child if he were about to drink it? Would I save somebody from a burning fire if I could?"

"Would I prevent murder if I could? Would I prevent treason and debauchery if I could?"

"Would you? Yes, you would."

"What would happen if we tried to do something about it?"

"We would be accused of censorship, accused by people hiding behind a smoke screen of their own depravity, their own lust, their own smugness, their own treason!"

"Censorship, which they define as giving themselves the right to drag souls down to hell while the fathers of those girls and the husbands of those women are fighting and dying for freedom."

Blames Mothers "Are those mothers to blame? Of course, they are to blame. Must they lose their decency themselves, dragging innocent victims to perdition with them?"

"Are these shows making money? Of course, they are making money."

"But if one man, a leader in his profession of amusement, tells me he walks out of theaters of the city of New York in horror and shame then I think that while you can do nothing, we certainly can pray the Lord that despite the venal viciousness of these purveyors of immorality there will be enough righteous men and women in our city to save us not alone from the name of Sodom and Gomorrah, but also from their fate."

"There must be enough laws, there must be enough fearless and righteous enforcers of those laws to save our city and to save our city's children. If there are not, God help us and God help our country. God help civilization."

### DAILY COMMUNION ASKED OF SODALISTS IN ADVENT

ST LOUIS — With Advent beginning November 29, the Leaders' Service for November, issued by the Parish Department of the Queen's Work here, national Sodality secretariate, asks Sodality members to receive Holy Communion daily throughout the Holy Season in preparation for Christmas.

It is suggested that members of the Sodality's Eucharistic Committee assume the task of encouraging daily reception of Holy Communion. The same committee also is requested to urge Sodality members to have offered and to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day in gratitude for graces received in the last year. Recommended for the November general Mass intention is "deceased members of the parish."



SAILORS AT SAMPSON. 25 per cent of whom are Catholics will receive full opportunity to practice their religion. Mass the Reverend Bishop Kearney is conferring with Senior Chaplain Eugene B. Le Gault, S.J., Lieutenant of the U. S. Navy who will be in charge, on Father Le Gault's first visit to the Station.

## Chaplain Takes Over Duties At Sampson

Marking inauguration of established religious services for Catholic boys at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Sampson, the Senior Chaplain Eugene B. Le Gault, S.J., celebrated three Masses for about 1,000 men on last Sunday.

### New Director Named For USO-NCCS Unit

GENEVA — A change in the personnel of the local USO leaders has been announced. Richard C. Crawley who came here to represent the National Catholic Community Service, has returned to a teaching position which he formerly held and in his place has come Anthony P. Williamson, of Boston, Mass., who arrived recently and is rapidly getting acquainted with the city and the local set-up.

Previous to coming to Geneva, Mr. Williamson was with the USO Club at Falmouth, Mass., which served Camp Edwards. Before that time he served with the Catholic Charitable Bureau of Boston as an investigator. Previous to that he was with the Boys Clubs of Boston and was an active Boy Scout worker.

The temporary USO rooms in the Masonic Temple are becoming increasingly popular since the permanent staff has arrived and a program of regular activities has been set up for the organization.

The officials working in cooperation with the local Council and with the Hostess committee has completed a set of regulations which will govern junior hostesses and the functions at which they will assist.

The first large social gathering was held at the USO headquarters on Saturday evening in the form of a Halloween party.

### Parish Plans Jubilee Rites

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Rev. Walter Carron and the Rev. William Schieffelin, assistant pastor.

Frank Waiz and Eugene F. Bopp are the church's trustees. The dedication of the new organ was marked by a recital given by Professor Philip Kreckel, nationally known secretary of the Catholic Organists' Guild and composer of many liturgical organ compositions. The Holy Redeemer choir was heard with Eugene F. Bopp as soloist.

Improvements Cited In preparation for the Diamond Jubilee many improvements were made during the past months. Besides the new organ, the church has been redecorated, and for beauty and harmony of coloring is said to be unsurpassed in Western New York.

The delicate polychroming was designed by Herman Butler, widely known church artist, and the work carried out by the firm of Gerace and Forde. The sanctuary stands out especially as a masterpiece of decoration. New Holy Sacrament kneelers have been

### American Jesuit To Be Ordained In India

CHICAGO — Mr. John J. Barrett, S.J., formerly of Syracuse and Chicago, will be ordained Nov. 21 at St. Mary's College, Kharagpur, India, according to word received at the Latin Mission Service Office, American Headquarters here for the Jesuit Missionaries of Latin Mission, India.

Mr. Barrett attended elementary schools in Syracuse, and when his family moved to Illinois was graduated from St. Ignace High School, Chicago. Upon ordination, he will be assigned to duties in India.

cluded in the plans to add to the comfort of the worshippers.

Restorations of the church and rectory have been repaired and made to harmonize with the other buildings of the church property.

All this work has been made possible by the generous cooperation of the people of Holy Redeemer Parish who have contributed \$12,000 towards these improvements during the past three months.

Men of the Holy Redeemer Athletic Association have raised \$2,000 and the Sacred Heart Sodality contributed \$2,000.

This outstanding cooperation will enable the pastor, Father Carron, to pay for all improvements and to have the church free from debt at the closing of the jubilee celebration.

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