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Invasion Troops at Mass



An American transport chaplain celebrates Mass for members of the mighty invasion force as the Allied armada neared Casablanca, on the French African Coast, November 7. The Chaplain is Father Francis T. O'Leary, U. S. N., of Lowell, Mass. He was identified in the picture, just received in this country, by his sister. (N.C.W.C.)

Freedom of Religion Ranked First of '4' by Archbishop Mooney

DETROIT—Freedom of religion is the first of the four freedoms, the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, declares in his contribution to a symposium on the "Four Freedoms" published in a special edition of the Detroit Times on the occasion of the first anniversary of the entry of the United States into the World War.

Appointments Of Clergy

Appointment by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, of one pastor, one administrator and one assistant pastor is announced today by the Chancery.

- The appointments follow:
- The Rev. Jacob R. Rauber to Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Cato Creek, from Assistant Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester.
 - The Rev. Albert L. Simonelli to Administrator of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, from Assistant Pastor St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester.
 - The Rev. John J. Narra to Assistant Pastor, St. Francis Xavier, Rochester, from Assistant Pastor St. Francis of Assisi Auburn.

Once Baptist Center, Later Dance Hall, To Be Catholic Church

CHICAGO In its third transformation what was once a Baptist Church and later the Liberty Dance Hall will soon become a Catholic Church. The church, located in the stockyards district, will be the parish home of about 60 Italian families declared the Rev. Joseph Lazzeri, who will direct the work of the new church in addition to the duties at his own parish of Santa Maria Inconronata of which he is pastor.

Declaring that to the so-called "new order" of tyranny which the dictators wish to create with the crash of a bomb" America opposes "the greater conception—the moral order" Archbishop Mooney said it is clear that "in a new order based on moral principles the proscription or persecution of religion can have no place."

In his declaration, Archbishop Mooney said:

"In proclaiming the four freedoms as the firm foundations of the kind of world we want to establish, our Chief Executive said: 'That kind of a world is the very antithesis of the so-called "new order" of tyranny which the dictators wish to create with the crash of a bomb. To that "new order" we oppose the greater conception—the moral order.'

"For the security of a moral order religion is indispensable. Washington expressed a truism when he wrote that 'reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles.' It is clear, then, that in a new order based on moral principles the proscription or persecution of religion can have no place. In this practical sense freedom of religion is the first of the four freedoms."

FLAYS IRRELIGION

"It is better to speak of freedom of religion than of freedom of worship. The history of Communism in Russia and Nazism in Germany tells us why. The Soviet Constitution recognizes "freedom of worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda" but not freedom of religious teaching. There is not freedom of religion in Communist Russia even in theory much less in practice. In Germany under the Nazis—whom a far-seeing Pope denounced in 1937 as the

Renew Decency Pledge

The Pledge of the Legion of Decency will be given at all Masses on Sunday, Dec. 13, by order of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester.

The rising trend in "B" pictures demands that particular emphasis be put upon the Pledge this year. "B" pictures are classified as "objectionable in part," thereby being unsuitable for general patronage, especially for children.

The Pledge reads as follows:

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

I condemn indecent and immoral pictures and those which glorify crime or criminals. I promise to unite with all those who protest against them.

I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life.

As a member of the Legion of Decency, I pledge myself to see only good pictures. I promise, further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show pictures that can be an occasion of sin.

BISHOP KEARNEY LAUDS LADIES OF CHARITY DEEDS

"The accomplishments of your society have far exceeded my fondest hopes," said the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, speaking at the Communion Breakfast held at the Mark Twain Hotel, following the affiliation of new members into the Ladies of Charity on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Noting the similarity between the vocation of the Ladies of Charity and those men who serve in the grotto at Lourdes in France, His Excellency spoke of the qualifications for these men who carry the sick to the miraculous stream—men recommended by their pastors, regularly attending the Sacraments, notable for their devotion to Our Lady, and serving a year's probation term.

Commenting on the fact that the Ladies of Charity have not changed their name in 200 years as have so many Catholic organizations under the pressure of the secular world, the Bishop said that their name was "as old-fashioned as Christ Himself, as Christian charity, as the eight Beatitudes."

Three Qualities

"Three things should characterize a Lady of Charity," said His Excellency, "symbolized in the crucifix which was placed over your shoulders this morning: Love as the love of God made Him die for men. No one can give to another what he does not possess."

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Diocese's First Pastor Enlists In U. S. Navy

"It's been on my mind a long time, I wanted to get in there and do something," said the Rev. Bernard Clark Hanna, commissioned a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, before leaving Elmira to report on Monday at the Norfolk Training Station, Virginia.

He is the first pastor of the Rochester diocese to serve as chaplain in the present war. Father Hanna, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira has been granted a leave of absence by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester who has named the Rev. Albert L. Simonelli of St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester as Administrator.

Having chosen the Navy because of the "craving need for Navy Chaplains," Father Hanna received his commission on Thursday, Dec. 3 and reported on Monday, Dec. 7 at the Norfolk, Va. naval training station for a six-week training course. His departure added the 146th star to the service flag of St. Anthony's parish.

The tenth Elmira priest to volunteer for the service, he is the second from St. Anthony's, last June. Father Francis Vogt, assistant pastor, entered the army and now serves with an armored division at Camp Beale, Calif.

Five Sons in Service

The new Navy chaplain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Hanna of 26 Wellington Ave., Rochester, and nephew of the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, retired Archbishop of San Francisco. Father Hanna is the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanna now in the service. One of the boys is an Army Chaplain.

The four other Hanna sons in the service are Chaplain Austin H. Hanna, with the rank of Captain in the U. S. Army stationed at the War College, Washington; Inspector Edward L. Hanna, U. S. Coast Guard, recently promoted from Lieutenant and now in charge of all Great Lake ports from Sandusky, Ohio to Ogdensburg; Second Lieut. Adrian M. Hanna, physical education officer of Air Corps Base, Lexington, Va. and Private Frank N. Hanna, Jr., stationed at the Army Air Force Ground School in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Progress As Pastor

The period since Father Hanna's appointment as pastor of St. Anthony's Church in June, 1939 has been one of considerable progress for the parish. Besides a substan-

Soviets Charge Nazis Looting Seized Lands

LONDON—A description of the systematic looting of occupied countries by the German Nazis given by a Major Foerster, now a German prisoner of war in Russia, is the subject of a dispatch received here by the Polish Catholic Press Agency, KAP, from the Soviet "Intorburo."

In every German army corps, the prisoner is quoted as saying, there is a special unit under the direct control of the central Reich authorities the task of which is to confiscate and send into Germany all objects of value found in churches, museums, universities, libraries, etc.

The Soviet dispatch gives a long list of valued manuscripts, masterpieces of art, rare editions, tapestries and wood carvings, etc. that

PASTOR ENLISTS



Rev. Bernard C. Hanna

HOME ON FURLOUGH



Rev. Leonard H. Kelly

Nazareth Students Greet Chaplain Kelly

Home following graduation from the Navy Chaplain Training School in Norfolk, Va., Chaplain Leonard A. Kelly, formerly of Nazareth College faculty, had a busy schedule from Tuesday, Dec. 8, to Monday, Dec. 7.

Highlighting the Navy Lieutenant-Chaplain's visit was a dinner given him by his hosts, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney on Wednesday evening, Dec. 2. Members of Father Kelly's class at St. Bernard's Seminary attended. Chaplain Bernard C. Hanna, Vice priest of the Rochester Diocese to enter the armed forces, is a member of that class.

Sophomores of Nazareth College held a dinner at The Windsor Hotel in Father Kelly's honor on Dec. 4. The evening marked the "debut" of a song composed by the student body in his honor.

On Friday morning, Dec. 5, a number of Nazareth College students assisted at a Mass which Chaplain Kelly offered for their intentions in Columbus Circle Centre Chapel.

The Junior Class of Nazareth College was honored to have him as their guest on Friday evening at Lovett's.

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