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Pontifical Mass Set For Navy Men On Christmas Eve

Navy men of Sampson Naval Training Station will assist at Solemn Pontifical Midnight Mass, Christmas eve, with His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester pontificating.

The solemn liturgy of the Christmas Midnight services will be conducted, for the first time in the history of the Rochester diocese, in one of the Navy Station's drill halls at Sampson.

Assisting the Bishop will be Senior Chaplain Eugene R. Le Gault, S.J., of the U. S. Navy and the other Catholic Chaplains at the Station.

Missioner From Brazil Replies To Protest Of U. S. Protestants

By REV. LOUIS BAUMANN, C.S.S.R.

In a recent statement made by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the delegates "deplored the pretensions of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to circumscribe the religious freedom of Protestant Christians in the proclamation of their faith."

This statement was a most unfortunate misinterpretation of the words of the Catholic Archbishops and Bishops whose statement said nothing about "circumscribing the religious freedom of Protestant Christians in the proclamation of their faith."

The statement offensive to the delegates of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is obviously this: "Every effort made to rob them (citizens of Mexico, Central and South America) of their Catholic religion or to ridicule it or to offer them a substitute for it is deeply resented by the peoples of the countries and American Catholics."

Moreover the purpose and intention of the Catholic Hierarchy was misinterpreted by the delegates. Their aim was to offer a statement of fact with a view to promoting good-will among all.

The ostensible reason why the delegates to the Convention of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ applied that statement of the Catholic Archbishops and Bishops to Protestant "missionary" activities is because they knew the implied meaning of the words to be factual. The truth hurt the cap fit conscience accused.

FALSE CHARGES UTTERED

In true Protestant fashion the delegates protested. In their statement we see the same energy of denial that their missionaries employ in their efforts to decatholicize Christians of Ibero-America. All protests of the delegates not withstanding the Protestant missionaries to Latin-America, and more particularly those from the United States do reiterate and emphasize those canards against the Roman Catholic Church that formerly caused so great misunderstanding and so much ill will between Catholics and Protestants in the United States.

Deadline Advanced

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worship," "the superstition of the Mass" and the "tyranny of the Pope."

In one instance known to the writer and occurring in the town where he was resident, "the missionary" became so abusive in his language against the Catholic Faith that a justly indignant citizenry threatened his life unless he should leave the place before twenty-four hours had elapsed, needless to say he left and no minister of that denomination had appeared in that place up to the time I left.

The delegates further said, "institutions which they (missionaries) founded continue to be popular centers of cultural influence and patterns of humanitarian endeavor." That they are centers of cultural influence in certain instances is true. That they are popular calls for explanation. That Protestant schools are frequented in default of other schools is true. That they are popular in the sense that all is taught in them is not true. But in no sense are these institutions considered sources of true and complete Christian doctrine, or of eternal salvation.

EXAMPLE RECALLED

A striking example of this came to the writer's notice in the attitude of a certain tribe of Indians. On one of the Reservations there is a "resident missionary" who supplies the Indians with aspirin and iodine and quinine, with hymns set to the melodies of Old Black Joe and Carry Me Back to Old Virginia, with portions of the Book of Psalms and selections from the Epistles of Paul. The Indians sing and listen. It is the price of the aspirin and iodine and quinine.

On Sunday when the Catholic priest comes from the nearest town for Mass, the Indians with few exceptions come to him to have their papooses baptized and their marriages blessed by the Padre and to confess their week-day deflection to "the missionary" and to reaffirm their allegiance to the Holy Father.

Asks 'Essential List' Include Manpower Of Religious Facilities

Bishops' Memo Notes Omission, Cites Need For Nation's Morale

WASHINGTON (NC)—A request that religious facilities and services be included in the War Manpower Commission's "List of Essential Activities" is made in a memorandum submitted to Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower Chairman, by the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States through the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Stating that "it is with grave concern" that they note that mention of religion with its facilities and agencies "is omitted completely from the 'List of Essential Activities,'" the Archbishops and Bishops say they "prefer to believe" that the omission was "an omission that will be remedied immediately" when the fact is called to the attention of the Commission.

For the purposes of inclusion in the "List of Essential Activities," the memorandum states, religious facilities and services include: convents, orphanages, infant asylums, homes for the aged, homes for the poor, homes for delinquents, day nurseries, administrative buildings, publications, seminaries, monasteries and cemeteries.

It is added that "hospitals and schools have been purposely omitted because they are explicitly included at present in the Essential Activities List."

Contribute to War Program

The memorandum says "obviously religion can not function without the existence of its necessary facilities and services," and that "each of these facilities and services contributes essentially to the support of the War Program and is necessary for the maintenance of national interest and morale."

"Some large religious institutions with suffer a serious loss in effectiveness will even find it impossible to operate at all," the memorandum asserts, "without the occupational deferment under the provisions of the Selective Service Act of some necessary men with the required degree of training, qualifications or skill for the performance of the duty involved." Examples of such critical occupations are stationary engineers.

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HERE FROM PARAGUAY to complete a year's in-service training with Rochester Catholic Charities is Genorita Catalina Stoduto (second from left) shown, seated in Washington by Miss Margaret J. O'Grady, National Catholic Charities Secretary (left) and Rev. Dr. Albert J. Murphy, N.C.C.C. Chairman In-Service Training Program. With her is Teresa Albertina de Luchesi of Venezuela who will work with Buffalo Catholic Charities. On arrival from the Latin American countries the girls were entertained in Washington at the National Catholic School of Social Service. (N.C.C.C. Photo).

Latin America Sends First Social Worker To Train With Catholic Charities

In the vanguard of ten social workers coming from Central and South America to take a year's in-service training under auspices of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Genorita Catalina Stoduto of Asuncion, Paraguay, is now established in the Family and Children's division of Rochester Catholic Charities.

The 21-year-old visitor came to Rochester on Tuesday, while her companion, Genorita Albertina de Luchesi of Venezuela, went on to Buffalo to complete a year's social work training with the Buffalo Catholic Charities. They arrived at Miami on Dec. 6.

The girl from Asuncion is a graduate of the Paraguay Institute of Sociology and will continue social welfare studies with the Rochester Catholic Charities and at Nazareth College where she will room in the John Fisher Dormitory.

Other Catholic social workers from Latin-America selected to study under the in-service training program have not yet arrived in the United States. Rochester Selected

The Catholic Charities office of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, New York, St. Louis, St. Paul and Washington and the Diocese of Buffalo, Cleveland and Rochester have already been chosen for participation in the project.

In the Diocese of Rochester, the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, Director of Catholic Charities, took up the project with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, and received enthusiastic endorsement of the undertaking as did directors in the other selected archdioceses and dioceses.

The in-service training program is designed to meet the desire of social welfare agencies in Latin-America for a greater contact with Catholic social agencies in the United States.

In the past most of the social influence in social agencies in Latin-America came from Europe. However, Catholic programs served by social workers from Latin-America who visited cities in this country during the summer of 1941 impressed them very favorably. They expressed the conviction that Catholic social work in the United States has much to offer them in the way of training opportunities.

All present social work in Latin-America is largely individualistic and it has been agreed that workers coming to the United States can profit most by learning the broad community relationships as actually carried out by centrally organized diocesan Charities offices.

Director of the Family and Children's Division of Rochester Catholic Charities where Genorita Stoduto is located is the Rev. Arthur E. Radigan.

Judge Upholds Permit For Building Church

MESA, ARIZ. — Superior Judge Dudley W. Windes has directed the Mesa Building Inspector to issue a permit for a church building to the Most Rev. Daniel J. Gercke, Bishop of Tucson, or to show cause why it should not be issued.

In his ruling Judge Windes noted that the church site was in Residential A zoning area, which can include schools, libraries, playgrounds, parks, swimming pools, athletic fields and truck gardens, but which prohibited churches. Declaring that the municipality did not have the authority to forbid churches, the judge held that he was "unable to see how maintenance of the church could in any way be detrimental to the health, safety morals or general welfare"

Italian Officer Received At Vatican Merely As Father of First Communicant

VATICAN CITY — A report printed in Spanish newspapers that His Holiness Pope Pius XII received in private audience the Commander of the Italian submarine Barbarigo is incorrect. It has been pointed out here.

The fact is that the Commander's daughter, who had just made her First Communion, was received in a general audience which the Holy Father granted to a large group of First Communicants. Parents of the First Communicants also were present at the general audience. The Commander was one of these.

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