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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 B. LeGault, 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 CITED

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 deatheologize 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. I have heard the old untruthful charges brought by the omistars about "image

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 citizen 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 looked upon with high regard 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 puposes 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 (NO)—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 will 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 engineer."

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Coach in Navy

Washington — Jack Hagerty, head football coach at Georgetown University for the past ten years, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the Navy.

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HERE FROM PARAGUAY to complete a year's in-service training with Rochester Catholic Charities is Emma Carolina Medina (second from left) shown seated in Washington by Monsignor John 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 Emma Alberola de Luciani of Venezuela who will work with English 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.S.S. Photo) Story on Page 24

Plan Christmas Cribs In Railroad Stations

The presence of the Christ Child in His Christmas Crib will brighten Elmira Railroad Stations this year, in the fulfillment of a project planned by the National Council of Catholic Women.

The Crib, containing the three major figures of the Christmas Drama, the Child, His Mother, and St. Joseph, will be set in the Erie Station, and possibly the Lackawanna, Miss Mary Newsome, President of NCCW, said.

The Catholic motive behind such an action was beautifully expressed by Miss Newsome in the following article, which appeared in the "Stella Maria," St. Patrick's Sodality's paper:

THE DIVINE GUEST WILL COME TO YOUR HOME

This year more than ever before, the joyous song of the celestial choir: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will," comes to a world full of trouble and sadness; but, as of old, it brings fresh hope to gladden the hearts of men, and the promise of greater things to come.

As we approach the joyful season of the Feast of the Nativity, we are humbly grateful to Holy Mother Church for the period of Advent in which to prepare our hearts and homes for this beautiful feast of Christmas. But in the rush of preparations, we are apt to have crowded out of our thoughts, the real meaning of this great feast.

In our churches the Crib at Christmas is one of our most cherished customs. It is so inspiring to see mothers lift up their tiny babes to see the Infant and His Mother; to see the little children flock to it at every opportunity and kneel and pray; to see the older ones pause and offer their humble prayers to the Babe of Bethlehem. All hearts are deeply touched by this reminder of the first Christmas night.

In our homes we place the lighted candle at the window

Father Whalen Named New K. of C. Chaplain

The Rev. Leslie Whalen, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, has been appointed chaplain of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight, R. J. Vallanceau, has announced. Fr. Whalen succeeds the Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, former pastor of St. Anthony's, now serving as chaplain in the U. S. Navy.

Formal installation of Fr. Whalen took place on Monday, Dec. 14, at the first meeting under a new schedule. The Knights now meet the first and third Mondays of every month instead of the first and third Tuesdays.

POLISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO BE SUNG AT SEMINARY

ORCHARD LAKE, Mich. — The Schola Cantorum of St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary Orchard Lake, Mich., will present its annual program of Polish Christmas Carols, Saturday, Dec. 19. A description of Polish Christmas customs will form a background for the carols.

The "Kolenda" Christmas Carols are famous Polish folk melodies. The first records of Polish music date back to the first years of Poland's Christianity 1000 when all music was of a liturgical nature. Polish religious songs many of which are still sung today, are very numerous but the "Kolenda" is the most precious heritage of the Polish people.

WINONNIE E. FRIEDMAN, Collegeville, Minn. — The Rev. Vincent Trappier, O.S.B., of St. John's Abbey, has been awarded the President Adams Fellowship of