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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. 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 BAYMANN, 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 implored 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 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

To permit distribution of the CATHOLIC COURIER to subscribers before Christmas next week's issue goes to press one day earlier. All news must be in the CATHOLIC COURIER office by noon of Tuesday, Dec. 22.

worship," "the superatition 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 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.

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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 oversight" 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 crèches.

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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HERE FROM PARAGUAY is Senora Catalina Rodute (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 Senora Albertina de Luchessi 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

Senora Catalina Rodute 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, with her companion, Senora Albertina de Luchessi of Venezuela, who will go to Buffalo to complete a year's social work training with the Buffalo Catholic Charities. They arrived at Miami on Dec. 5.

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.

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

In the Diocese of Rochester, the Rev. Gerald G. 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 needs 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 outside influence in social agencies in Latin-America came from Europe. However, Catholic programs sponsored 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.

At 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 agencies of social work.

Director of the Family and Children's Division of Rochester Catholic Charities where Senora Rodute is located is the Rev. Arthur F. Halligan.

Make Religious Articles Available At St. Mary's

AUBURN—St. Mary's Church will have Religious Articles for sale in the vestibule of the Church, beginning next Saturday afternoon. The people in Auburn have found it particularly difficult to obtain religious articles during the past year as Auburn does not have a Catholic Store because of the frequent calls at St. Mary's for medals and rosaries. It was thought advisable to offer this service during the holidays.

Dr. Cowen, pastor of St. Mary's, has appointed Rev. Dennis Hickey in charge of the project and the Sodality of Mary of which he is moderator have volunteered their services to assist in selling the articles. The articles for sale will be on the order of those sold at the

March. There will be a large assortment of Miraculous Medals and chains, rosaries, prayerbooks and some copies of Father Steadman's Mass and other religious articles which were thought salable in Auburn at the present time. All items will be reasonably priced.

The Sodality of St. Mary's will be ready to assist anyone desiring to purchase any of these articles on Saturday afternoon and Sunday evening; on Sunday morning before and after the Mass; and on Wednesday evening after the Miraculous Medal