Holy Name Society Goes Along With Catholic Boys In Armed Forces

"Never before in Modern History have men marched to war so cognizant of the necessity for spiritual supplication. Protestants, Jews and Catholics march side by side in the World War for Freedom." So said Rev. Harry C. Graham, O.P., National Director of The Holy Name Society, today in recapitulating the Society's work in two years of our country's armed preparation.

"Just as men must have guns, tanks and planes, so must they have courage, inspiration and prayer. And Military leaders have came to recognize the latter as the foundation of the former two. Never have men fought with clearer minds for what the fighting is all about. For just as 'Freedom of Want' is desired, 'Freedom of Worship' is necessary in a world rid of tyrants."

Along with more than 500,000 members in the armed services, The Holy Name Society of the Catholic Church has gone to war. In the war of God vs the Godless, The Holy Name Society has been conscripted for complete cooperation with its sons at war, since long before "Pearl Harbor."

A preliminary survey made by the National Headquarters of the Society in New York, showed that as of Sept. 1, of two million Catholics in the services, conservatively 560,000 were Holy Name members. Of these 35,000 were Marines, 175,000 were in the Navy and 350,000 were Soldiers.

Will Enroll 75 Per Cent

Father Graham predicted today, "We are confident that by the end of 1943 75% of all Catholic men in the services will be members of Holy Name Society units at camps and bases both in the United States and overseas."

The formation of Holy Name organizations almost every place American troops have set foot, is a tribute to the men themselves in their desire for spiritual assistance. Even in camps where no Catholic Chaplain has been assigned, units have been formed. In many cases Ministers and Rabbis of other faiths have written the National Headquarters asking for guidance in forming the Holy Name Units.

A most welcome letter from a Protestant Chaplain, revealed an interesting situation at a Southern Flying Field where 39% of the personnel were Catholics and no Catholic Chaplain had as yet been assigned. Writing for 500 copies of the Service Prayer Book for Catholic soldiers, the Minister said: "I'm interested in seeing that all the men of the Service are supplied with all the necessary Spiritual equipment which will carry them safely over the battles." Wonderful evidence of the complete unity that binds the men of God at all camps.

Communion Sunday Kept

At camps and bases the Communion Sunday of The Holy Name—the second Sunday of each month is religiously observed. In the field or wherever troops are on the march, this special day of obligation for Holy Name men is observed wherever practical, and at the discretion of the Commanding Officer and the Chaplain.

During his recent tour that extended to Alaska, The Military Vicar of our Armed Forces, Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of the New York Archdiocese, was particularly impressed with the work the Holy Name Society was conducting in all the military and naval posts he visited.

At the time of the first conscription, The Holy Name Society realized the need to follow its men, so to speak, and assist the Chaplains in administering divine guidance. The first step taken was the preparation of a special "Vest Pocket" size Service Prayer Book and the Holy Name Medallion, with St. Christopher, Patron Saint of Travellers on one side and the Holy Name Insignia on the other.

The Prayer Book contains 129 pages of clear legible reading—from an identification page to the Holy Name Pledge to God and country—and also includes the complete prayers for Mass. Frequently in the field — especially when task forces are on the move—Mass cannot follow the men. In those cases the Mass and prayers for every occasion would offer solace and divine inspiration.

In the first distribution of the Military Sets, 75,000 were issued free through the Chaplains. With a request from the Camp Dix Chaplain for 15,000 sets, Father Graham, Rev. Thomas F. Carey, O.P., Assistant National Director, and Leo Dohn, Director of Organization in charge of distributing the sets, decided to reach the men through regular camps and bases, rather than indoctrination centers such as Dix.

Spurs Letter Writing

Next the Society supplied 14,000 parishes throughout the country with Honor Rolls to be posted in the vestibule of each Church. Each scroll contains 108 names and many Churches have written back for a fourth and fifth copy. In many parish units, Spiritual Directors have formed letter writing committees making each Holy Name man responsible for at least a letter a week to one or more members of the Parish in the service.

After his first tour of military posts, Archbishop Spellman saw a need to clarify the issues involved in our present struggle, for the men who are the best informed fighters any nation has ever had. The result was his recently published book "The Road to Victory." Hailed by national leaders and literary men as the war's most profound contribution to the explanation of ideals and issues. The Archbishop has donated all royalties and profits on the book to the fund of the Military Ordinariate for the work of military Chaplains.

In an arrangement with the Archbishop and the publishers, The Holy Name Society has been able to publish a special edition for Military men. At present it is distributing one hundred thousand copies to men actively engaged in being "on God's side."

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U. S. Bishops Allot $561,811 More For War Emergency Relief

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CHAPEL PEWS for Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House like sample shown were presented by Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Sunday night at Odenbach's. Participating were His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, Father John P. Murphy, C.SS.R., director; Joseph A. Murphy, F.N.; Cyril J. Statt, Master of 5th District; and Frank E. Donnelly, chairman of campaign.

WASHINGTON, (NC) — Allocations of funds totalling $561,811 have just been made by the Bishops' War Emergency and Relief Committee, it was announced here by the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, Treasurer.

At the same time, Archbishop Stritch reported that the 1942 Bishops' Committee made disbursements totalling [illegible]. This brings up to [illegible] the moneys allotted by the Bishops of the United States for relief in various parts of the world since November, 1941.

Archbishop Stritch expressed the gratitude of the American Hierarchy to the priests and people of the United States for the impressive generosity shown through their contributions to the annual Bishops' relief collections taken up in the various archdioceses and dioceses of the country. Through the self-sacrificing response of the faithful to these diocesan collections once a year, Archbishop Stritch pointed out, the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States are able to make these notable donations toward the relief of suffering in various countries, and to uphold the hand of His Holiness Pope Pius XII in his many and urgent charities.

Handled by Vatican

Of the $561,811 just allocated by the 1942 Bishops' Committee, [illegible] will be disbursed in more than a dozen countries through the good offices of the Holy Father. Destined for the relief of dire distress in localities, many of which have been made inaccessible to Americans, these funds can be applied directly to the purposes for which they are intended through the assistance of the Vatican.

The allotments being disbursed by the Holy See include the following items:

For relief work among the Slovenes, $15,000; for relief among the Croats, $15,000; for relief work in Greece, $[illegible]; for relief among Polish refugees, $25,000; for relief work in Belgium, $30,000; for relief in Holland, $30,000; for relief in France, $30,000; for relief work among refugees in Europe in general, $30,000; for relief in Lithuania, $10,000; for relief work in Malta, $10,000; for relief work among children in Finland, $[illegible]; funds in aid of prisoners of war to be distributed according to the personal wishes of the Holy Father, $25,000; for relief of Czech refugees presently in France, $[illegible].

Other allocations just made by the 1942 Bishops' Committee include $[illegible] to the Rev. Leopold Braun, A.A., an American priest from Assumption College of the Augustinian Fathers of the Assumption, Worcester, Mass., to aid his work in Moscow, Russia.

There are two allocations totaling $50,000 for China. One is for $15,000 and is in aid of the typhus control work being done by the Society of the Divine Word. The other allotment is for $35,000 and is to be expended for general relief purposes in China.

Prisoners of War

Still other new allotments include

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Fourth Degree K. C. Lauded For Retreat House Donation

"It is a great privilege that is yours to place furniture in God's parlor," His Excellency, Bishop Kearney told members of Rochester Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus at their Christmas party featured by presentation of a set of pews for the Diocesan Retreat House at Geneva.

The Christmas Party was held at Odenbach's Banquet Room where a capacity gathering of knights and ladies witnessed the presentation of a miniature replica of a chapel pew, symbolic of the complete set to be installed in his chapel on Seneca Lake, to the Rev. John P. Murphy, C.SS.R., director of the Retreat House.

Presentation was made by Frank E. Donnelly, chairman of a campaign which raised the amount to purchase the pews which were made at cost by William J. Woerner, who also donated a substantial amount to the campaign.

Purpose of Retreat House

The Bishop explained that the Retreat House had been established in the diocese for our Catholic men who after years out of school and college could have opportunity for weekend meditation and prayer on things eternal amid attractive surroundings.

His Excellency commended Father Murphy's industry and initiative in equipping the Retreat House economically and artistically. The cooperation of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in furnishing the pews was commended by the Bishop.

"It is another manifestation of a spirit which I have always found in the Knights of Columbus to step in and accomplish any undertaking assigned to them," the Bishop stated.

In accepting the donation of the Fourth Degree, Father Murphy prefaced his thanks with a tribute to Bishop Kearney's cooperation in establishing the Retreat House. Speaking of the knights' donation, Father Murphy said:

"It is no surprise to me that this magnificent present comes from the cream of that great organization called by the Holy Father the vanguard of Catholic laity and a strong right arm of the Church."

Brief remarks were made by the Rev. Thomas W. Tobin, C.SS.R., who conducted retreats at the Diocesan Retreat House last summer, and the Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, chaplain, Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

Presiding as toastmaster was Master Cyril J. Statt of the Fifth District, Fourth Degree, and remarks were made by Faithful Navigator Joseph A. Murphy.

In the Christmas party program following Rocco F. Natalie as Santa Claus presented presents to all the guests. Chairman Eugene F. Bopp and Co-Chairman Frank M. Beaucaire handled all arrangements. Paul A. Predmore led singing of Christmas songs.

A diocesan asset—the Diocesan Retreat House on Seneca Lake,

Midnight Mass Rites Set At Army Camps

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Carpenters are at work erecting a large altar in the building and installing decorations and a public address system so all may hear the voice of the priest as he chants the liturgy.

First Lieut. Robert Sherry, chaplain at the Station Hospital, will be celebrant. Assisting will be Chaplain Paul Moore, as deacon, and Chaplain Francis Bonner, as subdeacon. Chaplain Frank Calkins will be master of ceremonies and deliver the Christmas sermon.

Confessions will be heard from 10:30 P. M. until Mass time. Civilian priests will assist the chaplains in hearing confession. Preceding the Mass by half an hour will be a program of Christmas carols and hymns by a choir made up from men of the Third and Fourth Regiments.

The usual Christmas Day Masses also will be celebrated in all post chapels.

Navy Takes Pastor

BOONVILLE, N. Y.—After nine years as pastor of St. Joseph's Church here, the Rev. Thomas F. McNeill has reported at the Chaplains' Training School at Norfolk, for indoctrination as a Navy Chaplain. He has held posts in Oswego and in Syracuse.

Letters of Parish Children Bring 400 Servicemen To the Sacraments

PORTSMOUTH, Va.—After the children of St. Paul's grammar school and St. Joseph's Academy, here, conducted by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, had written letters to the soldiers inviting them to Mass and Holy Communion, 400 members of an Army regiment stationed near here received the Blessed Sacrament in a body in St. Paul's Church in this city.

Many of the soldiers responded in writing to the invitations of the school children, and some of them revealed after Mass that it was the first time they had received Holy Communion since boyhood. The Rev. Harold O'Gara, chaplain of the regiment, traveled more than a hundred miles to hear the confessions of some of the men. He addressed the men at the Mass, praising them for their public manifestation of faith. The church was filled to capacity, and virtually the entire congregation of one thousand persons received Communion.

The Rev. Joseph Govaert, pastor of St. Paul's Church, was host to the soldiers at a Communion breakfast at the USO club conducted by the National Catholic Community Service.

DESTROYERS TO BE NAMED FOR TWO CATHOLIC HEROES

WASHINGTON.—Two destroyers now being built at San Pedro, Calif., are to be named for Catholic naval heroes who gave their lives in the battle of the Solomon Islands. They are Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan, former aide to President Roosevelt, and Capt. Cassin Young, who commanded the U. S. S. San Francisco, Admiral Callaghan's flagship.

Both officers fell when a shell shattered the cruiser's bridge.

Calls Racism Chief Foe of Lasting Peace

KANSAS CITY, Kans.—Racism was declared the chief enemy of peace in the world today by Edward LaSalle, president of the Catholic Interracial Council of this city, in an address delivered at a testimonial dinner in his honor given by the Chamber of Commerce. The dinner was in tribute to Mr. LaSalle's leadership in the field of interracial justice. He was recently a recipient of the James J. Hoey Medal for Interracial Justice.

The Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte, Bishop of Leavenworth, who is Honorary President of the Interracial Council, lauded Mr. LaSalle, prominent Colored Catholic lay leader, and the program which the Interracial Council is carrying out.

"Particularly," Bishop Schulte said, "I commend the way the work is being done. Mr. LaSalle should not only be encouraged but helped in every way possible. The Catholic program of interracial justice may be stated