

Please God By Keeping His Commandments, Urges FDR

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Thoughts To Ponder On Things Financial In Parish Life In 1943

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society. To give anything less than an adequate and generous amount is not to cooperate with the Pastor who cares for the finances of your parish. Thoughtful parishioners will gauge their Sunday Offerings on a yearly basis: \$100 per year, \$50 per year, \$35 per year, \$20 per year, \$15 per year. A dime appears in its true light when figured on a yearly basis: \$6.30 per year, a nickel looks even more below, \$2.50 per year. A nickel a week, a dime a week, may be anything else; they surely can never be adequate parish support. To get quickly an answer to our reasonable question as to the amount of our Sunday Offering, the Envelope Set is a needed help.

Envelope Sets

Where the Pastor has introduced them, are for the benefit and convenience of parish and parishioner and Pastor. Order enters in with the envelope, a budget amount is figured out, a steady amount is given, Sundays are not skipped on every absence from the home parish, the Pastor can identify the giver and the gift. Expenses are constant, offerings should be likewise constant. Use the envelope if your Pastor has introduced this system.

Pewrent

The Church in America has included Pewrent as an ordinary and essential source of parish revenue. The parish is for all, should look to all for support, should have all parishioners paying Pewrent. Not to pay pewrent, not to have a sitting, is to sidestep an obligation. Newlyweds newcomers to a parish, should in conscience see the Pastor at once to get acquainted, and to sign up for a sitting.

Seat Offerings

Weekly Pewrent is paid by younger people, by those who have no sitting, pay no quarterly Pewrent. Usually it is a dime a Sunday, dropped in a box, given to a collector, included perhaps in the Sunday Envelope. All non-pewrent holders should pay weekly pewrent (or seat offering) unless the Pastor has made different arrangements.

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Special Parish Collections

Debt service makes a heavy call on many parishes; interest bills and timely payments on principal are in order wherever there is a debt. Ordinary revenue from Sunday Offering and Pewrent are usually insufficient to provide for this debt service. Therefore, a Debt Collection each month provides needed money for interest and to make proper reductions on the total amount of the debt. Better financial conditions of many parishes will enable them to increase the amount of their debt collection contributions. Fuel Collections provide in many parishes for the heavy bills involved in heating a parish plant. Improvement Collections are called for when repairs, additions, betterments, are planned for the parish plant. Lenten Collections, Mission Collections, Forty Hours Collections, etc., are among the other collections listed in many parishes.

Budget Collections

In some parishes a monthly collection is taken to cover all special collections for the parish, the diocese, the seminary—in a word, for all extra calls for parochial or extra-parochial purposes. They are a success when every parishioner signs up for them, and gives in accordance with the amount pledged at the beginning of the year.

Diocesan and General Collections

The Church is Catholic, her members are Catholic, her interests are Catholic. Catholics support their parish, their Bishop in his diocesan calls, their seminary in its annual appeal, through diocesan collections. They support the Church at home and at large through general collections for charity, for the Pope, for relief of war-stricken and famine-ridden peoples, for the missions. Catholic spirit shows itself in the generous response made to such diocesan and general appeals by the Catholic people of our parishes.

School Collections

Most important of the duties of a parish is the care of its children. Parish schools provide for Catholic Education. They are built by the parishes, supported by the monthly School Collection. They look to the parents of the pupils, to those who have been pupils in earlier years, to all parishioners in general, for regular contributions to the School Collection. Few opportunities to accomplish so much good through so moderate a monthly offering, are offered comparable to our monthly School Collection. Catholics react to this worthy activity by their generous gifts for parish school support.

Recapitulation

Be generous with your parish church, with your faith, with the Lord Who founded the Church for you. It is a privilege to have a part in God's work in your home parish. It is a duty to stand by your Pastor in his responsibilities undertaken for your good and the good of your children.

The Pastor Your Servant

The priest's spiritual program would be enough to occupy well his time; the temporal cares of managing the finances of a parish are added to his spiritual program. As you help him carry out the spiritual program, so help him to bear the burden of temporal care and financial responsibility. His striving is for you, his appeals are for your parish, his interest is always your interest and that of your parish. Cooperate with him, work with him, labor for the cause with him, give him the needed funds to meet the expense contracted for you and yours.

WASHINGTON (NC)

An appeal to all Americans to please God by keeping His Commandments was made by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as he spoke from the south porch of the White House, Christmas Eve, in ceremonies connected with the National Community Christmas Tree.

Usually the President formally lights the tree on this occasion, but this year, because of the war, the tree is not illuminated. This is in aid of power conservation.

"This year, my friends," the President said, "I am speaking on Christmas Eve not in the gathering of the White House only but to all of the citizens of our nation, to the men and women serving in our American armed forces and also to those who wear the uniform of other United Nations."

"To all Americans," the President continued, "I say that loving your neighbor as we love ourselves is not enough, that we as a nation and as individuals will please God best by showing regard for the laws of God. There is no better way at this Christmas or at any other time of fostering goodwill toward man than by first fostering goodwill toward God. If we love Him we will keep His Commandments."

"It is significant," the President also said, "that tomorrow—Christmas Day—our plants and factories will be still. That is not true now of other holidays that we have long been accustomed to celebrate. On all other holidays the work goes on, gladly, for the winning of the war.

"The Christmas Day becomes the only holiday in all the year.

"I like to think that this is so because Christmas is a holy day. May all that it stands for live and grow through all the years."

It was at this ceremony that the Rev. Mgr. Patrick J. McCormick, Acting Rector of the Catholic University of America, pronounced the benediction.

Blood Donors Attend Communion in Body

BROOKLYN.—An innovation in Communion breakfasts was made by Rev. Joseph Schriener, pastor of St. Augustine's Church here, when he was host to more than 200 persons who had responded to his appeal for blood donors for the American Red Cross. Before the breakfast, the men and women received Communion in a body.

The Pastor Your Treasurer


There is no hope of personal gain in the financial program set before you by the Pastor. His salary, his income, is measured by diocesan law and your generosity. His appeals for parish causes are always an unselfish one. Make your response equally thoughtful, equally zealous, equally unselfish. Make his job easier by the manner in which you hold up his hands in every parish enterprise.

In Life and in Death

Stand by your parish in life, as you expect it to be your steady pillar of strength. Stand by it in death, by the remembrances you make of it in your Last Will. Do not omit from mention in your Will the Church which has been so much to you in your days of life; do not forget it in death. Rather, set aside a gift that will be a closing evidence of your love for the Lord and for His Church on earth. Provide for Masses for your soul and the souls of your dear ones, have the priest advise you on how to provide for Masses in your Will or have your lawyer call up the priest for needed direction on so important a matter. Do not put off making your Will, make it while you are well and able to be about, while your memory and mind are clear.

WHAT SHALL I RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HATH GIVEN ME?

Let this be your watchword in your days of youth, in your earning days, as you make ready your weekly gift for religion. Let it be your motto as in later years you still provide generously for the works of religion. Let it be your daily prayer as you prepare in your Last Will a closing earthly token of your love of God and of your appreciation of the opportunity He gives you to have a share in His work.



BISHOP KEARNEY
will be at home
to extend New Year greetings
to the people of Rochester
on Sunday afternoon
January Third
from three o'clock until six
at 947 East Avenue

The Bishop's Appointments



JANUARY

- Friday—Pro-Cathedral—Pontifical Mass—12:15 P. M.
Episcopal Residence—Friends' Reception—3:00 P. M.
- Sunday—Episcopal Residence—Public Reception—10:00 P. M.
- Sunday—Church of the Epiphany, New York City—Pontifical Mass, Diamond Jubilee of Parish—11:00 A. M.
- Tuesday—Columbus Civic Centre—Friends' Holy Hour—1:00 P. M.
- Wednesday—Carmelite Monastery—Reception Ceremony—9 A. M.
- Thursday—St. Mary's Hospital Chapel—Blessing of New Hospital, Pontifical Mass—10:00 A. M.
- Sunday—U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.—Baccalaureate Sermon—8:00 A. M.
- Tuesday—Rochester Club—Dinner, Catholic Women's Club—7 P. M.
- Sunday—St. Francis of Assisi—Low Mass—1:00 A. M.
St. Boniface—Solemn Mass versus Episcopo, Monasterium Doppel's Golden Jubilee—11:00 A. M.

Sailors at Sampson Assist at Solemn Pontifical Mass

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of God was mentioned by the Bishop who declared that it was all a part of the Divine Plan at this time. "On our shoulders falls at this time the responsibility of preserving for all men the Peace and Mystery of Christmas," the Bishop stated.

"We are gathered here to honor the Babe of Bethlehem and to assure that the things for which He stood shall dominate the world. I do not hesitate to say that this war is the 'Battle of Christmas' struggle to preserve the things He stands for and wants us to preserve."

His Excellency said that the "enemies we are fighting have among them those who would eliminate the personality of the Babe of Bethlehem and all the things He taught and stood for." "It is a part of God's will 'on our behalf' that we live in these times, the Bishop told the boys in the service and said that "we must accept God's will with a sense of personal responsibility. We must play the special part God has assigned for us."

Saying that it is necessary for us to see to it from day to day that we are worthy of the responsibility, the Bishop said that "the purity of Bethlehem" must be added to that sense of responsibility. He explained that the strength of the individual is no better than his purity of heart and that the strength of the nation is no better than the strength of

Services Broadcast

The solemn liturgical services were broadcast by Station WDAY with the Rev. Dr. William Coughlin of St. Bernard's Seminary as commentator. The beautiful liturgical music sung by a volunteer choir of St. Bernard's Seminary was directed by the Rev. Donald Brennan of the Seminary faculty. Assisting the Bishop in the Mass were: Assistant Priest, the Rev. William McFadden; Deacon, St. Mary's Navy Chaplain Joseph D. McDonald; and Francis W. Nolan, O.F.M., Deacon of the Mass, the Rev. Raymond Moran, S.O.S., Chaplain, Monks of the Benedictine Monastery of Caraman, the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey and Assistant Master, Senior Chaplain Eugene E. LaGault, U. S. Navy men of the Sampson Station served in the minor offices and a choir of 75 voices joined in singing Christmas Carols before the Mass.

The services in which thousands of relatives and friends of the boys were joining with them in spirit were unprecedented in this diocese. Those privileged to participate were deeply moved as the five thousand young men in the uniforms of their nation's navy reverently and with devotion assisted at the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Christmas, and received the New Born Babe of Bethlehem in Holy Communion.

Chancellor Named

Davenport, Iowa, has appointed the Rev. Thomas J. Feeney as the Chancellor of the Diocese in succession to the Very Rev. Mgr. J. D. Conway, who has made application for a chaplaincy in the Army, has been announced by the Most Rev. Henry F. Reilly, Bishop of Davenport.