

Bishop Kearney's Appointments In January Listed

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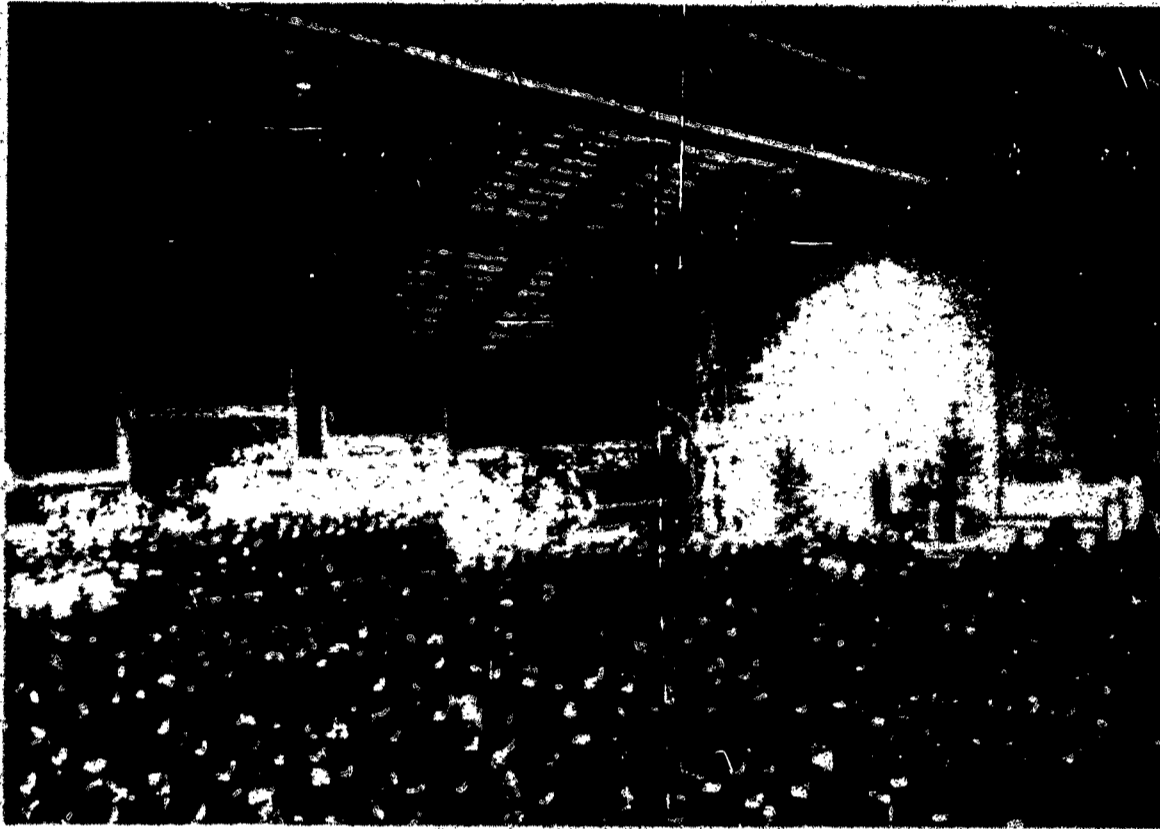
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First Pontifical Midnight Mass Throngs Drill Hall At Sampson



Bishop Kearney Brings Christmas Message To Sailors In Training

With the Bishop of the Rochester Diocese personally officiating, Christmas was made "white" for 5,000 Navy boys stationed at Sampson Naval Training Station when Solemn Pontifical Midnight Mass was celebrated for them in one of the mammoth drill halls at the station.

From the bands of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, Chaplains at the station and priests of the diocese, the boys, 1,200 of them received Holy Communion at the Midnight Mass and the rest on Christmas morning.

In the Christmas message delivered by Bishop Kearney the sailors were told that in regular attendance at Confession and Holy Communion they can always be assured of a "white Christmas."

His Excellency spoke of the great privilege that was his in being the first person to extend to them greetings for "a happy and blessed Christmas" especially on behalf of those at home who were also made happy by knowing that the Bishop was their spokesman.

Part of Divine Plan

That it was a strange place to celebrate the birthday of the Son

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CHRISTMAS AT SAMPSON—Navy blue harmonized with colorful ecclesiastical vestments at Solemn Pontifical Midnight Mass at Sampson Naval Training Station, Christmas Eve. Upper Photo is scene in drill hall. Lower Photo shows His Excellency, Bishop Kearney distributing Holy Communion to bluejackets. (U. S. Navy Photos).

Dies In Montreal

Montreal—The Rev. Nicholas A. Quirk, 70, who died at Loyola College here had been a member of the society for 26 years, and a priest for 44 years.

Pontiff Cites Five Points For World Harmony

VATICAN CITY (NO Radio)—To his previous laying down of the essentials for a lasting peace and a just world order, His Holiness Pope Pius XII on Christmas Eve added "Five Fundamental Points for the Order and Pacification of Human Society."

It was the Sovereign Pontiff's Christmas Message and in the course of the day it was broadcast in various languages to all parts of the world.

(Text of the Holy Father's Christmas Message begins on Page 2, this issue).

The Holy Father emphasized the fact that international harmony is intimately dependent upon "the internal equilibrium and development of the individual States in the material, social and intellectual spheres," and he called for "good and far-seeing men" to make the sacrifice necessary to bring "correct notions about society."

The Pope urged that "a vast league" be formed from among "all peoples and all nations," made up of "those handfuls of men who bent on bringing back society to its center of gravity, which is the law of God, aspire to the service of the human person and of his common life embodied in God."

Now Obed by Mankind.
Mankind, His Holiness declared, "owes that vow" to "the countless

dead who lie buried on the field of battle," to "the agonizing, sorrowing host of mothers, widows and orphans who have seen the light, the solace and the support of their lives wrenched from them," to "those innumerable souls whom the hurricanes of war has torn from their native land and scattered in the land of the stranger," to "the hundreds of thousands of persons who, without any fault on their part, sometimes only because of their nationality or race, have been condemned to death or to a slow decline," to "the many thousands of non-combatants, women, children, sick and aged, from whom aerial warfare, whose horrors from the beginning are being constantly demonstrated, are being brutally discriminated through inadequate precautions taken in the field of their and bitterness, in the accumulation of sorrow and suffering emanating from the murderous ruin of the abject conflict."

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Auburn Nun Meets Soldier Brother In Far Pacific

MARYKNOLL, N. Y.—Unexpected reunions in distant Pacific islands with brothers they hadn't seen for years lightened war's burdens for three Maryknoll Mission Sisters.

Sister Miriam David, who has been on a teaching assignment at the Society's school for natives in Kalahe, Honolulu, reported she recently saw her brother, Joseph Donovan, for the first time in five years, when he stopped over in Honolulu while moving with a troop detachment. Sister David is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Donovan, of Auburn, N. Y.

Since 1935, when she left this country on a teaching mission in Hawaii, Sister Mary Collette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rattle, of Pasadena, Calif., hadn't seen any members of her family. Recently she was surprised when her brother, in the uniform of a U. S. Navy Ensign, appeared at the door of the convent.

In 1938, Sister Marie Estelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coupe, of Louisville, E. I., left this country for a teaching assignment in Hawaii. Recently, she reported, she was reunited with her brother, serving with the U. S. Navy, who was one of the survivors of Pearl Harbor. His duties keep him in Hawaii and he is a frequent visitor at the convent where she is stationed.

Now Army Chaplain

Cincinnati.—The Rev. Harold Kahnt, C.P.S., assistant at St. Mark's Church, is entering the Army Training School at Harvard University, preparatory to becoming a chaplain.

Film of Pope's Life Exhibited in Rome

VATICAN CITY—"Papa Angelicus," a motion picture depicting the life of the Pope, was given a special showing to a restricted audience of ecclesiastical and civil dignitaries in the Sala Terrena in Rome and was warmly received by all.

Among those witnessing the special projection of the film were four Cardinals, His Excellency the Most Rev. Francesco Borromeo, Duke of Bracciano, to Italy, and a number of Archbishops and Bishops.

Chapel of Police School Blessed By Peru Priests

LIMA—The Most Rev. Pedro Pascual Pizarro, Archbishop of Lima, has blessed the new chapel of the Civil Guard and Police School. The director of the school, Colonel Fernando Rincon Jarama, emphasized in his speech the high importance of religious teaching in the program of the training school. The new chapel is dedicated to Rose of Lima.

On Things Financial In Parish Life In 1943

The COURIER today discusses with its readers the financial features of parish life. The subject is of interest to all, because it affects all. As a matter of desire, as a matter of recognized obligation, the faithful Catholic gives regularly, thoughtfully and adequately, to the support of his parish church. Not to support the church is to

sidestep an obligation, to avoid a responsibility, to be unjust to the other parishioners who do their part. Our thoughts today shall consider the various items under which our contributions to religion are listed. Plate collections, pew-rent, seat offerings, school offerings, coal collections, debt collections, building and improvement

funds, entertainments, fair, mission offerings, are found in most of our church programs. Our words concerning them shall be merely a review of what we all know of them, a review that may assist us in meeting fairly and fully our personal obligation to support our church.

Plate Collections Or Sunday Offering

Every parish looks to the Sunday Offering for its main support. It was called of old, the Plate Collection, because it was placed on the plate which preceded our current collection basket. To the in-

dividual parishioner, the Sunday Offering should be his weekly quota of parish income, measured by his things, his ability to give, and the actual needs of the parish. To give a nickel when a dollar is needed is not to measure up to ability to give or to parish ne-

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