Missioner Thanks Pupils For Africa Mission Chapel

The school children of the Diocese of Rochester are responsible for the erection of a second mission chapel. Their first gift went to the Most Rev. Simon Tsu for the erection of a chapel in China. The second will be in Achilet, Africa, and will be dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of Peace.

Following the custom of a few years, a mission movie was shown in the schools of the diocese during the past Lenten season under the auspices of the diocesan office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the purpose of raising funds to build a chapel in some mission country of the world.

Ordinarily it is the work of two years to raise a sufficient amount to build a complete chapel. However, among the mission letters received by the Rev. John S. Randall, Diocesan Director of the Society, was one from a missionary in Africa who mentioned that he was building a new mission chapel and needed only $500 to complete it.

Since the proceeds of the mission movie together with a few donations for this purpose exceeded this amount, Father Randall wrote Father Van Graven, asking him to accept the gift, provided that the chapel was completed in the name of the school children of the Diocese of Rochester and dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of Peace.

The following letter was received during the past week from Father Van Graven:

"Very Reverend and Dear Father,

"I got the shock of my life today. I came back from hearing confessions in an outpost of the mission some fifteen miles from Achilet, where I finished in two days time about 1,000 confessions for Christmas. I was tired and finished, when they brought me your letter regarding that beautiful gift of the boys and girls of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Rochester of $500.00. I cleaned my spectacles as I did not believe my eyes when I read the letter. Of course I can comply with the conditions, and I am looking forward to the generous gift.

"Father, we are going to have Christmas night Mass and High Mass in the open and we expect 2,500 to 3,000 people for Mass and Holy Communion. I pray for dry weather on that morning.

"Our new church, which will be dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of Peace, goes slowly on. I will have a happy Christmas, given to me by your generosity.

"I write in a hurry as tomorrow morning I am off again to hear confessions in another district of my parish. My curate cannot go as he is sick with fever and so will hear confessions at home.

"I will announce your gift to my black people on Christmas.

"Your grateful servant in Christ,
C. W. VAN GRAVEN."

Holy Childhood Association

Rev. John S. Randall
DIRECTOR

YOUR MISSION CHAPEL

I am sure you were proud to read the news story in this week's issue, telling of Father Van Graven's acceptance of your gift for the completion of his mission chapel in your name and dedicated, as you wished, to Our Lady, Queen of Peace.

We trust that when this mission chapel is completed and ready for dedication, peace, through her intercession may reign not only in Africa but in the world. You must pray for that.

CHRISTMAS SEALS, ADOPTIONS AND DUES

Our returns from the Christmas Seals mount week by week. Last week we failed to include $75 from Holy Family School, Rochester. This week St. Francis Xavier School, Rochester, reports $21 for the sale of seals.

A letter from St. Margaret Mary's School arrived with the news that the boys and girls were sending a check for $156 in payment for the following:

Christmas Seals	$82.00
Mission Dues	34.00
Ransoms	40.00

This is a splendid record. Every grade in the school was represented in the ransoms.

The pupils of St. Francis Xavier and St. Margaret Mary are all to be congratulated on their fine mission work.

The little mission workers of the First Grade of Sacred Heart School have ransomed a mission baby whom they wish called Mary Anne. With their permission we are sending this ransom to China for a little Chinese baby.

PUDSY KELLY

Did you read the poem about Pudsy Kelly's Savings in the January issue of The Shield? "They'd never balance the budget, but they really are immense - there's the price of a couple of movies there, plus stacks of chewing gum, plus chocolate sodas and candy bars, etc." You will be interested in it for the same thing I know can be said of your savings and the many sacrifices you have made for "The Lord of the Missions."

Bowling In Elmira

CATHOLIC CHURCH LEAGUE

St. Cecelia's				St. Peter & Paul's			
Compoto	117			Clune	188	165	210
Pohl Jr.	155	111	191	Drake	137	146	131
Sisto	127	103	89	Merz	150	150	150
FeStan'o	155	132	138	Mac	150		
McCabe	190	153	141	McMahon	170	138	153
O'Brien		144	229	Connelly		145	155
	741	589	788		769	733	748
Totals	968	880	801	Totals	839	877	872

St. Anthony's				All Stars			
Cognetti	119	172	139	Lutz	114	127	151
Clark	148	124	146	Fischer	163	161	167
Stravalle	174	177	134	Ryan	137	147	170
LeMark	192	155	114	Herrenan	170	148	139
Liberati	17[illegible]	133	166	Morgan	137	192	185
	759	756	729		737	737	792
Totals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Totals	898	891	941

St. John's				Lady of Lourdes			
DeRenzo	187	119	167	Eichorn	150	110	163
Sciascia	157	190	220	Mc[illegible]	150	170	150
Backes	140	123	171	Grand	188	103	175
Rohde	193	196	155	Mc[illegible]	150	150	150
Rahmel	224	167	179	Mallaste	171	153	128
	901	793	892		759	736	766
Totals	1008	887	981	Totals	928	816	841

1500 In Services

New York City.—At the end of the first year of war, Manhattan College had more than 1,500 of its alumni and student body enlisted in the various branches of the United States military services.

446 Churches In Rome Proper

VATICAN CITY. A remarkable growth in the number of parishes and churches in the City of Rome in little more than a decade is revealed by the 1943 edition of Diario Romano which has just been published.

Rome it discloses, has 446 churches, 227 chapels and 77 oratories. This does not include the numerous chapels in religious institutions.

Neither does this summary include the territory of Vatican City, where there are six churches besides St. Peter's Basilica.

On the initiative of His Eminence Francesco Cardinal Marchetti-Salvaggiani, Vicar General of His Holiness Pope Pius XII for Rome, the number of parishes in the Eternal City have increased from 64 to 105 since 1930. In the same period 43 churches, 17 chapels and 25 temporary chapels have been built.

Honors Catholic Flyer

Nashville, Tenn.—Sgt. Henry F. Arts, Jr., who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement in aerial flights in the New Guinea area," is a graduate of the Father Ryan High School here. Father Ryan School is a diocesan institution.

CHRISTMAS EVE WITH TROOPS IN NORTH AFRICA

An Inter-Allied Solemn Mass on Christmas Eve, "Somewhere in North Africa," is pictured in this photo just received from an American chaplain overseas. A British, a French and an American Chaplain were ministers of the Mass, celebrated in the presence of the local Archbishop. United States Army Chaplains participating were Chaplain Stephen W. Kane, of Des Moines, and Chaplain William J. Walsh, of St. Paul. (N.C.W.C.)

Peace Wanted Must Be Based On Pope's Program Avers Prince In Culture Lecture

"No new beginning is possible without God," — in the European theater of war — and the only basis for peace terms should be the Five-Point Program of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII propounded in the Holy Father's Christmas message of 1940.

This belief was expressed by Prince Hubertus zu Loewenstein, distinguished statesman, author, lecturer and foe of the Hitler regime in his native Germany in the fifth Christian Culture Series lecture at Aquinas Institute Sunday night. The Prince was presented to a large audience by Harold J. Coleman, prominent Catholic layman.

Declared by persons in the audience to have been one of the most informative of the series, the lecture was followed by a question period in which the speaker capably answered queries put to him.

Conditions in Germany at present, and a solution for the problems of Europe were explained by Prince zu Loewenstein who was forced to leave Germany in 1933 because of his activities to foster the constitutional form of government.

'Underground' Active

Representative citizens of Germany, much like the sound Americans of German descent in America, furnish the members for the "underground movement" in Germany, but they have no central leadership and no such thing as an organization can take place under a totalitarian government, he pointed out.

Despite the presence of an "army of occupation" of 750,000 German troops in the Reich, the underground movement for overthrow of the despotic regime is rising in Germany. Those in Germany opposed to the Hitler regime are in the majority, he said. There has been for years a strong contact between the exiled leaders of Germany and the people firm in their belief that constitutional government should be restored.

Religious persecution has but strengthened the religious people of Germany, he asserted. Catholic prelates preach constantly against Nazi despotism. There are prayers said in Catholic churches for the Lutheran minister, Reverend Niemoller and in Protestant churches, prayers for Catholic martyrs.

Church Leaders Defy Nazis

These preachers are crying out for "human rights" not just the rights of Catholics or Protestants, he declared and the defiance of men like Cardinal Faulhaber and Bishop Count von Galen provides "a spirit that cannot be downed."

That Hitler's military power is very strong and must not be underestimated was pointed out by the speaker but he said there is more hope for the democracies in 1943. The Russian campaign, he pointed out has used up large numbers of the dyed-in-the-wool Nazis sent there because of their strong aversion to Communism.

The speaker predicted that in six or eight months full-fledged Germans would be on the side of Russia opposing the Nazi army.

Cites Pope's 5 Points

"Peace," Prince zu Loewenstein said, "must always remain the object of the war. We should think of the kind of peace we want to see after the war."

That peace, he asserted, must be based on these five-points of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII:

"First, triumph over hate, which today divides the peoples, together with renunciation of the systems which have nourished those hates.

"Second, triumph over mistrust, which today seems to nullify international agreements.

"Third, triumph over false dictum that might makes right which endangers all international relations.

"Fourth, triumph over two-sided differences, by considered elimination of those conditions that deprive States of an assured proper living for all their subjects.

"Fifth, triumph over egoism, which early leads to violation of the honor and sovereignty of states and the proper liberty of their citizens with establishment of 'sincere juridical and economical solidarity based on Divine precepts.'"

These points together connote, the speaker said, belief in an Absolute-God-and and fulfilling of the moral law.

Verse By Seaman Son Tells Parents How He 'Stands'

AUBURN — Seaman Bernard Searing, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Searing, 107 North Street, is training at the Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois. Searing left his studies at Holy Family School last spring to enlist in the Navy.

His father, George Searing, was retired from the Auburn Fire Dept. by injuries received in the line of duty, and during World War One he served in the U. S. Navy. The elder Searing now in war work in New York was also formerly connected with the sheriff's office while a resident of Moravia.

Bernard wrote a poem during his spare moments at the Naval Station and sent it home to his parents. The poem follows:

We stand in line to get our clothes,
We stand in line to eat,
We stand in line to get our mail,
Hey, mate, get off my feet.
We stand in line to go ashore,
We stand in line to wash,
We stand in line to find a place
To stand in line by gosh.
We stand in line to draw our pay
We stand in line to spend it
But darn it pay, you never have
To stand in line to lend it.

Blessed Virgin Statue Enthroned in Mines

MEXICO CITY.—An image of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe has been enthroned in the Santa Ana, La Purisima, Don Carlos and San Rafael mines near Pachuca in the State of Hidalgo.

Plan for United Europe

With wise statesmanship and planning, the Prince believes that it is still possible to have "a United States of Europe" with an international system of treaties and with an international system of courts to settle disputes. He would have an international supreme court patterned after the U. S. Supreme Court. He pointed out that a difference between Pennsylvania and Ohio, for instance, does not have to be settled by resorting to arms.

While in Rochester, Prince zu Loewenstein was the guest of the Rev. Hugh Haffey, C.S.B., founder and director of the Christian Culture Lecture Series and they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah G. Hickey, 2100 St. Paul Blvd., on Sunday.