

# Mons. Burke's Book Answers Charge 'Catholics Aren't Loyal'

"Let's take a look at the record," says Monsignor J. J. Burke in *The Catholics at War*. The author is obviously talking to two groups of people who delight in hectoring Catholics in war-time: those who tell us we don't want to fight for our country and those who insist we are not followers of Christ because we march off to war.

Monsignor Burke's reply takes the form of a simple historical view of wars in which Catholics

have fought and distinguished themselves. To Commander Shea's letter to his son Jackie, "a good Catholic and you can't help being a good American." The author did not want to publish a learned volume. He wanted to give the answer to the accusation: Catholics aren't loyal. This he has succeeded in doing.

*The Catholics at War* is published by Longfellow Press, Marbury Hall, 104 Wood Tavern Dr., New York, N. Y.

## INSTALLATION MEETING

The January meeting of the St. Luke Commandery No. 37, Knights of St. John, was held in St. Andrew's Parish Hall, at which meeting the following officers were installed for 1948 by Lieut. Colonel William J. Rosenbach and Regimental Adjutant Emil Eckert: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. George Eckel; Medical Examiner, Dr. Alex. J. Bellanca; President, Herbert Sussman; 1st Vice President, Jason Henschel; 2nd Vice Presi-

dent, Vincent Carraro; Recording Secretary, August Schenck; Financial Secretary, Raymond Oldfeld; Treasurer, George Eckert; Board of Trustees, Frank Gerber, Rudolph Lenhart, August Zeitvogel, Leonard Michel, Jacob Stochlein; Guard, Joseph Gogger.

Pastor Eckel spoke on the importance of the Knights of St. John, especially of those trying times, and expressed his hope that the newly started officers, most of whom are well known to St. Andrew's parishioners, may bring new life to the organization which recently became affiliated with St. Andrew's Church.

Col. Joseph Wendig also spoke most effectively on the benefits of St. John's.

The retiring officers extended their best wishes to the new officers for a prosperous term of office.

## RED CROSS MEETINGS

The women of St. Andrew's parish who are willing to contribute their time and services to the Red Cross are cordially invited to attend the Red Cross meetings in St. Andrew's Church Hall each Thursday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock.

## NOVENA SERVICES

Novena Services in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help are held every Tuesday evening at 7:45 in St. Andrew's Church. Included in these services are special prayers for the men and women of the parish who are now serving their country, and since this total is now nearing the 100 mark, it seems only fitting that at least one representative from each family should be in attendance at these services.

## COUNCIL MASSES ON FEB. 22 PART OF NEW YORK K. OF C. WAR ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

ALBANY — The 247 Knights of Columbus Council in New York State will join in a religious demonstration on Washington's Birthday, February 22, when Masses will be offered in all parts of the Empire State jurisdiction of the order in memory of the honored dead of the present war and for safety of the men now serving in the armed forces of the United States.

This statewide activity marks the first project of the newly formed War Activities committee headed by Judge Martin J. Fay of Tonawanda, who was appointed by State Deputy Hugh A. Doyle early this month to consolidate the war efforts of the subordinate councils throughout the area of the New York State Council.

Judge Fay met here with the vice-chairmen of the State War Activities Committee, to outline plans for a comprehensive program which will embrace what has been called an unprecedented list of war services in which Knights of Columbus in New York State will take part.

The vice-chairmen represent diocesan divisions and will coordinate the war activities of the councils and districts within these limits. District Deputies and the War Activities Chairmen will carry the state program down to the individual councils. Each council will sponsor a Mass in its own locality on February 22.

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**TENDIVANAM**—The 50th anniversary of the death of Father Gavin Duffy, founder of the Catholic Scout Federation of South India, was commemorated with a grand rally here at Catholic Scouts and Guides from several dioceses.

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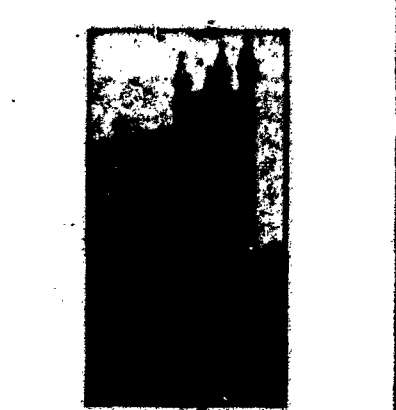
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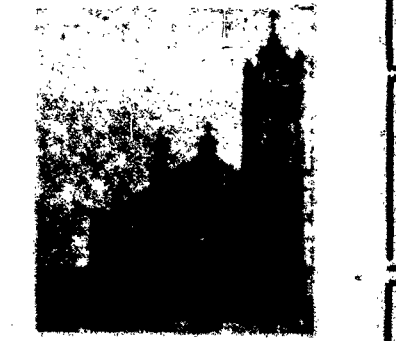
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2. Use sawdust on slippery surfaces. Sawdust chags to ice better than ashes, is a better non-skid material, is less messy, and is far more effective. Sawdust can be used also in vestibules and hallways.
3. Never pour hot water on icy steps. The ice that has accumulated should be dissolved by sprinkling salt liberally on walking surfaces where it has formed.
4. Remove icicles from cornices before they fall. Do not permit drain leader discharges to freeze upon the walk.

Principle is more than knowledge, a loving heart is better than much gold.