

Syracuse Priest Cites Four Ways Opposed To Christ

AUBURN—In four ways Jesus Christ is being opposed by mankind today, through atheism, indifference, sin and worldliness, the Rev. James Nicholson, assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Syracuse, told members of the Catholic Action League of St. Alphonsus Church on Jan. 27.

Father Nicholson said in part: "The world I speak of here is not the total aggregate of men upon the earth among whom are found both choice souls and irreligious men; but the sum-total of those who oppose Jesus Christ in one of these four ways.

"1.—First are the radical atheists, the unbelievers, hostile to religion, because it condemns their pride, their love of pleasure, and their lust for riches. They deny there is a God. They refuse His words therefore. That a God created the world and governs it and watches over it is very much alien to the belief they would like the world to believe they hold.

"2.—In the world and very much of the world is the group of the indifferent, who pretend to be very modern and very broadminded. They do not want a religion that might disturb them or stir them out of their apathy. One religion is as good as another for them. Perhaps it would be better to say that none of them are of much import. They like to do as they please first, and then make up their beliefs from their actions.

"3.—Opposed very definitely to the teachings of Jesus Christ are the hardened sinners, who love sin because they love pleasures and are loath to part with them. They are removed from the Church in all her teachings on faith and morals.

"4.—Lastly comes the group of worldlings, who believe in God and even practice their religion, yet combine with it the love of pleasure, of luxury and of ease, and who frequently scandalize their neighbors by giving them occasion to say that religion has but little influence on morals. They know only too well the straight and narrow path, but prefer to see how far they can go without breaking the law of God. It is of them that Jesus Christ spoke when He said, 'Woe to the world because of scandals.' It is of these

worldly worldlings that He spoke.

To resist successfully this dangerous opposition to Jesus Christ, members of the Catholic Action League must have the courage to look upon life from the point of view of eternity, and regard the world in the light of faith. We must look upon the world in its true colors, as the enemy of Jesus Christ, to be fought against with all our might in order that we might save the world for God and His peace. It is in this sense of action for our zeal whither we must carry the maxims of the Gospel.

Since the world is the enemy of God, we must accept as our standard of life that which is opposed to the maxims and examples of the world. We must propose to ourselves the dilemma proposed by Saint Bernard: "Either Christ blunders, or the world is astray; but it is impossible for Divine Wisdom to blunder." Since there exists a manifest opposition between Christ and the world, a choice on our part is absolutely necessary, for none can serve two masters. But Jesus is infallible Wisdom itself. Hence, He has the words of eternal life, and it is the world that blunders. To wish to please the world, is to displease Jesus Christ.

We must make no compromise with the world. We must make no concessions either to please it or to seek its esteem. As Saint Francis de Sales says: "No matter what we do, let us turn ever war against us. Let us turn a deaf ear to this blind world; let it cry as long as it pleases, like an owl to disturb the birds of the day."

Let the more zealous among us infuse into the more timid Christians the courage to fight the tyranny of human respect of fashion and of legalized persecution. Let us bring together into societies those people of courage and sincerity and through them working in their own neighborhood and in their own milieu, bring about like the saints of old, a reformation of morals in everyday life.

St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn

HONOR DEPARTING PRIESTS

AUBURN.—Rev. Bernard Newcomb and Rev. John Nacca were guests at a farewell party on Monday evening at St. Francis Hall. More than 200 members of St. Francis of Assisi parish societies, including the Sacred Heart Society, the Holy Name Society and the Young Ladies' Sodality, assembled to pay tribute to Father Newcomb and Father Nacca, former assistant of St. Francis.

Father Newcomb has been commissioned a chaplain in the United States Army with the rank of first lieutenant and reported on Feb. 1 at the school for chaplains, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Father Nacca is a native Auburnian, a graduate of St. Aloysius and the Auburn High Schools, St. Andrews Seminary, and completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Rev. John Nacca has been transferred to St. Francis Xavier parish, Rochester. Both of these former assistants were presented with a remembrance by the parishioners.

NEW ASSISTANT

Rev. Francis H. Turner has been appointed assistant pastor at St. Francis and he comes to Auburn from St. John's Church, Greece, N. Y. Rev. Thomas Kane has been assisting at St. Francis Church since last December. Father Gabriel, pastor, is a patient at Mercy Hospital, and is improving in health.

HONOR FR. NEWCOMB

Several priests of the Rochester diocese gave a farewell party at St. Stephen's Rectory in Geneva on Wednesday evening for Father Newcomb. At the dinner were Rev. Dr. James McAniff, vice chancellor of the diocese; Rev. Dr. Elmer McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary; Rev. Roy Mor-

phy of Corpus Christi. Rev. Gerald Kelly of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rev. Alphonsus P. Criminis of Blessed Sacrament, Rev. Joseph O'Connell, Nazareth, and Rev. Joseph Ciriacione, all of Rochester; Rev. Earl Tobin of St. Ignatius Church, Hazell; Rev. William Tobin, St. Patrick's, Corning; Rev. Joseph Haffey, St. Aloysius, Auburn; Rev. William G. McPadden, Rev. Daniel Fraher and Rev. Raymond Nolan, all of Geneva.

MILITARY FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR LEROY P. MURPHY

GENEVA.—Funeral services for Leroy P. Murphy was held on Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock at his home, 19 Pine Street, and at 9 o'clock at St. Stephen's Church. Rev. Raymond P. Nolan celebrated the solemn requiem Mass. Rev. Daniel Fraher was deacon and Rev. Charles L. Sullivan, Stanley, was sub-deacon. Father Nolan officiated at the interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Bearers were Daniel Driscoll, James Ryan, Thomas Camisky, John Waddell, William Sorst and Frank Rogers.

Military honors were accorded by a detail from Company K in charge of Corporal Ralph Hart, and consisting of Private First Class Robert Robbins, Private Norman Brown, Private Del Palmer, and Private Raymond Perry. Corporal Hart blew taps.

God sometimes denies us what we ask in prayer, and His Denial is a proof of His love. For we often pray for what, if granted, would turn to our hurt.

Armed Services Keep Auburn Youths Active At Posts Throughout World

Auburn friends have received word from Francis A. Muldoon, manager of Beauville before joining the Army, that he is a cook, second class, in the U. S. Army, and stationed at West Balboa in the Panama Canal Zone. Muldoon has two brothers in the service. He reports that the weather is fine at the present time, it being the dry season.

Peter E. Duschewski of 1313 Washington Street was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Chemical Warfare Service at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. He has been assigned to the Gulf Coast air force training center at Randolph Field, Texas, and will assume his duties on his birthday, the 29th of January.

John L. O'Brien, Jr., son of Police Capt. and Mrs. John L. O'Brien of 48 Bradford Street, returned to Seymour Johnson Field, North Carolina, where he is stationed with the air force of the United States Army, after spending his furlough with his parents. Previous to the present war, O'Brien served for six years in the Signal Corps. He has two brothers in the service, Rev. William J. O'Brien, a chaplain in the Army, and Donald O'Brien, with the Marines.

Lieut. Chester F. Hockeborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hockeborn, of 100 Walnut Street, was recently graduated from the Anti-Aircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, N. C., and has been ordered to report to Fort Eustis, Va., where he will assume his duties on Feb. 1. Lieut. Hockeborn and his wife have been spending a brief leave with his parents. Hockeborn has been in the service eleven months.

Priv. J. Joseph Linsenbach of 77 Nelson Street has been promoted to Private First Class. He is stationed with the U. S. Air Corps at Jonoshboro, Ark. He left Auburn on Dec. 10 and was first stationed at Keeler Field, Miss. While there he was inventory clerk at headquarters. He has now been assigned to a six weeks intensive course in aircraft mechanics. Linsenbach is a graduate of St. Alphonsus Parochial School and of Central High School.

Nicholas Zuben, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Zuben of Auburn, has completed the final stages of schooling in aviation and has been commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve, according to an announcement at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Fla. Zuben completed elimination training at the Naval Air Station, Squantum, Mass., last July and was sent to Jacksonville for advanced flight instruction. The young flier was presented his Navy "wings" and commission by Capt. J. D. Price, commandant of the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, at brief graduation ceremonies.

Private Francis J. Redmond, son of Florence Redmond of 12 Foote Street, has been transferred from the Newark Air Port, N. J., to the Army Air Base at Charleston, S. C., where he will continue doing general office work in the 40th Supply Squadron.

Corp. Hugh J. Crowley, having successfully completed his three months course at the Air Forces Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force of the United States. Lieut. Crowley, son of Mrs. Mary Crowley of 18 Orchard Street, will be in charge of certain operations of the rapidly expanding Army Air Forces ground forces, thus relieving trained pilots for full time flying duty.

Aviation Cadet Ralph M. Dempsey, son of H. E. Dempsey, has completed approximately two-thirds of his pilot training at the 72nd AAR Flying Training Detachment, Augusta, Ga., and will report soon to one of the Army Air Forces Southeast Advanced Flying Schools for the final phase of his flight training.

Corp. Harry A. Oropallo has completed his three months

course at the Air Forces Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida, and has received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force of the Army. His duties will be to direct vital administrative and supply operations of the rapidly expanding Air Force of the Army and thus relieve trained pilots for full time flying duty. Lieut. Oropallo is the son of Anthony Oropallo of 90 Clark Street.

Nicholas J. Wolff of 47 Peiry Street, who enlisted in the Army on Oct. 9, 1939, has been commissioned a second lieutenant. He received his commission in the Tank Destroyer Command and will serve in that branch of the Army. He received his commission at graduation exercises held at the Officers Candidate School, Camp Hood, Texas, on Thursday, Jan. 21.

John George Clancy, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Clancy of 11 Paul Street, who is enrolled as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces Pre-flight School, is located at Maxwell Field, near Montgomery, Ala. Here he will receive his nine weeks physical and academic training, preparatory to beginning his actual flight instruction at one of the many primary flying schools in the Army Air Forces, Southeast Training Center. Clancy is a graduate of Auburn East High School, a former student at the Collegiate Center and was a Diesel mechanic before entering the Air Forces. He was also a dancing teacher.

Aviation Cadet Edward McGlynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. McGlynn of Union Springs, reported to the Greenville Army Flying School, Greenville, Miss., for further flight training. After completion of this course, he will attend an advanced school of flight instruction and if successful, will receive his "wings" and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

Lieut. Rocco Iampaglia has returned to his duties with the U. S. Dental Corps at Station Hospital, New Orleans, after spending a furlough with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Iampaglia of 70 1/2 Van Anden Street. Lieut. Iampaglia is a graduate of Holy Family High School, Niagara University and Georgetown University. In 1937 he won the silver cup emblematic of the city golf championship at the Auburn Country Club.

PFC Joseph F. Fedor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fedor of 39 Frazee, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. Corporal Fedor has been in the service since Dec. 7, 1941, shortly after which date he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands where he is still stationed. Corporal Fedor entered the service of Uncle Sam at the age of eighteen and on the day the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor. He is a graduate of St. Aloysius Parochial School and of West High School.

Donald Elmer Gonyea of 83 Franklin Street, a graduate of Holy Family High School with the class of 1941, reported for Naval Aviation Flight Training at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Bernard Casey, son of Mrs. Casey of 5 1/2 Burr Avenue, and the late John Casey, has been graduated from Officers Training School at Fort Benning, Ga., and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army. Lieut. Casey left Auburn in 1940 with Company I, National Guard, going first to Alabama and then to Hawaii, where he was stationed for six months before coming back to America. Before being commissioned he was a staff sergeant. At present he is spending a furlough at his home. After completion of his furlough he will report at Fort Croft, Virginia.

As an infantryman, Peter Tarby of Auburn made twelve parachute jumps at Fort Benning, Ga. Peter is in preflight training as an aviation cadet at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center,

Texas, taking the first steps toward the commission and wings of a flying officer. Cadet Tarby is 27 and formerly resided at 42 Arlington Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Socole of 28 Washington Street have received word from their son, Private John Socole, who has been stationed at Camp David since August 1942. He has now been transferred to Camp Stewart and has been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Corp. William Cadwallader, son of S. D. Cadwallader of 7 Anna Street, and now a member of the Air Corps of the U. S. Marines, has been home on a short leave from Chicago where he has been stationed. Upon his return to Chicago he will be transferred to Cherry Point, North Carolina, where he will join a squadron for active duty.

Priv. John J. Muldoon, formerly of 45 Aurelius Avenue, has been graduated from Guilford School. In private life, Muldoon was a clerk at 88 Genesee Street. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Muldoon, 152 Seymour Street.

Chalice As Memorial

CLEVELAND.—Suggesting a chalice as a memorial to the 401 young men from the parish already enrolled in armed service, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maurice F. Griffin, pastor of St. Philomena's parish, has invited contributions of discarded gold and silver jewelry and precious stones from his people to be transformed into a chalice.

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