



ON THE HOME FRONT—A typical scene in the Catholic home should find the entire family eagerly reading the Catholic paper, the bulwark of the family in these trying days. Posing for this photo were: Mr. and Mrs. John M. Blackwood, and daughter, Lucy, and looking over their shoulder at the copy of the CATHOLIC COURIER, are sons, John and Peter.

CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo

War-Time Rationing Seen Turning People To Home; Good Reading

By N.C.W.C. News Service) War's hardships, particularly the rationing of gasoline and tires, may turn into a blessing in disguise and lead some to profitable acquaintance with the Catholic Press, it has been pointed out in Catholic Press Month letters of several of the Members of the Hierarchy.

The Most Rev. Christopher E. Byrne, Bishop of Galveston, asserted automobiles and motion pictures "have given a long vacation to our brains." "Now," the Bishop continued, "with the automobile in the garage, and with our slippers and our pipes, keeping us comfortable and happy at home, we will begin to think on subjects that we had lost sight of. And, our thinking will provoke us to know what others are thinking about. And so, we shall go back to reading. Because if we are not reading very much except what was of a light and foamy character, that was evidence that we were not thinking ourselves."

Wrong Things Being Read Bishop Byrne advised all to "think of God, read about His church, and about the lives of those who are keeping His Commandments. How avidly so many sop up the details of a sordid life, the lurid doings of an outlaw, and yet, the readers of such would turn away from the life of a Saint, or an outstanding Christian man or woman of our time."

In a letter to all pastors of his diocese calling attention to Press Month, the Most Rev. Emmanuel B. Ledvins, Bishop of Corpus Christi, stated:

"Now that we have gas and the rationing regulations laid down by our Government to help win the war, families will be remaining at home and will have more time for good reading, there is an added reason to be sure to have the family supplied with a good Catholic newspaper."

The Most Rev. Joseph P. Lynch, Bishop of Dallas, in a pastoral letter, reminded that "the growing disregard of basic standards of religious, social and economic life, constrained the Bishops of America to designate February as Catholic Press Month" and urged that during the present critical period, "the need of all Catholic literature should be emphasized, but especially the need in every home of the diocesan weekly paper."

Bishop Lynch pointed out the Catholic Press mission is not primarily "to pay monetary dividends,"

Bishop Spurs New Type of Press Drive

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In the future every paper will be mailed directly to the home of the subscriber. This does away with the Carrier Boy subscriptions. The difficulties of obtaining boys who had the time and willingness to do this job is responsible for the change. Beginning with the issue of March 25 and until further notice the only delivery of the CATHOLIC COURIER will be through the mails.

With Bishop Kearney's slogan, "A Catholic Courier in Every Home of the Diocese," the management of the paper has dedicated itself to a program of editorial improvement. Major steps in this direction have already been taken. Special editions for the various sections of the diocese has been widely acclaimed. This move has made it possible to give more news space and personalized attention to the areas outside of Rochester.

Editorial Board

Within the near future the selection of an Editorial Board will be announced. This will give the present staff the benefit of the advice of trained newspaper men, and men who by experience in other fields are keenly sensitive to popular reactions. It is a fore-

gone conclusion that the advice of this Board will increase the reader acceptance of the COURIER and make it one of the foremost Catholic weeklies in the country.

With Bishop Kearney leading the way, every priest and religious in the diocese is prepared to go "all out" in this circulation campaign. It only needs the generous and enthusiastic cooperation of the laity to assure its success.

The challenge of Bishop Gannon, episcopal chairman of the NCWC News Service, that Catholic papers must be vocal and vigorous in dictating the terms of the Peace that will be written after Victory, is to every Catholic layman to keep himself informed of world development through Catholic reading. If we remain silent in this crisis we are apt to have another Versailles Treaty which means World War III within a few years. For the people of the diocese of Rochester the CATHOLIC COURIER is the source which will bring them the news of the day, international, national and local.

When your pastor solicits your subscription on Sunday respond loyally to his request for it is the ideal of the Bishop that there be a "Courier in Every Catholic Home."

Lauds Soldiers 'Fr. Jim'

BOSTON—In military parlance, he is Major James E. Dunford, of the Chaplains' Corps United States Army. Ecclesiastically speaking, he is the Rev. James E. Dunford, former curate of St. Bridget's Church, Framingham, Mass. But to countless soldiers now stationed in the Guadalcanal battle area, he is just "Father Jim."

A letter describing Father Dunford is a "supernaturally-motivated enterprise conducted for the greater glory of God" and is "justly called an apostolate." He described the Catholic Press mission as one "to provide an antidote for the moral poison that filters through numerous secular publications to an unsuspecting clientele." He said the Catholic Press constantly is engaged "in the laudable task of correcting errors, morally, doctrinally and historically false" and it "fulfills its mission by giving the widest coverage to a chronicle of events portraying the onward march of the army of the Lord in things spiritual, cultural and social."

ford's work at the front has been received here from the Rev. Frederick P. Gehring, who holds a lieutenant's commission as a chaplain in the Navy. Everywhere Father Dunford goes, Father Gehring said, he is hailed enthusiastically by soldiers as "Father Jim" and "there's no greater tribute that can be paid to a man of God, a Chaplain," than the way soldiers receive Father Dunford among them.

"When rugged, war-weary soldiers, besmeared with the muck of a jungle island, ragged from days at the front, tired of body and mind, brighten at the sight of their chaplain, that priest has gained the confidence and respect of his men," Father Gehring wrote. "And may God help the man who will say anything against him."

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