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Catholic Press Must Safeguard 'Peace Ideals' — Bishop Gannon

Bishop Spurs New Type Of Press Drive

Spurred by the personal direction of His Excellency Bishop Kearney, the CATHOLIC COURIER launches another circulation campaign. An inspiring message of the Bishop will be read in all churches of the diocese at the opening feature in this effort.

Bishop Kearney has seen it fit to advise a new method of seeking subscriptions this year. In the past the children of the parochial schools have conducted a Crusade. They were the agents of the COURIER, leading their efforts towards increasing its circulation.

The fact that they have done a remarkable job is evidenced from a study of the circulation figures for the past few years.

Within the last ten years the circulation has jumped from 8,661 copies to 29,000. Our school children were largely responsible for this marvelous increase.

New Method Suggested

However, the many activities, directly bearing upon the war effort, which have become a part of the school curriculum this year, led the Bishop to suggest a new method. The management of the CATHOLIC COURIER fully appreciates the service which the schools have rendered. It is reluctant to be without their assistance this year. But it would seem highly unfair to expect them to add this job to their very busy schedules.

In the campaign which begins Sunday, Feb. 21, the pastors in every church will personally appeal in the name of the Bishop for subscriptions to the COURIER. Those who have ordinarily given their subscriptions through the school Crusade should heed this change in plan.

Envelopes will be distributed in every church. Each family will be asked to take one of these envelopes home with them, write in their name and address, enclose the subscription fee and return it to their parish church next Sunday. The annual subscription rate under this new plan will be \$2.50.

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Would Guide World To Peace



HIS HOLINESS, POPE PIUS XII

Press Month Keynote Cites Pope's Plan, 'Charter' As Guides

The Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, episcopal chairman of the N.C.W.C. news department in his annual report on Catholic Press Month has outlined the duties of Catholic pressmen for the coming month.

By the strength of the Catholic Press in this country, he said, the American people will be able to see the meaning of our history in the light of the new responsibilities of the pressmen of the future.

"At no time in world history," the Bishop went on to say, "has the press been so truly necessary and desirable. Reading the solemn statement of Pope Pius XII, the pressmen of the future must be guided by the historic and solemn obligations of a press that is Catholic, loyal and sincere."

The Bishop's message and plan that should be the guide of the pressmen of the future, he said, is the "Charter of the Light of the World" which was issued by the Holy See in 1928. In the words of the Bishop, the Catholic Press must be the "vehicle for bringing to the world the light of Christian philosophy and theology on a parched and withered earth."

To more effectively and intelligently to train the pressmen of the future, the Bishop said, the N.C.W.C. in 1938 the Holy See was established by the Bishop of the United States. The purpose of this organization was to bring information quickly to the public on all current events and news.

As was pointed out in his report, this News Service is not in

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Father Stemmler Dies; Solemn Rites Set Monday

"A fine captain of the Lord—a man who had his Purgatory here on earth," the Rev. John Baptist Stemmler, 71, beloved pastor-emeritus of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, died at the factory today.

Following a long illness, the Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth, successor of Father Stemmler as pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, said today.

Word of the death of the revered priest came as this issue of the diocesan paper was going to press and brought widespread sorrow to all diocesan officials, fellow-priests and people.

Solemn requiem services will be held in St. John the Baptist Church of which Father Stemmler

was pastor for 17 years on Monday, Feb. 22, at 10:30 A. M.

Funeral services will be held at the home of the deceased at 10:30 A. M. Monday evening. Father Stemmler celebrated his Golden Sacramental Jubilee on Dec. 1, 1931, at which time he was honored by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, and was presented by his people with a gift of a beautiful altar vestment.

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Soldiers' Fervor At Mass Grips Air Field Visitor; Solace To Parents He Says

By MARYROSE BARRON

AUBURN—Throughout the length and breadth of America are scattered boys from Auburn whose relatives and friends are anxiously awaiting news of their well being while they are members of the Armed Forces. The word that the Rev. Timothy J. McGrath is pastor of St. Anne's Church in Sumter, S. C., is an item of no little interest to the many friends he made during his brief stay in Auburn.

Father McGrath served as an assistant pastor to the late Rev. J. J. McGrath and the present pastor of St. Mary's, Rev. Dr. W. E. Cowen, and was a guest of Dr. Cowen when he last visited Auburn in the early fall. When

the United States was first commencing their program of preparedness, Father McGrath was appointed pastor of the Holy Church of St. Anne in Sumter, S. C., by the Most Rev. Kenneth J. Walsh, Bishop of Charleston. St. Anne's was a quiet little parish with the parishioners driving many automobiles to Mass. But all that is changed now.

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Holy Family High Wins 'Minute Man' Flag

By MARY ELLEN FITZGERALD
AUBURN—The U. S. Treasury Department has forwarded to Reverend William E. Davis a certificate of award entitling Holy Family to fly the "Minute Man" flag on the school flagpole. This award is merited because over ninety per cent of the student body have purchased Stamps and War Bonds. A picture of students, holding this flag is featured in the school's scrapbook.

Two 'Schools-At-War' Scrapbooks Chosen For State Contest

Schools-at-War Scrapbooks of St. Andrew's Parochial School and Our Lady of Mercy High School were selected as the representative scrapbooks from the Diocese of Rochester to be submitted to the State this week. It is announced by the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Schools.

These books were selected by the judges as giving a detailed report on their various war activities, methods of carrying out promotion schemes, and general make-up of book, which would stimulate other schools and be helpful in formulating programs along war lines.

By virtue of this selection these books have been sent to Dr. Arthur Geiman, State Administrator of War Savings Department, in Albany. There they will compete in the State contest to be held in Albany the latter part of the month. The list of prize winners of the Schools-at-War Scrapbooks is being retained until the Victory Rally, to be held at the Eastman Theatre, Saturday, March 6.

Physicians Leader

New Orleans — Dr. Joseph A. Danna was elected president of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of New Orleans, according to Dr. Raymond L. Lechner, at a meeting held at Notre Dame Seminary.

SCHOOL HOME WORK TIME ON SCHEDULE

In the regularly weekly Bulletin issued by the Superintendent, the Rev. John M. Duffy, in all schools of the diocese, reference has been made to a suggested home schedule for pupils' home work. According to diocesan provisions, 25 minutes is maximum for grade 1; 30 minutes for grade 2; 35 minutes for grade 3; 40 minutes for grade 4; 45 minutes for grade 5; 50 minutes for grade 6; 55 minutes for grade 7; and 60 minutes for grade 8.

In giving this information the Superintendent pointed out that from this schedule parents should know when Catholic schools of the diocese should be home-work, and how much time their children are expected to devote to it. If parents in the elementary grades do not observe the limit of home-work, they will be poorly prepared to take up high school work later on. The conservative home assignment per grade takes into account the pressure on child, home and school.