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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 as the opening feature in this effort.

Bishop Kearney has now advised 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, landing 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 few years the circulation has jumped from 1,000 copies to 20,000. Our school children were largely responsible for this marvelous increase.

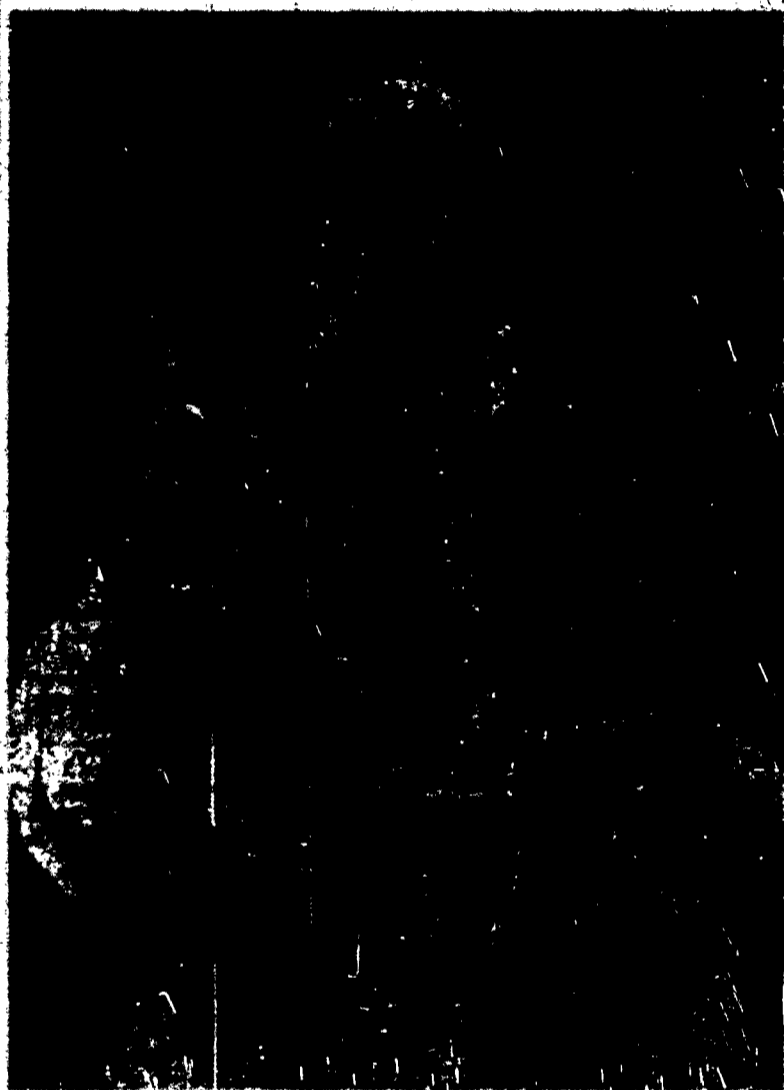
New Method Suggested
However, the many activities directly bearing upon the war effort, which have become a part of the school curriculum this year, led the Bishop to suggest a new method. The management of the CATHOLIC COURIER fully appreciates the service which the schools have rendered. It is reluctant 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 subscription 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 \$2.00.

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Would Guide World To Peace



HIS HOLINESS, POPE PIUS XII

Rabbi Named Member Of Catholic Charities

JOHNSTOWN.—Rabbi H. Garin Perlmutter, of the Beth El Congregation, a Jewish leader here, was one of three new members elected to the Board of Catholic Charities of Johnstown. Rabbi Perlmutter was elected to a three-year term. The Board has a membership of 18.

Reports showed the association has 266 cases on its active list and handled 41 family cases, 28 juvenile cases and 28 adoptions in the last year.

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 in the State contest. 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 Gorman, 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 5.

An exhibit of all scrapbooks submitted by 77 schools of the diocese will be held at the Columbus Civic Center Feb. 18-19th and 20th. Students of St. Agnes High School under the sponsorship of Colette Stanley, are in charge of arrangements. Arrangements will be made after the Rally for exhibits in each of the diocesan schools Rochester.

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

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Father Stemmler Dies; Solemn Rites Set Monday

"A fine captain of the Lord—a man who had his category here on earth," the Rev. John Baptist Stemmler, beloved pastor-ameritus of St. John the Baptist Church, Rochester, died at the rectory, today following a long illness.

He was "the most beloved priest ever to serve in this parish," the Rev. Theobald J. Winstorff, successor of Father Stemmler as pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, said today.

Word of the death of his beloved priest came to the pastor of the diocesan paper who was going to press and brought widespread sorrow to all diocesan officials, laymen and people.

Solemn requiem services will be held in St. John the Baptist Church of which Father Stemmler was pastor for 27 years, on Monday, Feb. 22, at 10:30 a. m.

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Distinguished Flying Cross Awarded To Lieut. Widman, Parents In Elmira Informed

"I'm very, very proud of him," said Mrs. Edward Widman of her son, Lieut. Francis Widman, one of three U. S. Air Corps officers to whom the Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded for extraordinary achievement in the Southwest Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Widman, who live at 751 Pennsylvania Ave. in St. Mary's Parish had their first information concerning the award on reading it in the Sunday Telegram. Neither did they know of their son's promotion to first lieutenant, which occurred last September, until they received casual mention of it in a letter from him last Friday.

On hearing of a similar presentation for two of his friends, Lt. Widman said he was glad to hear it, and added, "I don't know whether you knew it or not," adding the news of his own promotion.

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SCHOOL HOME WORK TIME ON SCHEDULE

In the regularly meeting Scholastic League by the Rochester Diocese, the Rev. John M. Duffy, S. J., of St. Joseph's High School, Rochester has been made to a committee of three members to prepare a list of home work assignments for the schools of the diocese for the year 1943. The committee consists of Mr. Duffy, Mr. J. M. Duffy, S. J., and Mr. J. M. Duffy, S. J.