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HIS MEMORY REVERED—The late Rev. John S. Stemmler, beloved pastor emeritus of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, who went to his eternal reward on Feb. 15, and was accorded full Pontifical Requiem honors at funeral services held Feb. 22.

Pontifical Requiem Marks Final Tribute To Father Stemmler

"Your pastor, and our friend, true, sincere, humble, kind, sympathetic, a great priest has gone to his reward," said the Rev. Francis J. Lane of Father John Stemmler speaking at the Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass celebrated Monday, Feb. 22, 1943, at 10:30 a. m. at St. John the Baptist Church. Father Stemmler, pastor emeritus of the church, died on Thursday, Feb. 18.

The Mass was celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester.

Speaking of the "great cause he represented and loved, the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ", Father Lane, who is Catholic chaplain at Elmira Reformatory, declared that the work of the priest, in which Father Stemmler submerged almost his entire life, is on trial before a cynical and materialistic world.

Noting that the spiritual values only can cleanse and save the war-torn world, he cited the three great gifts of the priest; faith before which everything else fades into significance, at the illumination of God's goodness; hope . . . for a world that is brought to its knees, and needs comfort and consolation; and charity, which might transform the world, if it would only hearken to "the great high-priest, Jesus Christ, who offered Himself for love."

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"Father Stemmler, for more than 52 years, has been carrying on this work of the priest—what a glorious record to take with him into eternity!"

Father Lane, for many years a close friend of Father Stemmler's, then spoke of the past few years, wherein, besides his physical ailments, Father has borne the keenest kind of inward suffering in his concern for his relatives living in Germany. He rarely if ever spoke of this sorrow or criticized those responsible—"only sometimes and

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Knights Attend Mass For Servicemen On Washington's Birthday

AUBURN—St. Alphonsus Church was crowded at 8:00 o'clock Monday morning when a High Mass was celebrated for the welfare and safety of all men and women in the U. S. Armed Forces.

The Mass, which was sponsored by Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, was celebrated by Rev. Gerard Amann, assistant pastor and chaplain of the Council. Rev. Frederick G. Straub, pastor, Rev. Gerard Gefell and Rev. John Merklinger, assistant pastor, were in the sanctuary.

Members of the K. of C. Auxiliary and the Columbian Squires co-operated. M. Frank Dullea, chairman of the Council's War Activities Committee and Grand Knight George H. Shannon and officers were in charge of the observance of Washington's birthday.

The Mass was celebrated at the suggestion of the New York State Council of the Knights of Columbus that Washington's birthday be a fitting time for the Mass in honor of American men and women in the service.

Auburn Alumnae To Give War Bond To Nazareth College

AUBURN—The Auburn Chapter of Nazareth College Alumnae Association held their February meeting on Monday evening at the home of Miss Mary Geherin in Franklin Street. Miss Geherin and Mrs. William Watts were the hostesses. Final arrangements were completed by the association for the purchase of a $100 United States War Bond as a gift to Nazareth College. Mrs. Thomas Dillon and Miss Margaret Brady will be in charge of the March meeting.

Red Cross blood plasma saves wounded soldiers', sailors' and marines' lives.

Pastors Appeal To All To Subscribe On Sunday For 'Courier' By Mail

Orders To Be Taken Up In Churches; Carrier System Discontinued

Sunday, February 28th, is Catholic Courier Subscription Sunday.

Last week the letter of his Excellency, Bishop Kearney (in adjoining columns), was read in all churches appealing for renewals and new subscriptions. As the Bishop pointed out, the Catholic paper "is the tie that unites the faithful of the diocese, a link between parishes and the boys in the battle areas, and the only medium in which current national and local affairs can be interpreted in the light of Catholic thought."

It is safe to say, then, that "no home is truly Catholic without Catholic literature," which in the opinion of His Excellency should be "our diocesan paper, the CATHOLIC COURIER."

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It was made clear by pastors throughout the diocese that in the future all subscriptions will be mailed directly to the homes of subscribers. This does away with the Carrier boys who have performed so nobly in the past. The management was forced to this change in circulation by reason of the difficulty of finding boys that were old enough to take these jobs.

Those families that formerly subscribed through a Carrier should take particular note of this change and subscribe through their parish church next Sunday.

In response to this personal appeal of the Bishop and the encouragement of each individual pastor, every family in the diocese should make use of the envelope which was distributed last Sunday. Your subscription for $2.50 should be enclosed in the envelope and deposited in the church collection next Sunday.

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September Sunday

My dear People:

February, Catholic Press Month, affords me the opportunity of once again soliciting your subscription to THE CATHOLIC COURIER.

No home is truly Catholic without Catholic literature, and certainly, even though you may subscribe to other Catholic periodicals as your interests and means prefer, every Catholic home should receive a copy of our diocesan paper weekly. It is the tie that unites the faithful of the diocese; it can be a link between ourselves and our boys on the battle areas; it is the only medium wherein current affairs, local, national and world, can be interpreted in the light of Catholic thought. That last is its most important function, and with the support of every Catholic home in the diocese it will be realized in our CATHOLIC COURIER.

In the past, your subscription has been sought by our school children. This year, however, I personally am asking you to subscribe and to cooperate with the new circulation plan which will be explained by your Pastor.

A yearly subscription to the CATHOLIC COURIER will cost you $2.50 or less than 5c a week. I am confident that there is no family in the entire diocese so lacking in appreciation of our faith as to be unwilling to subscribe to the official organ of the diocese.

Soliciting your fullest support in this effort, I remain

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

+ James E. Kearney

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Scrapbook Exhibit To Reveal Schools' Wide Wartime Effort

First public display of the Schools-At-War Scrapbooks prepared by schools of Rochester Diocese is being opened this Friday, Feb. 26, by the Rev. John M. Duffy, superintendent of schools, in accordance with state regulations, at Columbus Civic Centre.

Before the exhibit closes on March 2, the 28,406 boys and girls of the Diocese of Rochester are anticipating that adult Rochester will view their war efforts.

The story of the Schools-at-War Program began last Fall when it challenged 26,000,000 young Americans to "get in the scrap" and to "save, serve and conserve" for Uncle Sam.

Pupils of the Rochester diocesan schools accepted the challenge.

Schools Launch Program

Inaugurating the project, John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, stated that "no blind, unreasoning obedience is asked of the schools. Rather your Government seeks willing cooperation motivated by devotion to God and country." With that challenging note the schools of the country, primary, elementary, secondary, the United States and its territory, public, private, parochial—in unison launched its wartime program.

"This nationwide program aimed to encourage each school to serve the war effort by developing a war activity program best suited to the needs of its own community. The American public was to be made

Time Listed For Exhibit

Adult Rochester is urged to view the Schools-at-War Scrapbook Exhibit, from Friday, Feb. 26, to March 2, at Columbus Civic Centre arranged by St. Agnes High School pupils, Colette Stanley, Chairman.

Schedule follows:

Feb. 26—3:30 P. M. to 9 P. M.
Feb. 27—9:30 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Feb. 28—1 P. M. to 9 P. M.
Mar. 1—9:30 P. M. to 9 P. M.
Mar. 2—9:30 P. M. to 9 P. M.

Following the War Rally at Eastman Theatre, March 2, the books will be exhibited in Auburn, Elmira and Geneva.

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Secret Of Malta Defense Found In Belief In God

LONDON—(NC)—The secret of the successful defense of the Island of Malta, said Lieut.-General Sir William Dobbie, former Governor, speaking at St. Helens, Lancashire, was the fact that God's help was asked for by the people and was received by them. Sir William Dobbie is not a Catholic.