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HIS MEMORY REVERED—The late Rev. John E. Stemmler, beloved pastor emeritus of St. John the Baptist Church, Hamlin, who went to his eternal reward on Feb. 18, 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."

Cites Friendly Record

"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 [illegible] or criticisms [illegible] responsible—"only sometimes [illegible]

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3,000 Priests Slain

New York — Three thousand of the 10,000 Catholic priests in Poland have been "murdered by the Germans," the British radio quoting Polish official quarters in London stated in a Polish-language broadcast to the Continent, the Office of War Information stated here.

Charities Board Tribute Paid To Departed Member

The Board of Directors of Catholic Charities adopted the following resolution on the death of Father Stemmler who was a board member:

WHEREAS, the Rev. John E. Stemmler has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, and,

WHEREAS, his life was primarily one of service, in his parishioners, to the poor and in organized Catholic Charities, and,

WHEREAS, his passing is mourned by many, his confreres of the priesthood, and men, women and children in every walk of life, and,

WHEREAS, we recognize our debt of gratitude to him as a great pioneer in Catholic action, a worthy priest and a true friend, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Catholic Charities, herein express its deep sorrow at the loss of this kindly and devout priest.

RESOLVED, further, that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to his family and to the pastor and parishioners of St. John the Baptist's Church, together with an expression of heartfelt sympathy from this Board.

Five War Courses

Winona, Minn. — Five new courses, designed to aid the nation's war effort, are included in the second semester of the college of St. Teresa, here. In the physics department, advanced meteorology and electronics are taught; in the business administration department, there is a course in marketing, stressing price control, inflation, war finance and post-war planning; a course in the history of the Far East and a course in comparative literature will trace the influence of foreign thought on English and American letters and stress the importance of literary internationalism.

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 column), was read in all churches appealing for renewals and new subscribers. As the Bishop pointed out, the Catholic paper "is the tie that unites the faithful of the diocese, a link between ourselves and the boys in the battle zones, 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 is the opinion of His Excellency should be "our diocesan paper, the CATHOLIC COURIER."

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It was made clear by the 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 the 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 fee of $2.50 should be enclosed in the envelope and deposited in the church collection next Sunday.

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

Supplement 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 taste guide, 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 not in battle zones; it is the only medium wherein current affairs, both national and local, can be interpreted in the light of Catholic thought. The 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 4c 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 28,000 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 30,000,000 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.

School's Launch Program

Inaugurating the project, John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, stated that "no blind, unreasoning challenge 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—by towns 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 conscious of the scope of the school's war services by local, state and national exhibits, where special recognition would go to participating schools.

With handbooks, posters and scrapbooks at hand, teacher and pupil committees began the work of coordinating and unifying the war work already started, and inaugurating new services. There has been room for the talents for every the particular enterprise of the school children throughout the country.

If the art of making scrapbooks like the art of letter writing [illegible] among the lost [illegible] the school curriculum [illegible] pupils to prepare a book [illegible] There were reviews [illegible] and biography and [illegible] time wanting in [illegible] and slavery the year [illegible] filled in each school.

Local Schools Compete

In the competition from [illegible] Orange, Cattaraugus [illegible] many local schools [illegible] for in the area of [illegible] by their demonstrable [illegible] and girls [illegible] graphically on various

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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—[illegible] P. M. to 9 P. M.
Feb. 27—[illegible] A. M. to 9 P. M.
Feb. 28—1 P. M. to 9 P. M.
Mar. 1—[illegible] P. M. to 9 P. M.
Mar. 2—[illegible] P. M. to 9 P. M.

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