

# Bishop Kearney Exhorts Full Support For Red Cross

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## LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, by virtue of special faculties granted to him by the Holy See, dispenses the faithful of the diocese, and all other people temporarily residing in the Rochester diocese, from the law of fast and abstinence during the Lenten season.

This dispensation, which holds for this year only, does not apply on the following days:

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT  
HOLY SATURDAY UNTIL NOON**

These days will, therefore, be days of both fast and abstinence.

Bishop Kearney has granted this dispensation due to the abnormal situation created by the rationing of certain foods, the shortage of many foods, and the irregular hours for the different meals in many households.

## Mass Under Enemy Fire Reported In Chaplains' Letters From Africa

Staying at the altar to finish his Holy Mass as enemy planes swept overhead is reported by Chaplain Edward J. Waters and the unique experience of preaching to Moslems as told by Chaplain David B. Singerhoff in current letters to friends in the Diocese.

### Father Heindl Moved, Commended For 'High Morale' of Troops

Before joining the 145 Infantry Regiment, "somewhere in the Pacific," Chaplain Elmer W. Heindl was commended highly in a letter from his commanding officer, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Heindl, 179 Melville St., Rochester, learned this week.

In a letter of appreciation signed by Lt. Col. J. J. Holst, 2624th Reg. C. A. Bn. (H.D.) commanding the Father Heindl is stated:

"The officers and men of this battalion have learned of your transfer with considerable regret. I know of no officer who holds the affection and esteem of all ranks as you do. This high regard is richly deserved for you have given your time and talent and ability willingly and freely, without regard to hours or physical comfort.

"Your excellent work in the morale, spiritual and recreational field has been of inestimable value to me as commanding officer and the high morale of the battalion is due, in a greater part, to your efforts.

"I speak for the entire battalion in wishing you every success and the battalion conveys itself with the knowledge that your new field permits greater numbers to enjoy your work and ability."

From his new post, Chaplain Heindl, whose address is Chaplain Elmer W. Heindl, 162th Infantry

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### Bishops of Southern France Meeting Held

VATICAN CITY.—His Eminence Pierre Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyon, presided over a meeting of the Bishops of Southern France, held at Lyon, Feb. 5 and 6, it is revealed in word reaching here.

For your Sunday breakfast, give the family a treat by serving one of AUNT JENNIE'S Mince-and-Ketchup—a variety of 16 kinds. AUNT JENNIE'S BAKE SHOPPE, 326 Monroe Ave., Monroe 986.—Adv.

### Father Singerhoff Preaches To Moslems

In an excerpt from his letter dated Jan. 21, 1943, Father Singerhoff writes:

"I had a unique experience yesterday at Mass. I said Mass in a little French church in an Arab village. We had to have the second Mass outside because the crowd was so large. The Arabs stood around watching the service and the thought dawned on me that perhaps there was never a Mass said before that had so many Arabs or Moslems at it."

### Fr. Waters Celebrates Mass Under Fire

Hazards of the battle front are described by Father Waters in this excerpt from his letter sent via air mail from his African post:

"I can tell you that shell fire from every direction except up from China is nothing extraordinary to me. We sleep with safety only in fox-holes, which also have the advantage of warmth—as the nights are extremely cold. I do not wish to create a bad impression on African weather, since for the most part, I enjoy it, especially the warm sunbath. Today, I'm seated under an olive tree writing as the sun would be annoying to me, dressed as warmly as I can.

"At one of my Masses yesterday my boys had to scatter when enemy planes came over our position. Of course, I stayed at my improvised altar and the boys truth is I didn't have a fear in my head. I've become rather accustomed to the dangers of war while I take ordinary precautions of safety, the performance of duty never disturbs me the slightest.

"My life moves on smoothly. I can sleep restfully on the ground in my bedding roll so the guns blast their ugly threats in the distance. The officers and men enjoy observing my reactions which I assure you aren't heroic as yet. But many were free with their praise when I stayed at the altar yesterday and when I was in a few other hot spots.

"I've seen much of Africa and everywhere I've seen the natives are either Catholics or Arabs. Each town has its beautiful Church—usually of stone and the best building in town . . ."

## Diocesan Schools Unite In Rally Saturday To Portray War Aid Effort

### Patriotic Festivals, Drills, Marches Listed On Program

Dress rehearsals and check-up on decorations are being made for the Saturday War Rally slated by the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Rochester, Thursday, March 6, at 8 o'clock.

The annual pageant "Freedom's Holy Light" is original pageant of the last season written by Monsignor James Mack, Alvin Mack and Maureen Henry of the class of 1942 of Nazareth Academy will have a cast of 100—men, women and children. The cast will be taken by members of the Speech Choir and Parents Choir. Eight tableaux will be cast by a group of representative, every-day Americans from Nazareth as they portray the freedom. Aquinas Institute band will furnish the musical background for the pageant.

St. Agnes High will execute a dance routine showing the force and power of Victory in the world. Sixteen girls with graceful movements will interpret the old Latin saying "The Victoria, Una Constantia" while Cecilia society will play the part of Victory. Margie Catherine Heister and Marie Robinson, a violinist from St. Agnes, will accompany the band.

To show the actual war work in the schools, "Living" posters will be cast by pupils from St. Stanislaus, Good Counsel, Holy Family, St. Andrew's, St. John the Evangelist, Immaculate Conception.

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### Fr. Maxwell Enters Navy As Chaplain

Commissioned a chaplain in the U. S. Navy, the Rev. John L. Maxwell, pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Scipio Center, will report at Norfolk Chaplain's Training School, Sunday, March 7.

Holding the rank of Lieutenant, Junior Grade, Father Maxwell is the 29th priest of the Rochester Diocese to go into the armed forces. Word of his appointment came today as this issue went to press.

Son of Mrs. Anna H. Maxwell, Father Maxwell was born in Macedon, attended Macedon High School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary and was ordained in 1928.

Before his appointment as pastor of St. Bernard's in Scipio Center in 1940 the newly commissioned Navy Chaplain served as assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Mary's, Rochester, and St. Mary's, Canastota.

Father Maxwell celebrated Holy Mass this morning at the Carmelite Monastery on East Ave. where his sister, Sister Teresa, is a member of the community.

### Named Bishop

Vatican City.—Monsignor Meek Eusebio Navarro, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Santiago de Venezuela (Caracas), has been named Bishop of Urua, it is announced in Government papers.



SCRAPBOOKS ON PARADE.—Among the scrapbooks on parade at the Saturday War Rally were those of St. Agnes High students, Suzanne Mitty (left) and Colleen Stanley, middle student, who is head of Columbus Civic Center today in Ave. St. Charles St. school.

## Spur Red Cross Drive For \$900,000 In Area

The Red Cross campaign to raise \$900,000 was last high gear this week after an opening rally at the Eastman theater, attended by 3500 volunteer workers. Quanta of honor at the rally were St. John Dill, British Field Marshal and Major Donald Dill, Director of the Marine Corps. Lady Dill accompanied the Marshal here.

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All parochial and public schools have been requested to add the drive. The Catholic education office has instructed the grade schools to distribute to all pupils a pledge card which is to be signed by the pupil and returned to the teacher along with the pupil's contribution in whole or in part. A membership card in the Junior Red Cross War Corps and an membership will be given to each pupil, who makes an honest effort to help money for the Red Cross War Fund. Pupils have been urged not to solicit contributions from neighbors or even at home, but rather to give their own share of part of personal savings and by saving money themselves. It is in other ways that high schools pupils have been

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