

Bishop Kearney Exhorts Full Support For War Effort

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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

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. Ewing, 280th Sep. C. A. Bn., (H.D.) commanding to 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 incalculable 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 consoles 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, 140th Infantry

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Testaments For Army

Washington — Third printing of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish Testaments has been completed and shortly will be available for distribution. It was announced in the circular letter of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, Chief of the Army Chaplain Corp. Requests for the Testaments will be filled through Service Command Chaplains for all troops within the continental limits of the United States except port installations, while Port of Embarkation Chaplains will fill requests for troops in port installations and for troops outside the continental limits of the nation.

Diocesan Schools Unite In Rally Saturday To Portray War Aid Effort

Patriotic Tableaux, Drills, Martial Music Listed On Program

Dress rehearsals and final check-up on statistics are now being made for the School-at-War Rally slated by the Catholic schools of the diocese for the Eastman Theatre, Saturday, March 6, at 8 o'clock.

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"Freedom's Holy Light," an original pageant of the Lenten seasons written by Helen Murray, Jane Monk, Alyce Madson and Maurice Henry of the class of 1943 at Nazareth Academy will have a cast of 100 from the Academy. The oral and vocal parts will be taken by Members of the Speech Choir and Foreman Choir. Eight tableaux will be cast in a group of representative, every-day Americans from Nazareth as they portray the freedoms. 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, "In Victoria. Ut Concordia," while Colette Stanley will play the part of Victory. Harriet Catherine Heister and Elaine Robinson, a violinist from St. Agnes, will accompany the dancers.

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's 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 Chaplains' 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 Seminaries and was ordained in 1925.

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. Monica's, Rochester, and St. Mary's, Canandaigua.

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 Nicola Eugenio Navarra, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Santiago de Venezuela (Caracas), has been named Third Bishop of Urua, it is announced in Conventual News.

Flying Ace Lauded By C.O., Hailed By Orphan Tots

By Rita Hickey

A letter from the commanding officer of their son Capt. F. Edward Widman in appreciation of his service in the Southwest Pacific is the proud possession of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Widman, 20 Pennsylvania Ave.

The letter written by Lt. Col. George C. Kenney of the 5th Army Force, reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Widman: "Recently your son was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. This award was made in recognition of his courageous service in the Southwest Pacific area from July to October, 1942.

"He participated in more than 20 operational flight missions during which hostile contacts were probable and expected. These flights included interception missions against enemy fighters and bombing planes and aided considerably in the recent successes in this theater.

"Almost every hour of every day your son and the sons of other American mothers are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific.

"There is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory and to peace.

"I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations.

"Yours, Mrs. Widman, have every reason to share that pride and gratification.

"Very sincerely,
"GEORGE C. KENNEY,
"Lieutenant General,
"Commanding."

An interesting sidelight, showing the growing mutual appreciation of our American servicemen and their Australian hosts, came when Capt. Widman put on a solo air circus to the delight of the children of an Australian orphan asylum, at the request of the priest who serves as their spiritual director. "A beautiful meditation, one of my best friend presented," was presented to him by the children, but their devotion did not stop there. "Have I been surprised with letters and spiritual consolation," the captain wrote to one of the Father's friends. He also stated that he was "all weighed down on one side" with the religious articles sent him by the admiring little girls.

The children have shown an appreciation receipt for Capt. Widman's religion, but always meant much to him. His letter was the same one which was sent to the mothers of faithful Catholic boys in every branch of the service, who seek nothing from promotion to safety in temporary and in battle. "Mother, don't forget to pray for me."



Capt. F. Edward Widman

Ladies of Charity To Honor St. Louise De Marillac

By Mary E. Fitzgerald

March 15th, the Feast of St. Louise de Marillac will be fittingly observed by the Ladies of Charity of Elmira on the preceding Sunday. Members of the organization will receive

holy Communion in their respective churches on the morning of March 14, taking advantage of the plenary indulgence, which may be gained on that day by members of the society.

The Public Observance will open at three o'clock at Our Lady of Lourdes Church with a social hour at which the Reverend N. F. Knight, O.M.I., will be the principal speaker. Father Knight, who will be remembered as the eloquent retreat master, who conducted the December retreat for the Ladies of Charity, is familiar with the work of the organization.

They will be served by the members of the Committee of the Ladies

of Charity under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edward F. Davis. This group will also be in charge of the decorations in the Church and hall.

Following the tea the Ladies of Charity and their guests will attend the Novena Services in the Lourdes Church. This public observance of the Feast of the Co-Foundress of the organization will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Miss Florence F. Stone is general chairman of the committee in charge and Madeline Murray, Mrs. E. Connolly and James H. Kelly are co-chairmen of the same committee.