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Bishop Will Pontificate At Noon On Easter Sunday

Joyous Rites To Mark Feast Of Resurrection In Diocese Churches

Diocesan-wide observance of the joyous Feast of the Resurrection will be centered in the Solemn Pontifical Mass to be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester at 12:15 P. M. (noon) at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

In every church of the Rochester diocese there will be appropriate services on Easter Sunday. Music symbolic of the hope that rises throughout the world in commemoration of the Redeemer's Triumph over sin and death will be heard.

Preaches at Cathedral

The Easter sermon at the Cathedral will this year be preached by the Rev. Dominic Grande, C.P. of New York, an outstanding pulpit orator of the Congregation of the Passionists.

His Excellency, the Bishop will be assisted in the Cathedral ceremony by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, pastor, as Assistant Priest and by priests of the Cathedral. The special Easter music at Sacred Heart Cathedral will be sung by the Cathedral Men's Choir directed by Raymond J. Haggerty, who is also Aquinas Institute's musical director.

The Men's Choir will sing the "Pace Theorico" composed by Mr. Haggerty and dedicated to Bishop Kearney as the Solemn Pontifical services open.

The Three Hour services on Good Friday will begin at noon with the Mass of the Presanctified being celebrated by the Bishop. The services will be conducted by Father Dominic Grande.

Other three-hour services will be conducted in the downtown churches of Old St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Victory and St. Patrick's. Where possible in the stress of wartime activity, employers will permit employees time off between 12 noon and 3 P. M. to attend the services.

The CATHOLIC COURIER and other diocesan offices will be closed by direction of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

As announced at the beginning of Lent the law of fast and abstinence will be in force on Good Friday and on Holy Saturday until noon.

Easter 'Gift' Comes In Word Of Husband's Conversion In Africa

Word that her husband, Ray L. Goodridge, a Red Cross Field Director, recently in the Middle East, has been received into the Church, is the Easter present from him received by the wife of 240 Lyell St. and their daughter, Clarence.

RAY L. GOODRIDGE

The information about Goodridge also was mentioned in the news this week as having escaped injury when a decoy truck in which he was riding was wrecked by a land mine placed by retreating Axis airmen, was received by Mrs. Goodridge in a letter from Chaplain C. H. Logue, a Captain in the U. S. Army in Africa.

Chaplain Logue wrote under date of Mar. 23 as follows:

"Dear Mrs. Goodridge:

"With the 5th Fighter Group there is associated a gentleman with whom you are intimately acquainted and who should be glad to be, of course, your husband.

"Now while I fully realize that anything I might say in praise of him would be very true and fully appreciated by you and his daughter, I shall leave such details to war correspondents and tell you something much more important than personal heroism and much more powerful than feats of bravery.

"On the twenty-eight of March at 6:30 in the morning your husband had the great happiness of making his first Holy Communion. Now isn't that the best news you have heard in a long time? Of course there is a story behind it but that will have to be told by him. All I will say is that we have been having little talks for quite some time, that he was most interested in the teachings of the Church and was most eager to know all things concerning our religion. Yesterday afternoon he made his profession of faith, went to Confession and became a true believer.

"And that is his Easter present to his wife and daughter, a present which we know is priceless and which will bring joy not only on earth but also in heaven.

"I congratulate you, Mrs. Goodridge, on having such a wonderful husband, and you Clarence for having such a perfect Dad. May the happiness of a family reunion soon be yours and may Our Divine Lord grant each of you happiness in abundance.

"Sincerely

"Father Logue."

Mr. Goodridge who was a Methodist, Mary William Hamilton, who is entitled to extend Red Cross service last May has been assisting on the Italian service round in the Middle East.

Cited by Red Cross

He is the subject of a feature article in the Red Cross Courier, official publication of the American Red Cross in the April issue under the title of "Recent Shining Star Goodridge." Illustrations being cut this varied and accepted service he has given the men at the front especially the wounded.

"The Red Cross field director has won the respect and admiration of the men he serves because in his duty he is exposed to the hazards and risks that all men of defense warfare must share and share alike," writes Robert D. Lewis, author of the article covering his Middle East assignment.

The article reviews the travels of Ray Goodridge over roads now by bombed and shelled, of his speed in getting recreational equipment and creature comforts to the men. It tells how he flew 2,000 miles to deliver individual Christmas packages to each hospitalized airman in his service area.

Described is his latest trip in which the plane he flew from the base to Red Cross Headquarters was wrecked on a landing field when it struck a hidden mine left by the retreating Axis airmen.

The plane carried wounded men and Goodridge helped evacuate them to another plane at the field. Note was injured although the wing and right engine were blown off by the explosion.

Keeping up with the fast moving armed forces requires a lot of travelling on Goodridge's part but he states, "It certainly is worth it. These men are working at fever pitch all the time. Anything I can do to lessen the tension is worth all the effort I make."

CHARITIES MEET

Boston—With the general theme woven around the contribution of Catholic social work, as an instrument of the Church, to a world at war, the sixth annual New England Regional Conference of Catholic Charities, just concluded here, attracted 200 delegates from charity and welfare agencies in all the dioceses of New England.

St. Louis Knights To View Movies

The April meeting of the St. Louis Commandery No. 17, Knights of St. John of St. Andrew's Church, will be held Easter Monday, Apr. 12. Meeting will be called to order promptly at 8 o'clock by President, Hubert Gaughan.

After the meeting motion pictures of the Knights of St. John's activities and other interesting subjects will be shown. Lunch and refreshments will complete the program. Members are urged to bring a prospective member along.

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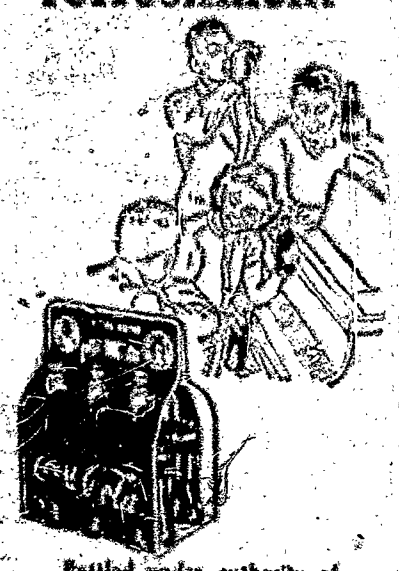

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Music Lovers Enthusiastic Over John Feeney Concert

To Christians in a war-torn world music has special appeal. This may account for Rochester's enthusiastic response to the John Feeney concert scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 12 at the Auditorium under the sponsorship of Nazareth Associates.

Work on the concert itself is progressing with astonishing manifestations. Sister M. Irmina reports that the Nazareth Academy Alumnae singers and the Peruvian Choir have entered into the spirit of their contribution to the program with vital artistic interest.

Since Rochester audiences have a more informed appreciation of the art of concert music the sponsors of the concert have declared that they are attempting to present a program of exquisite musical accomplishments.

To meet the need of the present day with its wartime tension, the program will offer variety in theme and composition, including original patriotic numbers.

The reception given Mr. Feeney in New York music halls gives promise of what Rochester audience may expect from the guest concert soloist.

That the performance will be a "sell-out" is evident from advance sale of tickets now going on at Trant's Catholic Store, South Clinton St., and at the A. O. H. booth conducted by Mrs. David Shannon and Mrs. Paul Shannon.

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