Getting On In The World

GETTING OUT OF WORLD

There are quite a number of people in this town who will not need a better [illegible] [illegible] about getting on in this world. Unless they change their ways, they'll soon be out of the world.

Again and again, from a seat in a bus, we have seen how people rush across a street, in front of the bus. If the driver happens to see them coming, all right. But if he is busy taking fares or doesn't happen to be looking in that direction, he's likely to start his bus just as the rushing would-be passenger is exactly in its path. And then the reckless person will probably be out of the world, soon.

We can understand people's eagerness to catch a bus. But it's a whole lot more important to get to one's destination whole than to catch a bus at the risk of one's life and perhaps never reach one's destination at all. Instead, reach a hospital in place.

Another reckless thing — and common these days — is to cross in front of a bus that has stopped at a corner without paying any attention to the stop and go lights. Automobiles coming alongside the bus are liable to mow down people who expose themselves in this way.

FORTY HOURS

The devotion of the "Forty Hours" will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

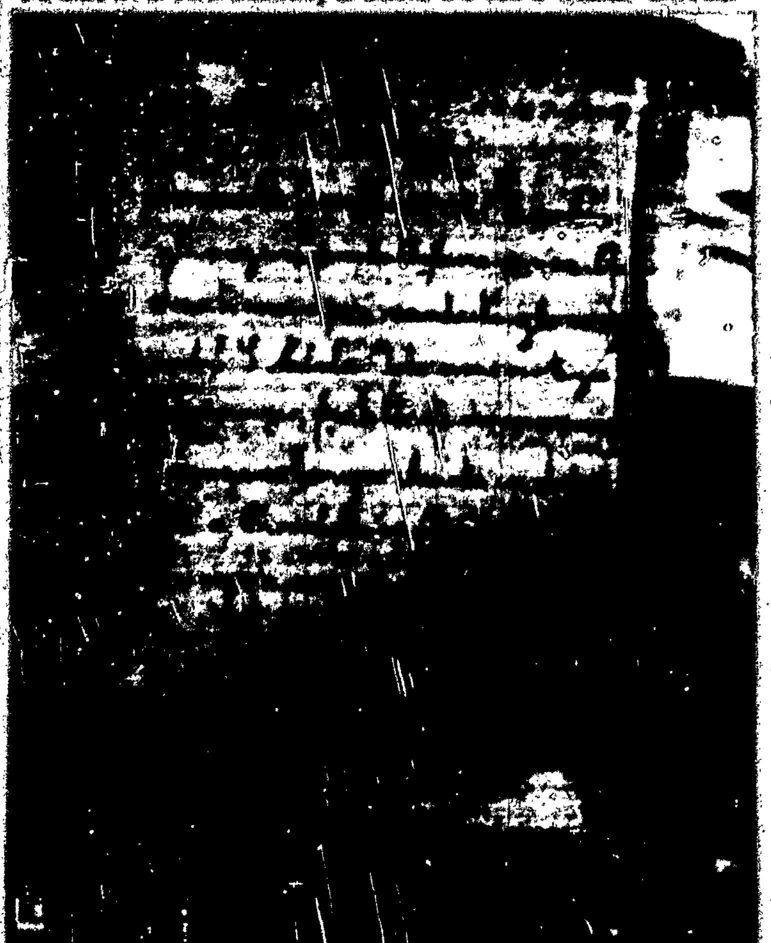
Sunday, May 2—[illegible], St. Theresa's, Rochester; Elmira [illegible]; Corning; East Bloomfield; Ithaca; Palmyra; [illegible]; [illegible]; Waterloo; [illegible].

Farm Population

Ottawa.—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that Quebec has the largest farm population of any of the Provinces in Canada. The figures are: Quebec, [illegible]; Ontario, [illegible]; Saskatchewan, [illegible]; Alberta, [illegible]; Manitoba, [illegible]; New Brunswick, [illegible]; Nova Scotia, [illegible]; British Columbia, [illegible]; Prince Edward Island, [illegible].

Our Diocesan Retreat House, Geneva, takes on new significance in these war times. Men—sign up for your parish's week-end retreat now.

'HOLY FATHER, I AM A LITTLE GIRL'



"Dear Father: I am the little girl who sent you greetings for the Epiphany last year. Now I am sending you Christmas greetings. I am asking news of my uncle, mama's brother, Anthony Margano who lives at First Avenue, Greenpoint, Brooklyn, and ask how he is and send him lots of kisses. I pray every night the little baby Jesus so that all my far away uncles will come. I pray also Jesus to make, etc." This plea from an Italian child to the Holy Father, and thousands of similar requests for news about absent loved ones are handled daily by the Vatican Information Office, through the co-operation of representatives of the Holy See in all parts of the world. Inquiries about refugees, war prisoners and internees form the bulk of the work and come from people of all faiths. (N.C.W.C.)

LINES FOR A GUESTROOM WALL

(A release of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, [illegible] Grand Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.)

Here be at home; this room is yours [illegible] time
You choose to make it so. The walls [illegible]
The floor and roof [illegible]
[illegible]
This room will [illegible] your weeping or your [illegible].

One fond of [illegible] devised the hearth,
[illegible]
One planted this room who loves to look at sky,
And so the windows open full and wide.

The [illegible] trees [illegible]
[illegible] in the wind;
When [illegible]
One planted them with thoughts like these in mind.

Be peaceful here. The bed's wide gentle arms
Will cradle you with certainty and ease;
And patiently, this small bright braided rug
Awaits the humble [illegible] of your knees.

Florence Hynes Willette

A HOME-MAKER'S PRAYER

LORD OF ALL pots and pans and things, since I've no time to be
A saint by doing lovely things, or watching late with Thee,
Or dreaming in the twilight, or storming heaven's gates,
Make me a saint by getting meals or washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands, I have a Mary mind;
And when I black the boots and shoes, Thy sandals, Lord, I find.
I think of how they trod the earth each time I scrub the floor;
Accept this meditation, Lord; I haven't time for more.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love and warm it with Thy peace.
Forgive me all my worrying and make all grumbling cease.
Thou who didst love to give men food, in room or by the sea,
Accept this service that I do—I do it unto Thee.

M. K. H.

Holy Childhood Association

Rev. John S. Randall
DIRECTOR

Dear Boys and Girls:

As you know, we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Holy Childhood Association. We are asking all the promoters and members of the Association to join in the Novena of Thanksgiving which is to begin May 3 and end May 11. If it is at all possible, I would ask that you attend Mass every day of the Novena. As an act of thanksgiving Holy Communion should be received on one day of the Novena.

The Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood is doing wonderful work. Since its founding in 1843, 28,000,000 pagan children have been baptized in every part of the mission world—600,000 children supported and educated annually in over 600 Mission Districts. Don't you think that is a grand record? It makes one feel proud that he is a part of this great organization.

The missionaries are deserving of all the prayers we can say and all the sacrifices that we can make for them. I know all of you will want to make this **Novena of Thanksgiving** for the mission and for your own spiritual and temporal welfare. A Novena of Masses will be offered at the Altar of the Infant Jesus in the chapel of the National Office for the intentions of the Novena and the welfare of those participating in it.

The returns for the Chapel Drive have been coming in very favorably. I can see that you boys and girls sacrificed a great deal for the missions during Lent. God will bless you for what you have done and the priests and sisters and people in these mission countries will always remember you in their prayers.

I cannot tell you the result of your Lenten offering as yet because all the returns have not come into the office, but as soon as we have the final result, I will tell you.

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The mailman keeps right on bringing us letters from the various schools of the diocese. We have had more requests for the ransoms of babies.

St. Mary's School has asked for a little American Indian girl to be named Geraldine.

Here are three ransoms from St. Mary's School, **Elmira**. They would like one Chinese baby to be named Mary Justina. Their next choice is a boy from Selma, Thomas Michael, and then a girl from Selma to be baptized Mary Edwina. Good work, boys and girls!

This next letter contains something that always makes me happy to receive. It is from St. George's School and they have sent in their Holy Childhood dues. They contributed 100 per cent.

Here is another letter from Holy Rosary School. This time it's the girls of the Seventh Grade-North. At baptism they wish to have a little baby named Mary.

I can hardly believe my eyes when I see more mail from St. Andrew's School. The Eighth Grade-North want to contribute $5 to help support "Patsy Lee" who was rescued from the Guadalcanal area. That is very thoughtful of you, boys and girls. The Sixth Grade-North have asked for a Chinese baby to be named Antonetto Rosalia. Isn't that a beautiful name for this little baby? A request for a Chinese boy to be baptized Thomas Joseph has been received from the Seventh Grade-South.

We have been kept quite busy with **Our Lady of Victory School** lately. The Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades are ransoming a little Chinese boy to be called Joseph Anthony.

That's all the mail for today. Next week I hope to be able to tell you the final result of the Chapel Drive.

SCHOOL FOR DEAF STUDENTS PLANT VICTORY GARDENS

CHICAGO.—Girls and boys at one of Chicago's oldest Catholic charitable agencies, the Ephpheta School for the Deaf on the city's northwest side, are cooperating in the victory garden movement. Last week 23 little plots were laid out for use as Victory gardens. The Greek word, "Be Thou Open" will designate the garden project on a large sign just erected.

Bishop Inaugurates Parish For Colored

ASBURY Park, N. J. — A new parish for colored Catholics was solemnly inaugurated here by the Most Rev. William A. Griffin, Bishop of Trenton. The parish is entrusted to the Fathers of the Society of the Divine Word. The Rev. John Buys, S.V.D., is pastor. Music at the ceremony was provided by the Blessed Martin Choral Group of New York City.

CHAPLAIN, IN SECOND WAR, WINS SECOND DECORATION

MILWAUKEE. — The Rev. August F. Gearhard, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, who is now senior Catholic chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel with the U. S. Air Forces in the southwest Pacific, has been awarded the silver star decoration for gallantry in action, according to word received here by his mother, Mrs. Theresa Gearhard.

Father Gearhard won the Distinguished Service Cross in World War I, while serving as Chaplain with the 125th Infantry, 32nd Division.

Religious Art

Mexico City.—The Most Rev. Luis M. Martinez, Archbishop of Mexico, has appointed eight architects to the Archdiocesan Commission on Religious Art which is headed by the Rev. Dr. Luis F. Garibay. The Commission, which was established for the purpose of watching over and preserving religious art as it exists in the Capital against well-meant but not always desirable inroads modernity, is charged with studying plans for church edifices with a view to good taste and efficiency, and coordinating its activities with those of the civil authorities involved.

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