

Impurity In World Deters True Peace, Fr. O'Connell Tells First Friday Group

Inconsistency of a world praying for peace while disregarding the sacred virtue of purity offers a challenge to men banded together in a movement requiring the state of grace, the Rev. Joseph J. O'Connell told 74 laymen, members of the First Friday Luncheon Club, Friday, August 6.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney commenting on the speaker's impressive discourse urged support of the Laymen's Retreat Movement exemplified in Rochester Diocese at the Redemptorist Fathers' Diocesan Retreat House at Geneva.

Noting the illness of the Rev. John P. Murphy, C.S.B., founder of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, the Bishop asked that Father Murphy be remembered in prayers. The extensive and ingenious work of this Redemptorist in establishing the retreat house and bringing it to its present perfection was commended highly by His Excellency.

Clas St. Alphonsus

Speaking at Rochester's Hotel Regency, Father O'Connell, Chaplain at Nazareth Academy held up as an ideal, St. Alphonsus of Liguori, founder of the Redemptorist Fathers, who combined "practical experiences with heretical sensitivity."

The distorted picture of a saint being one who must cut himself off from all practicalities was pointed out by the speaker who recalled the life of St. Alphonsus as an example. St. Alphonsus, he reminded, had been a good horseman, a teacher, good on the battlefield and even was good at playing cards.

Adhering strictly to ideals placed before him by the Blessed Mother, the saint who had been in his time a law student, a Bishop and for 12 years of his life, a talented and gifted author, had realized that most souls reach Hell through the sin of impurity. He founded a Congregation of priests and lay brothers whose vocation was to bring back to God dejected, forlorn souls steeped in sin.

St. Alphonsus, the speaker pointed out, had too lived in times of disturbance. Father O'Connell called upon the man to use St. Alphonsus as "our mediator before the throne of God," and by their example in home life and business associations to strive for the

Saint's ideal of purity of life.

The speaker quoted from Father Patrick J. Flynn's column, "On Guard," - CATHOLIC COURIER, August 5, 1943:

"Why is it that the men who scoff at the idea of sin and who treat God as some forgotten relative in the Home for the Aged, are also the very ones who are so zealously eager to bring Hitler, Mussolini, and their associated lackeys to the bar of justice? Why is it that the men who deny the punishment of Hell are so ready to put Hitler before a firing squad? If we insist so rightly that Hitler is responsible for his deeds then we must admit with equal truth that we too are responsible for our actions. If Hitler is worthy of a firing squad for violating the rights of man, there are others worthy of Hell fire for violating the rights of God."

"Let's put our hearts and souls into our plea for sinners," Father O'Connell urged, "then the victory and peace will be ours and the boys will come home sooner."

The Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, moderator of the First Friday Luncheon Club presided. Other guests were the Rt. Rev. Mgr. George V. Burns and the Rev. Wallace J. Van Dusen.

Joseph Schweser was chairman. Father Heisel announced that the Rev. Dr. Elmer A. McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary would be the speaker at the September meeting.

General's Mother

San Diego - The Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San Diego, presided in St. Joseph's Cathedral, here, at the Requiem Mass for Mrs. Jennie Fegan, mother of Maj. Gen. C. J. Fegan, U. S. Marine Corps, Commandant of Camp Pendleton.

Has 3,431 Stars

Brooklyn - The service flag of St. John's University here now has 3,431 stars, representing alumni, alumnae and former students in the armed forces.



'QUEEN OF PEACE' PRAY FOR THEM—is prayer of a group of mothers and relatives who assemble at 25 Kelly St. Rochester, before this shrine of the Assumption Madonna to pray for their boys in the armed forces in Sicily. Mrs. Lillian Osterino demonstrates how the relatives pray at the shrine each evening.

Home-Made Shrine Draws Neighborhood Women To Pray For Boys In Service

Responding to a request from one of his parishioners that he bless a shrine, the Reverend Gerald T. Brennan, pastor of St. Bridget's Church, discovered the women of Kelly Street

Bl. Mother Commissioned General In Chilean Army At Time Of Liberation

NEW YORK - The Blessed Mother is a commissioned General in the Chilean Army, writes the Rev. Augustus Dirck, Maryknoll Missioner now in Chile.

The Blessed Mother received her commission from Bernardo O'Higgins, Chilean revolutionary leader who freed Chile from Spain. O'Higgins entrusted his war for independence to Mary's care and after the victory solemnly placed his marshal's baton in the hands of Our Lady's statue and formally issued her a perpetual commission as General in the Chilean Army.

Seventeen Maryknoll priests are now in Chile working in the diocese of Temuco, Talca, and Chullán.

Study Reveals St. Dominic Was Only 5 ft. 5 in. Tall

LONDON - St. Dominic was a man of small stature, only 5 feet, 5 inches tall, it was revealed by X-ray examinations of the Saint's bones which recently were transferred to an underground chapel in the Dominican Church in Bologna as a precaution against raids, reports received here revealed.

The Saint died in 1221 and until the recent removal of his coffin, it had not seen the light of day since 1383. Although it was decided not to open the coffin, an exhaustive X-ray study showed that the bones are intact, including the jaw bone which was left when the head was removed in 1383. The study also revealed that St. Dominic possessed long hands.

FOR WAR PRISONERS

Pittsburgh - The Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh, was the celebrant of a Mass in St. Paul's Cathedral here, which was offered for the prisoners of war of all nations.

INDIAN CONGRESS

Duluth - With First Communion for children, Confirmation at the hands of Bishop Welch of Duluth, and General Communion, the annual Catholic Indian Congress, held for the Chippewas of Northern Minnesota, at Oatman on the shores of Lake Leech, was brought to a close.

PROVIDES 401 CHALICES FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS

CLEVELAND - The Rev. George Luba, O.S.B., Prior of St. Andrew Abbey, this city, who less than a year ago began one-man campaign to help equip military chaplains with chalices, today announced that funds for 401 chalices had been sent on to the Chaplains' Aid Association. In addition Father Luba has sent over 13,000 rosaries, pamphlets, aliboriums and other religious articles.

The fund originally was launched by Father Luba through Zekala Jakes's publication of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Union, of which he is Editor.

Gets Mission Post

Los Angeles - The Rev. Walter Tracy, O.F.M., Superior of the missions conducted by the Santa Barbara Province of Franciscan Order in China, has been designated as superior of the Arizona Indian missions conducted by the Franciscans and will have headquarters in Mission San Xavier, near Tucson.

Plastic Bayonets for Drill and Parade Ground Use are Releasing Steel Bayonets for the Fighting Fronts.

Laymen Attracted To Geneva For Retreat

A large representation of laymen from St. Augustine's, St. Helen's and Holy Ghost parishes, Coldwater will go to Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, for a closed retreat, August 13, 14 and 15.

The past weekend, the closed retreat was made by a group of 25 men from Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Charles Borromeo parishes. The conferences were given by the Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.B., R., director of the Retreat House, and widely known throughout the eastern and mid-western part of the country as missionary and platform speaker.

The retreat opened Friday evening following dinner at the Retreat House. Conforming to the rule of the retreats the men observed self-imposed silence. Mass was celebrated each morning by Father Aylward who gave the conferences during the morning and afternoon and one each, Friday and Saturday evening.

Free time was spent in walking about the spacious grounds which extend to Seneca Lake. Spiritual reading during meals was done by one of the retreatants. Individual reading of spiritual and religious books took place in the free time.

The Way of the Cross was conducted by the men as was Recitation of the Rosary. Members of the retreat group served the Redemptorist Father at the altar for Mass and Benediction.

The men are housed in well appointed rooms, four and five to a room. Transportation was made available through cooperation of the O. P. A.

Promotes Sacred Heart League For 50 Years

CHICAGO - When the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Sacred Heart League in St. Alphonsus' (Redemptorist) Church was held, special tribute was paid to Miss Mary Huenemer, a promoter in the League for 50 years. A territory embracing many city blocks was covered by Miss Huenemer, summer and winter with only two months vacation in all that span.

Jesuit 60 Years

St. Louis - The Rev. Laurence J. Kenny, S. J. historian who has served on the faculty of St. Louis University here for 37 years, has observed the 60th anniversary—the "diamond jubilee" among the Jesuits—of his entry into the Society of Jesus.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

Santiago, Chile - Importance of religious education and the development of moral responsibility in the home was stressed by the Most Rev. Augustus Salinas, Auxiliary Bishop of Santiago, during the third annual observance of National Family Week.

For Girls



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CAMP STELLA MARIS

AUG. 22-28

Reservations are still being taken for girls at Camp Stella Maris from August 22 - August 28. Call Stone 1492 or write c/o Secretary, 50 Chestnut Street.

There will be a chartered bus for the campers on Sunday at 7 P. M., at the Blue Bus Terminal, 83 South Avenue. Make arrangements directly at bus terminal.

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