

# 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 15 laymen, members of the First Friday Luncheon Club, Friday, August 6.

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

Noting the Masses of the Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.S.R., founder of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, the Bishop asked that Father Murphy be remembered in prayer. The extensive and intensive work of this Redemptorist establishment, the retreat house and bringing it to its present perfection was commended highly by His Excellency.

Speaking at Rochester's Hotel Sagamore, 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 heroic sanctity.

The historical picture of a saint being one who puts out himself of himself all practicalities was forgotten properly by the speaker who recalled the life of St. Alphonsus as an example. St. Alphonsus, he pointed out, had been a good horseman, a teacher, good at the harp, 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 resisted the most subtle reach of Hell through the sin of impurity. He founded a congregation of priests and lay brothers whose vocation was to bring back to God deflected, fallen souls steeped in sin.

As a Moderator, St. Alphonsus, the speaker pointed out, had too lived in times of disturbance. Father O'Connell called upon the men 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, "Our 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 we are 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. Hiesel, moderator of the First Friday Luncheon club presided. Other guests were the Rev. George Y. Burns and the Rev. Wallace J. Van Deusen.

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



'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

## St. 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 Birch, 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 Chilian.

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The burial services were read by Father Wawro. During the services Mass responses were sung by a choir of 16. Burial was in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery where the committal service was read by Father Wawro assisted by 10 priests. Bearers were Benjamin Krawczyk, Ignatz Killian, Frank Killian, Peter Iwanicki and Stanley Kadzola, members of the Polish Falcons of which the deceased was a member.

Michael J. Matson of 122 Cottage Street, died while at work in the International Harvester Company's plant on Thursday. Mr. Matson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Malek Matson; a daughter Rosa Matson of Auburn; four sons, Joseph M. Matson, Robert J. Matson, Albert Matson, all of Auburn, and Pvt. John F. Matson of Drew Field, Fla.; also by his father, four sisters, and a brother. Funeral services were held on Saturday morning at St. Hyacinth's Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Alphonsa Micrawa died on Friday at Ilwaco. He was a member of St. Hyacinth's Church. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Eva Micrawa, three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Thore, Mrs. Jerry Swietonowski and Miss Helen Micrawa of Auburn; three brothers, Sgt. Stanley Wierwa, U. S. A., stationed at Sarsaport, Pa., John and Bernard Micrawa of Auburn. The funeral was held on Monday with services at St. Hyacinth's Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

## Provides 401 Chalice For Military Chaplains

CLEVELAND — The Rev. George Lube, 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 Lube has sent over 25,000 rosaries, pamphlets, cboriums and other religious articles.

The fund originally was launched by Father Lube through *Koska* journal'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 mission 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 12, 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. Augustino A. Aylward, C.S.R., 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 Huemmert, a promoter in the League for 50 years. A territory embracing many city blocks was covered by Miss Huemmert, summer and winter with only two months vacation in all that span.

## Jesuit 60 Years

St. Louis — The Rev. Laurence J. Kohny, 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. Auguste Bellinas, Auxiliary Bishop of Santiago, during the third annual observance of National Family Week.

## Funeral Rites of the Week in Auburn

### St. Mary's

William Francis Smith, husband of Margaret Moore Smith died at Kings Memorial Hospital, Throgs Neck, Monday morning. Mr. Smith was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of the Holy Name Society.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edw. L. Johnson, Mrs. John Morse and Mrs. William Lorimer of Auburn, Mrs. Earl Hart of Skaneateles and Mrs. Richard Nash of Rochester; one brother, Harold K. Smith of Auburn; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held on Thursday morning from the home of his sister, Mrs. Edward D. Johnson, 7 Warren Avenue, with services at St. Mary's Church, where a solemn high Mass of requiem was celebrated. Burial was in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

William E. Cavanaugh of Oakwood died on Tuesday. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Cavanaugh, a son, James and a daughter, Catherine, all of Oakwood and a daughter, Mrs. John Miller of Chatham. He leaves three brothers, James of Rochester and John and Michael of Auburn; three sisters, Mrs. Ann Emily and Mrs. William Malone of Auburn, and Mrs. Ralph Sanford of Lakewood, Ohio.

The funeral was held from the home on Friday with services at St. Mary's Church. A solemn high Mass of requiem was celebrated at the church. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Union Springs.

Mrs. Mary H. Whalen Ryan, wife of Edward F. Ryan, Jr. of Franklin Street died on Friday at Mary Hospital after an illness of several weeks. She was a communicant of St. Mary's and a member of the Rosary and Scapular Society. Mrs. Ryan is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Ryan, two sisters, Mrs. Catherine Burke of Rochester, N. Y. and Mrs. Louis DeBell of Auburn; six brothers, Stephen, James, John, Francis, William and Joseph Whalen, all of Auburn; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held from the home on Tuesday morning with services at St. Mary's where a solemn high Mass of requiem was celebrated. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

### St. Hyacinth's

John Wawro of 4 Rock Avenue, died at Mercy Hospital on Sunday morning after an illness of several weeks. He was a native of Poland but has been a resident of Auburn for the past forty years. He was employed at the International Harvester Company for a number of years until his retirement a year ago. He was a communicant of St. Hyacinth's Church, a member of the Holy Name Society and of the Polish Falcons.

Mr. Wawro is survived by his wife; three sons, Father Desiderius of Buffalo, Joseph and Anthony of Auburn; four daughters, Sister Susanna of Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Rosa Pindock of Syracuse, Stella and Theresa of Auburn; his mother, Mrs. Anna Wawro and one sister, Mrs. Julia Gurba of Poland; and two sisters, Mrs. Victoria Rote and Mrs. Rose Taborsky of Auburn. Mr. Wawro's son, Father Desiderius is professor and librarian at St. Francis College, Athol Springs, N. Y. His daughter, Sister Susanna teaches at St. Hadwig's Parochial School, Detroit, Michigan.

The funeral was held from the home on Wednesday morning. At the house, the DeProfundis was sung by several priests. At the church the Office of the Dead was sung by 18 priests after which a solemn high Mass of Requiem was sung by Father Desiderius, son of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Edmund Nisiewicz of Athol Springs as deacon and Rev. Adam Zindel of Athol Springs as sub-deacon. Rev. Vincent Wolski of Auburn was master of ceremonies.

The following priests were in the sanctuary: Rev. Benedict Frankowski of Athol Springs, Rev. Simon Kacimarek of Hamburg, N. Y., Rev. Martin Veron of Killbuck City, Md.; Rev. Fulgence Gotszys of Rochester; Rev. Stanley Kostkowski of Buffalo; Rev. Edward Biemba, Rev. Paul Biemba of Athol Springs, Rev. Mathew Switzer of Bridgeport, Conn.; Rev. Leopold Siersega of Peabody, Mass.; Rev. Jerome Holubowicz, Rev. Vincent Wolski, Rev. Conrad Miller, Rev. J. H. Crowley, Rev. Joseph Haffer, of Auburn; Rev. Leo L. Jones of Westport and Rev. Stanley Wolosowski of Bradford, N. Y.