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 75 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.

Hailing the labors of the Rev. John P. Murphy, C.SS.R., 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.

Cites St. Alphonsus

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 distorted picture of a saint being one who must cut himself off from all practicalities was refuted properly by the speaker who recalled the life of St. Alphonsus as an example. St. Alphonsus, he reminded, had been a good horseman, a fencer, good on the harpsichord 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 15 years of his life, a talented and gifted author, had realized that most souls reach Hell through the sins 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.

Use As Mediator

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, "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 fire 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 done 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. Msgr. George V. Burns and the Rev. Wallace J. Van Deusen.

Rudolph Schwenzer 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.

Laymen Attracted To Geneva For Retreat

A large representation of laymen from St. Augustine's, St. Helen's and Holy Ghost parish, 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 23 men from Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Charles Borromeo parishes. The conferences were given by the Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.SS.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.

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.

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.

National Legion of Decency List

CLASS A—Section 1—Unobjectionable for General Patronage

Aerial Gunner
Air Raid Wardens, The
Alaska Highway
American Empire
Assignment in Brittany
Avengers, The
Background To Danger
Billy the Kid in 'the Renegade'
Black Hills Express
Black Raven, The
Blazing Frontier
Blocked Trail, The
Bombardier
Bombers Moon
Border Buckaroos
Border Patrol
Bordertown Gunfighters
Buckskin Frontier
Calling Wild Bill Elliott
Carson City Cyclone
Chatterbox
Clancy St. Boys
Colt Comrades
Coastal Command
Cowboy Commandos
Cowboy In Manhattan
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Days of Old Cheyenne
Desert Victory
Desperadoes, The
Falcon In Danger, The
False Faces
Fighting Valley
Flying Fortress
Fugitive From Sonora
Gentle Gangster, The
Get Going
Ghost and The Guest, The
Ghost Rider
Gildersleeve's Bad Day
Good Luck, Mr. Yates
Haunted Ranch
Heading For God's Country
Henry Aldrich Swings It
Hers To Hold
High Explosive
How's About It?
Human Comedy
Idaho
Land of Hunted Men
Law of the Northwest
Leather Burners, The
Let's Have Fun
Lost Canyon
Man from Thunder River
Man Trap, The
My Friend Flicka
Mysterious Doctor
Navy Comes Through
Nobody's Darling
No place for a Lady
Outlaw of Pine Ridge
Pilot No. 5
Power of the Press
Prairie Chickens
Pride of the Yankees
Purple V, The
Raiders of San Joaquin
Rangers Take Over
Reveille with Beverly
Riders of the Rio Grande
Robin Hood of the Range
Sabotage Squad
Saint Meets The Tiger, The
Salute To The Marines
Santa Fe Scouts
Secrets of the Underground
Shantytown
Silver Spurs
Sky's The Limit
Somewhere in France
Song of Texas
Spitfire
Squadron Leader X
Stranger From Pecos
Stranger In Town
Swing Your Partner
They Came To Blow Up America
This Is The Army
Thumbs Up
Thundering Trails
Trail of Terror
Truck Busters
Two-Fisted Justice
Two Tickets To London
Two Weeks To Live
Underground Agent
Victory Through Air Power
Virgin of Guadalupe, The
War Dogs
We Are the Marines
West of the Law
West of Texas
Western Mail
What's Buzzin' Cousin?
Whistling In Dixie
Wild Horse Rustlers
Wolves of the Range
World At War
Yanks Ahoy
Youngest Profession, The

CLASS A—Section 2—Unobjectionable for Adults

Above Suspicion
Action In the North Atlantic
Air Force
Ape Man, The
Appointment In Berlin
Bataan
Beyond the Blue Horizon
Bowery at Midnight
Casablanca
China
City Without Men
Corregidor
Crash Dive
Criminal Investigator
Danger, Women At Work
Dawn on the Great Divide
Dixie
Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case
Edge of Darkness
Falcon Strikes Back, The
Fighting Devil Dogs
Five Graves To Cairo
Follies Girl
Gals, Inc.
Good Morning Judge
Girls In Chains
Heaven Can Wait
Hitler—Dead or Alive
Hitler's Hangman
I Dood It
I Escaped From the Gestapo
Isle of Forgotten Sins
Jitterbugs
Ladies Day
Last Will of Dr. Mabuse
Leopard Man, The
Life of Simon Bolivar, The
Man of Courage
Manila Calling
Margin for Error
Miracle of the Bell Ring
Meanest Man in the World
Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event
Mr. Big
Mr. Lucky
Moon Is Down, The
Next of Kin, The
Over My Dead Body
Payoff
Petticoat Larceny
Police Bullets
Powers Girls
Prelude To War
Presenting Lily Mars
Queen of Broadway
Redhead from Manhattan
Salute for Three
Secret Enemies
Seven Miles from Alcatraz
Shadow of a Doubt
She Has What It Takes
Silent Witness
Someone To Remember
So Proudly We Hail
Stand By for Action
Stormy Weather
Submarine Base
Sunday Punch
Swing Shift Maisie
Tahiti Honey
Tartu
Taxi Mister
Terror House
That Other Woman
This Above All
Time To Kill
Today I Hang
Two Senoritas From Chicago
Voice of Terror
X Marks the Spot
You Can't Beat the Law
You Can't Escape Forever

CLASS B—Objectionable in Part

All By Myself
Best Foot Forward
Cabin In the Sky
Captive Wild Woman
Coney Island
Constant Nymph, The
DuBarry Was A Lady
First Comes Courage
Flight for Freedom
Flying With Music
Follow the Band
For Whom the Bell Tolls
Heart of a Nation, The
Hello, Frisco, Hello
Hi Diddle Diddle
Keeper of the Flame
Lady Has Plans, The
Lady Is Willing, The
Lady of Burlesque
Lucky Jordan
Moon and Sixpence
More the Merrier, The
Mummy's Tomb
My Heart Belongs To Daddy
My Son, the Hero
Navy Blues
Rhythm Parade
Sarong Girl
Shanghai Gesture
Something To Shout About
Stage Door Canteen
Swamp Woman
They All Kissed the Bride
Three Girls About Town
Three Hearts for Julia
Time in the Sun
Two-Faced Woman
Vengeance of the West
White Savage
Wings Over The Pacific
Wife Takes a Flyer, The
Young and Willing

CLASS C—Condemned

Confessions of A Vice Baron
Damaged Goods
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Fighting the White Slave Traffic
City of Sin
Girl from Maxim's
Lash of the Penitentes
Marriage Forbidden
Nine Bachelors
No Greater Sin
Human Wreckage
Passion Island
Pepe Le Moko
[illegible]
Bal, Le (French)
Sinful Daughters
Sinless Paradise
Time in the Sun

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 carrying on a private prayer for peace program under the patronage of the Blessed Lady of the Assumption.

Aided by her friend Mrs. Josephine DiChiaro and other ladies of the neighborhood, Mrs. Lillian Osterino of 25 Kelly Street has converted the family garage into a large shrine in honor of the Madonna of the Assumption.

Mrs. Osterino, who like many of her friends on Kelly Street is a native of Sicily, told her pastor, Father Brennan, that in her native town of Agrigento, now occupied by American troops, the Feast of the Assumption on August fifteenth, was always marked by special devotion and prayers.

Recently Mrs. Osterino and her friends decided to renew the old Agrigento tradition. Each evening now twenty to thirty of the women gather in Mrs. Osterino's shrine to the Madonna of the Assumption, and offer prayers for peace and the safe return of their sons and friends who are fighting with the American forces.

This unusual devotion in honor of the Blessed Virgin began on the first of August and the ladies hope to continue their evening prayers for the entire month.

State Leader Calls Convention In Elmira

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of society. It is for the best and most distinguished members of the Christian family, filled with the enthusiasm of Crusaders, to unite in a spirit of truth, justice and love to the cause, God wills it!"

This year we will convene in the city of Elmira from September 4th to 6th and a most cordial invitation is extended to participate in the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the National Catholic Women's Union, New York State Branch.

Every Branch and Affiliated Society should be represented and delegates elected to attend the assembly. Each Society represented at the convention is entitled to one delegate for each twenty-five members or fraction thereof. City Federations are entitled to three delegates and every ten Individual Members and ten Associate Members residing in the same city or district are entitled to one delegate.

Plans are being made for an attractive Charity Aid and Mission Exhibit, and all articles intended for this display should be forwarded either by freight or express prepaid, before August 28th, to the Chairman of this Committee — Mrs. Samuel A. Derenzo, 958 East Clinton Street, Elmira, N. Y.

Please forward immediately the names and addresses of your delegates to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Martha S. Hemmerlein, 1027 Wadsworth St., Syracuse, N. Y., for the issuing of credentials. Do not overlook the filing of the annual report of the activities of your Branch throughout the past year, and mail it to the Corresponding Secretary on or before August 1st, to enable her to compile a complete report to be presented at the National Convention on August 21st.

The convention headquarters will be at the Mark Twain Hotel.

To ensure the success of this convention, it is our obligation to make an earnest effort to participate in this important meeting.

Cordially yours,
LAURA K. SCHILLING,
President

They err that work evil: but mercy and truth prepareth good things. Proverbs, 14, v. 22.

PROVIDES 481 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, ciboriums and other religious articles.

The fund originally was launched by Father Luba through Zenska Jednota 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.