

Archbishop Spellman Feted In Iran By Rochester Chaplain

Lieutenant Chaplain Kenneth Murphy, priest of the Diocese of Rochester, and now serving with Americans forces in Iran, entertained the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, during the latter's recent visit to the Near East.

Sinful To Neglect Catholic Education, Prelate Warns

INDIANAPOLIS—(NC)—Parents who fail to provide religious and moral training of their children as prescribed by the Church commit grievous sin, the Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, Bishop of Indianapolis, declared in a pastoral letter, in which he demanded the education of Catholic children in Catholic schools.

"There is no law of the Church more important than that which obliges parents to send their children to Catholic schools," Bishop Ritter stated. "It is a law that binds under pain of mortal sin. It, moreover, binds all Catholics everywhere, as is clearly stated in the Code of Canon Law."

Some Catholics, Bishop Ritter pointed out, may be misled by the fact that the Church makes provision for the religious care of Catholic youth attending secular schools and colleges, and interpret this to mean that the Church endorses attendance at these schools. He asserted that the Church "at best" tolerates this attendance and simply fulfills a duty in caring for the souls of those in attendance.

"It is feared that many parents, yielding to the demand of modern youth for freedom from moral discipline and restraint, and being over-anxious about the social and worldly success of their children, fail to realize or do not want to realize, how great the danger is to faith and morals by attendance at secular colleges and universities," Bishop Ritter declared.

Pastor Joins Army

Phoenix — Reassigning his post as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, here, where he had served since 1941, the Rev. John C. Gaffney, R.I., has reported for training at the Army chaplain school, Harvard University.

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Teaching Cadets



Rev. Everett F. Briggs, formerly Superior of the Maryland Mission in Japan, who has taken up the teaching of the Japanese language to U. S. naval students at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. He takes the place of Rev. William Whittier, M. S., who was taken ill. Father Briggs was interned by the Japanese following the outbreak of war and later was repatriated. (R.C.V.C.)

Chaplain Waters Is Promoted To Major

Chaplain Edward J. Waters, priest of the Rochester Diocese, who was recently cited for bravery in action during the African campaign, has been raised from the rank of captain to that of major.

Chaplain Major Waters, who is attached to the Field Artillery of the celebrated First Division, is now in Italy.

Father Waters reports the humorous anecdote of how he discovered the true identity of his enemy in Italy. After seeing it, however, he captured indignation and had to be hospitalized for a few days.

Marine Assignment Given Father Kelly

Formerly professor of Marquette College, Fairfield, and now Naval Chaplain, the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, Lieutenant (jg.), is now stationed in San Diego, Calif., where he is standing by for orders. Father Kelly is now attached to a Marine Unit.

Deplures Ignoring Rural Life In Catholic Teaching

COLLINGSVILLE, Miss. — A warning that "we are educating for our own downfall" was sounded by the Rt. Rev. Messrs. Luigi G. Ligutti, Executive Secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, at a recent St. Paul, Minn. convention. He said, "Catholic education," he said, "has been influenced without of leaders. We are the greater institutions. We are truly saying that we have successfully educated our people away from the farm and therefore from family life. We are a dying group, and we may as well admit it now, almost collapse. Two years ago we had 20,000 more elementary school children. In the mind of a Catholic it must be a sin to be a farmer, for no Catholic college in the United States preaches agriculture as a way of life."

Safe From Pyre

He who necessarily seeks to neutralize himself with the precious blood of Christ's wounds will be safe against all the perils and difficulties of this miserable life.

Archbishop Supports Home Front Move Hitting Black Markets

NEW ORLEANS (NC) — Endorsement of the home-front pledge campaign was conveyed by the Most Rev. Joseph P. Hursey, Archbishop of New Orleans, in a letter to Allen Brumsted, head of the public relations department of the district Office of Price Administration. The campaign originated in New Orleans and is being followed in many communities throughout the nation.

Keystone of the campaign is the following pledge which consumers and other consumers are asked to sign:

"To do my part on the home front; to help distribute rationed goods fairly; to help hold down the cost of living; to help eliminate black markets; to bring violations to the attention of my neighbors and returning boards; I make the following pledge:

"I will pay no more than the legal price; I will accept no illegal goods without giving up my ration stamps."

His Excellency wrote to Mr. Brumsted:

"Clearly as I endorse the consumer's pledge campaign which was initiated here in New Orleans some time ago, with the result that, during the month of May, this city registered a greater decrease in the cost of food than any other American city.

"The consumer's pledge is a splendid home-front contribution to the war effort, which will not only benefit the war program but also result in a better adjustment of the cost of living for the civilian population.

"Many are enjoying the benefits of increased salaries and wages; there is still a very large percentage of our population that finds it exceedingly difficult to meet the rising costs of food and clothing.

"Every measure that will prevent inflation and check ration profiteering is worthy of encouragement; the consumer's pledge campaign is certainly a movement in this direction, and, therefore, it should be universally adopted."

K. of C. Told Order Sold \$90,000,000 War Bonds

CLEVELAND—The Knights of Columbus in their second War Loan Campaign have sold upwards of \$90,000,000 of War Bonds and the Order itself now owns more than \$18,000,000 of bonds of both the United States and Canadian Governments, according to announcement of Supreme Secretary Joseph F. Lash at the opening of the 41st annual meeting of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in Cleveland on last Wednesday.

Supreme Secretary Lash's report showed the total membership of the society at the end of the calendar year, Dec. 31, 1942, as 425,869. This represented a gain of more than 18,000 over the previous calendar year and the first six months of 1943 brought a further increase, the total membership, as of June 30, being 437,324. The amount of insurance in force was \$32,000,000 and benefits and payments made to members during the year amounted to \$1,270,127.41.



Dear Reverend Father:

The Bishop's Committee in charge of the National Catholic School of Social Studies in Washington, has asked me to write in a paper of the National Council of Catholic Bishops to do the job on this school. The school will be a national school for students which would afford an excellent work of school, or where no such school exists under similar conditions.

The plan of the National Council of Catholic Bishops is to ask a quarter representing the presence of a group of the Bishops. We are requested to set aside a Sunday, August 22, 1943, May I ask you to consider this matter as a matter of importance on Sunday, August 22. Our Lady is special patron of the Council of Catholic Women and I feel that under her guidance the effort will be successful. The need of social workers and a practical and spiritual point of view will be the basis of the school of reconstruction after the war. The Catholic School of Social Service is doing a major share in supplying that need. I encourage your support.

With a blessing, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

James E. Krantz
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Allied Strategists Meet At City Deeply Rooted In Catholic Tradition

QUEBEC (NC)—The Allied conference by the last moved to focus world attention on this ancient Capital of New France, where nearly 90 per cent of the 1,000,000 population are Catholics. Quebec is the fourth oldest city in settlement on the North American continent, but it is the most Catholic of all.

There has been an increasing number of Catholic traditions associated with Quebec from the first days in this city because known in the white snow.

In the early years of the sixteenth century the Indian village of St. Lawrence was a small town. It grew into that Quebec which in 1608 and it was here that Quebec started to have a place of history which had attracted the attention of the world.

Chaplain Kelly returned here in 1942 and it was not until five years later that he led the foundation of the present city. Quebec was a town of great faith, and he operated with the missionaries in spreading the Word of God.

From here not only three hundred of religious Orders who found their roots in the hands of the Indians in order to make known to them the Gospel of Christ. The people of this city in its early days were led by men who died as martyrs for their Faith and have been canonized as Canada's first saints—the Jesuits St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, St. Gabriel Lalemant, St. Anthony Daniel, St. Charles Garnier, St. Noël Chabourel, St. Rene Goupil and St. John de Math.

These pioneers of the Cross in a new world, and many later known missionaries, have been a constant inspiration to the youth of this city and district.

Today there are 24 religious communities for men in and around Quebec; their duties including social, educational work, preaching and other pastoral charges. There are 28 religious congregations for women in and about the city; their charitable work including the direction of 13 hospitals and homes for the sick, the poor and the aged, in addition to educational duties.

Quebec City is a goal for the devout pilgrim as well as for other persons whose interest may be more or less involved in that of the tourist. But everywhere, in the religious, education, charitable, scientific and scientific work.

Priest Gives Life To New Patients In Quebec St. Hubert Institution

QUEBEC (NC) — A group of patients suffering from mental illness has been given a new lease of life by the St. Hubert Institution, a new psychiatric hospital in Quebec.

The institution was founded by the late Archbishop of Quebec, and is now under the direction of the Rev. Fr. Hubert.

The institution has a long history and has been a source of help and comfort to many patients.

The institution is a model of modern psychiatric care and is a source of pride for the city of Quebec.

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