

Archbishop Spellman Feted In Iran By Rochester Chaplain

Lieutenant Chaplain Emmett Murphy, priest of the Diocese of Rochester, and now serving with American 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 its 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 how great the danger is to faith and morals by attendance at secular colleges and universities," Bishop Ritter declared.

"In some cases necessity may require such attendance, and in these instances the Church gladly cooperates with parents in safeguarding the spiritual and moral welfare of their sons and daughters. But where necessity does not require such attendance, when schools, high schools and colleges are available, and when financial reasons do not exist, parents must emphatically sin, and sin grievously, in failing to provide for the religious and moral training of their children as prescribed by the laws of the Church."

Pastor Joins Army

PHOENIX — Relinquishing his post as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, here, where he had served since 1941, the Rev. John C. Coffey, S.J., has reported for training at the Army chaplains' school, Harvard University.

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Teaches Cadets



Rev. Everett F. Briggs, formerly Superior of the Holyhood 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 Whitlow, M. M., who was taken ill. Father Briggs was interned by the Japanese following the outbreak of war and later was repatriated. (N.C.W.C.)

Archbishop Supports Home Front Move Hitting Black Markets

NEW ORLEANS (NC) — Encouragement of the home-front-pledge campaign, was conveyed by the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, in a letter to Allan Brownard, head of the public relations department of the district Office of Price Administration in New Orleans and in being followed in many communities throughout the nation.

Keynote of the campaign is the following pledge which housewives 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 help violations to the attention of my war price and rationing boards. I make the following pledge:

"I will pay no more than legal prices. I will accept no rationed goods without giving up ration stamps."

His Excellency wrote to Mr. Brownard:

"Gladly do 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 other necessities and utilities.

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

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 Sicily.

Father Waters reports the humorous anecdote of how he discovered the rare delicacy of ice cream in Sicily. After eating it, however, he suffered indigestion and had to be hospitalized for a few days.

Marine Assignment Given Father Kelly

Formerly professor at Nazareth College, Pittsford, and now Naval Chaplain, the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, Lieutenant (j.g.), is now stationed in San Diego, Calif., where he is standing by for orders. Father Kelly is now attached to a Marine Unit.

Deplors Ignoring Rural Life in Catholic Teaching

COLLEGEVILLE, Miss. — A warning that "we are educating for our own downfall" was sounded by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Louis G. Liguori, Executive Secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, at a school for rural priests and lay leaders conducted at St. John's Abbey here.

"Catholic educators," he said, "have been followers instead of leaders. We are the secular institutions. We can truthfully say 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 and attempt salvage. Ten years ago we had 300,000 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."

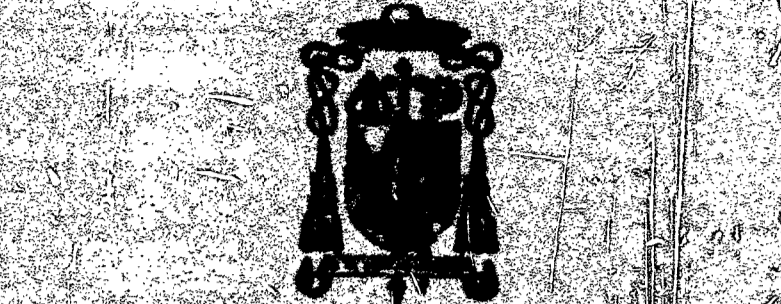
Safe From Perils

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

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. Lamb at the opening of the 41st annual meeting of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in Cleveland on last Wednesday.

Supreme Secretary Lamb's report showed the total membership of the society at the end of the calendar year, Dec. 31, 1942, as 425,809. This represented a gain of more than 10,000 over the previous calendar year and the first six months of 1943 brought a further increase, the total membership, as of June 30, being 437,924. The amount of insurance in force was \$251,608,222 and benefits and payments made to members during the year amounted to \$4,279,142.44.



Dear Reverend Fathers:
The Bishop's Committee in charge of the National Catholic School of Social Service in Washington, has asked you to participate in a project of the National Council of Catholic Women to raise the debt on this school. The school would employ capable teachers for classes which would afford to students, such a school, or where no such school is open under Catholic auspices.

The plan of the National Council of Catholic Women is to ask a quarter representing the purchase of a bond, \$25.00. We are requested to let make a Sunday for you possible. May I ask you to conduct this quarter collection at all the Masses 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 with a spiritual and spiritual point of view will be felt during the period of reconstruction after the war. The Catholic School of Social Service is doing a major share in supplying that need. It deserves our support.

With a blessing, I am
Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ *John E. Sheehan*
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Allied Strategists Meet At City Deeply Rooted In Catholic Tradition

QUEBEC (NC) — The Allied conferences here have served to focus world attention on this ancient Capital of New France, where nearly 90 per cent of the 150,000 population are Catholics. Quebec is the fourth largest settlement on the North American continent, but it is the most Catholic of all.

There has been an unbroken chain of Catholic tradition associated with Quebec from the first days in this site became known to the white man.

In the early years of the nineteenth century the Indian village of St. Roch was situated here. It was here that Cartier landed in 1498 and it was here that Cartier prepared to have stopped a plague of scurvy which had attacked his men, and his prayers were answered.

Chaplain First touched here in 1608 but it was not until five years later that he laid the foundation of the present city. Champlain was a man of great faith, and he cooperated with the missionaries in spreading the Word of God.

From here set out those heroes of religious Orders who found death at the hands of the Indians in order to make known to them the Eternal Truth. The poles of this city in its early days were held by men who died as martyrs for their faith and have since been canonized as Canada's first saints — the Jesuits, St. John de Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, St. Gabriel Lalemant, St. Anthony Daniel, St. Charles Garnier, St. Noel Chabanel, St. Rene Goupil and St. John de la Lande.

These pioneers of the Cradle in a new world, and many lesser known ones, 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 special educational work, preaching and other pastoral charges. There are 26 religious congregations for women in and about the city, their charitable work including the direction of 13 hospitals and hostels 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 confined to that of the tourist. But everywhere in the monuments, churches, chapels, monasteries and convents with

Priest Gives Life To Save Patients In Bombing In Italian Institution

VATICAN CITY — A story of brilliant devotion in duty and high courage has been told following the aerial bombardment of Turin, last Saturday, when 20 persons, including 10 religious women, suffered in the serious damage caused.

Chastelaine Institute was one of the structures hit, and reports received here tell that the chaplain of the Institute supported the ground-to roof of a shelter until a number of Italian patients who had sought refuge there were able to escape. Then the priest himself perished in the fall of the roof.

SENDS 'CARDINAL'S CROSS' TO GENERAL MONTGOMERY

LONDON — General Montgomery carries a "Cardinal's Cross," the papal emblem designed for the late Cardinal Hinsley and distributed in large quantities to the troops everywhere.

The cross was sent to General Montgomery, who is not a Catholic, by a London woman who was bombed out of her home and injured in a raid on London.

In acknowledging the gift, General Montgomery says in an all-great letter, that the cross affords safety, adding: "I will keep it by me. Good luck to you."

Pope's Message Of Sympathy On China President's Death

VATICAN CITY (NC Radio) — On the occasion of the recent death of Lin Biao, President of China, His Holiness Pius XII communicated an expression of sympathy to the Shanghai Government.