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On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

If one could have his wish it might well be the chance to share the provident vision of God and behold the hidden destinies which the future holds for America's war marriages.

"War is always a great tonic for romance," writes Mary Day Winn in the New York Times, "and it is therefore not surprising that Pearl Harbor should have called the nation to arms in more ways than one. Estimates report that during 1942, the march of brides and grooms to the altar resulted in a national record of 1,800,000 marriages. Two-thirds of the grooms of current war marriages are servicemen. As far as her matrimonial chances are concerned, the American girl has the same mathematical relationship with the American boy that a famous cigarette claims to enjoy with the American smoker. "Two to one," she will marry a serviceman!

The plight of thwarted lovers, whether it be in the pages of Shakespeare, on the screens of Hollywood, or in the corner ice cream store, is always something that commands our tenderest sympathy. So many times today we see a bride marry, only to find her a few hours later all alone, with a tear in her eye, and an A.P.O. address in her pocket.

"Will war weddings last?" This is now the popular topic of parlor conversation and everyday talk. The opponents of war marriages can describe with the shuddering imagery of Edgar Allan Poe a landslide of pending calamities that may engulf the war bride and her soldier husband. "Suppose the serviceman husband comes back a cripple? Suppose he needs constant care? Suppose he never comes back? Suppose the bride herself is unfortunately trapped in some illicit liaison?"

In general, these are the arguments against the war marriage. They are the dictates of age and experience, and therefore, deserve consideration and respect. It is most regrettable that so many war marriages are merely "tomorrow-we-die, today-we-live" affairs. So many war marriages can be characterized fittingly by the comic lines:

"He fell in love with a dimple and a curl, But foolishly, he married the entire girl!"

Today almost every magazine carries advice to young couples entering a war marriage. Street-corner prophets everywhere are handing out rules for marital success in wartime. These popular "look-before-you-leap" lists include such questions as these:

"Have you similar backgrounds?"
"Are you both really in love?"
"Does the girl realize that her husband may return a stranger to her?"

These questions sound very much like practical hints on how to get the most out of your rationing book. Prospective bridal couples ordinarily have no more interest in any fandangly discussion about social backgrounds than they have about the strategy of Allied battlefields. After all, Cinderella and Prince Charming have married before, so why not again? Every parish priest knows that asking any young couple aspiring to matrimony whether or not they are in love is like asking the good citizens of Brooklyn if they like the Dodgers.

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35 Years In Holy Priesthood To Be Marked By Bishop

Marking with simple observance his 35th Anniversary in the priesthood, the Most Rev. James F. Kearney, D.D., will offer Solemn Pontifical Mass at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral on Sunday morning, Sept. 19 at 11 o'clock.

Priests and people throughout the diocese on Sunday will offer also their masses and prayers for the Bishop's intention and welfare.

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The following priests will assist Bishop Kearney at his Anniversary Mass in the Pro-Cathedral: As-



BISHOP KEARNEY

stant Priest: Rt. Rev. Mgr. William M. Hart, V.G.; Deacons of Honor: Rt. Rev. Mgr. William F. Moran and the Very Rev. Edward M. Lyons; Deacon of the Mass: Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, Subdeacon of the Mass: Rev. James J. McAniff, Master of Ceremonies: Rt. Rev. Mgr. J. Francis Goggin; Assistant Master: Rev. John F. Callahan. Minor officers will be students of St. Andrew's Seminary.

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. George V. Burns, pastor of Sacred Heart, will preach the sermon.

Bishop Kearney's long and enviable record in the priesthood embraces a varied field of activities: educator, professor, administrator, and finally bishop.

The present Bishop of Rochester was ordained a priest of the New York Archdiocese on September 18, 1908. After a year of post-graduate study at the Catholic University of America in Washington, he was assigned as assistant pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, New York City, where he served from 1909 to 1924.

In 1928 he founded and became first pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, New York City, where he served until 1932 when he was named Bishop of Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 4.

Bishop Kearney was consecrated Bishop of Salt Lake City, succeeding the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, now Archbishop of San Francisco, on October 24, 1932, by his Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes.

After five years as head of the Utah diocese, the late Pope Pius XI transferred Bishop Kearney to his present See of Rochester, on August 2, 1937.

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Hitler Shadow Over Vatican Brings Concern

The shadow of Adolph Hitler continues to hang sinisterly over the Vatican since last week when German soldiers occupied the Eternal City.

The German announcement that Adolf Hitler's armed forces would assume protection of the Vatican has caused Catholic grave concern for the personal safety of the Holy Father.

The German phrase "assume protection" according to the New York Times, had an ugly sound to many officials and diplomats who recall previous German announcements that Hitler's armies had taken over "protection" of London hours or some other neutral state.

While continued lack of any definite news makes the situation in Rome somewhat of a mystery, there is significance in the Associated Press report that Washington has no direct advice from the American representatives at the Vatican. This would indicate that the Nazi authorities have assumed control for their own advantage all channels of communication in the Vatican, which is a neutral state.

The question of what designs Hitler may have upon the Papacy and its Supreme Head has given rise to much speculation.

If Hitler should "kidnap" the Holy Father, it may be that the German leader plans to hold the Supreme Pontiff as a hostage against the day of defeat when the victorious Allies will demand Hitler's own life.

Pope Will Remain Unless he judges otherwise for reasons that he knows best, it is believed that Pope Pius XII will not attempt to flee the Vatican and thereby escape the Nazi grasp. The Pope's position in the

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Gives Life In Heroic Battle With Japs

Two Elmira young men are reported, this week, as having made the supreme sacrifice fighting for their country. They are: Sgt. John B. Malone, U. S. Army and Pvt. John J. Wanstuck of the U. S. Marine Corps.

A new name is added to the list of Catholic heroes who have fought to their death in the service of America. This is Pvt. John J. Wanstuck, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wanstuck, St. Casimir's parish, who died fighting it out with a single comrade against 180 Japs in a jungle in the South Pacific, in July 17.

Lt. Col. Wright of the Marine Corps wrote as follows: "John left us as a real Marine heroically and in a blaze of glory. We are intensely proud of him. No one could have been asked to give more for his country. He did more than his share. The odds were against him. He knew that, but it did not deter him in his determination to kill the enemy."

"John and another Marine set up two machine guns near a trail junction one night to stop 18 Japs headed in their direction. The two of them killed 80 Japs and forced the remainder to retreat. John gave his life in the action. The other Marine was wounded but is expected to recover shortly. "It is the opinion of all of us that John accounted for most of the enemy. He is buried in a little military cemetery near the scene of action."

John's captain, Capt. John R. Womer, described the boy, who would have reached his twentieth birthday this Thanksgiving, as "a brave Marine who died valiantly



Pvt. John J. Wanstuck

in the defense of a strategic military location. "He was a courageous warrior that countless others might live. (He was) a fine lad much admired by his com-

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John Cudahy, Noted Diplomat, Buried

MILWAUKEE. Funeral Mass for the Honorable John Cudahy, former American diplomat, was celebrated last Thursday morning (Sept. 14) in St. Robert's Church, by the Most Rev. William P. O'Connor, Bishop of Superior, Wisconsin.

The 44-year-old former U. S. navy in Ireland, Poland and Belgium, was killed when he fell as he threw from his horse last week while riding on his estate.

Mr. Cudahy was Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg when Germany invaded the two countries in the Spring of 1940. He stayed at his post in Brussels and later followed the conduct of King Leopold of Belgium, in the nation's capitulation to Germany. Previously, Mr. Cudahy had served as U. S. Ambassador to Poland and Minister to Ireland.

As a special correspondent of the North American Newspaper Alliance, Mr. Cudahy obtained the first known formal interview by an American with Adolf Hitler, in which the German dictator took occasion to warn the United States that use of American vessels in convoys would lead to war. Mr. Cudahy was the son of Patrick and Anna Cudahy. His father was one of five brothers who came to this country from Ireland and established the famous Cudahy packing enterprise.

Frequent Communion

The virtues of the Eucharist frequently add each Christian to achieve the perfection proper to his state—a perfection that satisfies the requirements of the most high standards set up by Christ.—Rev. Edward Lee.



Rev. Dr. John E. Money

200 Enrolled As St. Andrew's Seminary Opens

With an enrollment of 200 students, St. Andrew's Seminary opened on Sept. 14 in the new building located in the parish of St. Andrew, Albany and opened by the Bishop of Albany and Auxiliary, the Bishop of Albany, Bishop Francis J. Murphy, who presided at the opening ceremony of the building, the anniversary of the founding of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Headed by the Very Rev. Edward M. Lyons, pastor of the building staff consists of 10 teachers and 10 assistants. Faculty of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

The Rev. Dr. John E. Money, in charge of the Seminary, has taken up his residence in the new building of the seminary located in the parish of St. Andrew, Albany, N. Y. The seminary will open on Sept. 14, 1943, at 10 o'clock in the morning. St. Andrew's Seminary was founded in 1862.

The Rev. Richard E. Moran, history professor has started classes at Fordham University, New York, in the history of the United States. The Rev. Moran is a member of the faculty of the seminary. The Rev. Moran is a member of the faculty of the seminary. The Rev. Moran is a member of the faculty of the seminary.