Bishop Kearney At Rally Pleads For 'Rights of Poland'

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On Guard!

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"Herself has gone to war!"

"Herself," as the priest-writer Father McAstocker intimately styles the Blessed Virgin, is everywhere today. Daily American mothers instruct their sons and daughters to her protective omnipresence.

"On land, on the sea, and in the air." Wherever Yanks are fighting and dying, the ears of faith can catch the faint rustle of her garments. Once again, as under the Cross, the blue of her mantle and the white of her veil are streaked with blood. The Madonna of the Red, White and Blue! As the Patroness of the United States, the Mother of God is truly our nation's First Service Lady. She is the Madonna of Battles, whose maternal vigilance pursues the advance of our servicemen — the true servicemen. The Yanks who serve not only America but also Christ!

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A medal and a rosary, and a mother's kiss are the only keepsakes that inductees can carry off to the wars. On football fields and in foxholes, servicemen wear the proud badge of faith — Mary's medal. High in the skies, Yank airmen whisper to the Queen of Heaven, and wonder if she is hiding just in back of the clouds. Warships roam the watery wastes, and sailors salute the Star of the Sea. Maybe they remember how once she worried about her Son who liked to sail in storms on the Sea of Galilee. Doughboys storm the coasts of Salerno and invoke the Madonna of the Highways. The Queen of the Rosary hears an S. O. S. from the jungle posts of the Far Pacific where marines roll cigarettes and beads of prayer. On the home front, wives, and sweethearts, and little children crowd parish shrines to plead with the Queen of Peace. From home front to battle front, all America sends up a roar of prayerful petition to the Queen of Victory!

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October is especially dedicated to Mary, Queen of the Rosary. October is known among Catholics as Rosary Month. This year Catholic America is making a determined effort to restore the devotion of the Rosary to its rightful place of honor, namely the American Home. Restoration of the Family Rosary to our homes is an honest-to-goodness challenge of the Mother of God to Catholic Americans on the home front.

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When the Immaculate Mother of God appeared less than a hundred years ago to little Bernadette at Lourdes, in France, she did not come for a social visit. She came to teach the whole world a lesson. At Lourdes Mary taught the world not only to say the Rosary, but also how to say it. During each of the eighteen times that she appeared at Lourdes—not just some of the times—Mary not only carried a Rosary, but she also recited it together with Bernadette. Also during those day of the apparitions, thousands of fathers, mothers, sons and daughters of families gathered there to recite the Rosary with Bernadette and the Mother of Christ. The lesson is significant. Mary by her actions at Lourdes not only recommends the Rosary, but the way that we should say it—in a group with others.

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How did we Catholics in America ever lose the practice of the Family Rosary? It is not so long ago since our sailing vessel and steerage-travelling Catholic forebearers came to this country. If they could see us today, our forebearers in the Faith might smile at our new ways of life. We could point to such modern wonders as the family auto, the family radio.

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LET US PRAY—

In this very real danger which confronts the Holy Father the Prayer for the Pope in the Litanies has significant meaning: Oremus pro Pontifice nostro Pio . . . Let us pray for our Pontiff, Pius: the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies!

Asks Special Prayers For China Oct. 10

WASHINGTON. — Prayers for China will be offered throughout the United States on Sunday, Oct. 10, the 32nd anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Republic, it is announced here by the Most Rev. Paul Yu-Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nanking. Bishop Yu-Pin said his appeal to members of the Hierarchy that the day he made one of public and private prayer for the Chinese people had received a generous response.

It is recalled that on America's Independence Day, the Catholics of China, of whom there are now four millions, offered public and private prayer for the spiritual, moral and physical well-being of the soldiers of the United States.

"In behalf of the common cause of our countries as members of the United Nations," Bishop Yu-Pin urges, "and in the still more important behalf of our common Christian cause—the impetration from God of a just and lasting peace; the goal towards which American and Chinese Catholics alike aspire—I make this earnest request, confident that the power of united prayer will show itself in effecting universal diffusion of the peaceful reign of Christ the King in this war-torn world."

Bill Would Provide Old-Age Benefits For Tax-Exempt Agencies

WASHINGTON. — Under terms of a bill introduced in the House of Representatives, here, by Representative Walter A. Lynch, of New York, the benefits of old age and survivors insurance in the Social Security program would be extended to lay employes of religious, charitable, educational and other tax-exempt agencies.

This group of employes is excluded from the benefits under the present terms of the law. Mr. Lynch's measure was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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University Professors Imperil Catholic Faith In Navy V-12 Program

JESUIT WEEKLY SHOCKED BY STUDENT'S LETTER

Failure of many college professors to respect the religious convictions of Catholic students enrolled in the Navy V-12 Units at non-Catholic universities has created an uneasiness among Catholic students and caused clergy and parents to view the situation with grave concern.

Locally, authorities of the Rochester Diocese are disturbed by the repeated complaint of Catholic students enrolled in the Navy V-12 Unit at the University of Rochester, that in the classroom their Faith is not always respected.

While Navy and University officials have cooperated fairly in providing for religious service for all students, nevertheless, Catholic students frequently deplore the fact that they are now subjected to a liberal and non-Catholic teaching which is in sharp contrast with the guidance which they formerly received in Catholic institutions.

Students Disturbed

Direct as well as innuendo statements by professors at the University of Rochester have caused Catholic students, who comprise a large portion of the Navy V-12 enrollment, conscientious disquietude.

Thousands of young Catholic men, formerly alumni of Catholic schools, now find themselves for the first time studying by appointment of the United States Navy in non-Catholic institutions.

Catholic students generally, sincerely attached to their Catholic traditions in education, have expressed the wish that they could pursue their Navy V-12 training in Catholic institutions where the same program has been established.

The indiscriminate appointment of students, regardless of religious principles in colleges, is found to

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AUGMENT ALL-NIGHT VIGIL WITH MIDNIGHT BENEDICTION

LOS ANGELES. — Sixteen Los Angeles parishes, whose members of the Holy Name Society keep monthly all-night vigil before the Blessed Sacrament at the Old Plaza Mission Church under the auspices of the Society of Perpetual Nocturnal Adoration, now have Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at midnight.

The practice, established by members of St. Basil's Parish under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Kirk, pastor, has spread so widely that it is expected midnight Benediction will be the custom every night in the month.

Monsignor Sheen

Msgr. Sheen Writes Article On Peace For Jubilee Edition

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, one of Catholic America's outstanding writers and orators, this week became the eleventh contributor to the CATHOLIC COURIER Jubilee Magazine to be published in November.

The magazine, containing the post-war views of national and international leaders as well as diocesan features is being issued to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Rochester Diocese and the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Monsignor Sheen has submitted a brilliant article entitled: "The Peace Must Be Christian." In it he reviews the errors of the last peace treaty and points the way for a true and lasting Christian peace.

Widely-known for his Catholic Hour broadcasts, Msgr. Sheen has been a frequent visitor to the Rochester Diocese. Professor of the Department of Scholastic Philosophy at Catholic University, Msgr. Sheen carries numerous scholastic degrees. He has written 26 books, the most recent of which is "The Divine Verdict."

Other contributors to the Jubilee Magazine include Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio, the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., noted Jesuit writer; Thomas J. Woodlock, editor of the Wall Street Journal; Brigadier General William R. Arnold, chief of chaplains, U. S. Army; Margaret Culkin Banning, noted woman author; the Rev. John M. Considine, M.M., executive editor of Field Afar and vicar-general of Maryknoll; Bishop Paul Yu Pin of Nanking, China; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan, director of the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Grady, national director of Catholic Charities.

Urge Family Rosary

New York.—More than a half-million leaflets appealing for family recitation of the Rosary for the benefit of men and women in the nation's armed forces have been distributed throughout the country by the Supreme Council of the U. S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

BREAD IS INEXPENSIVE, plentiful, unrationed. Wholesome and delicious, it belongs on every table, makes hard-to-get foods go further. Buy the best. Aunt Jennie's Whole Milk Bread. Aunt Jennie's Bake Shoppe, 318 Monroe Ave. Monroe 660. Adv.

Birth Curb Publicists Evasive When Queried On Magazine Articles

Final denouement of the CATHOLIC COURIER'S recent expose of two magazine articles as propaganda of the Planned Parenthood Federation came this week when brief communications were received from A. G. Meserik, Harper's author, and William A. H. Bernie, editor of the Woman's Home Companion.

A. G. Meserik, whose article in the September issue of Harper's Magazine, was admittedly inspired by the Planned Parenthood Federation, this week informed the CATHOLIC COURIER that his statement that a group of doctors had established an abortion clinic in Rochester was made on the authority of the Planned Parenthood organization.

Meserik also added that his informants now admit that the alleged abortion hospital no longer exists in Rochester.

Letter from Harper's

Meserik's letter reads as follows:

CATHOLIC COURIER,
Rochester, N. Y.

"The editors of Harper's Magazine have referred to me your inquiries concerning the quotation from 'The Factory Manager Learns the Facts of Life.'

"You have already been advised of the source of my information. It only remains to add that the hospital, my informants tell me, is now out of existence.

"In any event, as stated in the article, the operation of this hospital was legal. Had it been otherwise I am certain that steps would have been taken, before now, to force some action against the physicians.

Sincerely yours,
A. G. MESERIK."

In his Harper's article, Meserik represents the abortion hospital as now existing in Rochester, and uses the alleged fact as an argument for the promotion of birth control.

Letter from Bernie

Last week the CATHOLIC COURIER again exposed as a piece of journalistic birth control propaganda an article entitled, 'Your Baby Or Your Job,' which appears in the October issue of the Woman's Home Companion.

In this article which follows the same argumentive line pursued in the Harper's article, the author, Miss Gretta Green states:

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Father Draft

Editor
CATHOLIC COURIER

Received your wire requesting me to give statement on necessity of father draft.

I see no necessity for the drafting of fathers at this time. On September 14th my views were very definitely expressed in the Rochester papers concerning my opposition to the drafting of fathers until 400 or 500 thousand single men hiding behind government agencies are inducted into the service or rejected because of physical disability.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph J. O'Brien
Congressman, 33rd
District, New York.

Youth Page Planned

A Youth Page carrying a "comic strip" and other features of interest to our boys and girls will be inaugurated in next week's issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

To provide space for this feature it will be necessary to insert parish items such as novena notices, parties, dances, strictly parish meetings and other news of interest only to those in the parishes, under a box heading. Deadline is each Tuesday at 2 P. M.