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DIOCESE TO MARK 'CATHOLIC PRESS SUNDAY' MARCH 5

Catholic Press Sunday will be observed this week-end (March 5) in all the churches of the Diocese and be marked by a special call for increased support and loyalty to the CATHOLIC COURIER, official weekly of this Diocese of Rochester.

In making its annual plea for subscriptions on Catholic Press Sunday, the COURIER will propose a new plan which has been approved by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

Formerly the annual subscription campaign was conducted exclusively through the parochial schools, and where there were no schools by parish societies, in a house-to-house canvass.

This year each parish of the Diocese is asked to guarantee a percentage of subscribers which will represent a major portion of its enrolled families.

Introduction of this "Parish Plan," it is hoped, will bring the CATHOLIC COURIER to more homes of the Diocese and also establish a better informed Catholic laity.

Friends and readers of the CATHOLIC COURIER are requested to place their subscriptions or renewals with their parishes rather than to send them direct to the Courier Office. This will help each parish to gain its appointed percentage of subscriptions.

Each pastor will secure subscriptions to the CATHOLIC COURIER, according to the method which he feels best suited to his parish.

Subscriptions obtained through the new circulation plan will take effect with the issue of April 6.

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Prime Minister Churchill's report to Parliament a week ago carried a few shocks for those of us who once embraced so hopefully the principles of the Atlantic Charter.

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Very frankly and very flatly Mr. Churchill approves of the Soviet demands for territorial annexation of eastern Poland. Although this means that Poland shall lose 51 per cent of her land and 40 per cent of her people, nevertheless, the Prime Minister feels that such demands on the part of Soviet Russia do not exceed "what is reasonable or just."

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Great Britain went to war in the first place because the territorial integrity of Poland was violated by Nazi aggression from the West. For this reason it is difficult to understand why the Prime Minister can be so tolerant when the same Poland is threatened by Soviet aggression from the east.

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Surprisingly enough, Mr. Churchill not only accepts Mr. Stalin's plan for Poland, but he also accepts Mr. Stalin's explanations, which are not the language of the Atlantic Charter but the language of power politics. Mr. Stalin justifies his ambitions in eastern Poland by saying that Russia needs strong frontiers against future attacks from the west. With this Mr. Churchill agrees when he states: "Russia has the right of assurance against future attacks from the west and we are going all the way with her to see that she gets it." It is hard to understand how a statesman as astute and as intelligent as Mr. Churchill can accept this kind of reasoning. According to the same logic the United States may well demand annexation of western Canada in order to protect this Republic from any future Asiatic aggression.

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In defending the Soviet demands upon Poland, Mr. Churchill expresses his sympathy with the millions of casualties which the Russian Army has suffered in fighting the German war machine. All of us sympathize with the sufferings of Russia, but what about the sufferings and sorrows of Poland. She too has lost a vast number of lives in fighting not only Nazi but also Soviet aggression. Long ago of the brave little nations of the world, Poland was the FIRST nation of Europe to challenge Hitler and that at the time when Mr. Stalin was the comrade-in-arms of the Nazi despot!

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But Mr. Churchill and Mr. Stalin have a plan for "softening the blow" against Poland. As the Prime Minister reveals it, both he and the Soviet leader have agreed to "compensate" Poland with German territory "in the north and the west." This addition of German soil on the west is supposed to satisfy Poland for her loss of Polish soil in the east to Russia. Now it is in this very word "compensate" that the whole Soviet Case against Poland breaks down. The very word "compensation" implies an injury or a violation. It implies that damage has been done. The Soviet annexation of eastern

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The Catholic Courier Was First!

During the past year the Rochester Catholic Courier, besides presenting current events, also favored its readers with several genuine news scoops.

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The "Catholic Courier" was the FIRST Catholic paper in the country to expose the plot of the Planned Parenthood Federation against women war workers in industry.

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The "Catholic Courier" was the FIRST Catholic paper in the country to disclose a series of articles appearing in national magazines as disguised birth control propaganda.

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The "Catholic Courier" was the FIRST Catholic paper in the country to carry an inside and original story on the first Allied bombing of Rome.

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The "Catholic Courier" was the FIRST Catholic paper in New York State to reveal attempts to impede effective operation of the Released Time Law for religious teaching of public school pupils.

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The "Catholic Courier" exposed the myth of religious toleration in Soviet Russia five months before Russia made its libelous charge of Fascism against the Vatican.

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The "Catholic Courier" was the ONLY Catholic newspaper to expose Communist professors in Army Specialized Training programs in certain colleges. This fact was confirmed later by the House Military Affairs Committee.

Public Schools Need God Says Capt. Rickenbacker Before U. S. Educators

Capt. Edward Rickenbacker
Wants God In School

NEW YORK—Although God is the real Commander-in-Chief of our fighters everywhere, American education in public schools "proceeds as if there were no God!"

This ironic contrast in American life was voiced last week by Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, famous aviator and hero of two wars, when he received the American Education Award of the National Education Association.

"For the most part," he stated, "our education in public schools and colleges proceeds as if there were no God, and leaves it to the youngster to find out whether there is or not."

Deploring the lack of religion in the public school system of this country, Mr. Rickenbacker said:

"As you may know, I have been on virtually every front where American boys are fighting in this war. And, from the sands of the Sahara to the snows of Alaska, from the jungle islands of the Pacific to the bleak hills of China, I have observed one outstanding feature and that is that spiritual strength provides our boys with a discipline of soul which is their real armor of fortitude against the problems and sacrifices that beset them. I can tell you right now that while admirals may lead our men at sea and generals direct our soldiers of land and sky, the real commander-in-chief of our fighters everywhere is God. Most of our boys are as conscious of His presence and His influence as if He were right by their side.

"My many experiences have helped me to formulate a philosophy of education which would place, as a central theme in all educational efforts, an assumption of God as a source of the laws of life by which we are to govern ourselves.

"I believe that if we had proper spiritual development and the kind of self-command it would develop many of the juvenile delinquency problems that face us today would be less difficult to solve."

In an effort to give to his audience of the National Educational Association his idea of why America is in the war, Mr. Rickenbacker quoted at length from the letter which Commander John Joseph Shea, of Cambridge, Mass., wrote to his son not long before he went to his death when the airplane carrier Wasp was sunk.

It was in this letter that Commander Shea told his son to "be a good Catholic and you can't help being a good American."

"As we know," Mr. Rickenbacker said, "Commander Shea did not come home. He will never come home. But this letter to his son will stand forever as a monument that typifies the spirit of those brave men who have given, or are giving, all they can for the freedom and the future of America."

The American Education Award, which Mr. Rickenbacker received, is given each year by the Associated Exhibitors National Educating Association to a man or woman who made an outstanding contribution to the field of education.

Vatican Plans Sending Envoy To Finland

VATICAN CITY — The Holy See is preparing to send an accredited diplomatic representative to the Helsinki Government of Finland as soon as it is possible to do so.

In 1942 Finland requested the Vatican for a formal establishment of diplomatic relations. The Holy See agreed to the Finnish offer and a minister plenipotentiary was sent from Helsinki to the Vatican. Prevailing conditions of war, however, have so far prevented the Vatican from reciprocating.

"The Finnish people are in hopes that the moment for welcoming the Vatican diplomat in their country and for receiving him with due deference and honor will not be long delayed. Recently the Helsinki papers have spoken of this, indicating a wish for the early realization and pointing out the international prestige of the Holy See."

Roman Seminary Professor Dies

VATICAN CITY.— (NC) —The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Giuseppe Antonelli, who long has served as a professor at the Roman Seminary and who was the author of many important and valued text on moral theology, has died here.

'Novena of Grace' Opens on March 4

The Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier will be preached by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney at St. Francis Xavier Church, Bay St., from March 4 to March 12 and will be conducted in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, same dates, by the Rev. Charles Connor, S.J., and St. Patrick's Church, by the Rev. Joseph C. Kelley, S.J.

Conducted throughout the world on the dates above, the Novena of Grace was begun in Italy in 1622 in thanksgiving for a miraculous cure received. Since that date countless favors have been received in this particular devotion to the great missionary to China.

In announcing the Novena at the church, where it is being conducted this year, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney stated:

"In most of our churches we have listed the names of those who have left our homes and are now in the service of our country, ready for any sacrifice that service may mean.

"Listing their names, however, will be a meaningless gesture unless it stimulates us to continued prayer for those represented on the list. That is why we place the list near the altar.

"This year, the Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier will be offered to ask the special intercession of this great saint for those listed in your church, especially for those dear to you, for whom you are willing to come to church and pray.

"You are not keeping faith with them, unless you seize every opportunity for special prayer to ask God's protection over their souls and bodies in the work they have undertaken for all of us."

USAAF Give 'Little Flower' $2000 To Open Poor Church

SAN FRANCISCO.—The "Little Flower" has collected $2,000 from the Army Air Force Service Command in the Mediterranean theater.

It's the story of the reopening of a closed Catholic Church, brought about by a San Francisco priest, Chaplain Richard D. Power, and a 7-year-old French girl the soldiers call Little Flower.

Years before the war residents of a North African community built the church at a cost of $10,000. Debt on the church was whittled down to $2,000. Then hard times came, demands of the contractor for his $2,000 couldn't be met and he closed the church. So matters stood when the American troops came.

Chaplain Power and his men wanted to use the church. The contractor consented to this. French families joined the soldiers at worship. Here the contractor balked. The French should not have access to the church, he said, because they had failed to pay him.

The chaplain explained the situation to the men, and the child stood up to volunteer as collector. No soldier turned her down and in three weeks' time she collected $2,000, and the debt was paid off.

The soldiers named the little girl for St. Therese de Lisieux, the "Little Flower," whose name the church bears.

First U. S. Catholic Named To Hague Ct.

WASHINGTON.—First American Catholic to represent the United States on the Permanent Court of International Arbitration at The Hague is Michael Francis Doyle, whose appointment was announced last week by President Roosevelt.

Mr. Doyle is a Philadelphia attorney and his appointment will terminate in February, 1950.

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