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D-Day Opens Diocesan Prayer Crusade for Invasion Success

(D-DAY IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER) ---Following Tuesday's early dawn dispatch heralding the long-awaited invasion of Europe, the 230,000 Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester fell to their knees in an unprecedented demonstration of calm faith in God and prayer for the doughboys who were storming the shores of France. Europe's D-Day became a Prayer Day here, especially for the thousands whose husbands, sons, and brothers are members of General Eisenhower's invasion forces.

Stirred by the constant barrage of news re-

ports and radio flashes on the Allied progress, Catholics on the home front invaded their churches in increasing numbers as the day passed, and climaxed the events of D-Day by gathering in their churches for evening devotions.

Many of the first recipients of the dramatic news quickly hurried to their parish churches to assist at morning Mass.

As popular realization of the historic D-Day spread, parish priests were importuned with a flood of appeals to lead public prayers for the success of the Allied effort.

At the direction of the Rev. John M. Duffy, the Sisters and pupils of the parochial schools throughout the diocese left their class rooms and went to their parish churches at mid-morning for special D-Day prayers.

Catholic high schools in the diocese also offered prayers for the armed forces at general assemblies, marking the hour of Allied invasion in Europe.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, who was on retreat at St. Bernard's Seminary, prepared a message of prayer for the success of the invasion which was broadcast over the air in the early morning over the air in the early morning.

This morning, Thursday, Feast of offering Solemn Pontifical Mass at the Seminary for victory and welfare of the invading forces. Devotions on retreat will assist. Following custom the Blessed Sacrament will be carried in solemn procession about the Seminary grounds with supplications being especially directed for the welfare of the several chaplains, graduates of St. Bernard's with the invading armies.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor William M. Hart, Vicar General of the diocese, also broadcast an invasion

The Blessed Sacrament will be publicly exposed in all the churches of the Diocese throughout the day of Sunday by order of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

The faithful are urged to use this opportunity to offer special prayers in behalf of the men of our Armed Forces who are now engaged in the invasion of Europe.

prayer, and at the invitation of the officials of the International News Machine Company, employees in prayer at the plant.

In an early morning radio broadcast in Rochester, the Rev. John J. Mahoney, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's church, and Archdeacon Leonard Mahoney, reflected the wishes of many at home when he prayed:

"O Christ, Our Lord who loved Your Human Mother, heal the bleeding hearts of parents and all loved ones of those now engaged in conflict. Grant them patience and the grace to endure in patience the hours of anxiety."

Employees in diocesan offices in Rochester's Columbus Civic Centre assembled Tuesday morning in the Third Floor Chapel for Benediction and prayers conducted by the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, associate editor, CATHOLIC COURIER.

Illuminated churches in all parts of the diocese remained open far into Tuesday evening as many of the faithful made their D-Day pilgrimages to parish altars and lingered long, offering prayers for their loved ones engaged in the Battle of Europe.

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

As of today there are a few rowdy black birds masquerading in the moulted feathers of the white dove of peace.

At this moment when the sons of America are hidden in the battle smoke of the world's worst conflict, the people of the United States should be united in the absolute determination that the peace to come must be a PEACE WITH JUSTICE. Unless Allied statesmen establish a new world order based on laws of justice then World War II will be followed by World War III. A brave war can be lost in the final disaster of a bad peace. We are now engaged in the bravest of all our wars and ALL OUR BRAVERY AND ALL OUR SACRIFICE MUST NOT BE WASTED IN THE FIASCO OF A FALSE PEACE.

During the tense emotion of D-Day, we established a beachhead on our paper-littered desk and discovered a newspaper clipping which we have been saving for a long time. It is a copy of THE ATLANTIC CHARTER. This, as some may still remember, is the 8-point declaration of principles which Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill presented to the world on that dark day of Aug. 14, 1941. In announcing the Atlantic Charter the two Allied leaders explained that they wished to make known the "common principles" on which they based "their hopes for a better future for the world."

As a matter of fact, because of its moral character, the Atlantic Charter gave us all a reasonable hope that the future of the world would be "better," especially if the principles of the Charter were honestly respected. As a document of an international guidance produced by political leaders, the Atlantic Charter was unusual. It was studded with pledges of action based on the moral law. Catholics in particular were gratified to note how closely the Charter agreed, at least in substance, with the principles of the Papal Peace Program. The Charter, like the Papal Peace Program, urged respect of the rights of all nations, even the small ones. Territorial conquest was condemned. The Charter, like the Papal proposal, recommended the "abandonment of the use of force" in international life.

Yes, in the summer of 1941 the news of the Atlantic Charter made us all hopeful that the new world order would be good. At the time, hope and the Atlantic Charter were all that Mr. Churchill had to encourage him. The German Luftwaffe had shaken the British Isle. The British Prime Minister's back was to the wall. The British Empire was crumbling. There were rumors that His Majesty's Government would leave London.

Silver Star Awarded to Fr. O'Brien

AUBURN — The Silver Star "for gallantry in action" has been awarded to United States Army Chaplain William J. O'Brien, former assistant pastor of Corpus Christi, Rochester, and now attached to an Infantry Regiment in Italy.

Father O'Brien is the first chaplain from the Diocese of Rochester to win the Silver Star.

The son of Police Captain and Mrs. John L. O'Brien of 46 Bradford St., Auburn, Father O'Brien enlisted in the Army Chaplain's Corps in March, 1942, and is a veteran of the African as well as the Italian campaign.

Father O'Brien's mother received her son's Silver Star Medal and document of citation as a Mother's Day surprise.

The citation reveals that the Rochester Chaplain braved enemy fire and uncharted mine fields to rescue the bodies of American soldiers who had fallen in action.

"The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Chaplain O'Brien reflects great credit upon himself and exemplifies the finest traditions of the Chaplain's Corps and the Armed Forces," the official citation states.

A native of Auburn, Father O'Brien is a graduate of St. Mary's School in that city and of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, Rochester. He was ordained in June, 1935, in St. Patrick's.

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Cardinal Serebi Pleads for Jews

LISBON.—His Eminence Justin Cardinal Serebi, Primate of Hungary, has made a new appeal on behalf of persecuted Jews to the German Embassy in Budapest, following the occupation of the country by Nazis forces, according to word received here.



Fr. William J. O'Brien

Japs Want Baptism When Yanks Bomb

HONOLULU.—Several Japanese officers asked for and received baptism during the first stages of American bombardment of the Gilbert Islands, according to Rev. James H. Mahoney, Catholic Army Chaplain, who served with the U. S. 7th Air Force in the Pacific. Back home for a rest, Father Mahoney relates that the natives of the Gilberts are predominantly Catholic. Even the Japanese invaders of the Gilberts were impressed by the devotion of the Catholic missionaries to their flocks there, Chaplain Mahoney said.

Many of the Gilbertese natives still have rosaries "made in Japan," and medals of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chaplain Mahoney said. They never have enough articles of devotion, he added, so American chaplains have a further drain on their already limited supplies.

Don't wait until next week to buy that War Bond. Your government needs the money this week.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Diocesan Examinations

The Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent, announces the examination schedule for next week (June 11). The examination schedule for the week of June 18, including Regents, will appear in next week's edition.

ELEMENTARY GRADES

A. M.	P. M.
June 14—	General Science 7-8
June 15—Christian Doctr. 1-8	English 2-7
June 16—Arithmetics 2-7	Spelling 2-7; SI Read. 4-7

HIGH SCHOOL

A. M.	P. M.
June 15—Religion	Social Studies IX
June 16—English I, II, III	World History
	Latin I
	Bookkeeping

Air Raids on Britain Hit 14,000 Churches

LONDON.—Nearly 14,000 churches, monasteries, convents and other ecclesiastical buildings have suffered in raids on Great Britain and Northern Ireland states an official Government pamphlet issued this week.

The Government is to pay the "reasonable cost" of "plain repair" or the "reasonable cost" of building a "plain substitute" church, explained as one that omits unnecessary ornamentation of the original building. The original material will be used in restoration. Style, too, will be preserved.

Opportunities

God gives us all the chances to see our toil and anxiety and discouragements so that they will help us heavenward. Our salvation lies all about us, in our daily trials, our daily routine.—Fr. Hagpiel.

Every day Aunt Jennie's baked something special for Mrs. AUNT JENNIE'S BAKE SHOP, 512 Monroe Ave.—The Home of 100 Tumbling Doughs.—Phone 66-1447.

NEW SAINT HAS FEAST SET

VATICAN CITY.—In conjunction with the canonization of St. Margaret of Hungary earlier this month, it is noted that her feast day is on Jan. 18, her birthday, and not on Jan. 22, as had been earlier reported.

The Windows of the world are in difficult times or in times of War.

Bishop's Mass For Service Mothers Set

Pontifical Mass for the Mothers of Service Men and Women will be offered by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, in the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday, June 16, at 9:30 A. M., in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Street.

The service will be presided by the Rev. Fr. Mahoney, pastor of St. Bernard's Church, 1000 Madison and Adams streets.