

# Atheism is 'Greatest Absurdity' 65,000 Told at Holy Name Rally

NEW YORK (RNS)—Denial of God's existence is "the greatest absurdity that has ever been and ever can be presented to the world," the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati, told 65,000 persons at the third annual Patriotic and Religious Services of the New York Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Society at the Polo Grounds here.

"Wipe God out of time and eternity and you destroy all codes of fixed morality," the Archbishop asserted; "you reject all sanctions, you rob law of all basis, you enthroned might as the only force to govern nations and peoples, you set up a totalitarian government for every Godless country. This anti-God philosophy has brought about the apostasy of the nations and the moral anarchy that exists in the world today."

Declaring that in the past agnosticism had been imported from the German universities, Archbishop McNicholas charged that "today we are importing atheism, atheistic communism, and atheistic liberalism from the Old World."

"Many misguided persons are encouraging atheistic liberalism in America," he said. "These degrading ideologies are worse than typhus or leprosy. If their exponents gain control of government we inevitably shall have totalitarianism followed by civil and international war."

The Archbishop said every totalitarian government "must reject God if it wishes to continue totalitarian," and that the world cannot be freed of moral anarchy unless "a supreme, all powerful, and all-knowing God be accepted and worshipped as the Ruler of individuals and of nations, to whom all persons and all officials of government are accountable."

"If this basic truth of the universe be not the unchangeable conviction of the home, of civic society, and of every religious denomination," he warned, "we shall have endless wars and confusion and upending moral anarchy."

Archbishop McNicholas called upon Catholic men of America to "proclaim that there is a God, that Christ is God, that reverence is due His name, and His authority in State, in Church, and in the home must be acknowledged and obeyed."

## Missioners Cooperate To Aid China Refugees

MARYKNOLL, N. Y. Catholic and Protestant missioners in the Kongmoon area of China are cooperating in establishing refugee relief stations, according to advices received here at headquarters of the Maryknoll Fathers. The Most Rev. Francis X. Ford of Brooklyn, Maryknoll Kongmoon Superior, has been appointed chairman of this interfaith group.

Eleven cities and towns are cared for by Catholics, three by Lutherans and one by American Baptists.

Writing from Kongmoon, Bishop Ford states that "the work will continue and probably increase during the coming year, as seven years' accumulated exhaustion takes its toll."

## POPE IN TRADITIONAL RITE MARKING MONTH OF ROSARY

VATICAN CITY. — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII, in his private chapel in the presence of his personal entourage, participated in the traditional pious devotion of supplication to Our Lady of the Rosary on Sunday, the first day of the month of the Holy Rosary.

## FORTY HOURS

Devotions of the Forty Hours are scheduled in the following churches of the Rochester diocese: Friday, Oct. 6—Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester.

Sunday, Oct. 8—Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester; St. Alphonsus, St. Hyacinth, Auburn; St. Patrick, Dansville; Canandaigua; Homeoye Falls; Horseheads; Ontario.

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## Native Medical Mission Sisters



Rev. Father Sebastian Pinakatt of Malabar, South India, with five candidates of the new community of Indian Medical Mission Sisters. These young women are making their postulate and novitiate under the guidance of two members of the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries of Philadelphia. Father Pinakatt is Director of the new sisterhood. (N.C.W.C.)

## Catholic G.I.s in Pacific Send \$850 for Missions Through Chaplain Heindl

Money orders totalling \$850 were received this week by the Rev. John S. Randall, Diocesan Director of the Propagation of Faith, from American soldiers now stationed on a hard-won beachhead in the Southwest Pacific.

The large sum of money was enclosed in a letter addressed to Father Randall by Chaplain (Capt.) Elmer W. Heindl, priest of the Rochester Diocese.

"The inclosed money orders," explains Chaplain Heindl, "are the result of a voluntary offering which our Catholic men want to turn over to the missions in perpetual memory of their companions whom we are leaving in this lush mission country."

Lauding the voluntary sacrifice of the missionaries who labor in the Pacific islands, Father Heindl states, "We feel that they deserve every bit of appreciation the Catholic world can give them and all the material help also."

Fighting in the Pacific where they have had firsthand experience of the work of the Catholic missionaries has given American troops a "Catholic and apostolic education," Chaplain Heindl declares. "Unless I miss my guess," he says, "we won't have to depend on theoretical, Scriptural, or emotional appeals in the future."

Referring to the gift of money, he says, "Our men of the 148th want to do their bit in assuring that the Sacrifice of the Mass is continued, with their participation, in the immediate vicinity of these spots hallowed by the supreme sacrifice of their buddies. If possible, they would like to have this small offering tagged for this part of the world. However, wherever it is sent, it will mean the same thing."

## 20 Colored Converts Confirmed in South

YAZOO CITY, Miss. — (NC) — St. Francis of Assisi Church here, which has a Colored congregation of 61, all of whom are converts, was the scene in one day of the baptism of nine converts and the confirmation of 20 converts, twelve adults and eight school children. The Rev. Peter DeBoer, S.V.D., pastor, administered the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Most Rev. Richard O. Garow, Bishop of Natchez, who confirmed the class, on the same day dedicated the New St. Francis Vocational High School for Colored.

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"It is not enough to believe that He came, we must also believe that He remained and is still living amongst us, and we must live accordingly." — Father Mateo.

## Appointments Of Clergy

The following clergy appointments have been announced by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney:

Rev. Laurence W. Gagnon from Pastor of St. Gabriel's Church, Hammondport, and St. Patrick's Church, Fratsburg, to Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Mt. Morris.

Rev. Joseph M. McDonnell from Chaplain at State Industrial School to Pastor of St. Gabriel's Church, Hammondport, and St. Patrick's Church, Fratsburg.

Rev. Charles V. Boyle from Assistant Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, to Assistant Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester.

## \$40,000 BURSE TO EDUCATE PRIESTS, GIVEN BY FAMILY

ERIE.—(NC)—A perpetual bursary of \$40,000 in security under the trusteeship of the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, for the education of diocesan priests has been given to the Erie Diocese by members of a pioneer family of St. Peter's Cathedral parish here.

The family has requested that its name be withheld in connection with the gift.

The securities transferred to the Erie Diocese were 300 shares of 7 per cent preferred stock of the United States Steel Corporation with a present value of \$40,000. The annual dividends of \$2,800 will provide for the education of four students for the priesthood each year in perpetuity.

Some people are continually preparing for misfortune.

## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS TO HEAR POPE ON RADIO

VATICAN CITY. — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII will send a special message by radio at 1:30 P. M. Sunday to the concluding session of the National Eucharistic Congress in Buenos Aires, officials Vatican sources have announced.

## Bishop in Tribute To Former Governor Alfred E. Smith

(This eulogy of the late Alfred E. Smith was delivered by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, at a Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem offered for former Governor Smith, in St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, on Monday, Oct. 9).

"My Dear Friends: There is a beautiful picture in Tennyson's 'Idylls of the King' which represents the departure of King Arthur into the world beyond. Upon his lips the poet puts the words of Isidore:

"And thou, if thou shouldst never see my face again Pray for my soul. More things are wrought through prayer."

Than this world dreams of. "As we assemble today to pay tribute to the late Gov. Alfred E. Smith with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we feel that we grant the request he would ask of us if those eloquent lips could break the silence of eternity.

"A Mass for his soul? How much the Mass meant to him during life. Through all his years of public service he never forgot the lessons he learned as a little altar boy in the sanctuary of old St. James' Church in New York City. Here as a boy he listened to epistles, gospels, sermons, and attended missions. These lessons which he learned as an altar boy in the sanctuary of God, helped Governor Smith lay the spiritual foundations which sustained him during his long career. All his life, the Mass held a great charm and devotion for him.

"He was always a familiar figure at religious exercises. Through the years he never lost the childlike faith of an altar boy, remembering always the words of Our Blessed Lord: 'Unless you become as little children, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.' As a man, Alfred Smith fought a hard fight, never forgetting that to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, he must have the same faith and confidence in God as an altar boy. This he held at all costs—even at the cost of the greatest honors the nation could give.

"If Governor Smith has not gone

directly to Heaven, what chance has any of us? His life was an apostolate, guided by high principles. Many times the sacrifices which he had to make for his principles meant a great deal to him. His virtues stood in the way of his political progress and yet he rose from the sidewalks of New York to become a nominee for President of the United States.

"Although during his life he was faced with difficult situations, trials, misunderstandings, and loss of friendship, yet he was a majestic and imposing figure. It is no exaggeration to say that no one ever went to rest with such universal admiration. Given his enemies admitted his character and his principles and hailed his passing with sincere regret.

"Several years ago the Rochester Chamber of Commerce was anxious to have the former Governor come here to speak. Replying to the invitation which I extended to him to address the Chamber of Commerce, Al completed that he was getting old and was accepting no speaking engagements except those in behalf of the poor and the sick. He said that he was appearing only at charitable affairs which supported hospitals and orphanages.

"The memory of Al Smith saying his waning energies for the sick, the orphans and the poor, is truly inspiring.

"The record of the late Governor up to his retirement was a wonderful story, but those of us who reverse spiritual things will remember him concerning his energies for the poor, the sick and the orphans as he went down into the Valley of Death. God rest his soul."



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