

## President in Letter to Nun Recalls Family's Kinship To Mother Elizabeth Seton

GREENSBURG, Pa. (NC) — Expressing his gratitude for an autographed copy of "The Seton Ballad," President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a letter to the author, Sister M. Pidea Giaco, of Seton Hill College, here, recalled the close relationship of his family to Mother Elizabeth Seton.

"I am deeply grateful for that copy of 'The Seton Ballad,'" the President's letter stated. "Inscribed in the name of the Mother Seton Sisters of Charity, and yourself as author."

"Our family was closely related to Mother Seton. Her nephew, Monsignor James Roosevelt Bayley, Archbishop of Baltimore, was my father's first cousin. Archbishop Bayley's successor, the venerable Cardinal Gibbons, who was my close personal friend, often spoke to me about his predecessor. Do you see the ballad

has struck a responsive chord."

"With this assurance of my ap-

preciation go my hearty greetings to all of the Mother Seton Sisters."

In her letter transmitting the volume, which she described as "a simple picture book of our Mother Seton's life with its mention of her family, especially of her son, William, who was a Lieutenant in the Navy," Sister Pidea Giaco stated she was prompted to send the volume because the President often had "done us the honor of openly referring to the fact that the family of Mother Seton and your family are connected by marriage."

## Pope Laments Lack Of German News

WASHINGTON (RNSL) — Pope Pius XII, addressing the Marian sodalities in Germany via a broadcast over the Vatican radio, lamented the lack of news concerning "activities of Catholic life" in German territory, the Federal Communications Commission reported through the office of War Information.

"We have not seen the pastoral letters of the German bishops" for the last year and a half, the Pontiff declared.

"It is therefore impossible," he added, "for us to give reliable news of the Catholic life in Germany. We cannot possibly give from this tribune news at second or third hand."

## Cathedrals Hit In Air Raids

STOCKHOLM (CP) — Munich Cathedral, known as the Frauenkirche ("Our Lady's Church") has been severely damaged in a recent air raid, according to a source inside Germany. One heavy bomb went through the roof and destroyed the central nave and the main altar. One of the two spires was also seriously damaged.

St. Michael's Church in Munich, where Cardinal Faulhaber promised some of his most famous sermons against Nazi paganism, had been destroyed in recent air raids. It was hit again recently and is now a heap of ruins.

STOCKHOLM (CP) — It has just been learned from a source inside Germany that there was a direct hit on Cologne Cathedral in the American air raid of November 28, 1944. The main altar and one masonry arch reported to have been severely damaged.

## ORDER WEEKDAY PEACE RITES THROUGHOUT BRITAIN

LONDON (By Wireless RNSL) — The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, and Scotland have ordered parish churches to hold special weekday peace services, "until further notice." A joint statement by the Bishops said:

"In view of the tremendous problems created for the Allied Nations at the present time, and in order that we may, in our parishes founded on principles of justice and charity, the hierarchy of England and Wales and the hierarchy of Scotland direct that until further notice in every parish there should be a special weekday service held for the above intentions."

## NOTICE TO THE BISHOPS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOTICE TO THE BISHOPS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Rev. Francis J. McNamee, Archdeacon of New York, has been appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of New York by Bishop Francis A. Kenney, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey. He succeeds Rev. John J. O'Farrell, who has been appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Newark.

## Chaplain Laughton Home from Pacific

Chaplain John V. Laughton, for 18 months in the South Pacific War area where he was personally presented the Legion of Merit medal by Admiral Nimitz, has returned to his home city, Rochester, in the Rochester diocese.

Father Laughton is on a 28 day leave and will be assigned to Camp Lejeune, N. C., when his leave expires.

Laureate at St. Bernard's Seminary before entering the service and former Aquinas Institute teacher, Father Laughton was also chaplain of Rochester Knights of Columbus. He has served with the Marines throughout the South and Central Pacific war areas.

### PRAYER FOR OUR POLITICIANS

Oh, Lord, grant that we may not despise our rulers; and grant, O Lord, that they may not act as we won't help. — *Latinus Becket.*

## Church Rules on Marriage

MONTRE ALICE, IND. (WNC) — To meet the need created by the great number of war marriages, some of them hastily contracted and characterized by ignorance of the laws of the Church, the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien, professor at the University of Notre Dame, has written a pamphlet, "How to Get Married," which presents in popular language all essential facts.

"During the past four years," Father O'Brien said, "the number of young people who have runned into marriage has set a new high. Unfortunately a considerable num-

ber of these marriages have ended in divorce courts and in separation. . . . Catholic students are agreed that measures are urgently needed to meet this great crisis in the social life of our nation."

## WOMEN'S GROUP IN ITALY DEMANDS WOMAN SUFFRAGE

ROME (CP) — A recent report of the Italian Women's Union (Unione Donne Italiane) that the Committee of National Liberation submitted to the Government the demand that women be allowed to vote in the future Italian elections, on a basis of absolute equality with men, is being acclaimed with fervor.

A majority of the Italian political parties has been advocating woman suffrage ever since the breakaway of Pietro Nenni. The Christian Democratic Party has been particularly outspoken in this respect.

### Only One Adam

God did not create a golden Adam first, whom the nobles are descended, nor a silver Adam from whom have come the rich, and another, a clay Adam, from whom are the poor; but all nobles, rich and poor, have one common father, made out of the dust of the earth. — From medieval service quoted in *The Universe* (London).

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