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On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

As far as religion is concerned Catholics have the unique advantage of knowing that they can go to bed without any fear that the Pope might change the Divine Blueprint of the Faith before morning. Like their fellow-Americans, Catholics read the morning paper to see what statesman has changed his mind about the Atlantic Charter, but they never have to worry that one of their priests may change his mind from Sunday to Sunday about the "Apostle's Creed" or the Ten Commandments. Today one can not be sure that two Protestant clergymen of the same de-

mocracy, and even the same city, will agree about the Divinity of Christ or the meaning of Baptism. A Catholic native on the Pacific Island of Samoa and a Catholic monk on the Mediterranean island of Sicily share a common belief with all those who will go to Mass next Sunday in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Catholic Church, therefore, with her catholicus character, is unique in this ever changing world. This fact places Catholics in a decidedly advantageous position because there are days when no one can go over to a heretic without wondering how many New Religions will be proposed by the after-dinner speakers.

Some of us were surprised to see Rev. John B. Beckstoffer Jr. take his place among the after-

dicately proposing new religions. Yet this is what the famous oil magnate did one night last week when he addressed the Protestant Council of New York City in the stately Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. In brief Mr. Beckstoffer appealed for what he called a "reborn church of the living God." He would speak ordinances, rituals and creed non-essential for admission into this new church. The only test in this church should be a good life, not a creed. Mr. Beckstoffer added his Protestant friends to lay aside their doctrinal and denominational differences and work along toward the great goal of uniting the separated sons of men under one common leadership.

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Pontiff Reminds Doctors of Birth Curb Opposition

ROME (By Wireless RNS) — In a special audience to 1200 Allied physicians, Pope Pius XII stressed Catholic doctrines against birth control and euthanasia, reiterating statements he recently made to the Italian Union of St. Luke.

The Pope declared that doctors, although primarily concerned with healing the body, must also give advice and make decisions affecting man's spirit and his eternal destiny. He stressed that regula-

tions must be ascribed to divine law and desperate desire, and responsibility to God may never be subordinated to any temporal advantage."

"Hence," he continued, "down the whole series of principles and practical rules which regulate the use of organs of the body and which are mandatory both for the person concerned and the doctor whose advice is asked.

"God cannot permit man to use his body in a manner contrary to the patriotic and natural purpose which He has assigned to the functioning of its diverse parts. Whether it is a question of teaching, or giving advice, prescribing a cure, or applying a remedy, the doctor may not step outside the frontier of morality, dissociating himself from fundamental principles of ethics and religion.

Pontiff to Shatter Precedent with Mass in St. Peter Square

VATICAN CITY (INN)—Pope Pius XII announced Saturday that he will shatter precedent and of consideration for Allied troops next March 14 when, on the anniversary of his Pontificate, he will celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Square.

For the first time in history, a papal Mass will be held up there, the Pontiff said. Vatican spokesman indicated the ceremony might bring out a popular demand for peace. "The war has run its course."

Lenten Regulations 1945

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Owing to the enormous increase created by the reduction of certain foods, the shortage of which has been due to lack of so many workers, the Pope has decided to grant a day of special faculties granted to the faithful of the church during Lenten, from the first Sunday of Lent to the feast of the Annunciation. This regulation, however, does not apply on

February 14, 1945, the day preceding Ash Wednesday.

These days, therefore, will be days of both FAST and ABSTINENCE.

The faithful should realize that in consideration of the extraordinary circumstances, the Pope has granted a day of special faculties.

On the other hand,

the following days are

days of strict fast.

These days are

days of strict abstinence.

Gets New Charge



Rev. John M. Duffy

Fr. Duffy Named Pastor of St. Augustine's

The Rev. John M. Duffy, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, has been appointed by His Excellency Bishop Kearny to the pastorate of St. Augustine's Church, Rochester, it was announced today at the Chancery.

Father Duffy will succeed the Rev. John H. O'Brien who died on Jan. 5 after forty years as pastor of the Child Avenue Church. Long prominent in city and state educational circles, Father Duffy will begin his new duties at St. Augustine's on next Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Appointed director of diocesan education in 1939, he has successfully developed the school system to the present organization and efficiency.

He also served as Diocesan Director of the Chautauque and 1936 and 1937 summer sessions of the New York State Association of Catholic Chaplains.

An advocate of local autonomy

Utah Bishop Says State Deified In U. S. Schools

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Totalitarianism—the doctrine of state supremacy—is being widely taught in the classrooms and text books of America, the Most Rev. Duane G. Hunt, Bishop of Salt Lake City, told a distinguished gathering of jurists attending the Soemba Red Mass celebrated here last Sunday in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The Soemba Red Mass is held annually in the Nation's Capital to invoke the blessing of the Holy Spirit at the beginning of a new legislative session in the Congress and Courts

Bishop to Give Lenten Sermons

During the Holy Month of Lent, the Bishop, Bishop Kearny will deliver the Wednesday night sermons at the Franciscan Church, 11th Street and the Presby. Ward, 15th Street, Phoenix City, Ariz. Both services will commence at half past

Indicates Clipping

To Return Next Week, Says FEA Chief

BY LARRY WATSON
Executive and War Correspondent

WAHRNUTON, IND.—Peace and civilian disorders in Italy are making from inadequate supplies were forecast as a possibility this week by Edward M. Hunt, chief of the Indian division of the Foreign Economic Administration.

Hunt, who has offered sharply with allied military officials during the past year, told Associated Press Service here his service expects Italy 4000 will take part in the civil resistance.

"At present, of the 500,000 people of Italy, 400,000 had been disarmed, while 100,000 were members of the armed forces and 50,000 were members of the Hitlerites.

"In view of the small amount of food available in the country and the lack of industrial equipment in Italy,"

Oliver Tamm, Hunt's chief economist, told the Associated Press.

"Food is the most important factor in determining economic activity in Italy," he said.

He added: "We have had some difficulty in getting the Italian people to believe that they are entitled to any food supply."

"Our problem is to get enough food to sustain the Italian people in their resistance," Hunt said.

"The United Nations is giving the Italian Government \$25 million worth of food each month," he said.

"But we have no way of getting that food to the Italian people," Hunt said.

"The Italian Government is doing the best it can, but it is not enough," Hunt said.

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