

-DIVINE MATERNITY
The first moment of her existence, Mary was sanctified for the Divine Maternity and in not the Divine Maternity the mightiest of all the works of God. — Fr. Husak



"ARE, HOT DOGS?" is what Misses scattered letters and G.I.'s seemed to be saying as an American Red Cross food truck passed at refreshments—excluding tea cream—in the always-welcome deluge of a Red Cross club in the E.T.O.

N. J. Assembly Passes Bills Barring Catholic Colleges From Relations with State

TRENTON, N. J. (AP)— Three bills repealing the State Department of Education and establishing Rutgers University as the State University of New Jersey were passed in the House of Assembly after several hours of lengthy debate. The bills now go before the Senate which will act upon them next month. The bills developed considerable opposition from colleges teaching religious doctrine which would be barred under the bills from any contractual relations with the State Board of Education. Court action to test the constitutionality of the Rutgers bill, if passed by the Senate, has been threatened by the Rt. Rev. Hugh James F. Kelly, president of St. John Hall College, and the New Jersey association of college and University leaders in the fight against the legislation. We should love God because He of Himself chooses our love, and we should also love Him out of gratitude for the love He bears us.

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K. of C. Bulwark Against Radicalism, Says Bishop

Added to their responsibility to themselves, Catholics have the responsibility of influencing the lives of others by faithful and exemplary practice of their religion.

This message was given to 200 Knights of Columbus by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney and State Deputy Stephen J. Cushing of Brooklyn at the annual Communion Breakfast held at Powers Hotel Sunday.

The knights received Holy Communion in a body at St. Patrick's Church where His Excellency, Bishop Kearney celebrated the Mass and spoke to the knights on the Catholic's part in a nation of developing the gift of faith. The Bishop particularly stressed supporting and reading the CATHOLIC COURIER, "our own diocesan newspaper."

Emphasizing the larger view of the Knights of Columbus as a nationwide organization, Bishop Kearney at the breakfast said more and more are coming to realize that "if a showdown comes between radicalism and Americanism, the greatest bulwark the forces of Americanism is destined to have in the Knights of Columbus."

The Bishop said the knights are not only a religious order, but essentially patriotic.

State Deputy Cushing told the knights that a civilization without religion or a moral code is not a civilization worthy of the name. He accused the secular educators who had removed from their classrooms the teaching of appreciation of moral values with the result that citizens have come forth devoid of a knowledge of their responsibilities.

"A nation will never be any more religious than are its individual citizens," the State leader said. He challenged his brother knights to their studies of faith to insure the family is the rightful Christian place in the community and to preserve the republic by influencing others to lead religious and responsible lives.

The knights' state head added that "a nation ignoring God will find that God, in turn, ignores that nation."

Speakers were presented by Justice William F. Love of the Appellate Division. The state deputy was officially welcomed by District Deputy, Dr. Walter E. O'Neill.

The Mass and breakfast officially opened the 1945 membership program and Supreme Field Representative George W. Varney outlined the program and stated that a "triple-century club" of 300 new and reinstated members was the goal. John A. German, deputy grand knight, also at the speaker table with Master Cyril J. Staff of the Fourth Degree, is chairman of the membership campaign.

Grand Knight Francis T. Tomney welcomed the guests and opened the speaking program. He also greeted Grand Knight Matthew O'Brien and a delegation from Connorsburg Council, Francis J. Thomas, chancellor of Rochester Council, was general chairman of the Mass and Breakfast.

Degrees Set by K. of C. Staff

An program is being made on the campaign for members of the "Chaplain Raymond G. Heisel Class," degrees of the Knights of Columbus will be conducted, Grand Knight Francis T. Tomney announced.

Schedule for degrees is as follows:

Thursday, March 1, First Degree; Thursday, March 14, Second Degree; Sunday, March 18, First Degree; Sunday, March 25, Second Degree; Thursday, March 29, First Degree; Thursday, April 5, First Degree; Sunday, April 8, Second Degree; Thursday, April 12, First Degree; Sunday, April 15, Third Degree.

The ritual work will be held in Columbus Civic Centre in charge of Chancellor Francis J. Thomas.

Reports 58 Priests Have Died Serving as Chaplains

NEW YORK (UPI)— The names of 58 priests who died while serving as commissioned chaplains with the nation's armed forces and 13 whose names were serving as auxiliary chaplains are listed in a memorial leaflet issued by the Military Ordinariate here. The list is current to February 15, 1945.

The leaflet also lists the names of six priests serving as chaplains who are reported as missing and 25 who are prisoners of war. The leaflet states that 29 chaplains serving with the Philippine Scouts are now prisoners and gives the names of four chaplains who were prisoners but have been liberated.

A. J. FLETCHER tells us that a chapter of the Church of Christ, Inc., has been organized in the city of New York. The church is a new religious organization and is a member of the Christian Church in America.

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