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Bishop's Easter Message



To all the readers of the Catholic Courier, my sincere Easter blessing. May the "Pascha" which came from the lips of the Most Savior soon be heard throughout this war-torn world. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, give us peace!

Four Pastor Appointments Made By Bishop Kearney

Appointment of four pastors to churches in the Diocese of Rochester were announced today at the Chancery by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

On Guard!
By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

These are the days when the editor of a daily newspaper will send a reporter and a photographer racing to some street corner to cover the story of how a hundred people are lined up for a block outside a drugstore in order to buy a pack of cigarettes. If crowds make news then there are in Catholic life, many instances which should attract the able and aggressive gentlemen of the fourth estate.

The modern journalist calls the vigor of life in a very precise way. He always asks his questions. What? When? Where? How? Even though he doesn't always find the correct answers, it is to his eternal credit that he usually asks the proper (and sometimes hostile) questions. The journalistic method is a very practical method of discovery. In fact, the journalistic method of discovering news bears a strong resemblance to the Catholic system for digesting truth. In a sense the daily newspaper is a secular catechism. The journalist always begins by asking, "Who is Who?" The Catholic always starts by asking, "Who is God?" The reporter asks why the witness goes to Yalta. The catechist asks why the witness goes to Calvary? There is an analogical affinity between the journalistic method and what we Catholics call the catechist method. In all this, however, there is no attempt to suggest that our newspaper should take to reading catechism books, although it is a thought! Our journalists are honest and excellent investigators, and we suggest that there is a very more important story inside a crowd of church folk than a crowd of cigar shop. Possibly it would be more convenient to interview an old lady, who has three sons in the Army, as she comes out from the six o'clock Mass than it would be to interview some children and their divorced mother across the car breakfast in her hotel at high noon.

The modern press professes to give a daily sketch of our world "exactly as it goes." No doubt our newspaper journalists are sincere in this avowed purpose, but even so, it seems that they sometimes fail to see all that goes on in our global dwelling Catholic life. It is an important part of the day's events anywhere, but even when the journalist attempts to sketch the Church he usually misses the important things. Let an American Archbishop make a sudden trip to the Vatican and the press will crowd its wires and headlines with news and fantastic speculations. Admittedly there may be significance in the fact that a prelate has to go to see the Pope.

Rev. John P. O'Rourke, administrator of St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan, is appointed pastor of St. Paul's Church, Newburgh Falls. He succeeds the Rev. Marchese. Rev. La Quire, who has resigned and been granted a leave of absence to regain his health. Father O'Rourke has been administrator of the Penn Yan parish since February, 1940.

Rev. Robert J. Fox, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, is named pastor of St. James Church, Waverly. He succeeds the Rev. Edward J. Lyons who died March 3, after a long illness. Attached to St.

The April schedule of the Bishop's Appointments appears on Page 15; this issue.

Peter and Paul's Church for the past seventeen years. Father Fox is the founder of the Diocesan Hospitality Union and served as first moderator of the organization.

Rev. Alexander Wee, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Owego, is named pastor of St. John's Church, Newark Valley, and St. Francis Church, Catskill. Formerly missions of the Owego Church, the Newark Valley and Catskill churches, both of which are in Tioga County, will now be administered as separate parishes by Father Wee.

Rev. Robert A. Binky, assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, is appointed administrator of St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan. Father Binky is a former associate director of the Rochester Catholic Charities.

Yalta Pledge on Poland Must Be Redeemed Warns Abp. Mooney
Baltic States Silence a 'Shock'

Details—(NC)—The honor of America is engaged as never before in the redemption of the joint pledge given at Yalta by Britain, Russia and the country that Poland will get a truly representative government through a free election, the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, said here this week.

"It is not a question of a set of general principles or ideals against whose application in a given case circumstances of extreme necessity might be adduced in argument," Archbishop Mooney explained in his address at the seventh annual meeting of the Detroit Archdiocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women.

"The shock to the idealism of America is a question," he continued, "of a concrete definite pledge in whose fulfillment we shall be judged faithful or perfidious, strong or weak. And the conscience of America will ultimately render its verdict on the whole settlement in which our success or failure in redeeming that pledge will stand out."

Poland is now called upon by her allies "for an unparalleled sacrifice in making the peace" after having been forced by the cruelty of the enemy to make equally unparalleled sacrifices in carrying on the war, the Archbishop said.

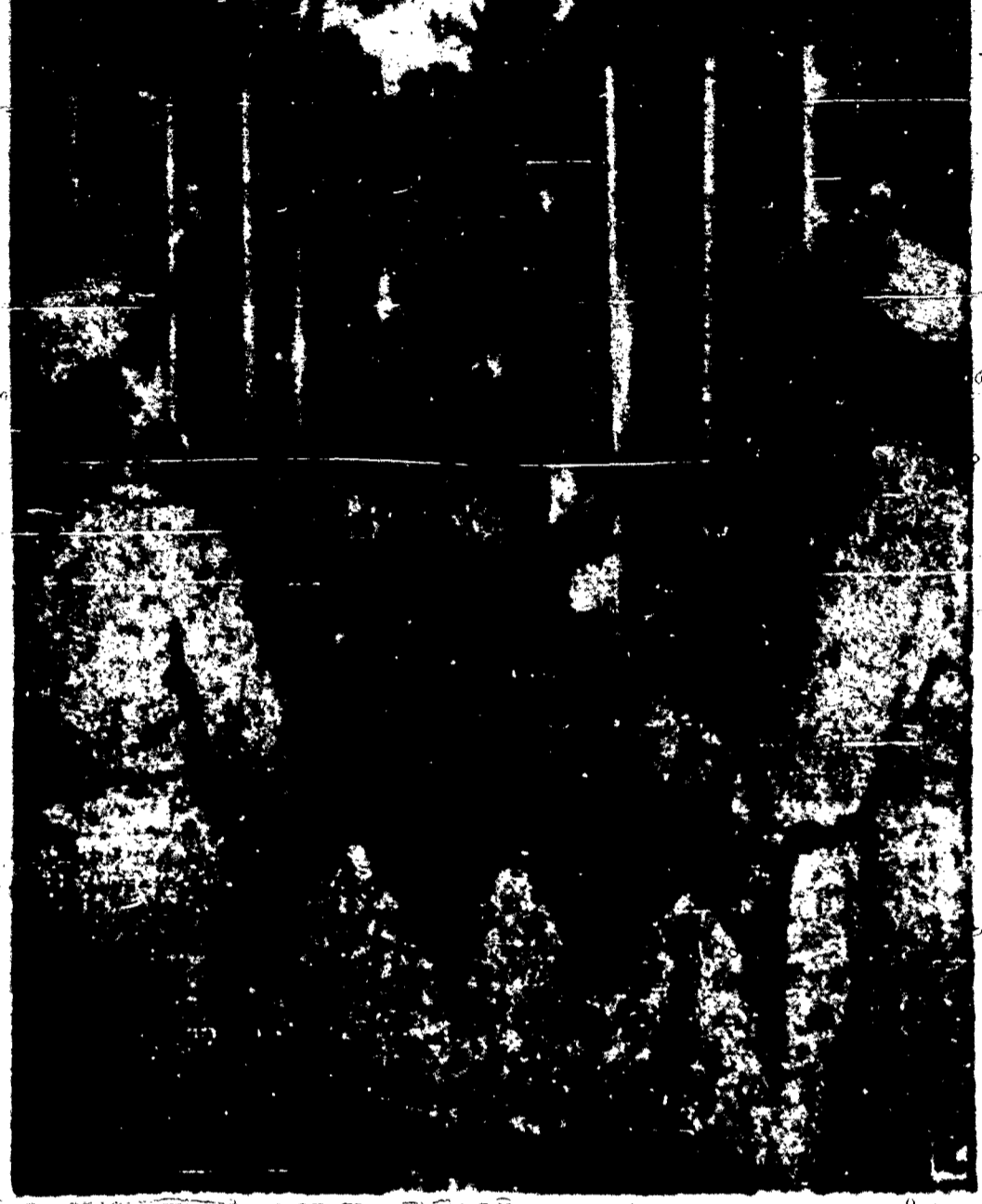
"No one with any devotion to principle can view with anything but deepest sadness the dire alternatives which the leaders of peace make Poland face at this moment," he declared. "No one with any sense of justice can be expected to acclaim the Yalta proposals on Poland, or the silence of Yalta on Lithuania, Estonia or Latvia. And the shock to our idealism is only rendered more severe by those who speak and act as though there were no reason to be shocked."

Ruthless Made Independent

"If we speak particularly of Poland," he continued, "it is chiefly because circumstances still make the case of Poland the most obvious test of the sincerity of the governments which in January, 1942, signed the Manifesto of the United Nations, and thus pledge themselves to the high principles of international justice enunciated in the Atlantic Charter."

The independence of the Baltic States was destroyed by devices processes officially denounced by our own government at the time. But diplomatic technicalities may possibly be more easily invoked to cover the regrettable apathy of

WACS At Christ's Tomb



Two American WACS kneel in their hour of devotion to venerate the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built on the site of Christ's tomb. The four-arched statue of the Virgin Mary is viewed by a steep stairway within the church and close to the spot where stood the three crosses on Calvary. The church itself is a collection of buildings re-created only in the 19th century over a structure built centuries before the Christian era. WAC Pvt. Marjorie Harris, of Chicago, left; Pvt. Lois Powell, Columbia, S. C., right. Official U. S. Army photo. (NCWC)

Vatican-Moscow Proposal Linked with Flynn Visit

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Rome—Three facts strengthen belief among Vatican observers that the visit of Edward J. Flynn, personal representative of President Roosevelt, to Rome is tied up with a Moscow-Vatican truce proposal regarding East European Catholics now under Russian control.

First, after his audience with the Pope, Flynn conferred with Magr. Domenico Tardini and Magr. Giovanni Battista Montini, of the Papal Secretariat of State, two of the Pope's closest advisers. Second, Flynn admitted at a press

conference that he does not know exactly when he will leave Italy. Third, Flynn stated that he is likely to have another audience with Pope Pius.

Not Empty-Handed

Informed Vatican circles maintain the American envoy would cover here some to the Vatican from Moscow empty-handed. It is also stated that Flynn would not be uncertain about the duration of his stay in Italy unless some decision is at least discussed regarding the status of Catholic populations in areas occupied by Russia.

Apparently following a decided policy, both Conservatore Romano, semi-official Vatican newspaper, and United Communist Party organ, unlike the rest of the Rome press, which devoted considerable space to Flynn's visit, merely noted his presence in Rome.

It is considered significant that Flynn is the first person to visit throughout the Yalta conference with whom the Pope has had a personal interview. Flynn's visit to Moscow after the conference was concerned with the projects initiated at the Yalta meeting.

Flowers for Moscow

Flowers for Moscow were sent to the Pope on the day of his departure for Rome. The flowers were sent by the American people through the Vatican.

Theresa Neumann Alive and Well
First News of Stigmatic Since 1939

By DR. MAX JORDAN
Cologne—(NC)—Theresa Neumann, stigmatic peasant woman of Konnersreuth, Bavaria, is still alive and unharmed, according to reliable information obtained here from Catholic sources.

Little news has reached the outside world for over five years of the famous stigmatic who, according to accounts by hundreds of visitors, including Dr. Max Jordan, has borne for years many physical marks resembling those of the Saviour in his Passion.

In November, 1939, when Dr. Jordan's account of a visit with Theresa Neumann was released, she had been living for twelve years with the Most Blessed Sacrament as her only nourishment. Neither had she taken any liquid since receiving the stigmata during the Lenten season of 1923. Yet her strength and weight had not diminished.

Each week, from Thursday midnight to the afternoon of Friday,

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