

Clothing Collection Gets Diocese Cooperation

More than 150 city and rural parishes represent the Rochester Diocese's participation in the United National Clothing Collection which is being conducted during the month of April.

At the direction of His Excellency Bishop Kearney, pastors of the Diocese have already urged their congregation to cooperate in the national effort to alleviate the clothing shortage in the war-torn areas of Europe.

Collection centers for clothing are the parish churches or parish buildings designated by the pastors, the Rev. John S. Randall, diocesan director, has announced.

Urging Catholics to bring their donations of clothes to the parish collection centers, Father Randall emphasized the need of clothing for all age groups, bedding, and shoes. The peoples of Europe are in extreme need of shoes.

Sorting and packing of clothes will take place at the collection centers. Arrangements for shipment will be made by the National Committee and distribution in Europe will be under the supervision of the United Nations Rehabilitation and Relief Administration.

Inter-American Fairly Held Tarrytown-on-Hudson (N.Y.) — More than 500 persons, including representatives from Canada and from Latin American Republics, attended the first Inter-American Conference at Marymount College here at which the Very Rev. Magr. John J. McCafferty presided.

Ask for What You Want

By Rev. Richard Glaser
Is it right to be forever asking God for earthly favors? — for such things as a raise in pay, a promotion in rank, a nice sweetheart, good grades, and the like?

We Catholics think so. Isn't God rich? Haven't He made everything under the sun? — and if He has made so many good things, couldn't He have made twice as many? Is it that the more He gives us, the less He has for Himself?

God loves us. We're His children. There isn't a moment when He isn't thinking of us and wishing us well. Just because we ourselves have trouble remembering names and faces, we tend to think God has that same trouble. But He hasn't really. His power, His love, His riches compare with ours like the sun with a match flame.

People who boast that they don't ask God for earthly favors are actually telling God: "I can get along pretty well without You in my everyday affairs. When I need You, I'll come to You, but not until then."

They treat Him, in a way, as one treats a political friend with a limited patronage. Their friend has only so many favors to give out. They won't ask for small favors lest, when they need a big favor, they may have exhausted their "pull".

Everything we have comes from God. The pity of it is that such a false attitude rather belittles Him and denies Him His rightful glory. Any request is a form of adoration most pleasing to God, and the more trivial it may seem to us, the more pleasure it gives to Him by showing Him and telling Him that we depend on Him for everything, from our hats to the strings in our shoes.

It isn't that we'll always get what we ask for. We probably won't get good health, for instance, if our sickness is bringing us closer to God, nor will we get a new suit if it's going to make us vain or conceited. But ask, just the same, and let God judge.

Prayers for spiritual favors, of course, are privileged. They're always granted, unless they involve another person — and even then, God will give every help to that person, short of forcing his will and getting him by the back of the neck.

So, "Ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full." It is God's promise.

Jungle Prayer

By MARY M. ASH
Strange here in the jungle,
Wald-deep in mud and slime,
I hear serene bells ringing
Like Old Saint Mary's chime.

Above wild birds' commotion,
Beneath fallen trees,
Their bells keep ringing, ringing,
Sweetest here on earth.

The white, with ready rite,
I reach the bell's sweet tone,
Heavy bells, Mary's bells,
I worship on my knees.

Beneath cloudy skies,
Candles palely glow,
"O Salutaris Hostia."
The leaves stir strangely now!

"Bells, present hearts."
The singing dies away,
The bells have reached their
changing,
Oh, I am here!

Mission Sunday for Sick Scheduled for May 20

New York — (N.Y.C.) — There is no record or hint, according to the teachings of Christ, which should be given to a patient of such a nature. The Propaganda of the Holy See, however, is the only authority in this regard.

Institute on Industry Set for May 27-June 2

Washington — Special sessions for local deacons and deacon chairs of committees dealing with social action, and for chairmen of affiliated national organizations, will feature the sixth annual Institute on Industry, sponsored by the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Under the direction of Miss Lillian E. Brueggemann, consultant of the N.C.W. Committee on Social Action and Field Secretary, Social Action Department, N.C.

W.C., the Institute will be held at the National School of Social Service here from May 27 to June 2.

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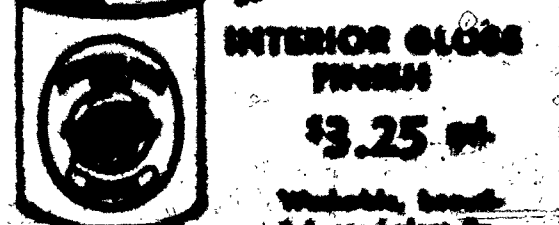
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