

A Victory Prayer

Thanks be to God for the victorious termination of our crusade for justice and humanity. May similar success soon crown the rest

of our efforts and bring home those near and dear to us to the peace and contentment of their homes. With God's help these warriors

will help us to build a greater and nobler country, a United States worthy of the many blessings God has given us.

By Bishop Kearney

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Pope Offers World Peace Prayer; Bishop Asks V-E Thanks Sunday

Exposition Of Eucharist Is Scheduled

As a public act of thanksgiving for the Allied victory in Europe His Excellency Bishop Kearney has requested the churches of the Diocese to hold public exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day on Sunday.

This is in keeping with the Victory-in-Europe proclamation of President Truman who has appointed Sunday as a day of prayer and called upon Americans "whatever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that He will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us in the way of peace."

Because Sunday is also "Moth-

Official

In keeping with President Truman's request that Sunday, May 13, be dedicated as a national day of prayer and thanksgiving, His Excellency Bishop Kearney has directed pastors of the diocese to hold all-day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in their churches on this Sunday.

er's Day" it is expected Catholics will receive Holy Communion in unprecedented numbers as they join with their fellow country men in a national day of prayer.

Officially proclaiming victory in Europe on Tuesday morning of this week President Truman stated:

"For the triumph of spirit and arms which we have won, and for its promise everywhere who join us in the love of freedom, it is fitting that we, as a Nation, give thanks to Almighty God, who has strengthened us and given us Victory."

The President also urged Americans to dedicate the national day of prayer on Sunday to the memory of "those who have given their lives to make possible our victory."

Reaction throughout the diocese to the official announcement of victory in Europe was prayerful and reverent.

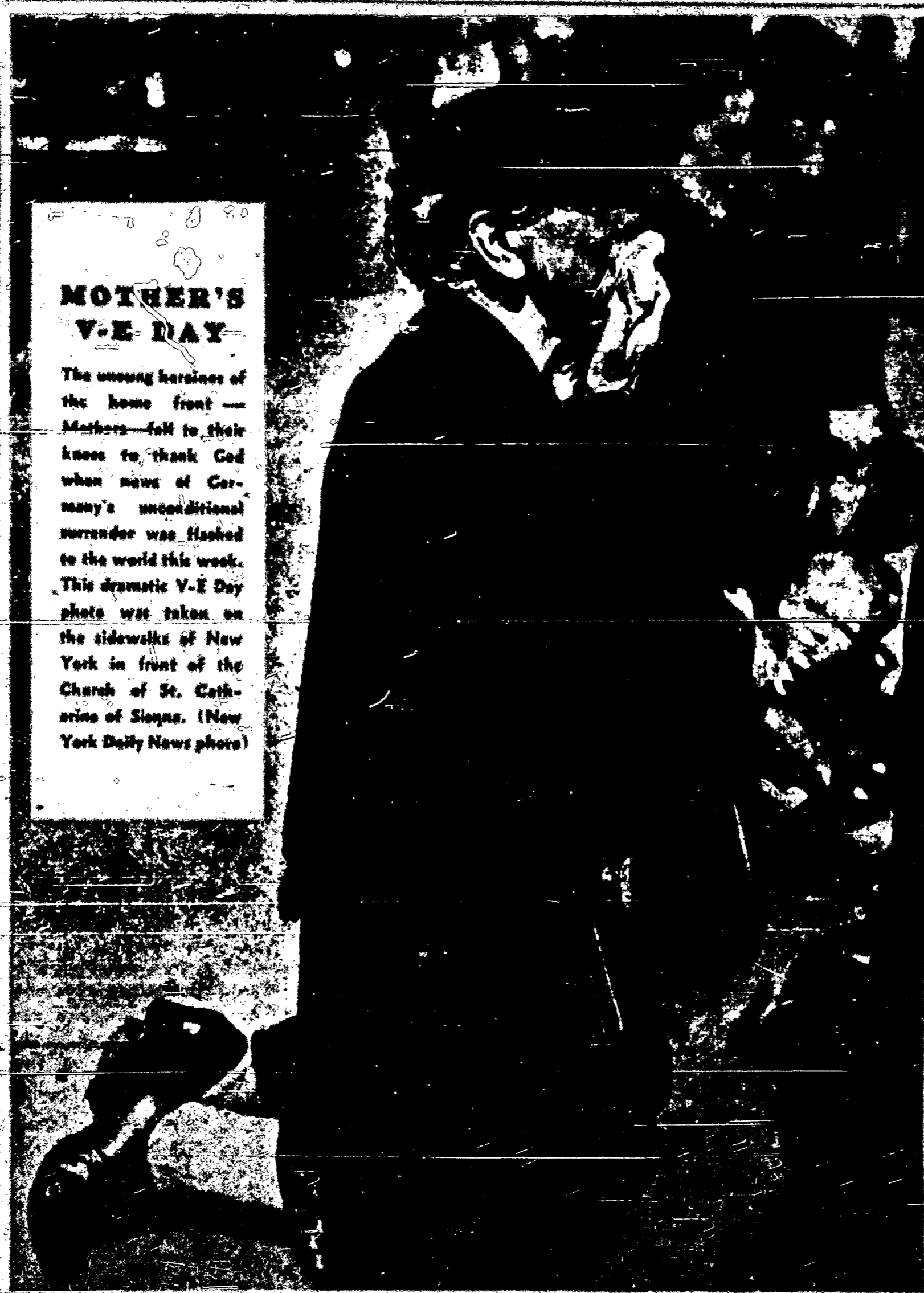
Catholic schools remained in session. Teachers and pupils suspended classes during the day to offer prayers of thanksgiving in church.

Tolling of church bells signaled a day long pilgrimage of grateful Catholics who came to offer their silent prayers of thanksgiving.

In the evening all churches of the diocese held public services at which large crowds gathered.

MOTHER'S V-E DAY

The unclog heroines of the home front — Mothers — fall to their knees to thank God when news of Germany's unconditional surrender was flashed to the world this week. This dramatic V-E Day photo was taken on the sidewalks of New York in front of the Church of St. Catharine of Siena. (New York Daily News photo)



Pontiff Calls For Early End Of War in East

Vatican City—(INS)—Pope Pius XII gave thanks yesterday that the war in Europe was finished and voiced a prayer for an early end of the conflict in the Far East.

In a peace message broadcast by the Vatican radio, the Holy Father said:

"At last this war is over. With our thanks goes a prayer for the end in the Far East also."

The Pontiff expressed the hope that a better Europe would be built over the ruins of war.

"The dead seem to call from their tombs, asking that out of their sacrifice a new and better Europe will arise," he said.

"The war has piled up chaos and moral human ruin in the

Diocese at War

A special four page supplement, replete with news and photos of the part played by the Rochester Diocese in achieving the Victory in Europe, is included in this issue.

world which must now be rebuilt.

"Let us devote ourselves to the cause of a renaissance."

Pointing to the discord and hate sown by the war, the Pope declared that the people of Europe and the world must recover faith and unity.

"We feel," the Pope said, "that the fallen should admonish the survivors by saying:

"From our bones and tombs and the soil where we have been thrown let there rise the makers of a new and better Europe; a new and better universe founded on God's reverence, on loyalty to His commandments, on respect of human dignity, and on the holy principles of equality of the rights of all nations and all powers great and small, weak and strong."

"Our chant of grace is accompanied with a supplicant prayer imploring the Almighty for His divine goodness for an end according to justice of the bloody battle also in the Far East."

The Pope declared that the war had ended when the world had known in all

As the first step in reconstruction he suggested that mediators return to the prisoners and that the respective governments should

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Sunday is Mother's Day and this year it coincides with President Truman's appointed day of national thanksgiving for final victory in Europe.

Almost four years ago on the evening of December 8th the mothers of this nation heard President Roosevelt broadcast a declaration of war against Germany and Japan. When the President finished speaking tears were running down the cheeks

of every mother who listened to him.

Mothers know the meaning of war. Generals know the science of warfare. Mothers understand the sorrow of war. Historians will record the events of this global conflict in scholarly tomes. But the best history of these hours of trial can be found written on the fleshy tablets of maternal hearts, those aching hearts

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Cemetery Open Until 4 Sunday

At Bishop Kearney's direction, the gates of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will be opened until 4 p. m. on Mother's Day, May 13, it is announced at the cemetery.

Mother's Day—The beauty and love expressed in flowers for mother on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th, puts them at the top for gift giving. Call BLOOMINGDALE FLOWER, 58 Lake Ave. MA 41 2994-4 (14.)