

War Years Thus Far on Home and Fighting Fronts

with their appeals to the Blessed Virgin for intercession in times of stress." This was Bishop Kearney's message to more than 1,000 mothers of sons in armed forces at Mass in St. Joseph's Church on July 4.

July 16, 1942—The vital war-time role of Catholic women volunteers on the home front was emphasized by national and diocesan leaders as the "Call to Service" Institute, first of its kind in the country, was conducted in four key-cities of the diocese.

July 16, 1942—First aid courses were completed by five nuns and 23 members of St. Casimir's parish, Elmira.

July 16, 1942—Nation-wide prominence was given the appeal of the Rev. Francis J. Lane, chaplain at Elmira Reformatory and President of the American Prison Chaplains Association, that many inmates of prisons be given opportunity to serve in the U. S. Armed forces.

July 23, 1942—Diocesan-wide appeal for funds for the Bishop's War Relief work was made by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in letter to faithful.

July 23, 1942—Alumnae Association of Mercy High School had charge of sale of U. S. War Stamps and Bonds at Century Theater in downtown Rochester.

July 23, 1942—Full-fledged membership in the Chemung County War Council was accorded Catholic boys who completed the drill course of the Catholic Youth Organization in Elmira.

July 26, 1942—Purchase of \$1,000 War Bond was voted by Catholic Daughters Court of Elmira.

August 6, 1942—With appropriate church and military serv-

ed him from Absingines in Pacific, returned to Auburn home.

Sept. 24, 1942—A Triduum for welfare of all the boys in the armed services was held at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Kearney and the Rev. John S. Randall conducting services.

October 8, 1942—Opening of a USO-National Catholic Community Service Club at Geneva to serve sailors at Sampson Naval Training Station was announced with appointment of Richard C. Crowley as director. The Rev. William McPadden, pastor of St. Stephen's appointed Rev. Raymond Nolan as his representative and Rev. Daniel Fraher as Club Moderator for the NCCS.

October 8, 1942—Attendance at daily Mass for the duration of the war was urged by Bishop Kearney at a Holy Hour con-

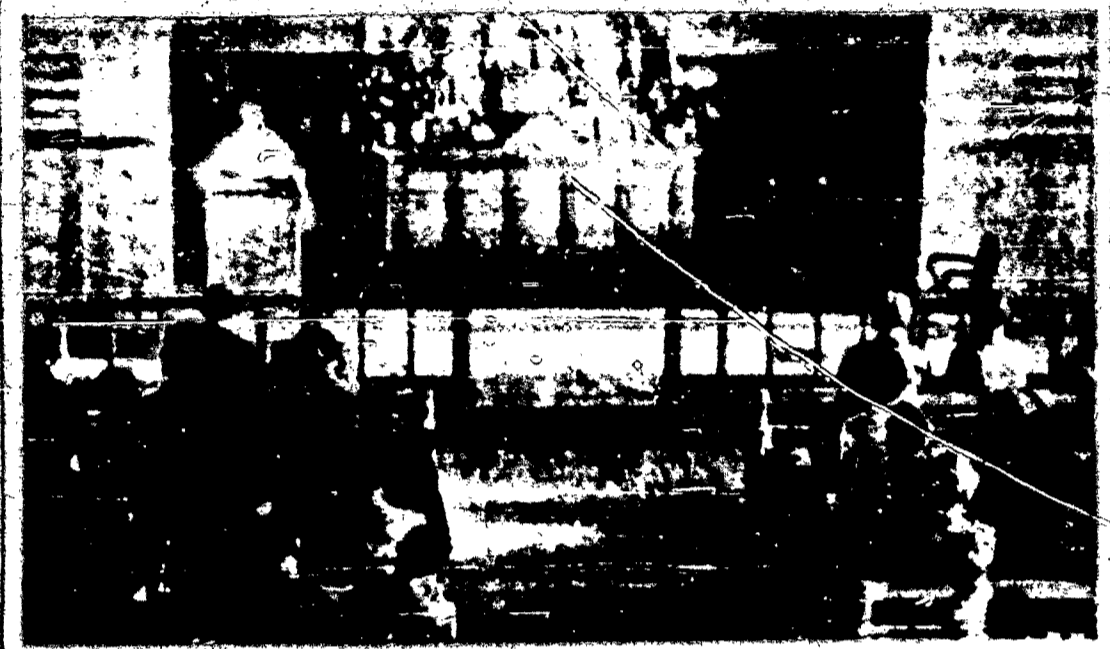
Rev. John S. Randall. Catholic families were asked to assist in serving dinners to sailors from the Sampson station on Sundays.

Nov. 12, 1942—Bishop Kearney set a Mass for mothers of men and women in armed forces at St. Joseph's Church on Nov. 20.

Nov. 12, 1942—Catholic Daughters of Elmira opened a War Stamp campaign.

Nov. 19, 1942—Cautioning women with small children to remain in the homes, Bishop Kearney called upon women who could do so without interfering with other duties to respond to the appeal for war workers.

Nov. 24, 1942—Work of furnishing a secular and medal free to Catholic servicemen was undertaken in cooperation with the Scapular Militia Association



MASS AT CAMP: The Rev. Paul J. Cuddy, a native of Auburn, is

pictured preaching at Sunday services at an Army camp

ducted in New York's Yankee Stadium under Holy Name Society auspices.

October 15, 1942—Elmira of the members in armed forces.

October 22, 1942—Francis P.

by St. Mary's Socialists in Auburn.

Dec. 3, 1942—Members of Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America, of Corning Deacons, NCCW and Italian-American Women's Club participated in Women of War Week Drive for War Bonds and Stamps at Baron Steuben Hotel, Corning.

Dec. 5, 1942—Dedication of St. Patrick's Church service honor roll in Elmira closed with Novena.

Dec. 10, 1942—First pastor of Rochester diocese to enlist as Navy Chaplain was the Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira.

Dec. 10, 1942—Day of Victory services were held at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester.

Dec. 10, 1942—In impressive ceremony, a memorial plaque honoring members of St. George's Commandery, Knights of St. John was dedicated at St. Michael's Hall, Rochester.

Dec. 31, 1942—Solemn Pontifical Mass with Bishop Kearney officiating took place at Midnight on Christmas in one of the mammoth drill halls at Sampson Naval Training Station. More than 5,000 Navy boys assisted and many received Holy Communion from the hands of the Bishop.

Jan. 7, 1943—Jeremiah Coughlin, school boy of Geneva was commended by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for purchase of \$1700 in war bonds. The DeSales High Senior worked all summer to earn the money at the Naval Training Station project at Sampson.

Jan. 7, 1943—"They came through 100 percent," Mrs. Leon Hogg, instructor of volunteer nurses aides, said of the volunteers who trained at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Jan. 14, 1943—Dedication of the new St. Mary's Hospital took place with Army nurses Catherine Kane and Esther McCauley taking part.

Jan. 14, 1943—Catholics took part in a rally of war workers in drive for aid to war prisoners.



STAMPING OUT ENEMY: Children of diocesan schools purchased almost \$2,000,000 in war bonds and stamps to help the war effort. The classroom scene above was repeated in scores of schools during the war years thus far.

Jan. 21, 1943—His Excellency, Bishop Kearney listed a Mass for mothers of servicemen at St. Joseph's Church, Jan. 28.

Jan. 22, 1943—Rochester's new USO Center was dedicated as the Rev. John S. Randall, representing the Catholics stated, to the expressed purpose of strengthening the morale and maintaining the morals of the men who fight.

Feb. 11, 1943—St. Joseph's Alumnae Association of Elmira opened a recruitment of nurses for Army and Navy activity.

Feb. 18, 1943—Honor rolls bearing the names of young men from St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's parishes were placed in prominent places in each of the two Geneva churches.

Feb. 25, 1943—A Service Scroll honoring "1200 old boys" of Aquinas Institute was dedicated by the Rev. J. H. O'Loane, C.S.B., principal at services attended by men in uniform.

March 11, 1943—Cooperating with the Home Service Department, Red Cross, Bishop Kearney sent names of pastors to serve with the Red Cross Home Service.

March 11, 1943—Piling up a year's total of 23,640 surgical dressings, the Red Cross group of Catholic Action League, St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, appealed for support in its 1943 program.

March 18, 1943—Home from service which included the Battle of Midway, Chaplain John F. Woloch praised the work of the Red Cross on the fighting front.

March 25, 1943—"Exchange of Pulpits," between Chaplains at Sampson Naval Training Center and civilian priests took place on Sunday, March 21. Chaplain Eugene B. LeGault, S. J., celebrated Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral in the presence of Bishop Kearney.

March 25, 1943—A service banner of 93 blue stars was presented the Rev. John B. Crowley by officers of societies of St. Aloysius Church.

April 15, 1943—A service flag with 817 stars representing boys from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish and the greatest number from one parish in the armed forces was blessed by the Bishop.

April 18, 1943—Second War Loan Campaign was endorsed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in a letter to readers of the Catholic Courier-Journal.

April 18, 1943—Mrs. Robert C. Hartmann, of Rochester, was named Program Director of the Rochester USO. Mrs. Hartmann is a past president of the Catholic Women's Club.

April 22, 1943—A downtown store for the sale of War Bonds was opened by members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus. The Knights campaign resulted in a sale totaling \$1,314,000.

April 22, 1943—"Liberty Day" was held to spur War Bond sale by the Knights of Columbus in Auburn.

April 22, 1943—At a rally in Elmira, the Knights of Columbus launched a campaign for the sale of \$36,000 in War Bonds.

May 4, 1943—Sailors and Marines, veterans of sea battles in the Pacific made a weekend retreat at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House as guests of the Rev. John P. Murphy, C.S.B., director.

May 4, 1943—Hornell Council Knights of Columbus had sales totalling \$36,850 in War Bonds and Stamps in the nation-wide drive.

May 4, 1943—Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus reported sales of \$59,729.50 in U. S. War Bonds and Stamps.

May 12, 1943—Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus War Bond campaign resulted in a sale of \$71,250 worth.

May 12, 1943—A victory dinner of the Catholic Daughters of America at Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira netted \$3,260 in War Bonds.

May 12, 1943—A service flag bearing 1518 stars was blessed at Aquinas Institute by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

July 2, 1943—At an outdoor altar and with over 15,000 in attendance in Navy uniforms, Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated on July 4 by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. Sermon was delivered by Bishop William F. McCarthy, C.S.B., Military Delegate.

August 12, 1943—Diocesan members of the National Council of Catholic Women joined in a nation-wide campaign for war stamps to help the National Catholic School of Social Service, Washington.

College School of Nursing was August 12, 1943—Nazareth approved to participate in the newly-created U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps.

August 28, 1943—With about one-fourth of them Catholics, 500 young men affiliated with the Air Cadets of Syracuse University moved into Auburn for training.

Sept. 2, 1943—A service flag bearing 1,000 stars representing that many boys and girls in the armed forces was blessed in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church by its former pastor, Bishop Walter A. Feary of Syracuse.

Sept. 24, 1943—A total of \$7,855 was subscribed by Catholic Daughters of Elmira in the first ten days of the War Loan Campaign.

Oct. 7, 1943—A noon Mass was celebrated at the University of the Sacred Heart in Rochester.



UNDER TWO FLAGS AT USO: Activities in behalf of servicemen and women were widespread throughout the diocese. Shown at

the Rochester USO headquarters are Mrs. Robert C. Hartmann, program director with fighting men from the United States and Canada.

Dec. parish service honor roll was dedicated at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester.

Sept. 10, 1942—Lieut. Clarence E. Sanford, aviator, whose miraculous medal, he claimed, sav-

Matthews, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, vice president of the USO spoke to Knights of Columbus dedicated a 63-star service flag in honor members of the Knights of Columbus in Rochester on activities of the NCCS of which he is executive chairman.

Oct. 29, 1942—First public religious service for Catholic recruits at Sampson Naval Training Center was held when the Rev. William J. O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church celebrated Mass for approximately 600 sailors.

Nov. 6, 1942—Full Catholic cooperation in the all-out War Bond Sales campaign was urged by Bishop Kearney in letter to all churches in the diocese.

Nov. 8, 1942—Marking inauguration of established religious services for Catholic Boys at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Sampson, the Senior Catholic Chaplain, the Rev. Eugene B. LeGault, S. J., celebrated three Masses for about 1200 men last Sunday.

Nov. 12, 1942—Opening of a USO center in Rochester in Franklin Square took place with Catholic cooperation led by the

war contributions on the home front and above are St. Joseph men giving same center in Rochester.