

Centenary of the establishment of the Ursuline Nuns of the Convent of Paris in the Cincinnati Archdiocese was observed with a Solemn Pontifical Mass at the motherhouse, here.

Children's Eucharistic Crusade Bishop (N.C.) June 2, 1945 Children took part in the annual meeting of the children's Eucharistic Crusade, which took place at the Mass all the children received Holy Communion.

Text of Papal Address

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with barbed wire, the scourging and the crowning with thorns of our Redeemer.

The generous victims who during the 12 years since 1933 have in Germany sacrificed for Christ and His Church their possessions, their freedom, their lives, and raising their hands to God in expiatory sacrifice. May the Just Judge accept it in reparation for the many crimes committed against mankind, no less than against the present and future generation and especially against the unfortunate youth of Germany, and may He at last stay the arm of the exterminating angel.

With ever-increasing persistence National Socialism strove to denounce the Church as the enemy of the German people. The manifest injustice of the accusation would have deeply offended the sentiment of German Catholics and our own, if it had come from other lips. But on the lips of such accusers, so far from being a grievance, the accusation is the clearest and most honorable testimony to the strong, incessant opposition maintained by the Church to such disastrous doctrines and methods in the interest of true civilization and of the German people. To that people we offer the wish that, freed now from the error which plunged it into chaos, it may find again its own salvation at the pure fountains of true peace and true happiness, at the fountains of truth, humility and charity flowing with the Church from the Heart of Christ.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

A hard-learned lesson suggests that of these past years! God grant at least that it may have been understood, and be profitable to other nations.

"Receive instruction, you that judge the earth!" (Psalm II, 10)

That is the most ardent wish of all who sincerely love mankind. For mankind, now the victim of an implous process of exhaustion, of cynical disregard for the life and rights of men, has but one aspiration: to lead a tranquil and pacific life in dignity and honest toil. And to this purpose it hopes that an end will be put to that insolence with which the family and the domestic hearth have been abused and profaned during the war years.

For that insolence cries to Heaven and has evolved into one of the gravest perils not only for religion and morality, but also for harmonious relations between men. It has, above all, created those mobs of dispossessed, disillusioned, disappointed and hopeless men who are going to swell the ranks of revolution and disorder, in the pay of a tyranny no less despotic than those for whose overthrow men planned.

The nations, and notably the medium and small nations, claim the right to take their destinies into their own hands. They can be led to assume, with their full and willing consent, in the interest of common progress, obligations which will modify their sovereign rights.

Goal is to End War

But after having sustained their share — their large share — of suffering in order to overthrow a system of brutal violence, they are entitled to refuse to accept a new political or cultural system which is decisively rejected by the great majority of their people. They maintain, and with reason, that the primary task of the peace-framers is to put an end to the criminal war game and to safeguard vital rights and mutual obligations as between the great and small, powerful and weak.

Deep in their hearts the peoples feel that their fate would be discredited if they did not succeed in supplanting the mad tally of the rule of violence by the victory of the right.

The thought of a new peace organization is inspired — nobody could doubt it — by the most sincere and loyal goodwill.

The whole of mankind follows the progress of this noble enterprise with anxious interest. What a bitter disillusionment it would be if it were to fail, if so many years of suffering and self-sacrifice were to be made vain, by permitting again to prevail that spirit of oppression, from which the world hoped to see itself at last freed once and for all.

Poor world, to which then might be applied the words of Christ: "It's new state is become worse than that from which it has with such labor extricated itself" (Luke 11, 21-20).

An Appeal for Prayer

The present political and social situation suggests these words of warning to us. We have had, alas, to deplore in more than one region the murder of priests, deportations of civilians, the killing of citizens without trial or in personal vendetta. No less sad is the news that has reached us from Slovenia and Croatia.

But we will not lose heart. The speeches made by competent and responsible men in the course of the last few weeks make it clear that they are aiming at the triumph of right, not merely as a political goal but even more as a moral duty.

Accordingly we confidently issue an ardent appeal for prayer to our sons and daughters of the whole world. May it reach all those who recognize in God the Beloved Father of all men created to His image and likeness, to all who know that in the breast of Christ there beats a Divine Heart rich in mercy, deep and inexhaustible fountain of all good and all love, of all peace and all reconciliation.

From the cessation of hostilities to true and genuine peace, as we warned not long ago, the road will be long and arduous, too long for the pent-up aspiration of mankind starving for order and calm. But it is inevitable that it should be so. It is even perhaps better thus. It is essential that the tempest of over excited passions be first let subside. *Motos praestat componere fluctus* (Virgil, Aeneid I, 135).

Asks Peaceful Designs

It is essential that the hate, the diffidence, the stimuli of an extreme nationalism should give way to the growth of wise counsels, the flowering of peaceful designs, to serenity in the interchange of views and to mutual brotherly comprehension.

May, the Holy Spirit Light of intellects, Gentle Ruler of

Hearts, design to bear the prayers of His Church and guide in their arduous work those who in accordance with their mandate are striving sincerely despite obstacles and contradictions to reach the goal so universally, so ardently desired; peace, a peace worthy of the name; a peace built and consolidated in sincerity and loyalty, in justice and reality; a peace of loyal and resolute force to overcome or preclude those economic and social conditions which might, as they did in the past, easily lead to new conflicts; a peace that can be approved by all right-minded men of every people and every nation; a peace which future generations may regard gratefully as the happy outcome of a sad period; a peace that may stand out in the centuries as a resolute advance in the affirmation of human dignity and of ordered liberty; a peace that may be like the Magna Carta which closed the dark age of violence; a peace that under the merciful guidance of God may let us so pass through temporal prosperity that we may not lose eternal happiness (cf. Collect, Third Sunday after Pentecost).

But before reaching this peace it still remains true that millions of men at their own fireside or in battle, in prison or in exile must still drink their bitter chalice. How we long to see the end of their sufferings and anguish, the realization of their hopes! For them, too, and for all mankind that suffers with them and in them, may our humble and ardent prayer ascend to Almighty God.

Meanwhile, Venerable Brethren, we are immensely comforted by the thought that you share our anxieties, our prayers, our hopes; and that throughout the world Bishops, priests, and faithful are joining their supplications to ours in the great chorus of the Universal Church.

In testimony of our deep gratitude and as a pledge of infinite mercies and divine favors, with sincere affection we impart to you, to them, to all who join us in desiring and working for peace, our Apostolic Benediction.

N. C. C. W.

Women of the three Cornish Parishes, St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and St. Vincent de Paul's have renewed their affiliation with the Diocesan and National Councils, N. C. C. W.

We welcome these renewals and we urge other parishes in the diocese not affiliated, to follow their example.

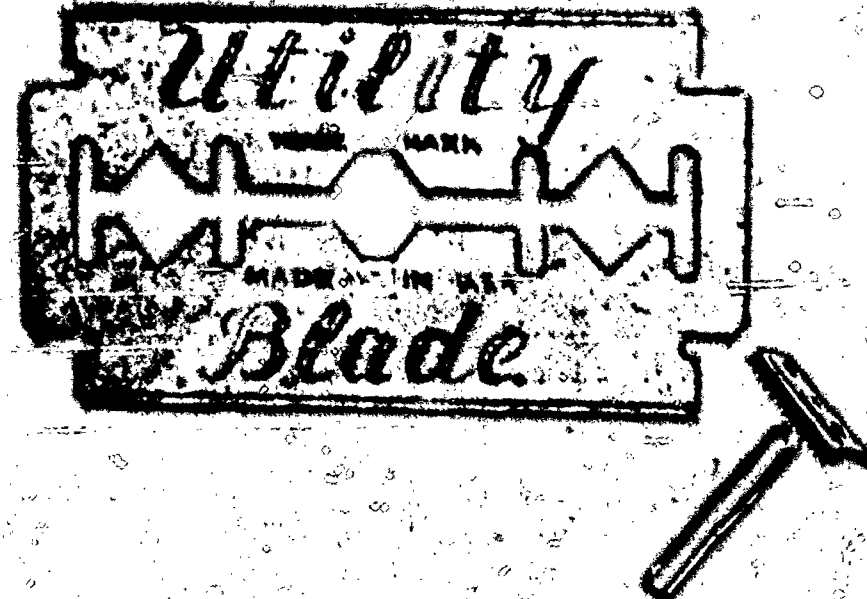


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