

Defense of Church Is Laymen's Duty, 4th Degree Told

Defense of Christian principles in a world where growing opposition to those principles is evidenced by recorded events, is the duty and responsibility of an informed Catholic laity.

This challenge was given to the members of a newly initiated Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus class, and to 334 Sir Knights and ladies at a formal banquet in Hotel Seneca, Sunday night by Stephen J. Cushing, of Brooklyn, immediate past State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus.

The occasion was likewise a tribute to Christopher Columbus, whose faith and courage should inspire his followers. His Excellency, Bishop Kearney said in the principal address. Federal Judge Harold P. Burke responding for the class called for deeper appreciation of the meaning of a "practical Catholic." The degree, he said, was a motivation for sincere practice of Catholicism and for a stronger patriotism.

As a basis for the laity's sense of responsibility, former State Deputy Cushing declared that "it is the testimony of history that the Catholic Church is the mother of democracy."

"Religious thought," he said, "was the foundation of the patriotism of the founders of this republic." He cited the evidences of St. Robert Bellarmine's influence on the nation's basic documents.

Referring to the London Conference and a recent rally on Spain in New York, the speaker said:

"The American people are not going to be fooled this time. We fought to preserve Christianity and the American way of life. This time a peace based on Christian principles must be written because we want that peace to be a lasting one."

Cyril J. Stitt, master of the Fifth District and in charge of the degree opened the program. Charles A. Tucker was toastmaster. Faithful Navigator, Frank M. Beauchamp of Rochester Assembly presented the Rev. Albert J. Shamon as the new faithful friar.

Paul A. Predmore was song leader and Raymond J. Fagan furnished the music.

The patriotic degree was conferred in Blessed Sacrament Hall and candidates were present from various sections of Rochester diocese which also comprises the Fifth district area.

Bishop Kearney took a leading part in the degree as did the Rev. William J. Schiffoit, chaplain, Rochester Council; Norman A. O'Brien, Rochester; Cornelius J. Milliken, Elmira; Arthur McAvoy, Geneva; Michael J. Leary, Ithaca.

40 Hours Set At St. John's

Forty Hours devotion will open in St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday morning, October 21 at the 8 o'clock Mass.

Masses will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 7 and 8, evening services will be at 7:45 with solemn closing ceremonies scheduled for Tuesday evening. Holy Communion will be distributed at 6 o'clock each morning.

A member of the Passionist Order from St. Ann's Monastery, Ecranton will be the speaker at the services.

Diocese's Fourth Centenary Lisbon — (NC) — A new seminary was opened and a message was received from His Holiness Pope Pius XII, when the Diocese of Braga in northern Portugal observed the four hundredth anniversary of its location.

Patriotic Degree Reviewed



Speakers at the dinner following the Fourth Degree reorganization interpreted the Knights of Columbus patriotic degree's ideals. His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, and Stephen J. Cushing, ex-State Deputy, (front row) were principal speakers. Master Cyril J. Stitt of the 5th District and Leo Kearney, the Bishop's brother, are shown standing.

2 Corning Servicemen Receive Discharges

Corning — Recent discharges from the armed forces have been given to Technician Fourth Grade Raymond T. Sweet, son of Mrs. Susie Sweet, 125 Front St., and James J. Marshall, radio man aboard an air transport, of 231 Dodge Ave.

Technician Sweet received his discharge at Camp Swift, Tex. He had been in the service 31 months and spent 10 of these in Germany. He is the holder of the Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Marshall, who has been in the U. S. Naval Reserve for nearly four years, was discharged at Naval Air Station, Olathe, Kans. He had over 3,000 hours in flight to his credit. Mr. Marshall, his wife, the former Miss Louise Buzzalina, and their fifteen months old son will reside in Corning.

Seaman 3/c Edward Leahy is one of the 15 Sampson men who were chosen to attend the Annapolis Preparatory School at Annapolis, Md.

Young Leahy, who is the son of Mrs. Hugh Cunningham of 213 E. Second St., is a graduate of St. Patrick's Parochial school and a member of the 1945 Class at Corning Free Academy. After a seven months course at Babbridge he will enter Annapolis Naval Academy.

Two 1945 graduates of Corning Free Academy, William Hill and Robert Mahoney left Tuesday for Buffalo where they reported for active duty under a Naval Reserve program. From Buffalo they left for Williamsburg, Va., for training.

"Bill" Hill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hill, 80 W. Sixth St., and "Bob" Mahoney is the son of Mrs. Mary Mahoney, 23 W. Fifth St., and the late Floyd Mahoney. Both young men are graduates of St. Mary's Parochial School.

Msgr. Sheen in New Radio Role

Huntington, Ind. — (NC) — Starting on October 4, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, will speak each week on "The Spiritual Clinic," a coast-to-coast radio program to be produced by the Mutual Broadcasting Company in co-operation with Our Sunday Visitor, published here. The program will begin at 10:15 a. m. New York time, and will continue 15 minutes.

The pattern of the program was conceived by Monsignor Sheen. It will be informal and will consist of little human-interest stories and anecdotes. Monsignor Sheen will appeal to his listeners to submit their problems for analysis and solution. He will discuss one or two of these cases on each broadcast.

Released-Time Succeeds

Bethlehem, Pa. — (RNS) — With 1,751 children enrolled in the religious education classes started here by churches with the cooperation of the Bethlehem School Board religious leaders consider the project a huge success.

Chicago Church Launches \$1,500,000 Building Plan

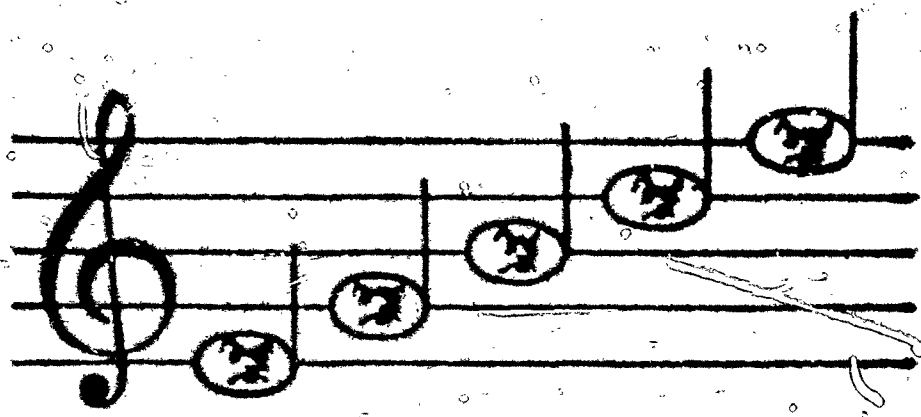
Chicago (RNS) — A \$1,500,000 building project was announced by the Rev. Francis J. Dolan, pastor of the Queen of All Saints Catholic Church here.

The project, which will give the parish one of the most valuable groups of buildings in the Chicago Archdiocese, will include a grammar school, a co-education-

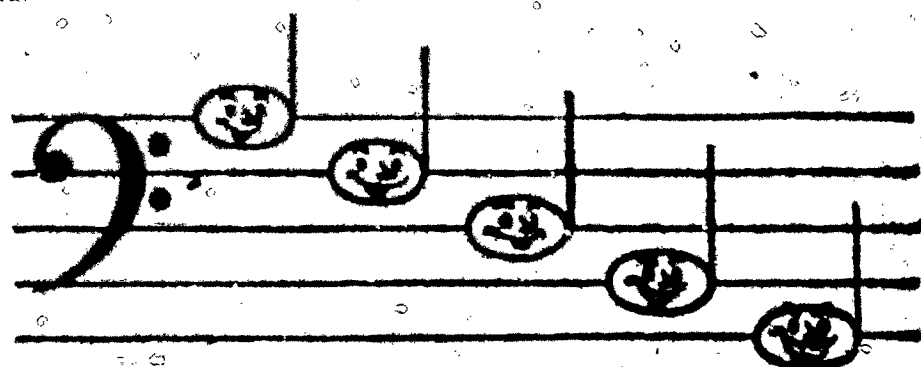
al high school, a gymnasium, a new convent, a new rectory and a 1,200 seat church. The entire project will cover an area of two and one-half square city blocks with two-thirds of the site occupied by the buildings.

Laughter is the mixer's intention. The ways of laughing which have the sound of counterfeit coins. Edmund De Goncourt.

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