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### Buffalo Parishes Invite Negroes

Buffalo — (NC) — A two-column page-length advertisement in *The Star*, Negro weekly published here, invites the readers of the paper to the Roman Catholic Church to receive all people without distinction of race, color or class.

The advertisement invites all to make use of the Catholic churches and schools in their respective neighborhoods. The Redeemerist church for Negro Catholics in Buffalo, St. Peter Claver's, was mentioned by Rev. during the message.

### Joint Army, Navy Awards for NCCS



The award of "exceptional meritorious service in World War II" was recognized when the joint Army and Navy award was presented to the National Catholic Community Service, member agency of the USO, pictured on that occasion at left to right, upper photo: Brig. Gen. William E. Bergin, War Department; His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, President of the N. C. C. Board of Trustees who accepted the award; Hon. John L. Sullivan, Undersecretary of the Navy, who made the presentation; and Bishop William E. Arnold, Military Delegate and former Chief of Army Chaplains.

### ARMY, NAVY HONORS NCCS

Washington — A reminder that democracy is based on the God-given rights of man was coupled with a warning that there are many things which parade in the name of democracy "but which upon examination prove to be bogus," in an address delivered here by the Reverend Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, as he accepted a meritorious service award from the War and Navy Departments on behalf of the National Catholic Community Service.

A distinguished gathering of leaders of the Church, high ranking Army and Navy officials and prominent personalities in national affairs attended the presentation ceremony, held in the Statler Hotel on the eve of the sixth anniversary of the founding of NCCS. The presentation was made by Navy Under Secretary John L. Sullivan, who assured the award was "in recognition of an important job very well done" by the NCCS as one of the United Service Organizations in wartime and reminded that "now more than ever it is necessary to lend a hand" so that the work of the NCCS may continue.

Dr. Lindale F. Kimball, president of USO, paid a stirring tribute to the work of the Catholic Church in this country in the course of his address.

Bishop William E. Arnold, Military Delegate and former Chief of Army Chaplains, and Brig. Gen. William E. Bergin, of the War Department General Staff, were the War Department's representatives at the presentation.

### Negroes' Holiness Stressed by Priest

New York — (NC) — In recognizing the accomplishment of Negroes in science, literature, music, art and other fields, all too seldom are told the stories of those who have achieved the highest honor of man, canonization by the Church, the Rev. Joseph G. McGroarty of Brooklyn, emphasizes in an article in the *Catholic World*.

Among the Negroes the Catholic Church has canonized, Father McGroarty reminds, are St. Moses St. Eschman and St. Benedict the Moor. She has beatified blessed Martin de Porre, Blessed Abba Ghere-Michael and the Blessed Martyrs of Uganda.

Negro holiness has been evidenced for centuries, the writer says in recalling that St. Moses, a former slave who lived in Ethiopia and died in the fourth century, was the first Negro canonized. Two centuries later another Negro, St. Eschman, a king, was given to the Church by Ethiopia. Better-known persons among the Negro Saints is St. Benedict the Moor, born in Italy in 1586, who served as superior of a Franciscan monastery.

"Without doubt," Father McGroarty writes, "the most popular example of Negro sanctity is Blessed Martin de Porre. Not only Catholics, but Protestants, Jews and pagans have turned to him for help and their prayers have been answered." Blessed Martin was born in Lima, Peru, in 1598, educated as a surgeon and became a Dominican lay Brother. He was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI in 1847.

### Donate Gold Star Chapel in New York

New York — (NC) — Fifteen hundred Gold Star relatives in this area witnessed the dedication of Holy Cross Church Gold Star Chapel here on Armistice Day. Dedicated as "a haven of prayer for our heroes," the walls of the sanctuary are covered with small plaques on which 2,000 Gold Star names are inscribed.

Mgr. Joseph A. McCaffrey, who succeeded Father Duffy, famed chaplain of "The Fighting Sixty-ninth" in World War I, gave the sermon.

### Franciscans Honor Saint Anthony

Washington — (NC) — The various Franciscan communities of the United States joined in commemorative ceremonies here this week to mark His Holiness Pope Pius XII's designation of St. Anthony of Padua as a Doctor of the Universal Church.

The exercises began with a Solemn Pontifical Mass of which His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, was celebrant in the crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and closed with an academic session in the Catholic University gymnasium, when Dominican, Franciscan and Jesuit scholars presented papers on St. Anthony.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston preached the sermon at this morning's Mass, pointing out that St. Anthony of Padua, 29th Saint to be declared a Doctor of the Church, in some ways is "the most extraordinary of that illustrious and inspired group."

At this evening's academic session, the Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O.P., Dean of the School of Philosophy of the Catholic University, spoke on "St. Anthony and the Preaching Apostolate," the Very Rev. Thomas Plasmann, O.F.M., President of St. Bonaventure College, St. Bonaventure, N. Y., spoke on "St. Anthony the Theologian," and the Rev. Gerald G. Walsh, S.J., of Fordham University, Editor of "Thought," spoke on "St. Anthony and the Social Problem."

### Canadian K. of C. End War Work in Britain

London — (NC) — A mobile canteen used during the war on Canadian airfields in Britain has been presented to the British Knights of St. Columba by J.W. C. Tierney, vice-president of the Canadian Knights of Columbus. Its presentation marked the completion of the war work of the Canadian Knights in Britain.

Holy Childhood Aid (Yellon City — (NC) — Catholics of the United States were responsible for half of the contributions received from all over the world during the past year by the Pontifical Foundation of the Holy Childhood according to figures released here. The largest year's total ever received in the 103 years of the Foundation, amounted to 183 million French francs.

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