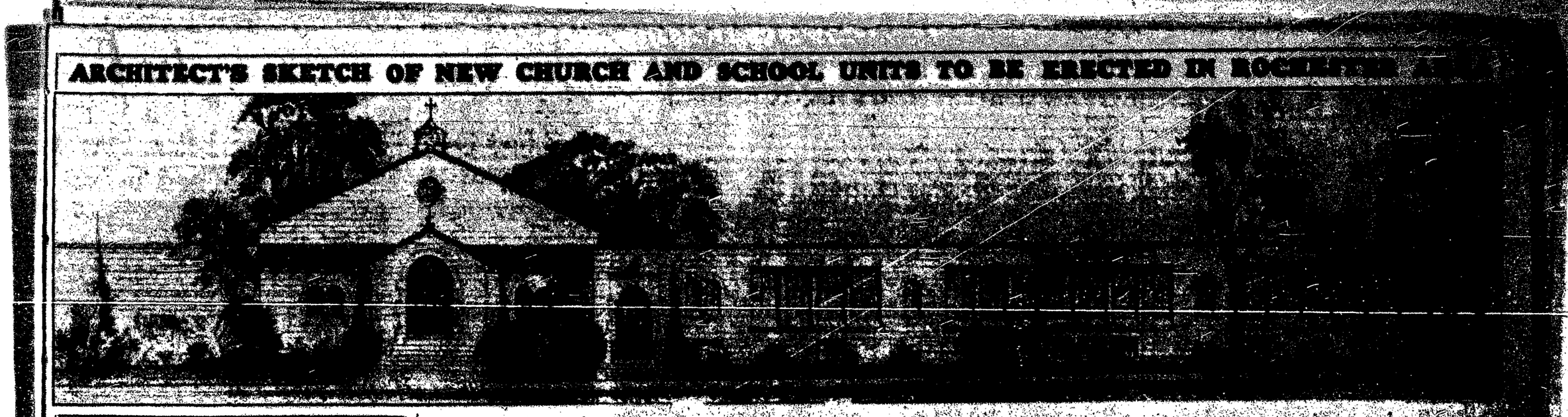

Diocese War Relief Drive Nets $83,316

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Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester contributed $83,316.77 to the Bishops' Relief Campaign for Victims of War, according to a report issued today by the Chancery.

This figure exceeds by more than $30,000 the $50,000 goal set for the Diocese by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. The national goal for the Bishops' Relief Campaign is $3,000,000.

In the Rochester Diocese the funds for the Bishops' Relief Campaign were raised through a diocesan wide collection in all churches on Sunday, March 16

Parishes and institutions of the Diocese donated $79,465.28 of the total fund raised.

A further contribution of $3,961.49 was received from pupils of the Diocesan Schools

The final figure is expected to increase slightly when returns are received from nine parishes which have not reported, it was announced by the Rev. John S. Randall, diocesan director of the Campaign.

In supporting the Bishops' Relief fund most parishes of the Rochester Diocese surpassed their quotas for the annual Diocesan Seminary Collection, the Chancery report shows.

Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, with a return of $3,606.93, holds first place among parishes contributing to the campaign.

Second place honors go to St. Monica's Church, Rochester, with a contribution of $2,450.34. In third place is Corpus Christi, Rochester, with a total of $2,311.70.

Contributions exceeding $2000 were also reported from the following Rochester churches: Holy Rosary, $2,200; Old St. Mary, $2,1288; and St. Augustine, $2,016.99.

Other churches listed among the high contributors include St. Patrick, Elmira, $1,570; St. Ambrose, Rochester, $1,567; St. John Evangelist, Rochester, $1,551.18; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, $1,540.31; St. Andrew, Rochester, $1,520; St. Mary, Auburn, $1,500

ON GUARD!

Tears in Flatbush Chandler and Conduct What Leo Forgot

—By REV. P. J. FLYNN—

Leo Durocher, manager of the vaunted Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team, has tears in his eyes, but the loquacious Leo weeps too late. The firebrand of Flatbush and Ebbets Field has been suspended from professional baseball for the 1947 season.

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The ruling which removed baseball's highest priced manager from the ball parks of the nation was made by Mr. A. B. Chandler, High Commissioner of Baseball.

States Mr. Chandler:

"Durocher has not measured up to the standards expected or required of managers of our baseball teams.

"As a result of the accumulated unpleasant incidents in which he has been involved, which the Commissioner construes as detrimental to baseball, Manager Durocher is hereby suspended from participating in professional baseball for the 1947 season."

The Commissioner's statement continues:

"Managers of baseball teams are responsible for the conduct of players on the field. Good managers are able to insure the good conduct of the players on the field and frequently by their example can influence players to be of good conduct off the field."

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The Commissioner's unprecedented action against the Brooklyn manager is the result of "a series of publicity-producing affairs in which Manager Durocher has been involved in the last few months."

Mr. Chandler specifically deplores Durocher's unsupported accusation that Mr. Larry MacPhail, president of the New York Yankees, consorted with gamblers. What other Durocher misadventures Chandler may have in mind are left to the speculation of the public

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"For what?" was the startled reaction of Durocher to the Commissioner's decision. Sympathetic sportswriters, who think that Mr. Chandler has been too severe, are rallying to Leo's defense. Like Arthur Daley of the New York Times, the sports scribes are echoing Durocher's own astonished cry, "For what?"

Was Mr. Chandler influenced by the fact that Durocher himself has shown a preference for Broadway friends including gamblers? Was it Leo's reported fight with a fan under the stands at Ebbets Field last season? Was it his more recent romantic (?) adventures with a divorced motion picture actress and the attendant distasteful publicity which made such disedifying reading for all the little baseball-minded kids?

No doubt all these unfortunate episodes contributed to Commissioner Chandler's drastic decision.

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It's easy to understand why sportswriters like Mr. Daley rush with hearts full of sentiment to the defense of Brooklyn's downfallen hero. Sportswriters are soft-hearted gentlemen who instinctively champion the underdog.

But let us face the facts.

Leo Durocher is a brilliant baseball manager. His one year suspension may wreck his career and mark an end to his dizzy rise to fame and fortune. His one year expulsion may

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Mother's Day Collection Set For U. S. Shrine

The American Hierarchy has authorized a Mother's Day collection in all dioceses of the country in order to complete the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C.

Approval of the Shrine collection on Mother's Day (May 11) in the Diocese of Rochester was made this week by His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

Exactly 100 years ago Pope Pius IX, in one of his first public acts, designated Mary Immaculate as Patroness of the United States, in response to a request from the American Bishops.

This year, therefore, is the centenary of the designation of the Immaculate Conception as Patroness of the United States, and the current members of the Catholic Episcopate have inaugurated a drive for funds to complete the Immaculate Conception Shrine in the nation's capitol.

The cornerstone of the proposed Shrine was laid 26 years ago by Cardinal Gibbons. A basement church, commonly known as the Crypt, was finished some years ago at a cost of $2,000,000, and is completely paid for, according to Bishop John F Noll, episcopal chairman of the drive for funds.

Unless the superstructure be erected very soon, Bishop Noll warns, this lower church will disintegrate, and "as a symbol of failure will put Catholics of our country to shame."

In a statement issued this week Bishop Noll states:

"Because this year we observe the centenary of Mary as the patroness of our Republic, and because the Shrine should be completed interiorly when the centenary of the promulgation of the Immaculate Conception in 1954 will be observed throughout the world, it was decided that a campaign for funds to complete that National Shrine should not be further delayed.

"All Catholics will be made happy by a request from the pulpit to observe Mother's Day this year by showing their appreciation for their Heavenly as well as for their earthly Mother When father and children attend Mass together on Mother's Day and receive Holy Communion for mother, they will cheerfully make a present, according to their love, to the Mother of Jesus and of us all on her 100th birthday in the United States."

Bishop McCarty Named to Rapid City

Washington, April 10—Bishop Leo F. Dworschak, Coadjutor of Rapid City, South Dakota has been translated from that office and named Auxiliary to Bishop Aloisius J Muench of Fargo, North Dakota, and Bishop William T McCarty, C.SS.R. is translated from Military Delegate of the Armed Forces of the United States to be Coadjutor Bishop of Rapid City with right of succession and with full faculties of a residential bishop It is announced in word from Vatican City

Bishop Dworschag, born at Independence Wisconsin, was Vicar General of Diocese of Fargo at time he was named titular bishop of Tium and Coadjutor of Rapid City, last June. Bishop McCarty, who was born in Crossingville, Penn., in 1899 was Provincial of the Baltimore Provnce of the Redemptorist Fathers when he was named Titular Bishop of Anea and Military Delegate in January, 1943.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ON EASTER MORN

The spires of St. Patrick's Cathedral tower majestically over crowds of Easter paraders promenading Fifth Avenue after Easter Sunday services. Photo was made from the 30th floor of Rockefeller Center. (Acme)

Four Altar Boys Killed in Crash

Austin (NC) — Four altar boys were killed and a priest and three other altar boys were injured when a switch engine backing into this city crashed into a pick-up truck in which the group were driving.

The priest is the Rev Nicolas Diaz, astor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church here. His condition was described as serious.

Msgr. Sheen No Hypnotic Says Mrs. Luce But She Finds Heat and Light in His Zeal

New York — (NC) — Claire Boothe Luce, concluding the story of her entrance into the Catholic Church in the April issue of McCall's Magazine, tells about Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, her instructor, whose reputation as the religious counselor of celebrities has grown to almost legendary proportions.

MSGR. SHEEN

CLARE LUCE

"Many people are curious about Monsignor Sheen," she asserts. "I would like to satisfy their curiosity, because it always pleases me to talk about him. He was so great a friend, being so great a friend of God's, when I needed such a friend so greatly. I can tell you that it is true when it is said that in his apostolic zeal he generates both heat and light."

"I never had a teacher who could be at once so patient and so unyielding, so poetic and so practical, so inventive and so orthodox," she writes. "But rumor to the contrary, there is nothing particularly hypnotic about Father Sheen. What 'hypnotizes' his converts is the sudden and unfamiliar sight of Truth and Love and Life eternal, which his instructions open up to them.

"Thus 'hypnotism' soon wears off, so Father Sheen hopes it will, when you come to realize that the sight of these things which all men seek is in reality the sight of Home; and Home is a place where you may move easily and freely and need not strike attitudes or talk in whispers.

"I have often been asked: 'Would you have become a Catholic if you had not had Father Sheen to give you instructions?' My answer is, 'Of course.' God intended me to be a Catholic or He would not have sent me to Father Sheen, the one best equipped to rid my mind of nonsense and fill it with the sense of Our Lord Jesus."

Flay Public Schools For Religion Failure

New York—(RNS)—Public school education has failed to create an awareness of religion in the minds of youths, it was charged here in a report of the Committee on Religion and Education of the American Council on Education.

The 54-page document, is the culmination of a three-year study of the relationship between religion and public education made by the committee, which is composed of public and private school educators and representatives of the three faiths.

While "holding to the principle of separation of church and state," the report deplored the "strained application of that principle in our school system."

"The exclusion of religious subject matter which so largely prevails," it declared, "is neither required nor germane to public policy nor consistent with sound educational principles."

To counteract the secularization of American education the committee proposed an objective study of religious institutions as part of the social studies and study of religious institutions as part of the social studies and study of religious classics in the literature program.

"The study of the Bible as a unique piece of religious literature, conducted with at least as much respect as is given to the great secular classics and devoid of arbitrary interpretations . . . could be carried on without offense to any section of the community," the committee declared.

The committee cited as evidences of public concern for religious education, the recent rapid growth of the weekday religious education movement.

"The released-time plan violates no essential principle," the committee maintained, "as long as it is operated within the limits of the school laws of the state and under the principle of local option."

Pointing out that many opponents of religious teaching in tax-supported institutions insist upon the right to "eliminate vaguely about religion, the committee pronounced the "dogmatically-imposed" naturalism in public institutions "as un-American as positive religious indoctrination."

Discussing the meaning of separation of church and state, the report stressed that the doctrine should be understood, not as an absolute, but as a "broad principle of varying application the essence of which is the preservation of maximum religious freedom."

The doctrine may not be invoked, the group contended, to prevent public education from determining on its merits the

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Two new parishes will be established to serve families dwelling in suburban areas of Rochester, Bishop Kearney announced today.

Prayers Set For Russians On May Day

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will join their fellow Christians throughout the United States, Canada and Hawaii, in special prayers on May 1 to pray for the people of Russia and of other nations behind the Iron Curtain.

Public prayers, religious services and communions in behalf of the people in those countries will be offered in churches throughout the Diocese.

The project is being sponsored in New York by the Christophers and has been announced by the Rev. James Keller, M.M., that group's director.

He said nearly half of the Archbishops and Bishops including Bishop James E. Kearney had given their approval.

Giving his hearty endorsement of the proposal, Archbishop John T. McMahon of Cincinnati declared that happiness to have prayers for victims of unjust rule in the archdiocese.

In announcing the campaign project, Father Keller pointed out that it is positive rather than negative, stating that it is not to be considered just a counter demonstration to the May Day parades of the communists but rather "a lesson of Christian love on a supernatural basis that would leave a lasting impression on the general public and posterity on the world." Declaring that the mass prayers will "avoid anything political" or "mere negative complaining and withdrawing," the priest says they will stress "the necessity of Christ's love and truth for lasting peace and of restoring to the great people of Russia and all Red-dominated lands the full freedom to practice once again the Christian faith that has been their precious heritage over the centuries.

Taylor Will Return To Rome If Necessary

Washington — (NC) — Myron C. Taylor, his personal representative to the Vatican, will not return to Rome at the present time, but will go back if it is necessary, President Harry S. Truman told a news conference here.

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