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A Christmas Appeal From Our Bishop

MY DEAR PEOPLE:

The Immigration Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has called our attention to 580 men, women, and children in detention at Ellis Island. They are Germans, Poles, a few Irish, etc., who fled from horrible political conditions, or seamen awaiting a chance to get back to their countries. All are desperately in need of clothing.

Last year we called upon you to send clothing to MISS MARGARET BUCKLEY, N.C.W.C. REPRESENTATIVE, ELLIS ISLAND, NEW YORK, and you responded generously. Now we are asking you again.

In addition, we hope you will get up a small shipment of gifts for a little Christmas celebration to try to bring a spark of comfort and cheer to these unfortunate people.

Gifts which would be most acceptable are such things as these:

MEN: Razors and blades, handkerchiefs, pads and pencils, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and towels, books, puzzles, socks, etc.

WOMEN: Beads, writing paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and towels, washcloths, books, puzzles, sewing kits, hose, etc.

CHILDREN: Storybooks, games, toys, dolls (old or new), etc.

In the hustle and bustle of everyday living, we forget such people as the detainees of Ellis Island, even though we know how much they merit our thoughts.

We cannot attempt to thank you because the thanks will come from the people themselves; and the reward will come from Heaven.

I am sure you have some time in your Christmas planning, to send a package to these poor people.

Your devoted shepherd in Christ,
✠ JAMES E. KEARNEY.

N.B.: Packages may be sent to:
Miss M. Buckley, N.C.W.C. Agent,
Ellis Island, New York.

College Head Honors Elmira Alumni

Very Rev. Thomas Plassman, O.F.M., St. Bonaventure College president (third from right), was honor guest at Elmira Area Alumni Association banquet in Elmira's Columbus Center Saturday. Also participating were (from left) Rev. Gervase McMillen, O.F.M.; Joe Cummiskey, '29; Rev. Aubert Conlon, O.F.M.; Rev. Gerald McMinn, O.F.M., and Football Coach Hugh Devore.

99 Parishes Report $30,086 Total In Thanksgiving Appeal for Europe

Parishes of the Rochester Diocese have reported contributions totaling $30,086 in the recent Thanksgiving Week Food Collection for the starving peoples of Europe and Asia, according to the announcement of the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, diocesan director of the food collection.

An additional sum of $145 has been received from institutions and individuals.

Monsignor Randall explained that the report for the diocese is not yet complete. The figure of $30,086 received so far represents contributions from only 99 of the 133 parishes in the diocese. Among parishes still to report are approximately 20 which collected food donations instead of money. The amount of real food collected has not yet been reported, Monsignor Randall stated.

Funds and food collected will be sent to the National Catholic Welfare Conference-War Relief Services headquarters for transmission to stricken areas.

Larger contributions reported in Rochester included: Blessed Sacrament, $1,[illegible]; Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, $1,[illegible]; St. Monica, $1,[illegible]; St. Augustine, $[illegible]; Holy Rosary, $[illegible]; Our Lady of Good Counsel, $[illegible]; Corpus Christi, $[illegible].

In Elmira and Auburn group, large contributions were reported by: St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, $[illegible]; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, $[illegible]; St. Ann's, Hornell, $[illegible]; St. Mary's, Auburn, $[illegible]; St. Mary's, Corning, $[illegible].

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Elmira K. of C. in Tribute To 10 Departed Members

Memorial services for ten deceased members of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, were held Thursday night with 75 members of the council attending.

In conjunction with the regular meeting, prayers for those members who had died during the past year were offered up at the services.

Deputy Grand Knight Gerald F. Mullen was in charge assisted by Grand Knight Louis Lodico, Chancellor Daniel J. Donahue, Warden Samuel LeMark and Organist Robert Maloney.

Memorial oration was delivered by the Rev. Frederick Wall, assistant pastor of St. John's Church.

Those honored were: Patrick J. Keane, Michael Devine, James F. Walsh, Lawrence M. O'Dea, Joseph R. Mintz, Henry J. Prechtl, J. Stephen Falsey, William J. Osborne, James W. McGill and J. John Hassett.

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Aquinas Club Hears Talk on Patron

Corning — About 45 members of the Aquinas Club were present at the regular bi-weekly meeting of the organization to hear a discussion of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Charles Goliber of the Corning Free Academy faculty led the discussion. Others presenting papers were the Misses Mary Hill and Mary Lou Lawrence and Thomas Spruck.

The next meeting of the organization will be on Dec. 15 at the Knights of Columbus Home.

Guidance Need Stressed For PTA by Pastor

Hornell — "The need for spiritual guidance is a fundamental reality, not merely a poetic and sentimental ideal," Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron, pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Church told members of the Lincoln Parent-Teacher Association Thursday afternoon.

In a talk on "The Quest for Spiritual Guidance," Father Cameron said: "As in any search, there are clues to the arriving at the goal or end of the quest. These clues are crystallized in Christ, the God and Man whose birthday is observed this month.

"In Christ's own words is given the answer to the quest, 'Come to Me' and 'I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life.'"

Man today is making the mistake of seeking how to live, rather than why he lives, Father Cameron pointed out. "If man admits he has a soul then he must realize that he was created for more than the material world, namely to know, love and serve God in preparation for Eternity."

THE EFFECTS of sentimentality and indifference regarding spiritual guidance is evident almost everywhere, the pastor said. As an example he cited a radio announcer's reference to "the God of your choice."

While a similar remark about "The Church of your choice" is definitely an improvement, it still lacks fundamental sense, Father Cameron stated. "One's Church should not be selected as a necktie. It should be the Church of one's conviction, chosen after an honest prayerful search for spiritual guidance."

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200 St. Bona Alumni Hear Tribute by Fr. Plassmann

Over 200 alumni, their families and prospective students of St. Bonaventure's College attended the second annual banquet sponsored by Elmira Area Alumni Association held last Saturday evening in Columbus Center.

The Very Rev. Thomas Plassman, O.F.M., President of the College spoke on the early history of the school which was founded 90 years ago by Franciscan priests sent from Rome.

HE PAID tribute to the students from the area whose fine spirit and cooperation reflect their sound home life and thorough early school training. Father Plassman recalled, that the late Monsignor Bloomer, who was pastor of St. Patrick's Church and the late Senator John F. Murtaugh were among the outstanding graduates from the Elmira area.

Also on the speaking program were Joe Cummiskey '29, prominent sports broadcaster whose program, "The Inside of Sports" is heard on a coast to coast hook up and Hugh Devore, head coach of St. Bonaventure's football team.

Other speakers included the Rev. Gerald McMinn, O.F.M., vice president and the Rev. Gervase McMillen, O.F.M., national director of St. Bonaventure's Alumni Association.

Guests included the Rev. Albert Conlon O.F.M. Dean of Discipline, John J. (Red) Murray, former New York Giants ball player and Attorney Cornelius O'Dea. Attorney Daniel J. Donahoe, chairman, acted as toastmaster.

CDA Doll Display Features Supper

Court Saint Rita 137, Catholic Daughters of America of Elmira, served a supper in their rooms preceding the regular business meeting held last Monday evening. An excellent display of dolls dressed by the members was the highlight of the evening.

Each year the members dress dolls for the annual Arctic League Christmas party for the benefit of the needy in Chemung County.

At a previous meeting the court approved adoption of a Polish widow as requested by the National Catholic Daughters of America who are sponsoring the great work by aiding needy European sufferers.

Miss Margaret Riebel was chairman of the recent card party and was assisted by Mrs. Helen Copeland, Mrs. Agnes Long and Miss Carmella Tress.

Benefit Party Slated

Another in a series of Benefit Parties for St. Anthony's rebuilding fund will be held on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in Columbus Center.

Mrs. Thomas Maycumber and Mrs. Louis Caporriccio are cochairmen, they will be assisted by Mrs. Edward Rose, and the Messrs Michael Morrell, Anthony D'Andrea, Anthony Masone, Alexander Rossi, Joseph DeNunzio and Edward Rose.

K. of C. Auxiliary Formally Organized

Corning — Fifty-two charter members of the newly formed auxiliary unit to the Corning Council, Knights of Columbus, at a recent meeting signified approval of the charter drawn by officers of the organization.

It was announced by Mrs. Albert J. Patoni, president, that membership in the unit will remain closed until after an initiation, which is expected to take place early in the spring.

At the meeting, plans were made for a Christmas party to be held on Dec. 17, with Mrs. William Nares as chairman.

Holy Name Sunday

Members of St. Peter and Paul's Church Holy Name Society, in Elmira will receive Holy Communion in a body on Sunday at the 7:30 Mass. The Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Holiday Traffic Warning Sounded

With a warning that to keep the holiday season happy caution must be used in traffic, the Elmira Police Department has issued its monthly bulletin.

The December Bulletin states: "The happy holiday season is with us again. Let's keep it happy and enjoy the merriment that goes with it. Drive with extra caution. Don't drive too close to the car ahead. When walking, walk wisely and live to enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Elmira Police Department
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