

Bishop Rallies Area For May Day Rosary

April 21, 1948

My dear People:

On Saturday, the first of May, we are planning to consecrate May Day by a special act of devotion to the Blessed Mother of God. I would like every man, woman and child of our diocese to unite with me in a public tribute of love and veneration in honor of our Blessed Lady, Queen of the May.



Through the generous cooperation of Radio Station WHAM in Rochester, we are planning to unite the entire diocese with the Shepherd of the flock in a diocesan-wide recitation of our Lady's Rosary. The program will go on the air at five o'clock in the afternoon and will last a half hour. I would like every family in the diocese to, gather before a shrine of our Blessed Lady in their own homes, and there join me in the recitation of the Rosary.

I can think of no more beautiful or inspiring tribute to our Lady than the sight of the work of the Madonna and her Rosary. The program will go on the air at five o'clock in the afternoon and will last a half hour. I would like every family in the diocese to, gather before a shrine of our Blessed Lady in their own homes, and there join me in the recitation of the Rosary.

May I ask you all, then, to unite as families around Mary's shrine in your own homes on Saturday at five o'clock, and join me over the airwaves from WHAM in our diocesan tribute to Mary, Queen of the May.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
JAMES E. KEARNEY
 Bishop of Rochester

Rosary and Social Order
 Leo XIII and Pius XI
 The Spiritual Remedy

ON GUARD!

By REV. PATRICK J. FLYNN

"We are convinced that the Rosary, if devoutly used, is bound to benefit not only the individual but society at large."—Pope Leo XIII in His Encyclical on the "Rosary and the Social Questions."

THE POPULARITY OF THE ROSARY devotion is a vital factor in the cause of peace and the work of the world's social reconstruction. The ever-growing devotion of millions to the Blessed Virgin and the widespread use of her Rosary are definite signs of encouragement to those to labor for the establishment of the Christian order and a just and lasting peace.

In their pre-emption struggle against the Communists, Italian Catholics staged mass demonstrations in honor of the Blessed Virgin, including public recitations of the Rosary and mass pilgrimages in her honor. Undoubtedly these spiritual exercises contributed immeasurably to regenerating the social fabric of a nation infected with the poison of Communism. In the hour of national crisis Italy's eternal love of the Madonna and her Rosary broke forth like a great torch to illuminate the whole land.

In Italy and elsewhere throughout the world, the Blessed Virgin and her Rosary give Communism its strongest challenge. Her Rosary takes its place along side the Cross of her Divine Son as the twin symbols which today must rally Christian forces against the evil might of the hammer and the sickle.

And what is true in Italy is also true here in the United States. American Catholics, with their admirable devotion to the Blessed Virgin have seized upon her Rosary as the Prayer of Peace and as the weapon which will dissipate the error of Communism.

The May Day demonstrations in honor of the Mother of Christ, which American Catholics inaugurated last year on a nation-wide scale, will be even greater this year. These demonstrations in which the recitation of the Rosary is a feature have already captured May Day from the Communists. For years the Reds have exploited May Day in the interests of the Marxist revolution.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROSARY as a spiritual remedy for the social evils of the world is a deep conviction of Catholic tradition. From the Popes down, Catholic leaders have long recognized the Rosary devotion as an indispensable weapon against the evils which trouble public and private life.

Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XI, those two magnificent champions of social reform in modern times, were both eloquent and emphatic on the social and spiritual importance of the Rosary. The fact that Pope Leo XIII wrote nine encyclical on the Rosary clearly indicates the dependence which the brilliant Pontiff placed upon the daily recitation of the Rosary, whether said in private, or in the family circle (as he so greatly desired), or publicly in our churches.

TODAY THE WORLD hails Leo XIII and Pius XI for their masterful social encyclicals on marriage, education, government, working men, and the error of Socialism and Communism. It should not be forgotten, however, that each of these realistic Popes also wrote special encyclicals on the social importance of the Rosary.

The very year after the social-minded Leo XIII issued his historic encyclical on "The Condition of the Workingmen" (Rerum Novarum), he issued another encyclical which should be better known than it is. This is his encyclical entitled, "The Rosary and Social Questions."

In his Rosary encyclical Leo XIII saw three influences causing the down-grade movement of modern society. "These are—first, the distaste for a simple and laborious life; secondly, repugnance to the suffering of any kind; thirdly, the forgetfulness of the future life."

As a remedy against this pernicious worldly spirit—which is even more intense in these days of pleasure madness, divorce, suicide, and irreligion—Pope Leo pointed to the Rosary with its inspiring meditations on the joyful, sorrowful and glorious events in the life of Christ and His Mother.

Leo XIII, and Pius XI after him, saw very clearly that "the fulfillment of our vast social ill-estate that leaves out of count the two essential factors of social reconstruction—God and religion."

THE PRACTICAL importance of the Rosary to modern society is well described by the celebrated Jesuit priest, Father Husslein. He writes: "Over 500,000 radio homes, Protestant Jewish and Catholic, will be reached by this program, believed to be the first time in church history that any religious group so large as a whole diocese has been able to answer personally the prayers of their Bishop."

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May Day Radio Rosary On WHAM

A diocesan-wide radio recitation of the Rosary led by His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney, this Saturday afternoon at 5 p. m. will unite over 200,000 Catholics of the Rochester Diocese in praise of the Mother of God and petition for world peace.

Speaking from the Radio City studios of Station WHAM, the Bishop will recite the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary assisted by groups of students from St. Andrew's Seminary and Nazareth College.

A trio of Nazareth College students, Misses Elizabeth White of Canton, N. Y., Doris Kennedy, Corning, and Elizabeth Murphy, Raleigh, North Carolina, will sing the opening hymn of the program, Miss Betty Keegan will conclude the Rosary with Gounod's "Ave Maria."

MEMBERS OF ST. BERNARD'S Seminary Choir will sing two Marian hymns directed by the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfrid T. Craugh of St. Bernard's Seminary and the Rev. Richard T. Torney of the Courier Journal staff, will be the narrators. Sacred music by the WHAM Concert Orchestra directed by Gene Zacher will furnish reverent background and accompaniment for the singing.

The special May Day broadcast will be the chief diocesan participation in a nation-wide prayer-day to be observed in open-air and church gatherings in over 250 other large cities across the country.

This will be the second annual public religious demonstration promoted by The Christophers, zealous New York City lay organization, to counteract the Communist rallies and parades staged yearly on May 1.

The intention of the united prayers of Bishop Kearney and his people in the twelve county area will be to beg the heavenly intercession of the Blessed Mother for the salvation of all nations from the threat of Communism.

A particular purpose for the radio Rosary is the conversion of Russia and the spiritual liberation of all Soviet-dominated lands. (Read Bishop Kearney's letter in adjoining column.)

IN ELMIRA, the parishes and Catholic lay organizations of the Elmira Diocese will stage a mass prayer rally at noon on Saturday, May 1 in Wisner Park. Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Briem, Dean and pastor of St. Patrick's Church, will lead the recitation of the Rosary. The entire ceremony will be broadcast over Elmira Station WELM at 12 noon.

All listeners in the vast area covered by Station WHAM will be invited to join in the prayers as a patriotic and religious act for the welfare of all nations in the world.

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MOVIE STAR AT VATICAN



Margaret O'Brien, youthful star of the movies, is pictured greeting one of the Swiss guards at the Vatican following her audience with the Holy Father.

Mt. Read School Dedication Slated

Our Mother of Sorrows new school building, situated on Mt. Read Boulevard, will be formally dedicated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in a special ceremony on Thursday evening, May 6th, at 7 p. m.

Following the blessing of the school, the Bishop will confirm the children of the parish at 8 P. M. in Our Mother of Sorrows Church.

NEWEST ADDITION to the diocese's constantly growing parochial school system, Our Mother of Sorrows School has drawn much attention from educators and parents because of its many modern features.

(See picture on page 9)

As described by the Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke, pastor, the new building is of prefabricated construction with six large classrooms providing for a capacity enrollment of 240 pupils. Under the direction of five Sisters of St. Joseph, the school has a current enrollment of 140 children.

Notable features of the its construction is a spacious lobby from which entrance may be made to all classrooms. Other features include a modern library and a playground for the smaller children.

The school is also completely equipped with the latest in audio-visual educational equipment, including television, will be installed by next September.

Cornerstone of the new school was laid last September. It has been in use for school work since December.

Father O'Rourke stated that

DAR Scored By Prelate On DP Stand

Washington—(NC)—Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle of Washington yesterday took sharp issue with the stand of the Daughters of the American Revolution who, in their 57th Continental Congress just held here, went on record as opposing the admittance of Displaced Persons to the United States.

Noting that the D.A.R. is "an organization that has served this country with distinction and honor over a long period of years," Archbishop O'Boyle expressed regret as an American citizen "that this grand group of estimable women should adopt a resolution so at variance with the sacred traditions of our country—to be a friend and a charitable neighbor to the needy, the oppressed, and the afflicted."

The D.A.R. urged the resolution asserted that "there is growing evidence of a determined effort by foreign blocs to break down our immigration laws."

Directing attention to this last assertion by the D.A.R. resolution, Archbishop O'Boyle told a convention of the Washington Archdiocesan Holy Name Union here yesterday that "no statement could be more at variance with the truth than this."

"I WONDER if the D. A. R. are yet aware that our great democracy has come during these past few years one of the great, not forces for good in the world," Archbishop O'Boyle continued. "They would find it difficult to deny this to be a firmly established truth. I must then ask whether this heavy responsibility which now rests upon us does not demand that we give full force to the moral leadership which, thank God, we have in abundance. The D.A.R. requests that we withhold the use of this leadership and that we accept no responsibility for bringing about a triumph for Western civilization."

"It was only a few years back," Archbishop O'Boyle said, "that our American people read with sorrow the death and casualty lists printed in the pages of our daily press. These were the lists of the martyrs who gave their all that the freedom we enjoy, and the freedoms to which all people are entitled, might be preserved. The D.A.R. expressed no concern that these daily lists were filled with the names of the sons of immigrants which very few would have been characterized as 'foreign blocs.' These were the sons of immigrants who came to this country and who assisted us in no small measure in gaining our position of pre-eminence in world affairs."

ARCHBISHOP O'BOYLE drew attention to "the further charge that we have already assimilated as many immigrants as we could," and asked "is that not admitting that we have become a static nation and that soon, perhaps in our lifetime, we will begin that decline which tends all static civilizations." "I would prefer to consider that this charge is based on a lack of knowledge of not only the geographical expanse of our nation, but that need, as well, for further building and improving our economic foundation," he added.

Public Schools' Ban on Bigoted 'Nation' Urged

Two Catholic organizations this week called on the Rochester Board of Education to ban "The Nation" from public high schools because it is carrying "vicious attacks against the Roman Catholic Church" in a current series.

The Monroe County Catholic War Veterans and the Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, through their respective leaders, Alfred L. Green, County Commander of the CWV, and John J. Kinney, Grand Knight, presented their stand in letters to the Board of Education.

Receipt of the veterans' letter, dated March 31, was reported by Superintendent of Schools James M. Spinning two weeks after it was received. He said that the board replied that "it would give the matter consideration." No further word of a board decision has been made.

Read the editorial "Useless Reading" on Page 4.

THE NATION, self-styled "America's leading liberal weekly," is used in at least four of the city's nine public school libraries. On April 10 it began publication of a series of three articles entitled "The Catholic Church and Fascism" by Paul Blanshard. A new series dealing with the Church and "its censorship over the theater, movies, books and the press" will appear during May.

Last fall Blanshard wrote a similar series of articles in "The Nation" entitled "The Roman Catholic Church in Medicine, Sex and Education." Roundly criticized by Catholic editors as "widespread misconceptions" and "sneering dishonesty," the articles resulted in "The Nation" being banned indefinitely from the Newark (N. J.) school system.

STATING THAT the "virulent anti-Catholic articles" were spreading "the gospel of hate and un-Americanism, thereby dividing a people," Green's letter for the CWV asked for removal of "The Nation" from public school libraries.

"We, the Catholic War Veterans Inc. of Monroe County, urge your honorable board to remove this magazine from our high schools, or at least allow the magazine 'America' which clearly states Catholic opinion to have equal place in your libraries so that pupils may have both sides of issues."

Challenging the board to follow precedent in regarding the requests of religious groups, Green said: "In the past when religious groups have protested against attacks on their faiths, you have respectfully heeded their rights. We hope this policy will be continued. We also respectfully suggest that the board consider the un-American contents of 'The Nation' magazine that is a definite source of contamination in the high schools today."

GRAND KNIGHT KINNEY, acting for the Rochester Knights of Columbus, charged that several high school instructors regularly made reading assignments from the pages of "The Nation." "This is harmful," he said, "to the immature minds of high school students reading it in reliance on the approbation apparent in its inclusion in the school libraries and the reading assignments to it made by their teachers."

"We believe it is unnecessary," Kinney asserted, "to document this protest with a statement of the particulars in which these articles by Mr. Blanshard are a scurrilous and insidious attack upon the integrity and patriotism of a large section of our population and of their religious leaders."

"We vigorously protest the inclusion in our tax-supported high school libraries of 'The Nation' and any other publication which libels Catholics or any other religious group. We therefore ask that you either direct the removal of 'The Nation' or that you make available such representative Catholic magazines as the weekly 'America,' or the monthly 'Sign,' so that students will have a fair opportunity to learn the fidelity of Mr. Blanshard's charges."

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1948 'Mother'



MRS. RICHARD T. MCSORLEY

Catholic Mother Has 14 Children, Eight in Religion

South Beach, O.—(NC)—Mrs. Richard T. McSorley, of Philadelphia, who has 14 children, eight of whom are in religious life, has been selected as the Catholic Mother of 1948 by the National Catholic Conference on Family Life.

Mrs. McSorley is a member of St. James parish and the wife of a prominent Philadelphia attorney. They have been married for 35 years. They had another child who died in infancy. The former Marguerita Veronica Cosgrove was an only child and, until the time of her marriage, she was a school teacher in Philadelphia. Despite her many duties in raising her large family, Mrs. McSorley has kept up an interest in teaching and for the last 20 years has been a member of the teachers socially in Philadelphia.

The McSorley children, listed according to age, are: The Rev. Francis J. McSorley, O.M.I., who has been a missionary in the Philippines for eight years; the Rev. Richard T. McSorley, S.J., who spent six years in Luzon, the Philippines, during three of which he was a prisoner of the Japanese, now completing his last year of studies at Auriesville, N. Y.; Mrs. Paul F. Allen, of Philadelphia, alumna of Immaculate College, mother of three daughters; the Rev. Mr. Patrick M. McSorley, S.J., a student of theology at the Jesuits' Woodstock (Md.) College, who will be ordained June 20; Sister Richard Marie, who was Eleanor McSorley, an Immaculate Heart of Mary nun doing missionary work in Lima, Peru; the Rev. James P. McSorley, O.M.I., starting his second year of mission work in Cotabato, Philippine Islands.

Then there's Joseph M. McSorley, of Lansdowne Park, Pa., father of two children, a veteran of Navy service during the war and now studying law at Temple University; John P. McSorley, of New Brunswick, N. J., father of one child, who piloted a Marine dive bomber during the war and helped rescue two of his brothers in the Philippines, now an agricultural student at Rutgers University; Sister Rita Joseph, who was Mary McSorley, a Sister of Mercy teaching at St. Denis School in Havertown, Pa.; Sister St. John, of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, who was Therese McSorley, now teaching at Melrose (Mass.) Academy; Marguerita McSorley, who will graduate next month from Immaculate (Pa.) College; Paul P. McSorley, a junior student at the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Preparatory School, Newburgh, N. Y., once a track star at West Catholic High School in Philadelphia; Anne McSorley, a student at St. Leonard's Academy, in which she won a scholarship; and Rosemary McSorley, who is studying at St. Leonard's Academy.

Two to Be Ordained at St. Andrew's

Two young Rochesterians preparing for priestly work in the Diocese of Richmond and St. Augustine will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood at 10 a. m. on Ascension Thursday, May 6, at St. Andrew's Church by His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney.

The ordinands are the Rev. William Du Bois of St. Andrew's parish, now finishing his studies at St. Bernard's Seminary and slated for duty in the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida, and the Rev. Charles A. Ryan, of St. Ambrose parish, a graduate of St. Francis Seminary, Loretto, Pa., who will work in the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, after ordination.

Five other deacons from St. Bernard's Seminary will be ordained for the Diocese of Rochester on Friday, June 4, at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral.



REV. WILLIAM DU BOIS



REV. CHAS. A. RYAN

ed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Eckel, as assistant priest; the Rev. Thomas F. Brennan, deacon, the Rev. John W. Leveque, subdeacon. The Rev. Joseph F.

Hogan will preach the sermon. A native of Rochester, Father Du Bois was educated in St. John the Evangelist School, Aquinas Institute, St. Andrew's

Soviet Army Is 'Blessed'

Moscow—(RNS)—The Russian Orthodox Church has blessed the Soviet Army as "just" and "entirely different from those of capitalist countries." The Church's blessing was expressed in the current issue of the Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate, its official organ.

Scouring the armies of "capitalist countries" as bent on aggression, the Journal characterized the Red Army as "serving exclusively the purposes of popular gains."