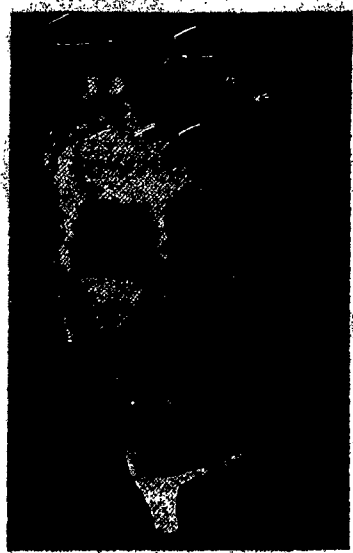


Father John Duffy Named Monsignor

The Rev. John M. Duffy, pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Rochester, and former Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, has been named a Domestic Prelate with the title

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ON GUARD

**Mother's Day
Our Mother's Too!**
"Behold Thy Mother!"
By REV. F. J. FLYNN

"The Mother of Christ is Our Mother!" ... "The Mother of God is Our Mother!" That is what Catholics say the world around wherever you find them. "The Mother of Christ is Our Mother!" And it's true too.

THE AMERICAN observance of Mother's Day is a noble inspiration but for Catholics the greatest of Mother's Day of all is that day which history also calls Good Friday.

Yes, Good Friday was a Mother's Day for all the world of weary men and women. On that dark day and on that bleak shelf of rock called Calvary motherhood took on a new meaning.

Silhouetted against the dim light and shadows of Golgotha were the Cross and Christ. And there stood by the Cross of Jesus His Mother ... Among those standing with her was John, the Apostle whom Jesus loved.

It was growing dark on Calvary and through the shadows the dying Christ gazed with blood-shot eyes upon His Mother and the Apostle John.

Then through the darkness and down from the Cross came the voice speaking ... "Woman, behold thy son!"

Christ was speaking to His Mother. He was asking her to take John for her son. And once again the voice of Christ was heard, speaking this time to John ... "Behold thy Mother!"

This is the hour that the world has been awaiting for centuries. In this moment, the world, motherless since its betrayal by the shameful Eve, found itself a peerless Mother—the Mother of Christ.

Here on blood-stained Calvary under the shadow of the Cross the spiritual motherhood over men's souls, the office which Eve had abandoned, was invested irrevocably in the Mother of Christ.

From the Cross came the voice of the dying Christ decreeing that the Mother of God is also the Mother of Men.

In asking Mary to take John as her son Christ was asking her to take all men as her sons, to become the Mother of all men and all women. In asking John to take Mary as his Mother, Christ was asking, not only John, but all men and all women to take Mary as their Mother.

Even as Eve became the mother of all through the mortal bonds of the flesh, Mary also becomes the new Mother of all through the imperishable bonds of Christ's grace.

YES, THE story of Calvary is also a Mother's Day story—the story of how the Mother of God became the Mother of Mankind.

In Christ's triumph on Calvary there is also the triumph of Motherhood over the shameful motherhood of the beautiful Eve. In the first fresh hours of the world Adam and Eve brought the glory of the new creation tumbling down to dust by one awful sin.

God gazed upon the broken beauty of His Paradise. He saw Adam and Eve—the Father and Mother of all the living—prostrate with the death of sin and their beauty of soul lost!

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Rosary Links Diocese As Bishop Kearney Leads May Day Rites



Bishop Kearney is pictured reciting the Rosary over WHAM in a special May Day broadcast throughout the diocese. Typical of the broadcasts who joined the Bishop in recitation of the Rosary is the Doyle family of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Doyle are shown with their sons and daughters, (left to right) Eileen, Greg, Patricia, Michael, Leon and Betty. According to radio officials the broadcast reached an audience of 400,000.

Holy Father Asks May Payers To Mary For World Peace And The Holy Land

Rome—(RNS)—Pope Pius XII has addressed an appeal to Catholics throughout the world to pray during May for peace and unification in Palestine. The Pope's appeal was contained in an encyclical letter to all bishops, entitled "Auspice Quaedam," ("Some Indications"), from its first two words.

"We wish, venerable brethren," the Pope declared, "that the prayers of May should have in a special way the purpose of asking the condition of Palestine should be composed according to equity and that peace and harmony may happily triumph."

In the opening part of his encyclical, the Pope said that some progress has been made in post-war reconstruction, but he deplored the fact that although the war has ended, "almost everywhere a peace that everyone desires has not yet cleared minds and hearts" and that instead "the sky is still darkened by threatening clouds."

REFERRING TO Palestine, the Pope continued: "At this moment there is another motive which afflicts and saddens our heart very much. We mean to refer to the Holy Places in Palestine which for a long time have been perturbed by sorrowful events and which almost every day are devastated by new slaughters and ruins."

"Yet, if there is a region in the world which should be particularly dear to every good-willed and civilized soul, this should certainly be Palestine, from where the light of truth sprang for all humanity, where choirs of angels announced peace on earth to men of good will, where Jesus Christ, suspended from the cross, brought salvation to all mankind, and where, opening His arms, He invited all peoples to a fraternal embrace."

The Pope's new encyclical, published in both Latin and English in Osservatore Romano, Vatican newspaper, marked the first time he has spoken out directly on the situation in Palestine. He referred to the Holy Land in his last Christmas allocution, but only in indirect terms.

IN ASKING for special worldwide prayers during May, a month dedicated to the Virgin Mary, the Pope compared his encyclical with others he issued during the war to promote prayers for an end to hostilities, and remarked that none of his previous appeals had gone unanswered.

Several of the Pope's comments were interpreted as indicating he believes the European Recovery Program to be responsible for countering the spread of Communism in Europe.

"Some indications," he said, "seem to show clearly that the great community of nations, after so much killing and devastation caused by the long and terrible war, is now ardently oriented toward the sound path of peace."

"THERE ARE indications that at the present time more persons are heeding those who work for reconstruction, for the soothing and composing of discord, and for the rebirth of a new order of prosperity from out of so many ruins, than those others who are still clinging bitter disputes, heat and rancor."

"From the latter, nothing but new damage and misfortune can come," the Pope added.

Among the purposes for which Catholics should pray during May, the Pontiff urged, are an increase in international trade and a reduction in the number of strikes.

"Let public and private relations between nations grow and consolidated themselves," he said. "Let religion have the liberty which is due to it. Let peaceful human labor produce most abundant fruits for the sake of the general well-being and under the auspices of justice and the divine breath of charity."

Family-Raising Survey
Of Alumnae Conducted

Milwaukee—(NC)—A survey being conducted here by Mount Mary College among alumnae from 1930-47 shows that the extent to which the alumnae are raising families compares favorably thus far with the average family birth rate in the United States.

Attention Brides—Ask for a free booklet on planning your wedding. Call Blanchard Florist, 15 Lake Ave., Main 1256—Daily deliveries in all sections, including hospitals.—(Adv.)

MONSIGNOR DUFFY

Widely known in state and national educational circles, he directed Catholic schools of the diocese for sixteen years before his appointment in February, 1945, to his present position of pastor of St. Augustine's parish.

He was appointed diocesan superintendent of schools in 1929 and through his efforts in this post the diocesan school system was developed into its present organization and efficiency.

He also served as diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine until 1938. In this capacity he directed programs for the religious education of Catholic school children, vacation schools, and religious study clubs. For the work of the latter he co-authored a manual on "The Life of Christ."

His educational leadership was recognized outside the diocese when he was elected president of the Superintendents' Section of the National Catholic Educational Association in 1939 and 1940.

For many years he was a leader in the activities of the New York State Council of Catholic School Superintendents and was selected to serve on the New York State Committee on Examinations.

BORN IN Red Creek, N. Y., in 1893, he is the son of the late John and Elizabeth Duffy.

Monsignor Duffy is a graduate of Oswego Normal School, Oswego, N. Y., and prepared for the priesthood in the diocesan seminaries of St. Andrew and St. Bernard.

He was ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, June 9, 1923. He served first as assistant pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Rochester, and joined the faculty of Aquinas Institute in 1924. He became assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, Auburn, in 1927, and Superintendent of Schools on July 1, 1929.

SUIT TO BAR NUNS FOUGHT

Santa Fe, N. M.—(RNS)—Motions seeking dismissal of a suit which would bar Roman Catholic nuns and priests from state public schools have been filed in First District Court here.

The motions were made by attorneys representing the following defendants: Governor Thomas J. Mabry, State School Superintendent Charles L. Rose, State School Budget Auditor R. H. Grissom, Budget Officer R. H. Hannon, and a number of individual Roman Catholics.

Plaintiffs in the action are 28 residents of seven New Mexico counties headed by Lydia C. Zellers of Dixon.

Attorney General C. C. McCulloch, who filed the dismissal motion on behalf of the governor and the other state officials, contended that New Mexico could not be sued without its consent. He said that before the plaintiffs could seek the court's aid, "remedies provided by statute for the discharge of contract liabilities must be exhausted."

McCulloch asserted that the allegations of those seeking to halt instruction given by members of Catholic teaching orders were "so verbose, redundant and immaterial as to preclude defendants from making a proper response to the pleadings."

All motions will be heard beginning May 19 by Judge David W. Carmody.

New Bill Allows 200,000 DP'S

Washington—(NC)—Displaced Europeans to the number of 200,000 would be admitted to the United States over a period of two years and charged to the future immigration quotas of their native countries, under the terms of a bill which has been approved by the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, here.

The bill would also permit 15,000 persons already in this country to remain permanently.

For the admittance of these DP's, three categories of priority would be established. Those having top priority would include farm laborers, doctors, dentists, medical nurses, household, clothing or garment workers, and persons having scientific, technological or educational qualifications.

Halt Released Time State Court Urged

New York—(RNS)—Joseph Lewis, president of the Freethinkers of America, has filed a petition in the New York State Supreme Court to halt released-time religious instruction in the state. Arguments are scheduled to be heard here on May 14.

"It is our contention," Lewis said, "that the recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the Vashli McCollum case applies to this practice of 'released-time' as wholly unconstitutional and in violation of the First Amendment."

HOLY PLACES GUARD URGED

Jerusalem—(NC)—Christian leaders, including the Very Rev. Albert Gori, O. F. M., Custodian of the Holy Land, have sent an urgent appeal to the highest authorities requesting measures for the protection of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

These shrines—sacred to Christians, Jews and Moslems—are under ever-increasing danger as a result of the Jewish-Arab fighting that is raging right outside the walls of the Old City.

The Apostolic Delegation, located on Mount Zion, has been repeatedly under rifle fire from the neighboring walls of Jerusalem. The St. Theresa Chapel of the Carmelites was damaged by a bomb in the course of a battle for the suburb of Katamon in the southern part of the city.

The Carmelite house of studies in an adjacent area has been occupied by terrorists. The consuls of Lebanon and Italy, and Catholics domiciled in Katamon have been forced to seek refuge within the walls of the Old City.

(News agency dispatches from Jerusalem stated that the fighting there has ceased following the arrival of British troops whose commander is reported to have declared that they would resist "with full force" any Arab invasion of the Holy Land prior to May 15, the day when the British mandate ends.)

(According to reports from Lake Success, where the United Nations is seeking a solution of the Palestine problem, negotiations are under way to place Jerusalem, or at least a part of it, under the protection of the International Red Cross. Under such an arrangement, which still requires final approval by Jews and Arabs, women and children, both Jewish and Arab, would be sheltered within a fixed area.)

Chinese Reds Kill Three More Priests

Peiping—(NC) Three Chinese Catholic priests in the diocese of Kirin, Manchuria, were killed by Communist authorities, and a fourth died in prison, according to the Nanking Social Welfare Weekly.

This is one of 38 "comic" books whose content, the prosecutor said, appeared to contravene laws forbidding publication of printed matter depicting obscene or criminal acts which might incite to crime or deprave the public, and whose withdrawal would therefore be requested.

The Rev. Louis A. Gales, president of the Catechetical Guild of

RADIO ROSARY JOINS 400,000 ON MAY DAY

The prayers of a radio-recitation of the Rosary led by His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney over Station WHAM last Saturday afternoon united thousands of families in the Rochester Diocese in prayerful May Day tribute to the Mother of God.

Answering the Bishop's call for family participation in the national program of prayer, Rochester diocesan gathered at their radios in homes, clubs, hospitals and convents to beg the Blessed Mother's intercession for world peace and the conversion of Russia.

RADIO OFFICIALS estimated that an audience of 400,000 people in the vast area served by WHAM which stretches beyond the 12 county-boundaries of the diocese, heard Bishop Kearney recite the glorious Mysteries of the Rosary assisted by groups of students from St. Andrew's Seminary and Nazareth College.

Produced in the Rochester Radio City studios, the 30 minute program included hymns in honor of the Blessed Lady and religious background music by the WHAM Concert Orchestra.

A Nazareth College trio composed of Misses Virginia Dwyer, Elizabeth Murphy, and Doris Kennedy sang the theme number of the program and Miss Betty Keegan concluded the production with Gounod's "Ave Maria."

Members of St. Bernard Seminary Choir, directed by the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, sang and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfrid T. Craugh and Rev. Richard Torney were narrators.

Catholic War Vets Oppose Draft, UMT

Strong resolutions opposing the peacetime draft and universal military training and calling for outlawing of the Communist Party are expected at a convention of New York State Catholic War Veterans which opened today in Rochester.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside and preach at the Solemn High Mass which will be celebrated by State Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Giblin for the 1,500 CWV delegates.

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Joseph's Church.

The Bishop will also be the principal speaker at the convention banquet Saturday evening in the Power's Hotel, which is the convention headquarters.

Forecasting the action of the convention, State Commander Paul L. Murphy of New York City stated that the Catholic War Veterans have long been in opposition to military conscription in peace time.

Explaining the CWV position on peace and military training, Murphy stated:

"WE ADVOCATE the outlawing of war and universal disarmament on the part of all nations. If this be impossible we urge the United States to go all out for voluntary enlistments by making it as attractive as possible and showing its advantages. Unfortunately, the requirements for eligibility for the armed forces were jumped right after the war."

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Anti-Red Comic Book Banned in Detroit

Detroit—(NC)—The "comic" book entitled "Is This Tomorrow?" depicting what would happen if Communists should attempt to seize power in the United States, published by the Catechetical Guild of St. Paul, has been declared "totally objectionable" for newsstand sale here by City Prosecutor James N. McNally.

This is one of 38 "comic" books whose content, the prosecutor said, appeared to contravene laws forbidding publication of printed matter depicting obscene or criminal acts which might incite to crime or deprave the public, and whose withdrawal would therefore be requested.

The Rev. Louis A. Gales, president of the Catechetical Guild of St. Paul, when informed by The Michigan Catholic archdiocese weekly here, of the prosecutor's action, expressed surprise and amusement.

"The idea that an anti-Communist booklet should be banned by the police and prosecutor seems ridiculous," he said. "Three thousand advance copies were sent to outstanding leaders of every race, creed, and walk of life to get reactions before final publication."

Father Gales added that the booklet had received the endorsement of religious leaders of all faiths, educational authorities and civic leaders.

Among reasons specified here for objection to "Is This Tomorrow?" which has had a circulation of two million copies and

BIRTH CONTROL BILL BEATEN

Boston—(NC)—The Massachusetts House of Representatives has defeated the so-called Planned Parenthood bill for birth control by a vote of 130 to 94. The legislation now goes to the State Senate for consideration.

The action came in the wake of a convention of 900 members of the Massachusetts branch of the Catholic Daughters of America in neighboring Swampscott at which the delegates recorded themselves as staunchly opposed to any measure which tends to legalize birth control.

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