

Holy Father Thanks Diocese For Peter's Pence Gift

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Rochester, New York

Your Excellency:

The Holy Father has charged me with the honored duty of informing Your Excellency that He has received the generous offering of \$27,500.00 which you sent Him recently, through His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, as the Peter's Pence of the Diocese of Rochester for the year 1943.

The Holy Father's charity with which the priests and people of the Diocese of Rochester have repeatedly given proof of their loyalty to the Vicar of Christ has always been commensurate with the needs of the times.

Thus it is that the offering forwarded by Your Excellency this year surpasses in munificence even those of previous years, because you and your devoted flock have wished to enable the Common Father to meet in more adequate measure the ever-increasing demands being made upon His charity.

Deeply touched by this generous comprehension of the needs of the Holy See, the Sovereign Pontiff would have me express to Your Excellency and to your devoted clergy and beloved faithful His deep, appreciative gratitude, while, as an earnest of boundless heavenly recompense, He cordially imparts to you and to them His paternal Apostolic Blessing.

Gladly availing myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my high esteem and cordial regard, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Signed) J. B. MONTINI

Substitute
Secretary of State

Vatican City
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Pontiff Asks Jerusalem Be Made International

Rome. — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII issued an encyclical letter urging that Jerusalem be internationalized "as a better guarantee for the safety of the sanctuaries."

ON GUARD

"The Hypocrisy"
Press, Screen, Radio
Do They Love Us?

By REV. P. J. LYNN

Our contemporary, The New World, official weekly of the Archdiocese of Chicago, is crusading against indecent literature. The New World editors score the hypocrisy of secular newspapers whose editorials warn of juvenile delinquency and the decay of morals, but in their own news columns parade "murder, divorce, sex perversion, scandals, illicit love, in fact, any human depravity which steals the headlines."

THE CHICAGO Catholic paper does not hesitate to charge that secular publishers are guided in their operations by the motives of "expediency and profit."

Editors of the Chicago paper state, "they decry the devastating influence of comic books without ever examining their own comic strips. They wait about juvenile delinquency and yet their headlines stream with every latest juvenile crime."

"How can any editor or publisher justify his treatment of solid divorce cases and atrocious murders?" asks The New World. "Every intimate detail of some one's private life is paraded before the eyes of all it matters not if the person is sexually depraved. Such stories make interesting reading and more important they sell papers. The day when every editor felt that his paper was a 'home paper' for any member of the family to read has vanished."

THERE ARE, no doubt, some exceptions to the sweeping charges which The New World makes against the publishers of the secular press, but most big city newspapers would find it difficult to plead "not guilty" on all counts. The secular newspaper publishers and editors, however, are not the only merchants of scandal and sensation. Equally guilty of perverting public morality are the publishers and sellers of books, magazines, and those cheap, pocket-sized novels which a teenager can buy

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Thorne's large selection of diamonds, pearls, fashions and jewelry makes gift buying a pleasure. Convenient lay-away plan for all Christmas purchases. William S. Thorne, 318 East Main St., opposite East Ave. — Adv.

Bishop's Mass Saves Students

Tucson, Ariz. — (NC) — By arising a half hour earlier than usual, to attend a special Mass offered here by Bishop Daniel J. Gercke of Tucson, 17 girls of St. Joseph's Academy were saved from possible death when their dormitory was consumed by fire.

All the students were in the Academy chapel for the Pontifical Mass commemorating the 50th anniversary of the religious profession of one of the nuns, Sister Mary Anne, when the fire broke out, gutting the dormitory, with damages estimated at \$200,000. Cause was undetermined.

One sister declared: "It was the providence of God. It was the first time this year that the students were not in the dormitory at this hour of the morning."

Last Week's ABC's
Paid Circulation
27,475
— Audit Bureau of Circulation

59TH YEAR

Comics Hit By Groups Over Nation

Aroused by a wave of delinquency traceable in part to comic books, an indignant public took steps in many parts of the nation to clean up comic books and popular literature in general.

In Atlantic City, the nation's drugists, whose shops are the chief vending place for the comic books, were urged to clear their shelves of all publications "of a salacious and obscene nature." The admonition was in the form of a resolution adopted by 5,000 delegates at the annual meeting of the National Association of Retail Druggists.

The resolution followed a warning from John P. Trippeny, retiring president of the association, who declared: "It is a tragic fact that many retail druggists are peddlers of gutter trash. Their only defense is that it has never occurred to them to check on the comic books. These vicious periodicals have been found to infect youngsters with unsocial ideas and in numerous instances they have abetted juvenile delinquency."

In Chicago, The New World, archdiocesan weekly, continued its fight against indecent literature by leveling its editorial guns on what it called the hypocrisy of secular newspapers who preach virtue in their editorials but preach crime in their headlines. A previous editorial was picked up by one of the major secular news agencies. In it the New World had placed on publishers the ultimate blame for youth's unsavory reading habits.

IN BALTIMORE, Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan, Auxiliary of Baltimore, warned 2,000 Catholic high school boys and girls of the "most objectionable and most harmful" influence of modern comics.

"Teachers, psychiatrists, juvenile court officials and other dealing with the problems of the young are most positive in their statements concerning the harmful effects of many of these publications," the bishop said. "To their influence they ascribe a considerable part of the present-day juvenile delinquency."

In Erie, Pa., the annual convention of the state Women's Christian Temperance Union went on record as pledging to battle against the "publication, sale and exploitation" of crime stories in comic books.

IN CINCINNATI, the City Council took steps to forbid the sale and distribution of comic books dealing with crime. During the Council discussions attention was drawn to the committee now operating under Msgr. John E. Kuhn, archdiocesan director of the National Organization for Decent Literature. However, some councilmen expressed the opinion that a broader committee with official standing should be created, and should work with the police department and publishers' agents to eliminate "objectionable material."

IN A REFERENCE to the "fervent appeals rising to an omnipotent and all-merciful God from Christians scattered throughout the world," the Pontiff declared: "We are confident that these supplications and hopes, indicative of the value which such a large number of people attribute to the Holy Places, will deem the convictions in the high assemblies in which the problem of peace is being discussed that it would be expedient, as a better guarantee for the safety of the sanctuaries under present circumstances, to give an international character to Jerusalem and its vicinity, where so many and so precious reminders of the life and death of Our Saviour are to be found."

Bishop Kearney, that they become "Ladies of Good Counsel," the Rev. Aloysius J. Wycislo of Chicago, who they provide homes and jobs for DP's and the Rev. Albert J. Shamon, that they "make society Christian."

Other convention highlights included the re-election of Mrs. Richard Lee Kalb as president, and the adoption of a resolution calling on the U. S. Supreme Court to "reconsider its position" in the McCollum case involving the teaching of religion in the public schools.

Bishop Kearney, who opened the convocation with the celebration of the Mass of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Old St. Mary's Church, told the delegates they should be "alert to the opportunity to open the riches of the faith to others."

"This is the most magnificent act of charity in the world," His Excellency declared, "because it means giving the most precious thing in life."

It is regrettable, the Bishop

Rites Held for Fr. Gruenauer, Of Penfield



Solemn Requiem Mass for the Rev. William V. Gruenauer, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Penfield, for the past thirty-four years, was celebrated this morning (Oct. 28) at St. Boniface Church, Rochester, by the Rev. James T. Wood, dean.

Death came to the sixty-nine-year-old priest on Monday (Oct. 25) at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira. He had been in ill health for several years.

OFFICERS of the Funeral Mass were: Rev. James T. Wood, dean; Rev. Jacob Rauber, subdeacon; and the Rev. George C. Vogt, master of ceremonies. The Rev. Eugene Golding preached the sermon at the Mass.

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Father Gruenauer was ordained June 6, 1903, following studies in St. Andrews and St. Bernard's Seminaries. The son of John and Anna Kahabka Gruenauer, he was born in Rochester Jan. 31, 1879. He attended St. Peter and Paul's Parochial School before entering the diocesan seminary. Following Ordination he was appointed assistant pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, Rochester, and later served briefly at St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport.

In 1935 Father Gruenauer was named assistant pastor of St. Boniface Church, Rochester, and three years later was transferred to the pastorate of St. Joseph's Church, Penfield. Unable to perform his full pastoral duties in recent years because of illness, Father Gruenauer has been assisted by the Rev. Jacob Rauber who was named administrator of the parish on Jan. 10, 1946.

HIS EXCELLENCY, Bishop James E. Kearney celebrated a parish Requiem Mass for the deceased pastor at the Penfield Church on Tuesday morning and priests of the diocese gathered in St. Boniface Church to chant the solemn Office of the Dead on Wednesday evening. The Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P.A., V. G. presided.

In an eulogy of Father Gruenauer, Father Golding praised his humility and the spirit of patient suffering during his long sickness. "We have loved him as a priest among priests," said Father Golding. "He was vigorously honest, a quiet man, who spoke words of truth. He was humble in his strength of character with

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Red Regime In Poland Rules Youth

The educational policy of the communist-dominated Polish regime systematically aims at capturing the minds and souls of the country's four and one half million youth — from the kindergarten to university level — by transforming them into obedient tools of marxism.

By such methods the communists see the possibility of the systematic liquidation of their most powerful enemy, the Catholic Church. It is in line with this long-range aim that the older people of the country are left in relative peace and all efforts are concentrated on winning and controlling the younger generation.

THESE ARE the conclusions reached in a survey of the Polish school situation by the Inter-Catholic Press Agency in New York, which specializes in covering religious, cultural and social news of Europe, especially of Poland.

The survey points out that the methods used in Poland conform to the pattern that has proved effective in Soviet Russia. Part of these plans is the systematic liquidation of the few remaining Catholic youth groups, while communist youth organizations receive official favors.

Catholic kindergartens are gradually eliminated. More than 70,000 orphans are in homes conducted by the communist "Workers' Association of Children's Friends," where they receive no religious training whatever and are subjected to intense marxist propaganda.

"THE INTENSE efforts to capture the schools go in two directions," the survey states, "first the capturing of the teachers, and second, the taking over of the youth itself. An obstacle to this was, up to lately, the non-political character of the schools, which was strictly observed."

The communist regime now seeks to change schools into political institutions and brings pressure on the teachers who, according to the minister of education, are bowing under the weight of reactionary ideology. To win the youth, radical changes have been made in text books to bring out the marxist historical and social viewpoint regarding Poland.

ANOTHER MEANS of gaining control over education is the packing of examination commissions with communist agents, who have veto power. Their special task is to find out whether students have been thoroughly schooled in marxist ideology. Educational standards have been lowered for admission to universities. Candidates of the regime are accepted by the colleges without the requirement of a high school diploma, while non-communist candidates face all kinds of difficulties.

The former autonomy of the universities has been practically abolished, the survey points out. Teachers are called upon "to exterminate symptoms of disloyalty and political subversion," and classes in dialectical materialism have been introduced.

Friars of Graymoor Purchase Cook Academy for Seminary



Deeds for Cook Academy, Montour Falls, are received by the Very Rev. Raphael Grande, S.A., Superior General of the Graymoor Friars of the Atonement, (left) from Stanley A. Vosburgh, Auburn, president of Board of Trustees of the Academy. This marks first establishment of the Graymoor Friars in the Diocese of Rochester. (Tarby Photo.)

Montour Falls — Cook Academy, prominent educational institution in this town for almost a century, has been sold for \$40,000 to the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, who conduct Graymoor Monastery at Garrison, N. Y.

Final negotiations for the purchase were completed yesterday (Oct. 27) at Auburn, N. Y., between the Very Rev. Raphael Grande, S.A., Superior General of the Graymoor Friars, and Stanley Vosburgh, Auburn attorney and president of the Cook Academy Board of Trustees.

ESTABLISHMENT of the Graymoor Friars in this Southern Tier area of the Diocese of Rochester was made with the approval of His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

Involved in the purchase are one large five-story building consisting of classrooms and dormitories, a gymnasium, several smaller buildings, and approximately forty acres of land. Under the Friars, Cook Academy will be transformed into a seminary for the training of candidates for the priesthood. Father Grande announced, "Necessary repairs and alterations will be undertaken immediately and the Friars plan to start their seminary here by the Fall of 1946."

REV. DAVID GANNON, S.A., who has been appointed Guardian of the newly-acquired site, has already arrived here and assisted by two religious brothers of the community is making preliminary preparations for the establishment of the seminary.

Advent of the Atonement Friars here will make a total of four religious communities conducting a novitiate of seminary studies in the Diocese of Rochester. The Friars of the Divine Word are preparing to establish a seminary at Lake Umbagog, New Brunswick, N. J. The Holy Carmelites opened a novitiate at Auburn two years ago. The Italian Capuchins recently acquired a site at Seneca Lake where they plan to conduct a novitiate.

War conditions forced Cook Academy to close following commencement exercises in June of 1943. The board of trustees recently decided against reopening the school and to sell its properties.

ENJOYING A long and colorful history, Cook Academy was first established in 1857 as Peoples College by Charles Cook, who wished to provide opportunities of education for many otherwise unable to obtain such opportunities.

In the face of financial reverses and other difficulties, Peoples College failed. Cook's interests were assumed eventually by his brother Elbert Cook who sold Peoples College in 1870 to the North British Convention. This was its consideration of Charles Cook's original desire that the school should be under Christian influences.

In honor of the original founder, the Baptists changed the name of Peoples College to Cook Academy and with the exception of a short period during World War I, Cook Academy operated continuously from 1870 until its final closing in 1943. Well known in upstate New York, Cook Academy has prominent figures among its alumni, including the distinguished Chinese statesman, Dr. Wellington Koo.

THE FRIARS of the Atonement, the new owners, of the Cook Academy property, are also well known throughout New York State. The congregation has its American headquarters at Graymoor and is represented in the Archdioceses of New York, Washington, and Vancouver, B. C.; and in the Dioceses of Amarillo, Odessa, Raleigh, and Nelson, B. C.

Unique feature of the history of the Atonement Friars is that originally they were a Protestant religious community organized as "The Society of the Atonement" in 1889 at Graymoor by Paul James Francis, an Episcopalian minister.

They were devoted to the work of the reunion of all Christians and led by Father Paul Francis, as he is now known, entered the Catholic Church as a convert in 1909. Father Francis died in 1940.

A Father Francis — a man of free thought and liberal views — was a member of the Episcopalian Church and a member of the Episcopalian Church.

Miss Nelson served three years in the Women's Army Corps. According to a war department announcement, she is the first Negro WAC to enter a religious order.

Centenary Mass Set Sunday At St. Michael's, Livonia Center

Special ceremonies will commemorate a hundred years of parish history this Sunday (Oct. 31) at St. Michael's Church, Livonia Center, according to the announcement of the Rev. John F. Woloch, pastor.

Elmira Launches WENY Program

A new Catholic radio program for listeners in the Southern Tier will be inaugurated Sunday, Oct. 31, at 12:30 p. m., over Elmira Station WENY by the Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira.

Entitled "The Elmira Catholic Hour," the new weekly program is the first radio production attempted by the priests of the Elmira Diocese to bring Catholic thought and doctrine to the people of the area.

ON THE opening program Mr. Dale Taylor, manager of WENY, will welcome the Elmira clergy to the station and Monsignor Brien will accept the radio opportunity in the name of the priests of the diocese.

Monsignor Brien's religious talk will be followed on Nov. 7 by the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, The Rev. William J. Naughton, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, will be the speaker on Nov. 14.

FATHER NAUGHTON, moderator of the Elmira Diocesan Union of the Holy Name Society announced this week that the Holy Name Union will cooperate in the production of the radio series. A resolution to that effect was passed at the last deanery meeting of the Union.

St. Michael's was a mission of Lima from 1848 until 1871, when the Rev. Nicholas Byrne was appointed first resident pastor. From those days of the home and buggy to the present, the parish has had 11 pastors.

The present pastor, Father Woloch, was appointed pastor of St. Michael's July 6, 1947. He served as a chaplain in the United States Navy throughout World War II and was on Midway Island when the Japanese attacked that island at the outbreak of the war.

Speakers at the luncheon in the Chamber of Commerce building, where the sessions were held, Father Woloch, assistant national director of War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, fervently pleaded for sympathy for Europe's DP's, more than half of whom, he pointed out, are Catholics.

"Almost a million wandering souls," he stated, "are lying abjectly at the side of a long, painful road, waiting for a Good Samaritan. It is our clear obligation to do all we can for them if we are to be called followers of Christ."

Father Woloch, who substituted for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward E. Swarason, director of WRS-NCW, asked the delegates to "help your Diocesan Resettlement Committee to find homes and jobs for these displaced persons, our fellow members in the Mystical Body of Christ, whose only crime was resistance to tyranny."

FATHER SHAMON, diocesan moderator of the DCCW, asserted (Continued on Page 5)

First Negro Wae Enters Convent

Detroit, Mich. — (Special) — Believed to be the first Negro WAC to begin training as a Catholic Sister, Miss Constance Nelson, of this city, was received into the Sisters of St. Mary at the order's motherhouse in St. Louis, Oct. 5.

Miss Nelson is the daughter of Mrs. Ionia Nelson and the late John J. Nelson, Sr., of Texas. She attended St. Nicholas Academy and Houston College, Houston, Texas, and majored in dietetics at the universities of California and Iowa.

Miss Nelson served three years in the Women's Army Corps. According to a war department announcement, she is the first Negro WAC to enter a religious order.



The Rev. Albert J. Shamon, moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, conferring with Mrs. Theodore Horack (left), newly-elected treasurer, and Mrs. Richard L. Kalb, re-elected president, at Wednesday convention.

continued that people spend so much time debating less important subjects and yet are reticent about discussing religion. Those who know "the joy of the Sacraments," he said, must have the