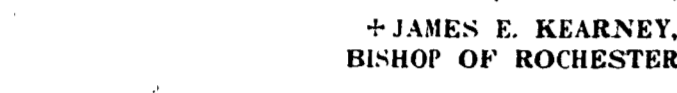


Red Cross Sunday
Bishop's Appeal
For the Red Cross

February 27, 1949
 My dear People:
 May I solicit once again your generous support of the annual campaign for the maintenance of the program of the American Red Cross. This program both in normal times and in emergencies is so well known that it requires no lengthy exposition. It has become a necessary element in the life of our nation.
 Furthermore, the American Red Cross is one of those genuinely American organizations, in that it is maintained "by the people" and "for the people."
 In these days when "for better or for worse" we are handing over so much to government control, it is important to demonstrate our traditional loyalty to private endeavors such as the American Red Cross.
 The best demonstration of our confidence in the Red Cross program is a generous donation to make that program effective.
 Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
 + JAMES E. KEARNEY,
 BISHOP OF ROCHESTER



Teachers Obligated to Unionize, Priest Says

Providence—(NC)—Classroom teachers have "an obligation in social justice" to be members of a free trade union, the Rev. William E. McManus, assistant director of the Education Department National Catholic Welfare Conference, told the Providence Teachers' Alliance here.
 The priest gave these reasons: "The common good demands the unionization of all workers; union membership is a protection of professional integrity; teachers need the economic security that collective bargaining provides; the welfare of the nation's schools may be best advanced through the unionization of teachers; and teachers owe a debt of gratitude to union members, a debt to be paid by joining their ranks."
 Fr. McManus urged members of the American Federation of Teachers with which the Alliance is affiliated to appraise their position honestly and acknowledge that as AFT members they are "trade unionists" first, public school teachers secondly and professional persons finally.
 HE SAID courage would be required of teachers union members since "in some cities shameful attempts to suppress AFT locals are made by high-handed school officials."
 He also said that teachers should be patient and tolerant towards their colleagues who refuse to join a union. "If you remember that 80 per cent of the salaried white-collar workers in the United States are still unorganized, you will hold no



Rochester Priests Receive Air Corps Commissions

Two diocesan priests received their commissions as chaplains in the United States Air Corps this week and will leave for duty immediately at air bases in Florida, the Chancery announced today.
 The Rev. Bernard V. Kuchman, formerly assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, has been assigned to chaplain duties at the Air Corps base, Ft. Meade, Md. Fr. Kuchman will take over the chaplain duties of the Air Corps' McMill Field near Tampa, Fla. this week. He has the rank of 1st lieutenant.
 Father Kuchman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kuchman of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, Rochester, was educated in St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and ordained in 1940. He was assistant pastor at Holy Family Church, Rochester, for six years, followed by service at St. Andrew's Church, St. Philip Neri's and St. Alphonsus Church since 1947.
 Father Hurley, a native of Waverly, was also educated at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary. He was ordained in 1942 and appointed assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church. After two years he was transferred to St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport, and then to Our Lady of Lourdes in 1945.
 Fathers Kuchman and Hurley bring the total of Rochester priests in service to seven; two others are in the Army, the Rev. John Albert and Rev. Gerard J. Gelin, and three in the Navy, the Rev. John K. Whiston, Rev. Joseph Cloonan and Rev. John Widman.
 A toaster or mixer from Thorne Jewellers is the perfect answer to an anniversary or wedding gift problem. Other quality gifts for all occasions. 318 E. Main. — Adv.

French Hierarchy Scores Divorces

Paris—(RN)—Prompted by the increasing number of divorces and remarriages in France, the French Roman Catholic hierarchy has issued a declaration reminding Catholics that the remarriage of divorced persons is not recognized by the Church and that Catholic divorcees may not receive the sacraments or stand as godfathers or godmothers.
 The declaration however urged Catholic divorcees to pray and to continue attending Mass on Sundays and holidays of obligation.
 According to the declaration, the situation of Catholic divorcees can only be regularized if they agree to separate from their new partners, or when after the death of the first partner they are married by the Church.

1949 Lenten Regulations

1. All the days of Lent, except Sundays, are fast days. The Lenten fast ends at noon on Holy Saturday.
 2. All between the ages of 21 and 59 inclusively are obliged to fast, except the sick and convalescent, women in delicate health and condition; those to whom fasting would cause grave injury to health, or produce such illness or exhaustion as would interfere with their daily duties, and those whose occupations are of a very laborious and exhausting nature. Those who doubt whether they are excused or not should consult their confessor.
 3. Those obliged to fast may take only one full meal a day. This meal may be taken either at noon or in the evening. The law also permits a light breakfast as well as a lunch either at midday or in the evening.
 4. During Lent every Wednesday (except the Wednesday in Holy Week), every Friday, the second Saturday and Holy Saturday until noon are days of abstinence. However, by special privilege of the Holy See, working people and their families are obliged to abstain from meat only on Ash Wednesday, Fridays and Holy Saturday until noon. On all other days of abstinence those of the family who are obliged to fast may eat meat at their principal meal; those not obliged to fast may eat meat at any of their meals.
 5. Those who are excused from fasting or abstinence during Lent should practice self-denial in some other way.
 6. In all Churches having a resident pastor there will be a sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evenings, and the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Pastors in charge of two churches will give a sermon in each church during the week.
 7. Parish parties or similar activities on the church premises are to cease during Lent.
 8. The time for complying with the precept of Paschal Communion extends from the first Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday inclusive.
- + JAMES E. KEARNEY,
 Bishop of Rochester

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Soviet Now On Defense, Chapin Says

Washington—(NC)—Reports from all parts of the world serve to emphasize the statement of His Holiness Pope Pius XII to the College of Cardinals that "all civilized people" have passed "judgment" on the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty.
 According to Selden Chapin, U. S. Minister to Budapest, who has been called home for consultations with State Department superiors, these protests and denunciations of the "trial" have had "a profound effect on the Hungarian people" and have placed the communist regime "on the psychological defensive."
 REPORTS FROM inside Hungary make it clear that the Hungarian people as a whole have not been deceived. Deprived of all means of expressing their true feelings, the only remaining Catholic weekly and the Hungarian Catholic news service did not refer with one word to the "trial" — they crowded the churches as never before and silently prayed for "the psychological defensive."
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Spare-Time. Sewing For European Relief



Mrs. Eva Ferry (left) and Mrs. Mary Sweeney compare samples of the home-sewing which they contributed to the 2 1/2 tons of clothing, food and medical supplies shipped overseas in 1948 by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Mrs. Ferry, 69, made 242 pairs of baby shoes, like the ones in her hand, from old felt hats, while Mrs. Sweeney, 56, put together 10 large patchwork quilts for the overseas bundles of the DCCW. Women of every decade cooperated in gathering more than 9 tons of food packages, 3 tons of baby clothes, 3 tons of shoes, and 8 tons of adult clothing for families in Europe. (Story on Page 11.)

Tyranny Will Not Silence Church, Pope Tells World

Priest Backs Federal Aid For Housing

Washington—(NC)—Federal support of cooperatives and other non-profit housing groups is a prime need if America's middle-income families are to have decent roofs over their heads, a Catholic charities official told a Senate committee which is considering housing legislation.
 Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, declared that the national government should make 100 per cent loans to building cooperatives, give the loans 99 years of mortgage life, and set up a separate Federal agency to stimulate and provide technical guidance for the cooperatives.
 "Most communities are really interested in doing something about housing," he stated, "but a considerable number of them have thrown up their hands because they do not know what to do. They need more leadership... especially in the promotion of cooperative housing."
 Monsignor O'Grady rejected the idea of a housing subsidy for middle-income groups and he said that in spite of the fact that home buyers have not profited by the experience of American industry in the erection of homes, he still believed that with better leadership from the Federal Government they could make use of new materials and methods in such a way as to meet the country's needs.
 THE CHARITIES OFFICIAL attacked the efforts of private building interests to sell Americans on the merits of the so-called "economy house."
 "While we hear a great deal nationally," Monsignor O'Grady said, "about \$6,000 and even \$7,000 houses we do not find many of them that are fit for family living."
 "The ordinary veteran and the ordinary wage-earner needs more than the promises that are being made by the real estate interests and the National Association of Home Builders at the present time," he continued.

95 Missionaries Reported Killed By Chinese Reds

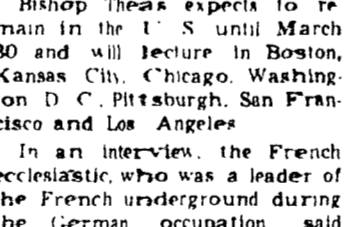
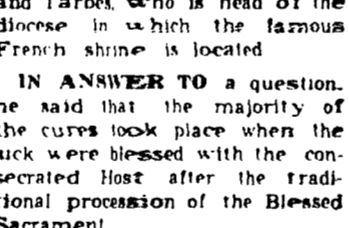
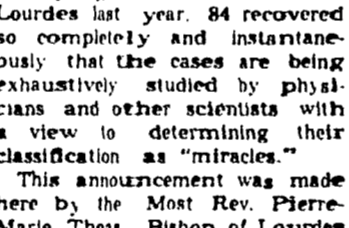
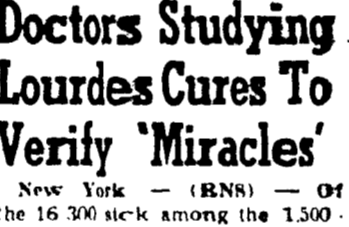
Shanghai—(NC)—Since the end of the war with Japan, 47 Catholic missionaries are known to have been killed by Chinese communists, 32 others died in Red prisons and three succumbed after their release from ill effects of prison treatment, according to the latest figures compiled here.
 Thirteen others were taken captive during raids and are presumed to be dead because there has been no word of them for two years.
 None are known to have been killed after April, 1948.

Doctors Studying Lourdes Cures To Verify 'Miracles'

New York—(RNS)—Of the 16,300 sick among the 1,500,000 pilgrims who visited Lourdes last year, 84 recovered so completely and instantaneously that the cases are being exhaustively studied by physicians and other scientists with a view to determining their classification as "miracles."
 This announcement was made here by the Most Rev. Pierre-Marie Theas, Bishop of Lourdes and Tarbes, who is head of the diocese in which the famous French shrine is located.
 IN ANSWER TO a question, he said that the majority of the cures took place when the sick were blessed with the consecrated Host after the traditional procession of the Blessed Sacrament.
 Bishop Theas expects to remain in the U. S. until March 30 and will lecture in Boston, Kansas City, Chicago, Washington D. C., Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Los Angeles.
 In an interview, the French ecclesiastic, who was a leader of the French underground during the German occupation and said that one of his principal purposes in coming here was to "personally thank America" for his liberation from a Nazi prison, Aug. 1944 on the eve of his deportation to a concentration camp in Germany.
 FOR HIS ACTIVITIES in assisting Jews to escape the Gestapo and for his unremitting protests against profanation of churches by German troops, he was arrested June 1944, at Montauban, the diocese he headed, and was jailed at Compiègne prior to his scheduled deportation.
 Bishop Theas disclosed that he had many Jews among the families of his flock. These families, he said, improvised disguises for the fugitives from persecution and accepted their responsibility for harboring them with "admirable courage."
 Another purpose of his visit, Bishop Theas said, was to encourage Americans to visit Lourdes to pray for international peace.

Rochester Jesuit Found Safe In China's Red Territory

The Rev. Louis J. Dowd, S.J., formerly of Rochester, is safe and well with five other American priests in the city of Yangchow, 10 miles north of Shanghai in an area occupied by the Chinese Communist forces since Jan. 24, according to an NCWC News Service dispatch received this week.
 Father Dowd, son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis J. Dowd, formerly of 286 Rutgers Street, Rochester, and later of Chatham, N.Y. has been in China eleven years. He went there as a young scholastic to finish his studies and assist in teaching and mission work.
 IN 1944 WHILE a Japanese prisoner, he was ordained to the priesthood in a prison camp. This week's dispatch disclosed that another step in his vocation was taken while held by another enemy; he made his final vows as a Jesuit shortly after the communists took over Yangchow.
 He was interned by the Japanese following Pearl Harbor. Offered repatriation to the United States by the Japanese in the spring of 1942, the Jesuit student elected to risk internment and to remain at his missionary post.
 A GRADUATE OF Blessed Sacrament School and Aquinas Institute, Rochester, he did not decide to enter the Society of Jesus until he attended a laymen's retreat in 1939 at St. Bernard's Seminary given by the late Rev. William J. Loneragan, S.J., then associate editor of America.
 To mark his ordination in the internment camp at Zikawei near Shanghai in occupied China on June 2, here in Rochester, the Rev. Thomas F. Connor, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church celebrated Mass for the "prison priest" and the Rev. John J. O'Farrell, S.J., associate editor of the Jesuit Missions preached the sermon.
 The Shanghai dated dispatch states that Father Dowd and his



Bishops Attack Red-Ruled Union

Rome—(RNS)—Workers have been implicitly warned against joining Communist-led General Confederation of Italian Workers by Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops of Emilia, generally considered Italy's biggest Communist stronghold.
 The bishops warned against unions which are "blind and selfish instrument of an unjust and disastrous class war."
 They said workers should join free trade unions "so as to be able to use their own vote and their own action both for their own good and for the general welfare."
 DECLARING THAT trade unions should be free of all party influences, the bishops praised the Catholic associations of Italian workers and said they should be supported because "they are cells of modern Christianity and promote moral as well as the technical training of Christian workers."
 The bishops' statement brought an immediate retort from Giuseppe di Vittorio, leader of the General Confederation of Italian Workers. Writing in L'Unita, Communist Party newspaper, Vittorio charged the Catholic hierarchy with "sliding with the bosses and the rich industrialists to wreck the only strong labor force capable of improving the workers' lot."
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Courier's Subscription Drive Slated for Next Two Sundays

This Sunday—Feb. 27—is a red-letter day for the thousands of subscribers of the Catholic Courier Journal who wish to continue receiving their diocesan newspaper regularly in the mail each Friday.
 In order to be continued on the mailing list, subscribers must make use of the subscription envelopes which have been distributed in most of the parishes of the diocese.
 Parishes are receiving new subscriptions and renewals at all Masses next Sunday, and on Sunday, Mar. 6. Subscription price for the Courier for 52 issues is \$3.00, which should be paid through whatever method has been adopted in each parish.
 The issue of Mar. 31 will be the last to be sent to those subscribers who fail to submit their names and addresses for renewal.
 In a letter read at all Masses last Sunday, His Excellency Bishop Keamey, urging "the Catholic Courier in every Catholic home," described the diocesan paper as "outstanding among the fine Catholic newspapers throughout the country."
 The Courier, the Bishop declared, "is most necessary in the diocese not only as a source of information as to what is going on in Catholic life all over the world, but also as a bond of union for the entire diocesan family."
 It was stressed in sermons last Sunday that the Courier is designed to "inform, interpret, defend, promote and represent." In the past two years, it was noted, the circulation of the national Catholic press has risen 26 per cent, indicating its value in these troublesome times.
 "In vain will you build churches, preach missions, found schools," Pope Pius X warned; "all your good works will be destroyed if you cannot at the same time wield the defensive and offensive weapon which press that is Catholic, loyal and sincere."
 Subscribers who have come to appreciate the growing value of the Courier are urged to remember the envelope this Sunday in order to insure continued delivery.

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