

New Immigration Policy Urged

ROME (RNS)—Pope Pius XII in a brief speech to eight American Congressmen, suggested that the United States adopt a more liberal immigration policy to relieve the "glutted pits of vast populations uprooted by war in Europe and Asia."

The Pontiff, who received the

Congressmen in private audience at Castel Gandolfo, praised American generosity for its "bounteous contributions to various international organs of relief."

At the same time, the Pope emphasized that the "tasks of attempting to bring peace and decent prosperity to the stricken peoples of the world is a gigantic one" and, therefore, other means of relief, particularly for children, must be found.

"We dare say further that the question has risen more than once in your mind if not to your lips," Pope Pius said. "Is the present immigration policy as liberal as the natural resources permit in a country so lavishly blessed by the Creator and as the challenging needs of other countries would seem to demand?"

Brownies Take Part In Chest Parade

HANCOCK FALLS—Girl Scout activities have been resumed for the year at St. Patrick's School. The Brownies meet every Tuesday afternoon, after school, in the hall, Miss Flora Calarco is again troop leader. She has a new assistant this year, Mrs. Alice Lilla Glensante.

Last Wednesday evening the Brownies marched in the Community Chest parade. About 100 Brownies took part.

Bishop Presides At Centenary Mass

Apostolic blessing of Pope Pius XII, imparted through His Excellency Bishop Kearney to the pastor, the clergy and the faithful of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, highlighted the Solemn High Mass marking the centenary of the parish on Sunday, Oct. 30.

An overflow crowd attended the Mass of Thanksgiving offered by the Rev. William J. Naughton, twelfth pastor of the 100-year-old "Mother Church" of the city.

Bishop Kearney conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 60 children Sunday afternoon. Again the church was filled to capacity.

TRIBUTE TO the pioneers who founded and carried on the parish was expressed by Bishop Kearney in his sermon at the Mass. "We cannot forget," he declared, "those who were responsible for this occasion. If they had not done their job so well, there would be no occasion for this celebration today."

Noting that "a current lack of patriotism and honor for the institutions of our country has brought us into critical times and perilous situations," the Bishop said that "a generation of biographers has come along and has torn down from their pedestals the great figures of the past, the great heroes of history."

Progress of the Church despite trials and persecutions, the Bishop continued, is owing to the fact that "the great Saints of God, beginning with St. Peter and St. Paul, always have had a sacred place in our hearts. The most sincere prayer we could offer is that we of our generation, with all the advantages of education which our forebears lacked, may be able to write into the story of our religion the same magnificent epoch we commemorate with you at Mass today."

MAYOR STRACHEN and other city officials, about 60 monsignors and priests from throughout the diocese and more than 60 nuns, some former teachers at St. Peter and Paul's School, were present for the ceremonies.

Bishop Kearney presided on the throne. He was assisted by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. William J. Brien, V. F., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, as Assistant Priest. Deacons of honor were the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Wilfred Craigh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, and Francis J. Lane, chaplain at Elmira Reformatory. Officers of the Mass included: Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, deacon; Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, sub-deacon; Rev. John E. Maney, secretary to Bishop Kearney; and the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Lawrence B. Casey, pastor of Holy Cross Church, Rochester, masters of ceremonies; Rev. Robert J. Fox, pastor of St. James Church, Waverly, thurifer; Rev. Thomas J. Toole, pastor of St. Mary's Church, and the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, acolytes. Rev. Francis Turner, pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Scipio Center, crossbearer; Rev. Valentine Jankowiak, assistant pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, bookkeeper.

Fourth Degree members of Elmira Council Knights of Columbus acted as an honor guard to the Bishop. The high school choir sang the Mass. Used for the first time was a new set of vestments made recently by the nuns at the Dominican Monastery on West Church Street.

HIGHLIGHTS of Catholicism in Elmira, from the time that a Jesuit priest first rode on horseback into the Chemung Valley in 1787 through the establishment of Elmira's present eight parishes, were traced in a historical sketch marking the jubilee.

The first St. Peter and Paul's Church was completed in 1848, and the present edifice constructed in 1854. The parish was the first to conduct a Catholic grammar school in the city, and founded the present high school. Centenary ceremonies included Solemn High Masses on Monday and Tuesday for all living present and former parishioners and for the repose of the souls of all deceased parishioners.



With His Excellency Bishop Kearney who presided are officers of the Solemn High Mass ceremony which celebrated the 100th anniversary of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, Sunday. In photo, from left, are: Rev. Leo G. Schwab, deacon; Monsignor Francis J. Lane, deacon of honor; Bishop Kearney; Rev. William J. Naughton, pastor and celebrant; Monsignor Wilfred Craigh, deacon of honor; Monsignor William J. Brien, dean of Elmira deanery who was Assistant Priest, and the Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth, subdeacon.

Riesters, Married 50 Years, Mark Jubilee At Mass

Auburn—Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Riesters of Dunning Ave. Road, Fleming was observed Sunday, Oct. 30 at a Solemn High Mass in St. Alphonsus Church.

The couple was served a break fast at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Leo Donovan who lives only a short distance from her parents.

A dinner followed the Mass at the home of a son, Francis Riesters in Fleming. Sixty guests attended. The guests were later entertained at the home of the couple.

The Riesters have two daughters and five sons, Mrs. Donovan, Fleming and Mrs. L. E. Kinney, North Bennington, Vt. and Francis, Paul, John, Bernard and Peter Riesters, Jr., all of whom reside in the Fleming and Auburn area. They also have 16 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Riesters were married on Oct. 24, 1899 in St. Alphonsus Church by the late Rev. Herbert Reegenbogen as pastor. Mrs. Riesters was formerly Miss Johanna Steigewald. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Anton Steigewald, Auburn. Mr. Riesters was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Riesters, Fleming.

The Riesters have lived for 47 years on the same farm. Mr. Riesters is widely known as a beekeeper and fruit grower in Fleming. He has been an apiarist for 60 years. He grows apples on an extensive scale. His birthplace was at the old E. E. Thornton farm, now the site of Mercy Hospital.

Says Protestants Study Education

COLUMBUS, O. (RNS)—Secularism, statism, and social breakdown have caused Protestants to "re-examine" their philosophy of education and social work according to Dr. Paul Lambert, president of Springfield College in Massachusetts.

He told the first Protestant Child Welfare Conference here that "there has been increasing uneasiness among Protestants about the exclusion of religious subjects from the schools."

Protestants originally favored a public school system "in the interests of unity," he said, but "now, through the rise of parochial schools, both Catholic and Protestant, this aim is being thwarted."

Named Albany Pastor

The Rev. Joseph A. Delaney, an alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary, has been appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Albany.

Elmira Catholic Highlights

Sodality delegates will travel to Auburn Tuesday, November 1st, to take part in the Rochester Diocesan Sodality Union Meeting to be held at Holy Family High School Auditorium.

Rev. William Brady S.J. who is Sodality Director of Le Moyne College, Syracuse, will be guest speaker.

A Purple Heart

Catholic High's Junior football team is still cheap but there's noticeable pep lacking from their lineup. This is due to the fact that the boys are short one very valuable player, Paul Kelly, who took the old axiom "Practice makes perfect" rather seriously. Paul practiced and practiced until a broken collar bone plus a few smashed ribs forced him into the hospital.

Nobody can fill his shoes on the team, so while Paul's recuperating, his teammates are patiently awaiting his return to make the best team yet. Injured in the line of battle, it has been requested by Paul's teammates that he be remembered in this column.

Officers Named

The news we've all been anxiously awaiting was finally made last week. With ballot in hand the Freshmen elected officers. To these the chosen group our sincere congratulations and best wishes for a successful term. The officers are: President David Scarrin; Vice President Joan Courtney; Secretary Edward Casey; and Treasurer Elizabeth Milklin.

Cream of the Crop

Yes Catholic High has reason to be proud of its Freshmen for they have proven themselves worthy of all pride and confidence placed in them. Their physical power and strength, they have already shown us, such as on the day they defeated the

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Necessity For Sacrifice Told To Workshop Group

Auburn—The Holy Father has issued a call to the apostolate that will entail many sacrifices but offers many rewards, not only in one's individual life but also in what we share with others.

This was the message of the Rev. Charles Langworthy, assistant chaplain at Cornell University and former assistant at St. Mary's Church delivered at the fifth in a series of Workshop talks sponsored by Auburn Council of Catholic Women.

A large group heard the talk Tuesday evening, Oct. 25 in the Catholic "Daughters" home.

Father Langworthy spoke on "The Price of Success." He said, "We must accept the plan that God has worked out for us and in doing it put less 'I' and more Christ into our efforts."

"We will then come to recognize the value of accepting sacrifice and using it consciously. The power of good example is needed today, radiating it to others. No good action that has social repercussions goes to waste."

THE LAY SPEAKER for the evening, Mrs. Gerard Lesch, graduate of Syracuse University's School of Speech, discussed the value of "Sacrifice."

Mrs. Lesch pointed out that "very often in everyday contacts we are required to explain to the grocer, the cleaner or perhaps the shoe mender our particular needs. Naturally we try to make ourselves clear in order to prevent error, and to shop wisely.

"Today women are finding that the thought and care given to home affairs serves them well as they respond more and more to moral leadership in the world.

Tim devoted to improvement in diction and other speech aids is, therefore, important."

After the opening prayer, Mrs. Joseph P. Cuddy, deanery president reminded the women that the deanery dinner will be held Nov. 15 at Springside Inn, with Rev. Donald M. Cleary, chaplain at Cornell University, principal speaker.

Mrs. Cuddy turned the meeting over to Mrs. Charles Gehring who, as chairman for the Workshop, introduced Father Langworthy.

The sixth and final session of Workshop talks was heard on Wednesday evening, Nov. 2. The speakers were Rev. E. Leo McCormack, moderator of the Auburn Council of Catholic Women speaking on the subject "The Stage Is Set," and Rev. John T. Callahan, Rochester deanery moderator who discussed ways of "Doing It."

Christophers Plan \$100 Monthly Award

New York (RNS)—A new Christopher award of \$100 monthly, beginning in November, will be given to the person who submits the best factual account of "what one person can do" in a Christopher way. The announcement was made at Christopher headquarters here.

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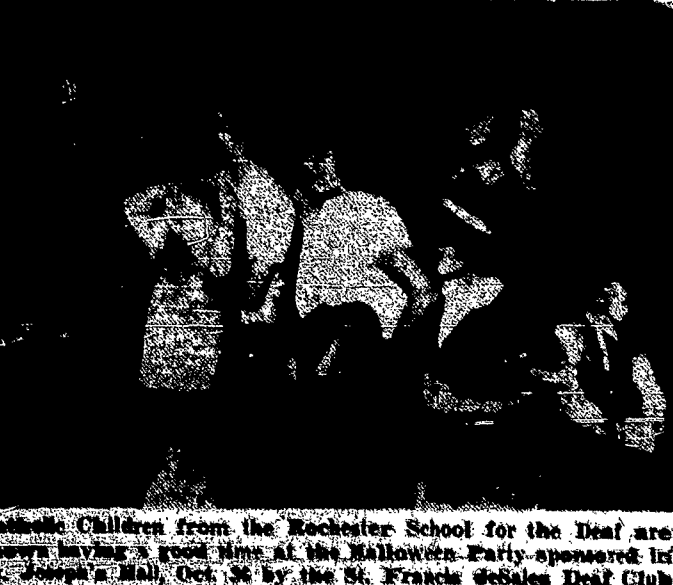
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