U. S. Bishops Warn Against Family Dangers

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Breakdown In Homes Blamed On Godlessness

Text of Bishops' Statement on 'The Christian Family', page 4.

Washington, D.C.—(RNS) — America's Roman Catholic Bishops, meeting here, issued a statement warning that family life is imperilled by dangers "more fearsome than the atom bomb."

The Hierarchy declared that "35 years of war and its effects" had wrought "incalculable injury" on family life and called for "an intensive effort to restore the virtues and practices guaranteeing stability and peace."

Chief signatories of the statement were the four Cardinals of the United States: Dennis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia; Edward Cardinal Mooney of Detroit; Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago; and Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York.

CAUTIONING AGAINST a "godless philosophy" which might not only further hamper family life but ultimately destroy it, the Bishops urged that family life be made permanent in its establishment and prospects, be free from unwarranted interventions by the State, have economic security, and be religious.

Blaming society's "disregard of supernatural faith" for injuries done to family life, the Bishops declared:

"The world, which discounts supernatural faith in God's revelation, praises family life, declares its place and function essential to human well-being, and speaks with high sentiment of the sacredness of the home.

"Yet by countless acts and agencies it moves steadily to disrupt family life and to destroy the home. It approves and facilitates divorce as a cure for domestic ills. It accepts multiple marriages which usually mean a hopeless entanglement of the infelicities of a plurality of broken homes.

"It sponsors planned parenthood by use of unnatural and morally degrading means, thus infusing poison into the heart of family life by destroying in husband and wife the self-respect and mutual reverence on which alone are built enduring love and patient fidelity.

"It is unconcerned for the most part, about its manifest duty of removing the great difficulties that lie in the way of those who wish to marry and establish homes. Its social legislation in point of suitable housing, decent material facilities, security in income and prospects, is slow, fumbling and inadequate. An unbelieving world professing recognition of the essential value of family life actually discounts that value and moves to destroy what it claims to cherish.

"ALL THIS," the Bishops said, amounts to a calculated attack upon family life. To counteract this attack it is urgent to have the clear knowledge which faith gives of what the family is, and of what it means to the individual man and to human society."

The Bishops went on to describe the family as "a divine institution" which "is prior in ex-

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Bishop's Trowel Keeps Busy

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL
Greece

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH
Irondequoit

Cornerstone Laying, prominent feature in the busy schedule of His Excellency Bishop Kearney, dramatizes the steady progress of Catholic life in the diocese. Last Sunday, the Bishop laid the cornerstone (left) of the new St. John the Evangelist School in Greece and also the cornerstone (right) of the new St. Margaret Mary Church in Irondequoit.

Charities Hit State Role In Child Care

Atlantic City, N.J.—(RNS) — More than 100 diocesan directors of Catholic charities warned here that governmental welfare plans must not be permitted to displace religious agencies from their place in caring for dependent, neglected and orphan children.

The action came during the annual convention of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, attended by 800 delegates from all parts of the nation.

According to the directors, the historic interest in child care is "the finest product of the religious faith" of the American people. "Through the years," they noted, "local governments have been willing to share with Catholics, and with other religious agencies, the responsibility for the care of children."

THIS, THEY said, has resulted in the "simplest, the most natural, constructive and economical way of caring for children."

The priests asserted that there was a growing tendency to secularize all child welfare services, though public agencies were developed to implement the work of the private, voluntary agencies.

They pointed out that the Catholic agencies had supported government attempts to provide the population with protection against unemployment, old age, premature death and temporary and permanent disablement.

HOWEVER, THEY added, "we must draw a clear line of demarcation between economic security measures that provide for the material needs of workers and the providing of substitute care for children away from their own homes."

The diocesan directors said these principles should be respected by those taking part in the 1950 White House Conference on children and youth.

Rochester, England, Church Once St. John Fisher's, Gives St. Andrew's Seminary Relic

Monsignor Edward M. Lyons, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary, [illegible] student prefect, stone from St. Andrew's Cathedral in Rochester, England, where St. John Fisher served as Bishop before his martyrdom for the Faith. [illegible] stone of the new St. Andrew's Seminary here by His Excellency Bishop Kearney [illegible]

Immaculate Church Announces Jubilee

A full week, including the Patronal Feast Day, will be devoted to celebration of the Centenary of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, according to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, M.R., pastor.

The celebration will open with a Triduum beginning Sunday, Dec. 4, and close with Solemn Pontifical Mass to be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 11 A. M.

THE PARISH Centennial Banquet at which former parishioners and alumni and alumnae of the school will be welcome, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7 p. m. Bishop Kearney will be the speaker. Reservations for the banquet may be made at the rectory or in the vestibule at Masses on the next two Sundays.

Conducting the Triduum will be the following: Sunday, Dec. 4, Rev. Hubert A. Bisky; Monday, Dec. 5, Rev. Alphonsus P. Crimmens; Tuesday, Dec. 6, Rev. John E. McCafferty.

A YOUTH social party will be held in the school hall, Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 9 to 12.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be marked by Solemn High Mass in "Thanksgiving for the Blessings of One Hundred Years" at 9 a. m. Celebrant will be Monsignor Cameron. Assisting will be: Deacon, Rev. George S. Wood; Subdeacon, Rev. Edward A. Zimmer; Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Gerald E. Dunn. Sermon will be preached by the Rev. Leo V. Smith, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

SOLEMN HIGH Mass for all living members of the parish is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 9, at 9:15 a. m., with the Rev. Roy F. Hagerty as celebrant. Assisting will be Deacon, Rev. Joseph T. Maloney; Subdeacon, Rev. Vincent P. Collins. Sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Raymond F. Moore.

Depicting four of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother during the past 100 years, Cantata will be presented in the school auditorium at 8 p. m. Friday. Sung by children of Immaculate Conception school, the presentation will be directed by Sister M. Florian, who prepared the Cantata.

MONSIGNOR CAMERON

ALL DECEASED members of the parish will be remembered at the Solemn High Mass to be celebrated by the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 9:15 a. m. Assisting will be: Deacon, Rev. Joseph F. McCarthy, Subdeacon, Rev. James P. Collins. The Rev. Charles V. Boyle will preach.

Officers of the Solemn Pontifical Mass on Dec. 11 climaxing the celebration will be: Assistant Priest, Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P.A., V.G.; Assistant Deacons at the Throne, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas H. Connors and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady; Deacon, Rev. Michael Connor, C.P.; Subdeacon, Rev. Theophane V. Larkin, O.F.M.; Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Dr. John E. Maney, and Assistant Master, Rev. John T. Callahan.

Also, Acolytes, Rev. Donald J. Murphy and Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy; Cross-Bearer, Rev. John E. Roach; Censer-Bearer, Rev. Richard G. Stanton; Mitre-Bearer, Rev. Richard M. Quinn; Crosier-Bearer, Rev. Patrick J. Grace; Book-Bearer, Rev. Edward J. Tolster; Candle-Bearer, Rev. Eugene H. McFarland; Gremiale, Rev. Lawrence W. Sansom.

A handsome souvenir history of the parish is being distributed and is obtainable at the rectory or in the vestibule of the church at the Sunday Masses.

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RUSSIA CALLS MISSIONERS U. S. AGENTS

London (NC)— Catholic missionaries have braved every hardship to remain in China during the past few hectic years and to minister to the spiritual and bodily needs of the Chinese people. Their staying has resulted in death for almost 100, in imprisonment, maltreatment, humiliation for others. They have faced these and hundreds of other harassments in order to serve the people.

However, to the jaundiced eyes of the Kremlin this selfless devotion of the missionaries is espionage for the "American imperialists." In a Moscow broadcast beamed to China and heard here, the Kremlin said:

"American activities in China can be clearly seen in the operation of the Catholic Church. The Catholic workers are economists, geographers, weathermen and other scientists. They carry on the intelligence activities in China for America."

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Fears New Polish Anti-Church Drive

London (RNS)— Reshuffles and purges among Polish government officials suspected of "nationalist and pro-Western sentiments" may bring "a new and more violent" drive against the Roman Catholic Church in Poland, the Vatican Radio declared in a Polish language broadcast.

More Children Pay Less Rent

Indianapolis — (NC) — This classified ad in the Indianapolis Star tells the story which the Indiana Catholic and Record, local archdiocesan weekly considers the "story of the year":

"FURNISHED HOME FOR RENT — GIs preferred. Children welcome. 3-bedroom modern home. Oil furnace; gas range; hot water heater. $15 per month, less two dollars per month for each dependent under 18 years of age. $5 per month extra for each dog or pet. 5th house east of Colonial Hotel, Rochester, Ind. . . . Jess L. Murden, Peru, Ind."

Two days later the same paper reported that a war veteran, his wife and three children, with no pets, got the home for $39 a month—furnished, that is.

TITO DENIES ABP. STEPINAC TO BE FREED

Vatican City—(NC)—Marshal Tito's reported remark to a visiting American group that he does not intend to free the imprisoned Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb gives the lie to recent reports that religious conditions are improving in Yugoslavia, the Vatican City daily, Osservatore Romano, has commented.

THE LATEST statement by Tito was made in an interview with a delegation which included Ira A. Hirschmann, former UNRRA Inspector General. Mr. Hirschmann reported that one of his group asked the Yugoslav dictator what he would do about the jailed prelate.

Tito, according to the report, stated that his government was not discriminatory, but that Archbishop Stepinac had been guilty of action harmful to the state. He further stated that the Archbishop was imprisoned to protect the widows and children of those who had been killed liberating Yugoslavia from the nazis.

TO THIS Osservatore replied that "such a statement means that Archbishop Stepinac is still held to be in league with those political forces and men against which the liberation was directed, while in fact the Archbishop always represented only the Church and its mission of justice, charity and pacification above any political or partisan conflict."

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Catholic Employers Form Association

London —(NC)— After a year of careful preparation an Association of Catholic Managers and Employers has officially come into existence, following an inaugural meeting in Westminster Cathedral Hall.

"The organization has been set up at the direct wish of the Hierarchy of England and Wales, His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, in a foreword to the constitution of the new body, declares.

"The main object of this association will be to promote the practice of Christian social principles among all who exercise authority in industry, commerce, public administration and the professions."

"The association will strive not merely to make its members better Catholics, but to make them better managers and employers, bringing true principles to their own field of activity," the Cardinal adds.

Cornerstone Rites Set For Seminary

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will forge a new link between his Diocese of Rochester, N. Y., and the old Catholic Diocese of Rochester, England, when he lays the cornerstone of the new St. Andrew's Seminary on Nov. [illegible] St. Andrew [illegible] of the Seminary.

In the cornerstone of the new seminary here will be placed a stone from the [illegible] St. Andrew's Cathedral in Rochester, England. The Cathedral, now under Anglican control, is the same church where England's martyred Bishop of Rochester, St. John Fisher, once presided and offered Mass.

THROUGH THE kindness of the Anglican Dean in charge, the stone from the historic old cathedral was sent to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Lyons, seminary rector.

Bishop Kearney will also mark [illegible]

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Bp. Kearney Confirms Two Adult Groups

Five hundred [illegible] adults — the majority converts within the past [illegible] years — received the Sacrament of Confirmation from His Excellency Bishop Kearney in two [illegible] on Sunday, Nov. [illegible]

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Deferred Vocations [illegible] Sends 160 Into Pr[illegible]

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Irish Police Wear Abstinence Emblem

Dublin — (RNS) — Ireland's national police force, the Garda Siochana, is the first uniformed body in the country to wear the badge of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, it was disclosed here by the Rev. Sean McCarron, S.J., director of the temperance organization.

He said the Garda is probably the first state force in the world to wear a religious emblem.

Little Woman Catechist Starts Factory Apostolate

Kyoto, Japan —(NC)— A little woman cathechist has struck a promising vein in Japan's factory apostolate.

She lives in Otsu, some ten miles from here. Near Otsu is Ishiyama, where there is a rayon factory employing 7,000 men and women. One day the cathechist invited some friends at the factory to the Otsu church. The friends then asked for lectures at the factory for the benefit of their fellow workers.

Monthly lectures have since been given at the factory by Msgr. Paul Furuya, Prefect Apostolic of Kyoto, and the Rev. Paul Egli, O.P., who was introduced by the Rev. Joseph Hunt, M.M., pastor at Otsu. A number of factory workers are now enrolled as catechumens.

Beautiful Silverware for your holiday table. See the latest patterns at Thorne's. William S. Thorne, Jeweler, 313 Main East. HAmilton 5831. — (Adv.)

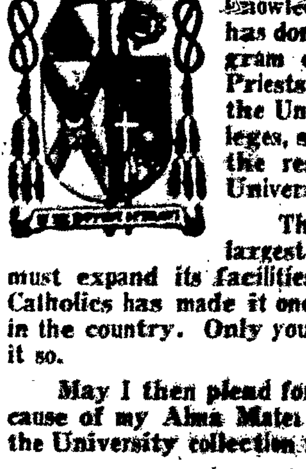
Missionary Ship Ends North Trip

Montreal —(NC)— The Regina Polaris, Oblate mission ship, has returned to this port following a four months' voyage to Far North missions and other outposts, during which it travelled 14,000 miles.

Catholic University Sunday - November 27

My Dear People:

The first Sunday of Advent is the traditional date throughout the United States for the collection in support of the Catholic University of America.



My natural concern that our diocese be very generous to the Alma Mater of its bishop is increased by the knowledge of how much the University has done for the entire educational program of the Church in our country. Priests, Brothers and Sisters all over the United States are using in our colleges, secondary and elementary schools the results of their training on the University Campus.

This great University now has the largest enrollment in its history and must expand its facilities. The generosity of American Catholics has made it one of the outstanding universities in the country. Only your continued generosity will keep it so.

May I then plead for your generous support for the cause of my Alma Mater and ask a generous donation to the University collection next Sunday.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

✠ JAMES E. KEARNEY,
Bishop of Rochester.