

Diocesan Pupils Hear Pope In Plea for War Victims

A poignant picture of the plight of thousands of orphans and needy children in war-wrecked lands was drawn by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in an Ash Wednesday broadcast to 3,000,000 children in the nation's Catholic schools.

Seeks Repeal Of State Ban On School Bid

Boston — (RNS) — A proposal that the state constitution be changed to permit public aid to private and parochial schools was laid before the Massachusetts Legislative Committee on Constitutional Law here.

Rep. Edmund J. Donlon of Boston, who made the proposal, wants revision of an amendment prohibiting state contributions to private schools which was approved by the 1917 state constitutional convention.

ME QUOTED the late William Cardinal O'Connell of Boston as once describing the 1917 amendment as a "gratuitous insult to a large segment of our people."

Donlon also quoted the Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, present Archbishop of Boston, as saying Catholic schools "are as American as the Fourth of July."

He said Massachusetts should recognize the archbishop's contention as fact by voting to give them (Catholic schools) the legal recognition to which they are entitled.

HE ALSO said the federal aid to education bill for both parochial and public school children could not benefit Massachusetts unless the state repealed its anti-aid amendment.

Opposition to the Donlon proposal was voiced by former State Senator Thomas N. Vinson of Winchester, who said its passage "would leave the state wide open to persons asking for money for all kinds of private organizations."

Revision of a state amendment in Massachusetts must be approved by two successive legislatures and then submitted to the voters as a referendum question for final enactment.

Mark Catholic Book Week With Tea



Members of Court Auburn, Catholic Daughters of America opened the observance of Catholic Book Week with a Book Tea, Monday. Among those present were: (standing, from left) Mrs. Fred Hasser and Mrs. Frank Audi, co-chairmen; Miss Gertrude Cora, who gave the book review; and Miss Marie McDonald, chairman of book reviews. Seated is Mrs. George M. Frank, grand regent.

Retreat Slated For Ithaca High School Students

Ithaca — The annual Retreat for Ithaca High School students will begin at Immaculate Conception Church here on Sunday evening Feb. 26 at 7:45.

Rev. Eugene McFarland of Rochester will conduct the Retreat exercises.

This will be the sixth annual retreat for the Ithaca students and the schedule will follow the same general outline that has proven so popular in past years.

TALKS WILL be given by Father McFarland on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:45 followed by Benediction. The students will attend the 7:30 Mass on Monday and Tuesday mornings and a short talk will be given after Mass.

Father McFarland will be available for private conferences after school in the afternoon. The Retreat will end Wednesday morning with a Communion Breakfast following the 7:30 Mass.

Cardinal Receives Degree Dublin — (NC) — His Eminence Norman Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney, Australia, has received an honorary Doctorate of laws from National University here. The Cardinal has been a guest of President Sean T. O'Kelly of Ireland.

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Hornell Women Enjoy Card Fete Hornell — A card party and Valentine social sponsored by the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Ignace Loyola Church was enjoyed in the Confraternity Center here in charge were Mrs. Ed. Sotus and Miss Helen Clifford co-chairmen.

Card table tables were made from lace doilies tied with ribbons and prizes were presented to winners at each table. Refreshments were served buffet style from a table covered with a silver, bowl filled with red, white and blue flowers. Candelabra bearing patriotic colored tapets flanked each end of the table. The room was decorated with pictures of colonial ladies set in lace-edged hearts and also small metallic hearts.

Mrs. Doris Maher and Mrs. R. K. Smith were co-chairmen of decorations, assisted by Mrs. Paul Gordon, Mrs. A. E. Lucas, Mrs. Allan O'Brien, Mrs. Monica Kuhn, Mrs. Thomas Kennedy, Mrs. Genevieve Tobin and Mrs. James Clark, who in charge of cards and tables. Mrs. Mary Huey, Mrs. Ann Spencer, Mrs. Raymond Cossy, Miss Helen Snyder, Mrs. Virginia McLaughlin, Mrs. Margaret Hammond, Mrs. Lois Hoffman, refreshments, Mrs. Margaret Rooney, chairman of prizes.

Father Hogan Named Moderator of DCCW Corning — Miss Helen Sokira, secretary of the Corning Diocesan National Council of Catholic Women, has announced that the Rev. Daniel V. Hogan, assistant pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's Church, has been appointed moderator of the organization. Father Hogan succeeds the Rev. Thomas K. Cleary, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

Stella Maris Society Party Aides Cited Corning — Mrs. Maurice McMurray was chairman for the Valentine party held recently by the Stella Maris Society of St. Patrick's Church.

Assisting Mrs. McMurray were Mesdames Robert Fitzgerald, Fred Gorman, Raymond Calkins, Sam Young, Fred DeMuth, Frank Ryan, Joseph Cragan and the Misses Nellie Hassett and Mae Hart.

At the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, standing before a portrait of Mother Seton, founders of the Sisters of Charity, the Rev. Salvatore Burgio, C.M., vice-postulator of the Cause for Mother Seton's Beatification, presents to Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, a copy of the first edition of "Mother Seton," a revision of the original biography written in 1847 by Dr. Charles White.

HolyNameMen Casbarro's 607 Enables Villanova To 2 Records To Sponsor 'City of Kings'

Representatives of Holy Name Societies and men's organizations from all parishes in Monroe County have been urged to attend a special meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 in the Knights of Columbus clubrooms to organize committees for the play "City of Kings."

Willard H. Scott, who last year produced the highly successful presentation, "Lady of Fatima," will direct "City of Kings," scheduled for 12 performances at Merry Auditorium, Blossom Road from March 23 through April 2.

Written by the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., who also authored "Lady of Fatima," the play deals with the life of Blessed Martin de Porres, Negro Dominican Brother. It won third prize in the national Christopher drama contest and had 70 performances in the Blackfriars Theater in New York City.

OPENING REHEARSALS were begun this week. Besides eight evening performances during Pastion Week there will be four weekend matinees for school children. Tickets for the play priced at \$1.20 general admission and \$0.20 cents additional for reserved seats will be distributed to all Monroe County parishes next week. Matinee prices for the children will be 50 cents.

All Holy Name Societies in Monroe County were asked this week by the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, spiritual director of the Rochester Diocese Holy Name Union, to be represented at the special meeting Monday night to secure all information as to operation of ticket distribution and other phases of the production.

This year's ticket system will avoid complications involved with exchanges. General admission tickets for "City of Kings" will be good for any night of the performance on a first come first served basis, and will not have to be exchanged. Reservations, however, will require exchange, or may be made directly through the Holy Name Office, 35 State St.

Sacred Heart Helpers Approved Townshend, Me. — (NC) — The Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart have received approval of their constitution and final approval of their congregation from Rome following the trial period of seven years recommended by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in 1941. It was learned at the Motherhouse of the Order here.

The Sisters are known for their work of teaching religion through parish visiting, classes for Catholic children in public grade and high schools, training classes for lay catechists, and convert work.

It was in Baltimore over 60 years ago that Miss Mary F. Cunningham laid the foundation of the new congregation with the consent of Cardinal James Gibbons. Miss Cunningham, who became Mother M. Demetrias, was the first Superior General of the congregation, serving in that office until 1924. She died in April 1940, seven months before the congregation celebrated its golden jubilee.

Famous Pilgrimage Filmed in Britain New York — (NC) — "Crucifers To Walsingham" recently produced by the Catholic Film Society of London is now available in this country through British Information Services here. It has been announced.

The film traces the history of Walsingham, one of the most ancient places of pilgrimage in our Lady's honor, from the days of the Norman Conquest in 1066 to July, 1948, when some 15,000 persons gathered there on the pilgrimage headed by His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster.

The motion picture, available as a 16mm sound film depicts the journey of the 14 groups of cross bearers who walked from various parts of England to Walsingham, in order to take part in that pilgrimage.

Oldest Legionnaire Dies In Coming Corning — Michael F. Nestor, 80, died at his home, 568 Freeman St., Riverside, Thursday, Feb. 16, 1956. He was born at Union, Toga County, Pa., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nestor. He was a veteran of the Spanish American War and the First World War and was the oldest Legionnaire in Corning.

Mr. Nestor is survived by a sister, Miss Julia Nestor, at home; two brothers, Peter, at home and Thomas of Victor.

Funeral services were held from the home Monday at 8:30 a.m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Vincent de Paul's Church. Burial took place in St. Andrew's Cemetery, Blossburg, Pa.

Auburn — Captain Ralph Casbarro of the Villanova team of the St. Aloysius Holy Name Bowling League, turned from his job as Master of Ceremonies at Saturday night's dance to Master of the Situation on the bowling alleys Sunday as he rolled 209, 211 and 187 for a 607 total to be high man among high men.

Ralph not only led his team to a four to nothing victory over Gonzaga but inspired them to set the new high single game of 980 and the new high three game total of 2789. Casbarro came close to having two of his teammates as triple travelers in the 600 bracket as dependable Jack Beasish came up with a fine 983 total, the third high of the day, and Paul "Burrner" Bishop rolled his best match of the season, a 981 total to place fourth high for the day.

Father Haffey brought up the rear with a modest 543. This victory gave Villanova undisputed reign of third place.

The 11 Bomb displayed by Villanova overcame all of the Gonzaga team except John Bodnar, who refused to be overwhelmed by this great power. Bodnar proceeded quietly and smilingly to roll a fine 573 total.

JOHN TERRY was terrific Terry to the Canisius team as he had his strike working for a good 582 total to lead the Notre Dame team to a three to one victory over the league leaders Terry, who ordinarily is the best man in the league on spares and splits found himself missing very easy spares that stopped him from a high 600 total.

Bob Holmes caught fire in the third game and threatened high single as he put seven strikes in a row but a bad last frame kept his total to 233 which helped him to a 569 total, captain Frank O'Connor has become a consistent 500 player and garnered a 531 to help the Fighting Irish to cut Canisius first place lead to two points.

Joe Pucino's 235, the high single of the day, helped him total 548 and helped Canisius to their lone point. Captain Sammy Colella backed up Pucino's 235 with his 195 game to help his team Bill Tarby came through with 500 to be the other Canisius man to hit that bracket.

"AS MINKEL GOES, SO GOES Georgetown" proved right Sunday as Captain John Minkell with a 366 total led his team two steps closer to first place. The "Powerhouse Team" romped over.

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Czech Regime Sets Books Ban
Vienna (CP) — Book stores in Czechoslovakia have been forbidden to sell books published prior to May, 1948, as well as all books not showing the date of publication. Instructions to this effect were issued by the Minister of Information and Culture Vaclav Kopecky, who is also one of the leaders of the Communist Party.

Bishop Condemns Beauty Contests
San Juan, Puerto Rico — (CP) — A statement of the Chairman of the National House of Representatives, San Juan, Puerto Rico, has condemned beauty contests of any kind and pointed out that the condemnation of beauty contests by bishops, Peter Davis of San Juan, and March 9, 1949, applies not only to such contests in the United States but also to the principal of Puerto Rican girls who take part in such contests.

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