

# Today's Secularism as Bad as Atheistic Communism, Priest Tells H.N. Men

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"When capitalism divorces God's law and true ethics, it becomes as monstrous a thing as atheistic Communism," the Rev. Dr. Maynard A. Connell told more than 800 Holy Name Society members in St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, Sunday morning, Jan. 14.

In a sermon at a Pontifical Mass honoring the Feast of the Holy Name, Dr. Connell, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary, told the congregation that only those "who are ready to love that Name bravely" can save today's secularist world from "moral disintegration."

Scoring the teaching prevalent in the capitalism of our day, Dr. Connell asserted it tends to destroy conscience, individual rights, the home, and the sacredness of sex.

"Out of that sort of thinking," he declared, "wayward and selfish men have established only one standard of measurement—gross materialism."

"Thus far we have been spared a monstrous political system from invading our shores, but in today's secularism we have a tyrant just as bad."

RECALLING the early days of Christianity when Peter and other apostles were warned not to preach Christ, Dr. Connell charged that people today are being told that religion should have no consideration in everyday living, in the home, in sex relationships.

The world is reaping today, the priest declared, "the sorry harvest of some 400 years ago, when men broke the bonds of unity of faith."

For centuries, he said, men had two great loves—the soul and womanhood. "Atheistic Communism and pure secularism teach him that these things no longer are sacred. Offensive advertising, for sheer gain, has torn the veil of modesty and decency from womanhood," he declared.

"Surely there is something radically wrong with capitalism," he said, "when now for too long it can say to a young man—if you want a home, shoulder debt, and may you live long enough to pay it."

Dr. Connell particularly stressed the sacred character of the home and family, pointing out that "Christ spent ten times as long in His home as He did in the public eye."

IN THESE "days of confusion," the priest said, "must every citizen stand for the statesmen like the statesmen of old, who feared the loss of friends less than they feared standing before the judgment of God."

Apprehension is as disastrous in religion as it has been in world affairs, Dr. Connell contended.

Today's Holy Name men, he said, "must be prepared—not through mere lip service or mere profession of faith, but through self-sacrifice and prayer—to produce the kind of home and world that will win for us the blessing of God."

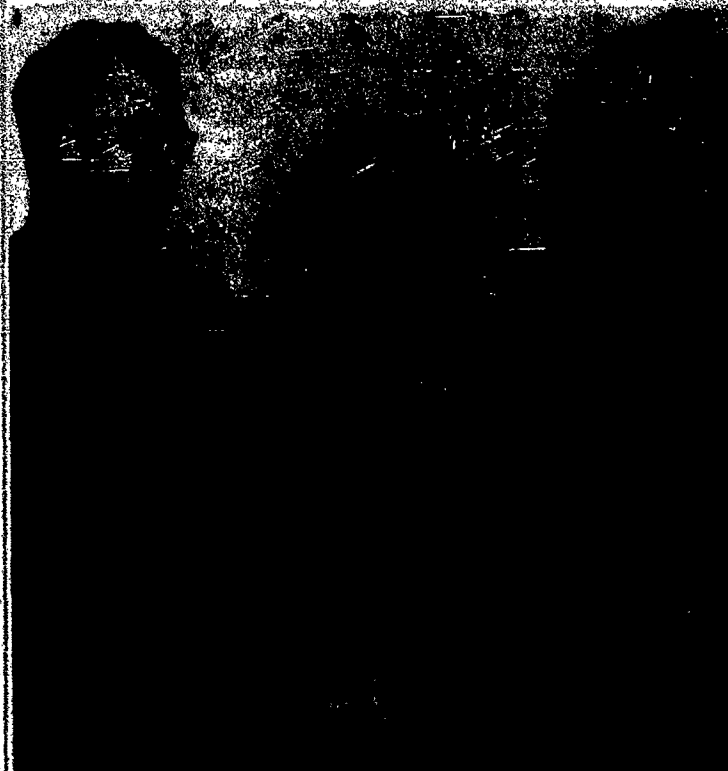
"We should be prepared to prove our devotion by our valor," he continued. "Yes, Catholic men—love the Name of God, but love it bravely. Be ready and willing to sacrifice friends, business, anything, for the Christ who died on the Cross to prove the Truth. Be a Catholic every day of the week—else you will not be worthy to say you love Him."

HIS EXCELLENCY Bishop Kearney celebrated the Mass, which was preceded and ended with a procession of Mass officers and seminarians. Officers of the Mass included the Rev. Msgr. Wilfred Craugh, rector of

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OWNED BY GRADUATES



His Excellency Bishop Kearney (right) and the Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of the new St. John Fisher College, are shown with Mrs. James M. Loos, president of Nazareth Alumnae Association at reunion dinner in Sheraton Hotel, Tuesday.

### Fr. Murphy Tells Nazareth Alumnae To Arm Spiritually

"You are armed with the sword of the Spirit for the battleground, the minds and souls of men. Maybe you'll never succeed but you'll be judged for all eternity by the way you try."

This was the challenge of the Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College, in his first public address in that capacity, given to Nazareth College Alumnae Association in Hotel Sheraton Jan. 16.

With His Excellency Bishop Kearney, Father Murphy was guest at the Association's Alumnae reunion dinner.

BISHOP KEARNEY spoke briefly, stressing the great potential value of the extended Holy Year indulgences. Taking note of the generally depressive outlook for 1951, he said faith and hope in the power of prayer should lead to a more confident viewpoint.

"No year ever opened with so much prayer, according to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of God," he declared. "The treasury can pass from her to the hands of God, and can spell peace and salvation."

Father Murphy said the "Candelabrum of Your Heart," his topic, is bejeweled and resplendent with the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit of God—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and holy fear. Fortified with these, the alumnae, he said, can light the world darkened by atomic-threatened disaster.

The speaker said he could not pretend to know if the atomic and hydrogen bomb can do what the scientists fear they can.

"LET US SUPPOSE the worst; let us presume that we have the knowledge, the industrial skill and the technique by which to destroy ourselves. This no previous age could say. Former generations, because of their ignorance, were unable to accomplish what we can. We are masters of the trick because we have harnessed the secrets of nature."

Possession of the atomic bomb has not protected us from the

### Friars Conduct Church Unity Rites First Time At St. John's

St. John's Friars, the first of their kind in the diocese, are holding their first church unity service at St. John's Church, Rochester, on Thursday night, Jan. 18.

The Church of Unity Octave is a voluntary series of prayers for the unity of all people with the Apostles. According to the Rev. Alexander Breen, S.J., Guardian of St. John's Abbey, the service will be held at 8 p.m.

Opening the devotion was solemn benediction over which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, Dean of Elmira Diocese and pastor of St. Patrick's Church, presided on Thursday night, this week.

Praying and offering at solemn benediction on the other nights of the Octave will be the following:

- Jan. 19 — Rev. Father Robert O.P.M., Guardian of St. John's Friary, Watkins Glen.
- Jan. 20 — Rev. Benedict Korman, pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen.
- Jan. 21 — Rev. Thomas J. Toole, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Elmira.
- Jan. 22 — Rev. Albert J. Simenetti, pastor of St. Anthony's, Elmira.
- Jan. 23 — Rev. Joseph E. Gull-foli, pastor of St. Vincent's, Corning.
- Jan. 24 — Rev. Daniel Sullivan, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights.
- Jan. 25 — Rev. Francis J. Reilly, pastor of St. Mary's, Horseheads.

During the Octave Friars of the Atonement, priests from St. John's Friary will deliver the sermons.

The Church of Unity Octave will be observed in St. Mary's of the Lake Parish, here, each night during the Octave dates, Jan. 18-25.

Franchising the entire Octave.

### St. Patrick HNS Slates Banquet

John T. Reilly, general chairman of the annual banquet sponsored by St. Patrick's Holy Name Society of Elmira, announced the following ticket committee:

- Messrs. Max Ehrhart, Edward G.H., Maxwell Falkner, Charles O'Hara, Clamen Korth, Robert Long, Thomas Schmidt, Richard Grace, Frank Hazzard, Dr. Walter C. Ervin, Robert L. Payne and John Murphy.

The dinner will be held on Wednesday evening Jan. 24 at the Mark Twain Hotel. Attorney J. Donald Trawley will be toastmaster.

### Scouters Rally Set In February

Catholic Scouters of Otsego County, Boy Scouts of America are being invited by His Excellency Bishop Kearney to a special rally in Columbus Civic Center ballroom, Sunday, Feb. 25, according to Chairman John M. Hickey.

Rally program will begin at 3 p.m. and Bishop Kearney will be principal speaker. New regulations for the A.D. Altare Dei Award will be announced and a brief resume of the advance of scouting in Catholic institutions will be presented.

The rally is aimed at promoting wider support of Scouting in the diocese and prospective Scouters will be welcomed.

### 'Block Rosary' Launched By Corning DCCW Unit

Corning — At the regular monthly meeting of Corning Diocesan Council of Catholic Women held recently in the Catholic Daughters of America rooms, announcement was made by Mrs. James Ward that group recitations of the Rosary, known as the "Block Rosary," have been started in Corning.

### 4th Degree Heads To Meet In N. Y.

A meeting to be held in New York City on Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28 will bring into conference all Masters of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the Calvert Province.

This Province embraces the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia and is headed by Mr. Charles J. Conside, Vice Supreme Master of Washington, D.C.

The conference is called for the purpose of submitting biennial reports and discussing program activities for the coming year.

Basil J. Vaillancourt of Elmira, Master of the Fifth New York District will be one of 16 Masters in attendance.

### Kilmer Club Sets Probation Talk

Albert W. Roche, Probation Examiner of the State of New York will address members of the Joyce Kilmer Club in Blessed Sacrament Hall, Monday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.

Roche who majored in Sociology at Notre Dame University will speak on "The Problem of Youthful Offenders."

The Nominating Committee of five members will be selected from the floor to name candidates for election at the February meeting.

Reception committee will consist of Val and Dee Piononek, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cameron, Connie Smith, Nancy Fee, Frank Lytle, and R. J. Richards.

Dancing in the school auditorium will follow the meeting. Music will be furnished by the "Alfie" Valentine orchestra.

### Daughters of Erin To Meet At Corpus Christi

Daughters of Erin will hold their monthly meeting, Monday evening, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. in Corpus Christi Hall. All members are urged to attend by Mrs. Betty O'Connell, president.

### Pre-Lenten Party In Newly Decorated Parish Hall Set

First social event for men and women of St. Peter and Paul's Parish, Elmira in the newly decorated Parish Hall has been announced in The Chimes for Monday, Jan. 29.

Pre-Lenten Party, the affair will be conducted from 8.30 to 11.30 p.m. and will include dancing, community singing, special entertainment and refreshments. Music will be furnished by a new group of musicians known as "The Parishioners" and directed by Louis Muccigrosso.

Committee, composed of members of both the Immaculate Heart and Holy Name Societies, announces that only adult members of the parish, 20 years and older, and their friends will be admitted. There will be no admission charge.

### Corning HN Men View World Sports Films

Corning — Kenneth McCranels, president, presided at the monthly meeting of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church held in the club room at St. Patrick's School, Jan. 8.

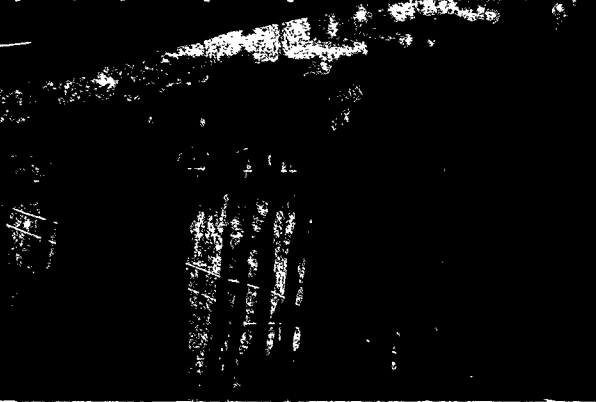
Following the business meeting moving pictures of sports around the world were shown under the direction of Clarence Lerner and Albert Lynch.

### Mrs. West To Head Mt. Morris Society

Mt. Morris — Mrs. Charles F. West was elected president of the Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church at the annual meeting in the club room at St. Patrick's School, Jan. 8.

Elected with her were Mrs. Daniel Tubbs, vice president; Mrs. Anthony LaBarbara, secretary and Mrs. Charles LaDella, treasurer.

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