

# School Aid Issue Looms Again In Congress

## Diocesan Radio Hour Seeks Recitation Of 10 Million Rosaries

### Radio Rosary 1st Anniversary Program Lists Bishop Kearney

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Ten million Rosaries for the conversion of Russia and world peace.

That's the new year's resolution of the Family Rosary for Peace radio program in the Rochester Diocese which Sunday night (Mar. 4) begins its second year of nightly Rosary broadcasts.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will mark the first anniversary by making his tenth appearance on the 10 o'clock radio-Rosary five-station network to lead recitation of the familiar prayers.

With a "Hooper-rated" five-million Rosaries during their first year, sponsors of the program aim to double that figure over the next twelve months. And with a growing audience, the broadcast bids fair to reach the ten million goal.

Originating through Station WSAJ in Rochester, Sunday night's program will be carried simultaneously by Stations WMBO, Auburn, WGVA, Geneva, WWHG, Hornell, and WELM, Elmira.

EXPERTLY-TESTED studies of radio listenership have established that some 15,000 to 25,000 persons in the 12-county diocese will tune their sets to join the Bishop in these prayers for world peace.

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Marking the first anniversary of "The Family Rosary For Peace," diocesan radio program, His Excellency Bishop Kearney will lead the Rosary over a five-station network at 10 p.m. this Sunday evening. The Bishop inaugurated the first program on March 4 last year.



The Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione, who conducts the Radio Rosary program each night over WSAJ, Rochester, and WMBO, Auburn, discusses broadcast details with laymen who have assisted in development of the program. Seated (left), Frank E. Wolfe; standing (left to right), Joseph W. Bena and Frank R. Davis. On Sunday evenings the Radio Rosary is also carried by stations WGVA, Geneva, WWHG, Hornell and WELM, Elmira.

### Bishop Foery Expresses Gratitude

Rev. Patrick J. Flynn  
Catholic Courier  
35 Scio Street  
Rochester, New York

February 26, 1951

Dear Father Flynn:

I wish to say a word of thanks to the Bishop, the clergy and the laity of the Diocese of Rochester, through the medium of the Catholic Courier, I have tried to send a personal word of gratitude, particularly to the clergy who were present at my Mother's funeral, but I have been told that the list of names, which I received, was incomplete and inaccurate. Hence it is that I wish to express my appreciation through the Courier. I wish them all to know how deeply I appreciate their presence and esteem in this new expression of their friendship.

I am, indeed, grateful more than words can tell to Bishop Kearney, to Father Brennan, to the faculties and student bodies of St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminaries, to my former parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and to the good people of Holy Rosary. I am not unmindful of the presence of the good nuns and their prayers for my Mother and for the members of her family. Let me also say a word of sincere appreciation to the civic and religious organizations of Rochester which were so kind and thoughtful.

I beg God's blessing upon them all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

WALTER A. FOERY

Bishop of Syracuse

### Toronto Cardinal Asks Show-Cleanup

Toronto — (RNS) — His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, has issued a call for a cleanup of public entertainment in Canada.

### Staging Of 'Dark Hours' Drama Needs Cast Of 100

With one of the largest casts ever assembled in Rochester, "The Dark Hours," drama of Christ's Passion and Death, will be presented for 12 performances on the Aquinas Institute stage beginning Saturday of next week, March 10.

Thousands of adults and children will witness this third annual Lenten play sponsored by the Diocesan Holy Name Union during Passion Week.

NEARLY 100 PERSONS, including choral students from Catholic high schools, will combine talents to stage the production. Included in the cast for the drama are many widely-known semi-professional actors from various theater groups in the area.

GENERAL ADMISSION tickets, at \$1.20, are being distributed by committees in Monroe County parishes. Reserved seats at 60 cents additional (\$1.80) are being handled by the Holy Name Office, 35 Scio St., Hamilton 5490. Persons wishing reservations are advised to make them immediately.

Protestant Weekly:

### Discusses Converts To Catholicism

Chicago — (NC) — Analysis of the case histories of 29 converts to Catholicism shows that none of them "had ever found a firm faith in the reality of God in their pre-Catholic days," according to a writer in the Christian Century, non-denominational Protestant weekly.

John Charles Wynn, the writer, said that "of the many dissatisfactions stated, these stand out by frequent repetition":

1. "The free forms of worship had been bare and depressing."
2. "The bickering and acrimonious had become depressing."
3. "The minister had fumbled or altogether neglected his pastoral opportunities."

MR. WYNN analyzed autobiographical case histories of the 29 converts as collected by the Rev. John A. O'Brien of the University of Notre Dame in two books, "The Road to Damascus" (1949) and "Where I Found Christ" (1950). Among the 29 were such well-known personalities as Clare Boothe Luce, Frances Parkinson Keyes, Thomas Merton, Evelyn Waugh, and Fulton Oursler. Former faiths represented included seven Protestant denominations, while three of the converts had been Jews.

"Although the books have been published in order to attract still more converts to the Roman Catholic faith," Mr. Wynn wrote, "they are useful for quite another purpose: they make a fascinating critical study for Protestant pastors. For among the many insights in the stories of these conversions, the one of peculiar interest to us is the revelation of wherein these converts found their former church connections lacking."

"What most disconcerts the Protestant reader," he declared, "is that none of these converts had ever found a firm faith in the reality of God in their pre-Catholic days. Of the quality of Christian education, our pastoral ministry, our worship, and our fellowship this fact speaks volumes!"

"A generalization too often heard is brought up again in these books: that Catholic chaplains during the war had more comfort for frantic, bewildered soldiers in the midst of terror than Protestant chaplains could give," Mr. Wynn said.

"MRS. LUCE terms such experiences of tragedy and defeat 'Good Friday experiences.' A few of those contributors, and she among them, went led to the Church of Rome by way of adversities of this general kind. One must read between the lines to come to the disturbing realization that consolation for the sorrowful had been found wanting in Protestant congregations. Ap-

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VERSATILE CHAPLAIN — J. A. Army Chaplain (MC-16) John D. Murphy, of the Diocese of Rochester, speaks to a group of soldiers at the 10th Air Force Group at an Okinawa base, but he is also adept at the spiritual needs of the group at home. Murphy is the new York City Chaplain on Okinawa. Murphy, who required a talent for carpentry which Father Murphy has acquired since his assignment to the Far East Air Force. Before joining the Air Force, Chaplain Murphy, a native of Waverly, served as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Buffalo.

### Eucharistic Congress Planned In Spain

Rome — (RNS) — Barcelona, Spain, has been chosen by Pope Pius XII as the site of an international Eucharistic congress to be held in the spring of 1952.

The last international congress was held at Budapest, Hungary, in 1938. Only national Eucharistic congresses have been staged since then because of unsettled world conditions.

### Epidemic Suspends Fasting In Boston

Boston — (NC) — Because of the prevalence of gripe, Lenten fasting and abstinence has been suspended for all the faithful of this archdiocese, effective immediately, by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing.

Announcing the action, Msgr. Walter J. Furlong, chancellor of the archdiocese, explained that the suspension was granted in order that Catholics could get enough nourishment.

### Jailed Cardinal Recovering From 'Nervous Breakdown'

Vienna — (RNS) — His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, imprisoned Primate of Hungary, is recovering from a nervous breakdown, according to two escaped Hungarian State prison prosecutors.

The Neue Wiener Tagblatt said that the two religious had last seen Cardinal Mindszenty on February 5, in a Budapest prison during an inspection tour.

They said the Cardinal has a room on the first floor of the prison hospital, that he "lies almost motionless and is white-faced, although he gives the impression of having put on weight."

THE PROSECUTORS added, in their report to the Vienna paper, that Cardinal Mindszenty had told them he recently had been visited by prison attendants and his visitors are promptly attended to. The Cardinal was, however, they said, of the opinion of his illness but doctors told him he was suffering from a nervous breakdown.

Cardinal Mindszenty's cell is constantly watched by a member of the political police, the referees said, who "goes into his cell regularly."

When the prosecutor asked the imprisoned churchman about his trial experience and the period that followed, he replied that he "does not remember." The Cardinal's only recollection, they said, is that "I was very sick."

Cardinal Mindszenty said that he had spent three months in a villa in the Tatra mountains in Slovakia where he was treated by two Czech physicians. The villa, he said, was watched by Hungarian and Czech secret police.

THE PROSECUTORS said that Hungarian medical authorities had received orders from the Communist party to restore the Cardinal to health, fearing that his death would start serious trouble throughout the country. When the churchman's health proved generally better, the referees added, he gave the impression of a disturbed mental condition.

In their report to the Vienna daily, the two former prison inspectors also gave a detailed account of the handling of Cardinal Mindszenty by Communist officials in the period between his arrest and trial.

They said that during 34 days of interrogation by Communist officials, the Cardinal was given only four hours of sleep daily. He also was constantly questioned about his religious views, given "injections" and "water treatment" and was subjected to other physical and mental tortures.

### Parish School Pupil Aid Bill Murray Bill

Washington, D. C., March 3 — The House Education Committee today passed a bill to provide for the aid of parish school pupils.

The bill, known as the Murray Bill, would provide for the aid of parish school pupils who are unable to pay for their education.

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