

U. S. Catholic Press Aid Lauded By Exiled Bishop At St. George's

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Praise for the Catholic press of the United States for "the fine job it is doing to bring out the plight of persecuted peoples under Red domination" was expressed in Rochester last Sunday by an exiled Lithuanian Bishop.



Decreasing stories of Communist persecution contained in the columns of the Catholic Courier Journal, Rochester diocesan newspaper, are Bishop Vincent Brizgys of Lithuania (right), who has been exiled from his Red-dominated native land since 1944, and the Rev. John M. Bakays, pastor of St. George's Lithuanian Church, Rochester, who was host to the Lithuanian prelate last Sunday. (Courier Staff Photo)

"desperate and worsening world situation" which is being created by Communist terror, Bishop Vincent Brizgys declared.

DEPORTED FROM his native land in 1944 by the German gестаapo and unable to return to Lithuania since then, the 49-year-old prelate has spent the last 10 years traveling around the world visiting fellow-countrymen in varied lands.

He spoke at Masses in St. George's Lithuanian Church on Sunday morning, and addressed some 500 Rochesterians of Lithuanian descent in St. George's Hall in the afternoon.

Despite "the fine relief aid being given refugees in Europe, especially by America," Bishop Brizgys said that "only immigration will solve the very sad problem of refugees and escapees in Germany and Austria, because they are unable to obtain jobs."

Lithuanians who have come to America seem to have entered successfully into community and economic life, the Bishop observed. His remark was echoed by the Rev. John Bakays, pastor of St. George's Church, who said there are approximately 400 such refugees in the Rochester area.

The Bishop urged his listeners to strive to be "good Catholics, good American citizens, and good Lithuanians."

BISHOP BRIZGYS and three others of the Lithuanian hierarchy were deported to Germany by the Nazis in 1944. Subsequently, when Russia took over the little Baltic nation, four other bishops were taken to Russia, and no word of them has since been heard. Only one 76-year-old Bishop remains in Lithuania, according to last reports.

Approximately 300 priests are in the nation, Bishop Brizgys said, but they are allowed limited worship only. There are no more Catholic schools, no prayerbooks, no pulpits, no press.

Born in 1903, Bishop Brizgys was ordained in 1927 and consecrated Bishop of Kaunas Diocese in 1940. Four years later the Nazis took him to Regensburg, Bavaria, now in the American zone.

HE HAS a brother and two sisters in Lithuania, from whom he has heard nothing for many years. Three older brothers, all refugees, are living in the United States. Another brother is a Salesian priest now serving in Argentina. Another sister, who escaped from the Russians during the war, is an Immaculate Conception nun caring for foundlings in Toronto.

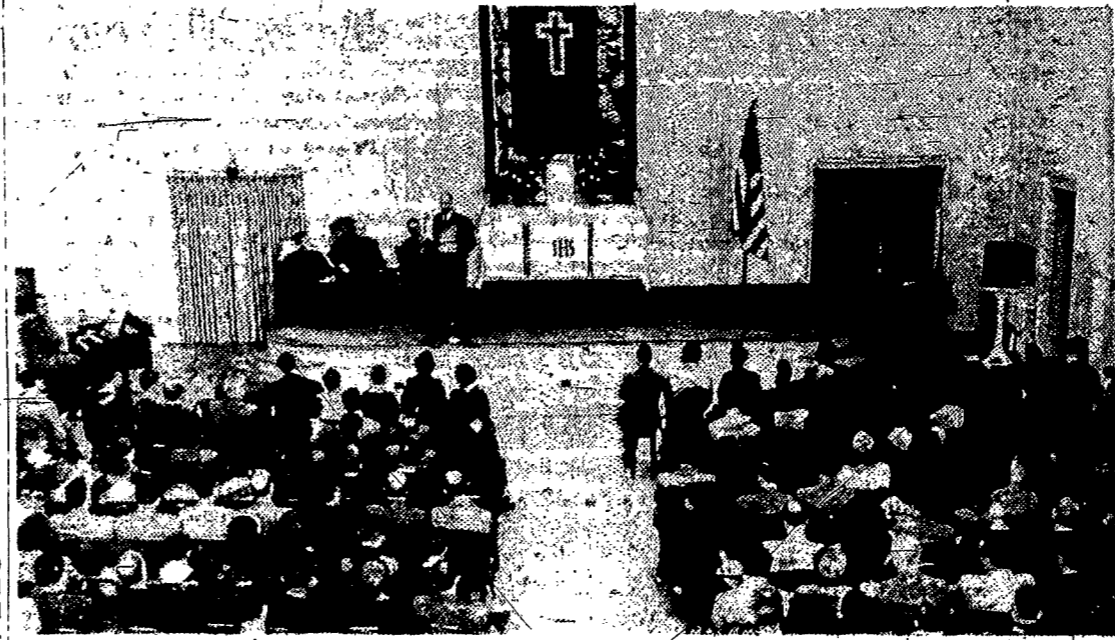
Bishop Brizgys is touring America as a guest of Cardinal Stritch of Chicago. His visa expires soon, and he intends to return to Bavaria. He has just completed visits to France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Venezuela. The Bishop last visited Rochester in 1949.

Sunday afternoon's meeting was in commemoration of Lithuania's "Independence Day," which occurred Feb. 16, 1918. But at present the nation again is under control of the Russians.

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Scouters Told Progress In Diocese



BOY SCOUT RALLY in Columbus Civic Center at which 400 persons interested in Catholic Scouting heard of progress, with His Excellency Bishop Kearney, (second from left) on stage as principal speaker. Scout Executive Fredaric Wellington is speaking. Also on stage are: Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy, diocesan scout chaplain, and rally chairman Clarence W. Deckman, Rev. Robert A. Keleher, Deckman, Norman F. Huether and William A. Simons, Jr. are Pellam award winners. (Courier Staff Photo)

School Named For Bp. O'Hern Bishop Urges More Scout Units At Diocesan Rally

Boy Scouting was advocated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney as a deterrent to Communist activity among youth as four leaders were rewarded for their work among the scouts at the Rochester Diocesan Scout Rally in Columbus Civic Center, Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy, diocesan scouting chaplain reported on progress made. The Bishop appealed for even more parish units to organize the Boy Scout program in the diocese.

HONORED WITH Bronze Pellam awards which were presented by Bishop Kearney were: the Rev. Robert A. Keleher, Clarence W. Deckman, Norman F. Huether and William J. Simons, Jr. Father Keleher, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church is leader of eight Scout units at his church and has been active in Scouting since 1922. He assisted in the foundation of a troop at St. Joseph's Villa, several years ago.

Deckman of 268 Genesee Park Blvd. has concentrated for many years on Cub Pack activities. He has been associated with the work of both the old Rochester Scout Council and Otletiana Council.

Huether of 340 Elm St. is a former scoutmaster and committee chairman of Troop 212 at Holy Family Church, Rochester. In 1948, he was assistant scoutmaster for the Philmont Wagon Train which attends camp each year in Mexico. He is now head of the Western District, Otletiana Council.

Simons of 97 Flower City Park has been active in Scouting for 35 years. Last year he was chosen to go to the World Jamboree in Austria as assistant Scoutmaster. He has been a scoutmaster and neighborhood

30 Years As Chaplain Of Elmira Reformatory Marked By Msgr. Lane

After three decades of serving the spiritual needs of young men adjudged "hardened criminals," by the state, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, chaplain of Elmira Reformatory, is convinced that solution to criminal tendencies among them rests entirely with parents.

Monsignor Lane on Tuesday, March 4 completed 30 years as chaplain at the Reformatory and as spiritual instructor of many young men who have left the institution and are banded together as "Father Lane's Gang."

His unique and fruitful record at the institution was covered in the Elmira Star Gazette on Tuesday by Jim Morse, staff writer.

MONSIGNOR LANE is senior prison chaplain in the United States and from his long experience he declares "The greatest influence upon a youthful mind is the example of his father and mother."

He knows from hard, bitter experience that less than one-fourth of the Catholic men who are sent to the Reformatory have attended church regularly.

"If we are to hope for a decrease in the number of youthful criminals, we must turn to the parents who are directly responsible before God for the way their children are brought up," he is quoted.

Father Lane has scored many "first" in prison religious programs, his biographer reported on the 30th anniversary. The St. Don Bosco chapel, named in honor of the patron saint of wayward youth, stands in mute testimony to his work. He solicited most of the funds for the chapel, the first Catholic chapel ever built in a penal institution.

His EXCELLENCY Bishop Kearney dedicated the chapel in June 1938 and celebrated the first Solemn Pontifical Mass ever celebrated in a prison. The Mass was broadcast from the Reformatory on a coast-to-coast radio hookup.

The chapel is larger than many churches in medium-sized parishes. It is the one place a prisoner can go where no guards or bars are in evidence.

Father Lane was also the first chaplain to celebrate a Midnight Mass in a prison. When Father Lane visited Rome in 1949, his Holiness Pope Pius XII honored him by saying: "You are doing a noble and important work. I place my special blessing upon your work and all those with whom you work."



MONSIGNOR LANE

BORN IN Rochester in 1894, Father Lane was graduated from Holy Redeemer School and St. Andrew's Seminary. After his studies in St. Bernard's Seminary, he was ordained in old St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester on May 29, 1920.

His first assignment was as assistant to the late Rev. Augustine O'Neil, pastor of Rochester's Immaculate Conception Church. Beginning his duties there in June 1920, he began his boys' activities by establishing the first Catholic Boy Scout troop in Rochester. He was 18 months as assistant in the Rochester Church, before being assigned as Reformatory Chaplain, on March 4, 1922.

Stressing the importance of religious influence in a prisoner's rehabilitation down through the years, he has earned national recognition for Father Lane.

THE THOUSANDS of friends among former inmates, acquired by Father Lane during his chaplaincy, and the distinction he has earned among penal authorities, attest to the success he has achieved in what is recognized as one of the more difficult fields of priestly labor.

His "alumni organization," known as "Father Lane's Gang" is unique in prison and religious annals.

This came into being when Father Lane was observing his 25th year as prison chaplain in (Continued on Page 8)

Diocesan Pilgrims Leave For Spain Congress May 17

The 35th International Eucharistic Congress will begin in Barcelona, Spain on May 27 immediately upon the arrival of the Cardinal Legate.

This announcement was made by Bishop Gregorio Modrogo of Barcelona after a visit to Rome where he received the approval of His Holiness Pope Pius for the program of the Congress. To date the Pope has not announced his choice for a Papal Legate to the Congress.

THE ROCHESTER Diocesan Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage led by the Rev. John E. Maney, D.D., Vice Chancellor of the Diocese will leave New York City on May 17 on the S.S. Saturnia of the Italian Lines and arrive in Barcelona for the opening ceremonies.

The opening ceremonies will be held in the cathedral. The "Veni Creator" will be sung. The papal bull will be read. Addresses will be given by the Cardinal Legate and the President of the Permanent Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses.

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