

BISHOP KEARNEY ANNOUNCES

'Eucharistic Day' For Diocese

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Senate Unit Widens Tax Limit On Church Gifts

Washington—(RNS)—A Senate committee has approved an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code raising to 20 per cent the amount of an individual's income that may be exempt from income tax because of contributions to religious, educational, or charitable organizations.

The tax-writing Senate Finance Committee added this far-reaching amendment to a relatively obscure House bill, H.R. 7345, exempting from tax athletic events sponsored for the benefit of the Red Cross.

IN TAKING the action, the committee reported to the Senate that private church-related educational institutions are having a particularly difficult time meeting their budgets.

"Your committee is of the opinion," said Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.), in reporting the bill, "that by increasing the present 15 per cent limit to 20 per cent, much-needed relief will be given to colleges, hospitals, and other organizations which are becoming more and more dependent upon private contributions to enable them to balance their budgets and carry on their programs."

"THE FLIGHT in which many of our educational institutions find themselves at the present time is due to the fact that their endowment income is inadequate to meet rising costs. It is only through supplemental gifts by the alumni or other persons interested in the cause of education that they are able to continue their programs. Your committee believes that it is in the best interest of the community to encourage private contributions to these institutions, and it is believed that this amendment will provide some assistance in this respect."

The amendment was offered by Senators Edward Martin (R-Pa.) and Hugh Butler (R-Neb.) who asked that the limit be increased to 25 per cent. However, the committee compromised on 20 per cent.

IF THE SENATE approves the amendment, the bill will be sent to a joint House-Senate conference committee. Should House conferees concur, they will recommend that the House accept the Senate amendment.

Providence Bars Beauty Contest

Providence, R. I.—(RNS)—Municipal authorities here refused to issue a license for a beauty contest to be held in the city on May 25 to represent the state in the 1952 Miss America Pageant at Atlantic City, N. J., in September.

In refusing to permit the contest here, the authorities said their decision was made after consultation with Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish community leaders. All of the religious leaders consulted were said to have opposed any kind of beauty contest because they believed it would lead to "other things that tend to corrupt the morals of youth."

Deadline Advanced

Because Memorial Day, May 30 comes on Friday this year, the news deadline of the Catholic Courier Journal must be advanced one day. Monday night, May 26, will be the latest all news should be in the office, 35 School St., Rochester 4, N. Y.

Express your sympathy with flowers. Call BA. 9394. Blanchard Florist at 28 Lake Avenue, where you really get best value. Daily deliveries to all sections, including hospitals.—Adv.

Our Lady's Statue Blessed



ON THE CAMPUS of Our Lady of Mercy High School, His Excellency Bishop Kearney blesses the beautiful Carrara marble statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, of Our Lady of Fatima. Participating in ceremony are: Rev.

Richard Torney, chaplain; Very Rev. Magr. John S. Randall, Rt. Rev. Magr. Lawrence E. Casey and Rt. Rev. Magr. George W. Edl. Ceremony was held in connection with May Day at the high school Monday.

Program Set For HNU Convention In Elmira

Close to 200 delegates from all sections of the Diocese of Rochester will attend the annual Diocesan Meeting of Parish Delegates in the new St. Mary's Recreation Center auditorium, Elmira, on Sunday, May 25, opening at 8 p. m.

The annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union is being sponsored by Elmira Diocesan Holy Name Union.

Principal speaker will be the Rev. Donald M. Cleary of Corwell-Hunt, Nazareth of Import to Catholic laymen throughout the diocese will be discussed, according to Martin Q. Moll, diocesan Holy Name Union president.

Schedule for the meeting follows: 8:00 to 8:30 p. m.—Registration of Parish Delegates. 8:30 to 9:30 p. m.—Business Meeting. 9:30 p. m.—Speaker, Rev. Donald M. Cleary. 10:00 p. m.—Benediction, St. Mary's Church. 10:30 p. m.—Buffet Supper, St. Mary's Reception Center.

Participating in the religious services and business sessions will be the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, diocesan chaplain; the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, chaplain of Elmira, Nazareth, and the Rev. Thomas J. Toole, pastor of St. Mary's and host to the convention.

Visiting ladies will be entertained by a group of Elmira ladies. Frank Groen has charge of the Ladies Committee.

Reception committee for the Elmira Dearmy consists of the following: Peter C. Baker and William Hoesey, co-chairmen. Assisting are: Owen P. McCarthy, Raymond Scallion, Eugene E. Golden, Edward J. Frawley, Walter J. Farrell, Thomas A. Conway, Frederick J. McKeeney, Frank C. Kessling, Thomas McCann, all past presidents of St. Mary's Holy Name Society.

Registrators, Frank Maloney; refreshments, Corzallus J. Sullivan, Joseph A. DeNunzio, John J. Richardson, Michael Limoncelli, Joseph Capozzi, Arthur O'Meara, Paul Ayers, Joseph Rempe, Richard Fleischman and Edward Sealey.

Auditorium, Thomas J. Stapleton and Al Denton.

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Rites Slated May 31st To Join Diocese In World Peace Plea Of International Eucharistic Congress

Rochester, Eng., Begins St. John Fisher Church

The old town of Rochester, England, which has had no Catholic church since the Reformation—and still has no Mass—is soon to have a church dedicated to its martyr, Bishop, Cardinal St. John Fisher.

According to NCWC News Service, the ancient See city of England's great martyr-bishop has received the official permission from the Ministry of Works to build the first Catholic church since the Reformation.

WORK ON THE SITE, about three-quarters of a mile from the pre-Reformation Cathedral of St. Andrew, now in Protestant hands, will begin at once and the church is expected to be opened in nine months' time. Catholics of the little Kent town of ancient Rochester, some 30 miles from London, hitherto have had to attend Mass in the adjoining naval center of Chatham.

The London Catholic Herald notes that the news of the new church should bring pleasure to the American Diocese of Rochester, N.Y., whose Bishop James E. Kearney has deep devotion to St. John Fisher and holds special celebrations throughout his diocese every year on the martyr's feastday, June 22.

The Herald cites Bishop Kearney's strong encouragement of the plan to return the Catholic Church and the name of St. John Fisher to honor in old Rochester. Bishop Kearney has expressed deep interest in the new church and his promised the cooperation of his diocese in the efforts which Catholics in many parts of England are expected to make in order to have the church free from debt as soon as possible.

THE ENGLISH newspaper recalls the visit to Rochester, England, in 1949 of two priests from Rochester, N. Y., These were the Rev. John E. Mancy, Bishop Kearney's secretary, and the late

New Rochester Asked To Aid Old Rochester

His Excellency Bishop Kearney announced today that on Pentecost Sunday he will ask Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester for a collection to help build a Catholic church in Rochester, England, ancient See City of the Martyr-Bishop St. John Fisher.

"The Feast of Pentecost is the birthday of the Catholic Church and an appropriate day for us to make a generous effort to bring the Mass and the Real Presence back to old Rochester which has not had a Catholic church since the days of Bishop Fisher four hundred years ago," Bishop Kearney stated.

Monsignor Edward Lyons, then rector of St. Andrew's Seminary. After visiting the old St. Andrew's Cathedral, the home of St. John Fisher, and the proposed site for the new church, they returned home and their story of the proposed church to honor St. John Fisher in his ancient See City caused wide spread interest in the project here, the Herald reports.

THE HERALD ALSO recalls that Bishop Kearney later received a stone from Bishop Fisher's old St. Andrew's Cathedral through the kindness of the Anglican Dean. The stone was cut into two pieces, one being given to the new St. Andrew's Seminary and the other to the new St. John Fisher College, recently erected in Rochester, N. Y.

Bishop Kearney has expressed the desire to offer Mass in the new St. John Fisher Church now being started in Rochester, England, after making his next official visit to Rome, the London Catholic Herald reports.

Rotary Prayer In Autos Urged

Toledo, O.—(RNS)—The Catholic Youth Organization here has launched a crusade to encourage rotating of the "Rotary" while driving in mass traffic.

The Rev. Francis J. Schmidt, director, who conducted the drive, said he felt this practice could have the double benefit of leading to slow down the couples or groups of young people out on drives and at the same time offering something worthwhile spiritually.

Father Schmidt, pointing out that so many persons will be driving during the spring and summer, said he hoped the program would become national in scope.

Episcopalian Minister To Embrace Catholic Faith

New York—(NC)—The Rev. William C. Kernan has resigned as associate rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. James the Less in Scarsdale, N. Y., and announced he will seek admission to the Catholic Church.

MR. KERNAN has been a prominent member of a group that has accused the Scarsdale School Board and public school officials of tolerating communist infiltration. These charges were denied and recently the authorities won support in a school board election.

Mr. Kernan said, however, that his decision to leave his church was not particularly connected with the Scarsdale schools situation. He said his intention to embrace Catholicism "would have happened in any case."

MR. KERNAN handed his resignation to the Rev. Harry Price, rector, and Bishop Horace W. Doremus of the New York Episcopal diocese was notified of the action. The Bishop then issued a decree severing Mr. Kernan's connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Kernan is married and the father of four sons and two daughters. One son is in the Navy and another in the Air Force. He is a graduate of Yale University and the General Theological Seminary.

German Schoolboy Routs Communist Teacher Who Scoffs At Belief In God

By REV. DR. MAX JORDAN Frankfurt, Germany—(NC)—In a small community somewhere in the Soviet zone of occupation—the name must remain unmentioned—things were going from bad to worse, so far as the Red rulers were concerned. The people were staunchly Catholic and communist propaganda did not seem to strike a single responsive chord in their minds or hearts.

The local bosses finally decided to start from scratch in an effort to change conditions. A new principal was appointed for the local public school. This was a trusted communist and there was no doubt he would soon set things right.

Murphy's Help

Murphy, N. C.—(NC)—In this town with as Irish-sounding a name as any in the country, work has been started on St. William's Chapel.

The chapel was made possible by a gift of \$5,000 from the Catholic Church Extension Society, which has headquarters in Chicago. The gift matched \$5,000 raised among the townfolk and from families named Murphy in all sections of the country.

think? Where could I get some shoes?" The principal blushed, and the boys grinned. After an embarrassed pause, the principal left the classroom. "Silly boy," he mumbled as he disappeared. "How dare you talk back to me! I won't tolerate any arguing."

But that was the end of his crusade. Like his predecessor, he gave up trying to convert the school to atheism. The story is authentic, personally related to this correspondent by a visitor from across the Iron Curtain. It is indicative of the trend that prevails under the surface, all communist efforts notwithstanding.

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His Excellency Bishop Kearney has designated the last day of May (Saturday, May 31) as "Eucharistic Day" throughout the Diocese of Rochester. This observance will unite the Diocese with the International Eucharistic Congress scheduled from May 27 to June 1 in Barcelona, Spain.

Bishop Kearney will lead local observance of the "Eucharistic Day" when he celebrates Solemn Pontifical Mass on May 31 at 10 o'clock in St. Joseph's Church, Rochester.

SERMON AT THE Pontifical Mass will be preached by the Rev. Daniel J. Lord, S.J., founder of the Knights and Ladies of the Blessed Sacrament and nationally known religious writer.

The Mass will be sung by the famous Perisian Choir of Nazareth Academy.

ON THIS DAY, the Bishop directs that public and solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament be held in all churches and chapels of the diocese from after the last Mass

The International Eucharistic Congress will be in session at Barcelona, Spain, over the last weekend of May. We should participate in this great act of faith in the Real Presence and devotion to the Eucharistic King.

This month of May, already hallowed by so many tributes to Our Lady, Queen of May, may well reach a worthy climax in the dedication of the last day to Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

We shall have public exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in all churches and chapels of the Diocese from the closing of the last Mass on Saturday morning, May 31, until nine o'clock in the evening when Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will begin the Exposition in a glow.

May I urge everyone to share in this tribute to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament by spending a Holy Hour of prayer and meditation before the Eucharistic King, enthroned on His altar.

Thus, we join with the Supreme Shepherd of Christendom and with all the faithful gathered at the International Eucharistic Congress in honor of Jesus Christ, our Eucharistic King, in this world-wide prayer for that "peace which the world cannot give."

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
+ John E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

In the morning until 9 o'clock in the evening when Solemn Benediction will bring the "Eucharistic Day" observance to a close.

The Bishop also urges the faithful of the diocese to spend a Holy Hour of prayer and meditation before the Blessed Sacrament sometime during the "Eucharistic Day."

At the Congress in Barcelona, the 31st of May has been designated as "Day of Ecumenical Peace and Unity."

ACCORDINGLY, THE observance scheduled on the same day in the Diocese of Rochester will join all the faithful here with the actual participants of the Barcelona Congress in a "world-wide prayer for peace," Bishop Kearney stated.

At least 500,000 pilgrims will take part in the International Eucharistic Congress to be held from May 27 to June 1, according to latest estimates by a special commission in charge of accommodations.

A SPOKESMAN for the commission said the estimate of 500,000 pilgrims for the first international Eucharistic Congress since that held at Budapest, in 1938 "is not exaggerated, and arrangements are being made to provide for at least that number."

More than 40 countries throughout the world will be represented at the congress, according to reports issued by the committee. Over 30 archdioceses and dioceses in the United States are sponsoring pilgrimages and the number of American pilgrims who have already made reservations is around 7,000. Canada will be represented by 2,000 visitors, and the countries of Latin America by 3,000, reports at hand to-day reveal.

A group of pilgrims from the Diocese of Rochester, headed by the Rev. John E. Mancy, vice-chancellor, departed for Barcelona last Saturday about the 24th.

Latest estimates of visitors from other countries published by the accommodations committee are as follows: France, 20,000; Belgium, 4,000; Italy, 2,000; England, 2,000; Ireland, 1,000; Germany, 800. From Germany also will come a large number of American Catholics serving with the U. S. occupation forces.

OTHER COUNTRIES which will be represented at the congress include Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Philippine Islands, India, China, Japan, Australia, South Africa, and Malta. There will be groups also from the Scandinavian countries, and others consisting of emigrants from Poland, Yugoslavia and other countries behind the Iron Curtain.

The committee in charge of accommodations said that three new hotels will be in operation in Barcelona before the congress opens, thus bringing the total hotel capacity to 12,000 persons. A much larger number, the committee said, will be taken care of in various boarding establishments.

Dispensation By virtue of a special indulgence granted by the Holy See to all Bishops of the United States, His Excellency Bishop Kearney dispenses all the faithful of the Diocese of Rochester from the law of abstinence on Memorial Day, May 31, and on Fourth of July. Catholics of the Rochester Diocese, therefore, may eat meat on both of these civil holidays which occur on Friday, this year.