

Holy Family Feast Observance Sunday

Bishop Kearney Holds New Year Reception



LARRY KELLY, 10, of 1000 E. 10th St., and his family, including Mrs. Kelly, are among the many families who gathered at the New Year reception of Bishop Kearney at the Episcopal residence of His Excellency Bishop Kearney, at 947 East Ave., to exchange New Year's greetings with the Bishop of Rochester on Sunday.

Lafayette Visit Bishop's House For New Year Greeting

Families, some of three generations, were among the more than 1,000 of the laity who went to the Episcopal residence of His Excellency Bishop Kearney, at 947 East Ave., to exchange New Year's greetings with the Bishop of Rochester on Sunday.

It was the 16th annual New Year reception of Bishop Kearney and brought out city and county residents of various lay organizations, families with young children and brides and bridesmaids.

Each was greeted personally by the bishop at the Episcopal residence before the reception. The bishop, in his greeting, wished the families a happy New Year and a happy New Year to all.

Visitors were ushered in by Knights of Columbus, St. John, Knights of Equity, Hibernians, Catholic Central Verein and their ladies. Two young married persons identified themselves as last of the Hibernians. The bishop, however, insisted, "There's no such thing as the last of the Hibernians. They go on and on forever."

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First in line at 3 p.m. the reception continued until 6 p.m. when members of Monroe County Chapter, Catholic War Veterans and Auxiliary.

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Washington Eyes Spanish Agreement

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The official text of a proposed agreement between the United States and Spain, which would allow the activities of American chaplains in Spain, was received here for study.

Despite mounting Protestant criticism over restrictions on intermarriage embodied in the agreement, it appeared likely that the pact ultimately would be approved by the Defense and State Departments.

A GOVERNMENT spokesman pointed out that marriage is governed by the domestic law of the country, state or province where the ceremony is performed.

In Spain, Roman Catholic canon law is officially recognized in civil law. Canon law requires a dispensation for the marriage of a baptized Catholic and a non-Catholic and a non-Catholic must sign a prenuptial agreement to raise all children of the union as Catholics.

Thus, American Protestant chaplains would be authorized to officiate at weddings only when both parties were baptized Protestants. All other weddings would be performed by Catholic chaplains or Spanish priests under conditions laid down by Catholic canon law.

THE SPOKESMAN said problems regarding the right of American chaplains to officiate at weddings have been solved mostly in France and other NATO countries.

Laws of these countries require that a civil ceremony precede the religious rite. Once an American serviceman has fulfilled the civil requirements, he can then be married by a Catholic priest.

Two Southern Baptist Convention leaders urged members of the church to protest to the Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other government officials.

Asking that Southern Baptists petition the State and Defense Departments to review the pact, Dr. Louis D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga., said, "We dare not surrender our constitutional birthright of religious freedom for any mess of pottage."

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, secretary of the Convention's Chaplains Commission, declared, "The demands of this proposed agreement are neither Christian nor democratic. An appeal to the Secretary of State would greatly help. Every Baptist should express his true conviction."

DE. GLENN L. ARCHER, executive director of Protestant and "Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State," said his organization would actively oppose U.S. approval of the pact.

Calling the proposed agreement "grossly offensive to the ideal of religious liberty," Dr. Archer said, "We should insist that any United States military or civilian personnel stationed in Spain shall have the same right of free choice in marriage that they enjoy in the United States and that any 'premarital pact' that is entered into by members of different faiths shall be entered of their own free will without any coercion either from U.S. military authorities or the government of Spain."

"To propose that an American's relations with his marriage partner be a matter of military regulations is to propose a monstrous departure from the basic American heritage of freedom," he said.

Mr. Archer, a Catholic Negro, was admitted to the New York bar in December, 1951. A native of Philadelphia, he was born on December 31, 1924, and graduated from St. Thomas More high school there in 1942.

He attended St. Joseph's College and the Fordham Graduate School of Law. He is a member of the Brooklyn Catholic Interracial Council and the Knights of Columbus.

'Fear Of God' Key To Peace, Says Pontiff

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII, whose family name of Pacelli means "little peace," seen leading the world back to peace as the special mission given him by God.

In his delayed Christmas message released here the Pope said:



POPE PIUS XII

He has had to carry out this mission with "patient, almost exhausting labor."

In his 16th Christmas message addressed to the world by the Pontiff, he said he has each year of his pontificate hoped to offer the Christmas gift of peace as a Christmas gift.

THE FIRST six years of his pontificate he could offer nothing but the horrors of war, he declared, and since then only the "agonizing state of uneasiness and danger known as the 'cold war'."

The Pope noted that current emphasis on "peaceful co-existence" has brought the world from a "cold war" to a "cold peace." He said that this idea of "co-existence" is a step in the right direction, but still unworthy of the name of peace.

The Pope declared that the world needs more than mere "co-existence." It needs "a truly peaceful living together, inspired and protected by the divine moral order."

"The Pontiff found fault with both the two opposing camps in the world. He described the present 'co-existence' as a 'co-existence of fear' and a 'co-existence of error.' He

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Families To Join On Feast Day In Mass, Communion

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese, following the suggestion of Bishop Kearney, will join in family groups this Sunday (Jan. 9) to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion as part of the annual observance of the Feast of the Holy Family.

At the Bishop's suggestion also, family groups will enter Mass at breakfast in hotels or restaurants following attendance at Mass in parish churches.

INAUGURATED in the Rochester Diocese in 1940 by Bishop Kearney, the practice of Family Communion on the Feast of the Holy Family has grown in popularity and has been adopted in other dioceses throughout the nation.

Christian Family Movement groups, Family Communion Crusade, and Cane Conferences have urged that Catholic families observe the Holy Family Feast with this practice which Bishop Kearney established soon after he was installed as Bishop of Rochester.

In his letter read at Mass throughout the Rochester Diocese, the Bishop said: "The Holy Family feast is a time when we can all join together in the Holy Family of Bethlehem."

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Family groups are invited to meet together at the altar, led there by parents who can be inspired by the devotion of their own children.

THE COMMUNION breakfast afterwards, with "mother as guest, instead of the perennial hostess, cook and waitress," has been a high-light of the diocesan observance for the past fifteen years.

St. Charles Borromeo parish, Greece, and Immaculate Conception parish, Ithaca, have arranged to serve breakfast in their parish halls following Sunday Mass.

Holy Name Societies in each parish will serve the breakfasts at a cost of \$1.50 per family, regardless of its size. Over 600 were served last year at St. Charles; the Ithaca parish inaugurates the practice for the first time this year.

Released Time Plan Upheld In Oregon

Salem, Ore. — (RNS) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton of Oregon ruled here that public schools in the state must expose children to instruction outside of religious instruction classes if they present a written request from a parent.

He said, however, that such instruction must not be for a longer period than two hours a week and must not interfere with general school activities.

Average Worker Gives \$25 Yearly To Parish

Denver, Colo. — (NC) — The average yearly contribution to his parish by the wage-earning American Catholic is about \$25, a survey here has claimed.

The survey was made by the national edition of The Register, published here. The figure was based on a "spot check" of a score of parishes across the nation and consultations with experienced church executives. The Register said.

GOVERNMENT STATISTICS show that churchgoers of all denominations in the United States give about \$42 a year each for religious work, the paper pointed out. Fifteen Protestant denominations go considerably above the \$42. The Seventh Day Adventists more than quadruple it with donations of \$173.35 for each member, the paper said.

The figures for Catholics does not include contributions outside of those given directly in church. The Register declared, "The average figure for Protestant individuals is about \$42 a year."

THE SURVEY also gave some estimates of the amount of money needed to run parishes of various sizes. Small rural parishes (no parish school) need at least \$7,000 to \$8,000, middle-sized parishes (parish school but no high school) need \$20,000 to \$25,000, large parishes (parish school and high school) need \$60,000 to \$90,000 and a "huge" parish (a large school, a large high school and 5,000 or more souls) need at least \$120,000, the paper said.

500 Nuns Jailed By Polish Reds

Berlin — (NC) — Some 500 Polish nuns have been imprisoned by Red authorities in a forced-labor camp near Cracow, it has been reported here.

The Sisters, whom the communists have removed from their convents, are being forced to work under very difficult conditions. They live in crowded, poorly heated and unsanitary rooms, and are kept on a starvation diet. As a result of their mistreatment, many have become ill.

Their main work consists of cooking and doing laundry for soldiers in a nearby barracks. The camp is under police guard and the nuns are forbidden to leave the camp buildings.

In the Solovki Islands, flowers are more common than weeds. In the beauty of flowers is confirmation of the faith which sustains all who have suffered in the Solovki Islands. — The Solovki Islands. — The Solovki Islands. — The Solovki Islands.

Put Spiritual Values First, Scientists Told

Berkeley, Calif. — (NC) — A leading scholar challenged scientists today to hold spiritual values foremost as they probe the world's physical mysteries.

"What I am venturing to submit is that mechanism and materialism have intimidated the world of scholarship all too long," Professor Joseph Mayer, chairman of the economics department at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, told scientists attending the conference here at the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Is it not about time that scientists stopped using the word 'spirit' apologetically, furtively, or in a whisper?" He said that many scholars accept without question such unexamined and unchallengeable physical phenomena as the structure of atoms.

But, he continued, at the same time they relegate things of the mind and spirit — morality, conscience, and untouchable — to the limbo of "unscientific folklore" or "irresponsible mysticism."

He said the scientific approach is much simpler if one starts with a belief in the primacy of spiritual values.

And he added: "If such matters as striving, reverence, love, a passion for truth, beauty and goodness are looked upon as fundamental realities, they can be thought of as remaining in the universe regardless of what might conceivably happen to man, society, the world, or the 'solar system.'"

Negro Appointed District Attorney

Brooklyn, N. Y. — (NC) — Lawrence W. Pierce, staff attorney of the Legal Aid Society of New York, has been appointed an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn.

Mr. Pierce, a Catholic Negro, was admitted to the New York bar in December, 1951. A native of Philadelphia, he was born on December 31, 1924, and graduated from St. Thomas More high school there in 1942.

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