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Atheists War To Rid God From U.S. Life

Cleveland — (NC) — An artful
minority of atheists, social-
ists and professional bigots is
carrying on a warfare aimed at
"the practical exclusion of God
and religion from the life of our
nation."

This warning was voiced here
by Bishop John J. Krol of Cleve-
land in an address at the 70th
national convention of the
Knights of Columbus.

THE ENEMIES of religion,
Bishop Krol declared at the con-
vention banquet, have already
managed to distort the interpre-
tation of the First Amendment to
the U.S. Constitution, which
provides that "Congress shall
make no law respecting an estab-
lishment of religion or prohib-
iting the free exercise thereof."

In our own day, he said, "the
simple and clear language of this
amendment — without justifica-
tion in constitutional history or
in legal theory — has been dis-
torted into a constitutional pro-
vision erecting a metaphorical
wall of absolute separation be-
tween church and state."

The slogan "wall of separa-
tion" is being raised again. Bishop
Krol said in an effort "to bar
all religious influence in public
education and to liquidate the
private school system."

Referring to charges that pri-
vate religious schools are
"un-American and divisive,"
Bishop Krol reminded delegates:
"It is a matter of historical fact
that prior to and for some time
after the Declaration of Inde-
pendence, the only school sys-
tems existing in our country
were the Catholic and other pri-
vate schools."

Newark Girl Takes
Grey Nun Vows
Miss Mary T. Mancuso of New-
ark, N.J., to be known in religion
as Sister Mary of Hope was
among 10 young women pro-
nouncing temporary vows of the
Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart
at St. James Church, Elkins
Park, Pa., August 24.

Twelve other Sisters pro-
nounced their perpetual vows.
The vows were received by Aux-
iliary Bishop J. Carroll McCor-
mick of Philadelphia.



DIGNIFIED simplicity characterize the sanctuary and body of Epiphany Church, Sodus.

Father Lammers Zealous Priest From A Farm

By FRANK KELLY
Most boys when they leave the
farm take with them a few
can usually be "taken" by city
suckers.

There is one "farm boy" that
we know of however, that must
have given the big town boys a
real bad time when he arrived in
Rochester.

HE IS REV. William Lammers,
pastor of Epiphany Church, So-
dus and St. Rose Church, Sodus
Point.

A native of Ohio, where he
was born and brought up on a
farm in the Diocese of Toledo,
Father Lammers still has not
lost all the charm of a lad fresh
off the farm, but he gives you
the impression that "nobody" is
going to pull something on him
and get away with it.

A very friendly priest, Father
Lammers is also quite a worker,
as he has proved throughout his
priestly life but especially so
since he became pastor of the
churches in these towns in
Wayne County in 1926.

Not only was he able to burn
up the mortgage of \$1,500 re-
cently and still have enough
left over to put into the bank,
but, through his priestly zeal,
he has a total of eight converts
since his arrival. He also has
another person under instruc-
tion.

The clearing of the mortgage
was especially noteworthy, since
this is definitely not a rich town
and the fact that he has only 18
families living in both Sodus and
at the mission at Sodus Point for
most of the year.

"Of course, the number in-
creases during the Summer
months when vacationers go
down to the Point," Father Lam-
mers said. "But what my regular
parishioners contribute through-
out the whole year is phenom-
enal for the amount of money
they make."

FATHER LAMMERS said that
there are 62 Catholic families in
Sodus, totalling about 165 Cath-

olics and 18 Catholic families
normally, in Sodus Point, repre-
senting about 60 Catholics.

"But, during the Summer,
there are usually about 550 peo-
ple attending Mass at the Point
and about 200 in Sodus itself,"
Father Lammers said.

With no assistants, Father
Lammers says three Masses each
Sunday throughout the year,
two at the Church of the Epi-
phany and one at St. Rose. Dur-
ing the Summer, when he has
three Masses at St. Rose's, a
priest from the diocese is sent
to say the two extra Masses.

Prior to his ordination 24
years ago, Father Lammers at-
tended the Josephinum Pontifi-
cal Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

BISHOP JOHN F. O'NEIL,
third Bishop of Rochester, re-
quested Father Lammers' su-
periors to send him here to help
Father Sebastian B. Englerth
not only to be his assistant at
St. John the Evangelist, Greece,
but also to assist Father Eng-
lerth with the farm work on
the church property.

After six months there, Fa-
ther Lammers was sent to St.
Andrew's, Rochester, as an as-
sistant where he spent several
years. Other appointments took
him to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
Rochester, Holy Family in Au-
burn, where he was also chap-
lain to the German war prisoners
and then to Holy Family Church,
Rochester.

The history of the Wayne
County parish is also interesting
in that the mission in Sodus
Point came before Sodus itself
was a mission.

IT WAS ABOUT 75 years ago
that Mass was said at Sodus
Point for the first time. It was
said in a little community house
and a priest from the diocese
was sent there each Sunday to
say Mass for a small group of
Catholic inhabitants.

Mass at Sodus itself wasn't
said until around 1919 in a room
above a store in the village.



ST. ROSE CHAPEL, Sodus Point

Stores Eye Nationwide Sunday Closing Plan

Milwaukee — (NC) — Nationwide closing of food stores
on Sunday was advocated at the annual convention of an or-
ganization which represents some 15,000 retail meat and
food dealers.

Roy A. Giese of Milwaukee,
treasurer of the National Assoc-
iation of Retail Meat and Food
Dealers, said the dealers had few
hopes of the adoption of Sunday
closing laws throughout the
country.

Voluntary compliance by
dealers will be the chief weapons
in the drive on Sunday closings,
he said. Charles Bromann of



EPIPHANY Church, Sodus

Monsignor Charles Shay, pres-
ent pastor of Holy Rosary Church,
Rochester, was named the
first pastor of the Sodus
church in 1921 and he bought
the first church property. Father
John M. Sellinger bought the
present rectory in 1923, the year
he was named pastor succeeding
Msgr. Shay.

The parish was closed during
the depression years and served
as a mission of St. Mary's of the
Lake until 1942 when Father
Ralph J. Meyer, pastor of St.
Patrick's Church, Aurora, was
named pastor.

During Father Meyer's pastora-
te, Wolcott and Fairhaven were
missions of Sodus as was Sodus
Point. During Father James O'-
Connell's pastorate, Wolcott was
given its own parish, with Fair-
haven as its mission.

Father O'Connell is now pastor
of St. Mary's of the Lake Church,
Ontario and he was succeeded by
Father Lammers.

FATHER LAMMERS still
makes good use of the knowledge
he gained on the farm, for he has
become his own "handyman," as
is common with all country pas-
tors. He takes great pride in his
parish as is evidenced by the
many repairs he has done since
his arrival.

"The people in my parish are
the one's that should be ap-
plauded," he related. "They are
really wonderful Catholics,
especially the members of the
Altar and Rosary Society and
the Holy Name Society. They
have helped me to the fullest
since I came here."

"I don't bound them for any-
thing. They just do whatever a
good Catholic should do in the
normal course of their lives," he
added.

The big social event in the
year is the parish bazaar held
each Summer. But the people of
the parish are also treated by
Father Lammers to an outing
for all the help that they have
given to him.

OF COURSE, during the Win-
ter, things get a little tough be-
cause of the heavy accumulation
of snow. It is not an uncommon
thing for Father Lammers to
have to dig out of the rectory
and into the church on Sunday
in order to say Mass.

But, in spite of all his work,
which includes giving release
time instruction, Father Lam-
mers usually manages to get out
to the golf course to indulge in
his favorite sport several times
during the Summer.

"My game used to be baseball,
but I had to give that up a long
time ago," Father said. "Baseball
is a man's game, as I
found out."

Cathedral Rosary Guild Seeks 1200 Members

Sixth annual membership drive of Sacred Heart Cath-
edral Rosary Guild will open Monday, Sept. 8 and close Mon-
day, Sept. 22. One hundred seventy-three workers under the
leadership of Mrs. Ronald J. Mc-
Donald, chairman and Mrs. Ros-
alie P. Empey, Mrs. Charles C.
Graeber and Mrs. Arthur S.
O'Brien, co-chairmen of the
membership committee, have
1200 members as a campaign
goal.

Membership in the Guild which
has as its aim social and recre-
ational activity is open to all
women of the Cathedral, 18 years
of age and over. The Guild will
meet on the second Monday of
the month and an ambitious pro-
gram is planned for the current
year.

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ran, Helen Marzer, M. J. O'Grady, Mary
Prud'homme, Beatrice Schaefer, Rita Trout
and Virginia Vaneau.

Reds Add 8 Years To Prelate's Term

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Msgr.
Joseph Koo, Vicar General of
the Catholic Diocese of Han-
men in Kiangsu province, has
had an additional eight years
added to the prison sentence
imposed on him by a Commu-
nist court in Shanghai in 1933,
according to reports reaching
here. The length of the original
sentence is not known.

Msgr. Koo, 66, is reported to
be in poor physical condition.
However, the increased prison
term was regarded here as in-
dicating that he is mentally
well.

The head of the Haimen dioc-
ese is Bishop Chu Kaimin,
S.J., who has been barred from
exercising his episcopal func-
tions ever since he refused to
support a Communist-spon-
sored movement to set up a
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