

Capital Memorial Honors Civil War Nun-Nurses

Bishop Kearney's Appointments

- JUNE
- 2 Thursday — St. Andrew's Seminary — Senior Mass 9:30 a.m. — St. Andrew's Seminary — Commencement — 3:30 p.m. — Nazareth College — Faculty-Senior Banquet — 5:30 p.m.
 - 3 Friday — St. Joseph's Church — St. Monica Sodality Mass — 10:00 a.m. — Sheraton Hotel — First Friday Luncheon Address — 12:00 Noon.
 - 4 Saturday — Sacred Heart Cathedral — Friendship Ordinations — 10:00 a.m. — Nazareth College — Alumni Dinner — 7:00 p.m.
 - 5 Sunday — Nazareth College — Baccalaureate Mass — 11:00 a.m. — Ground-breaking Ceremony for New St. Ann's Home — 4:00 p.m. — St. Boniface Church — Blessing of New Church — 7:30 p.m.
 - 6 Monday — Estimote Theater — Nazareth College Commencement — 4:00 p.m.
 - 7 Tuesday — Sacred Heart Academy — Commencement — 4:00 p.m.
 - 10 Friday — St. Anne's Church — Ad Altare Dei Awards — 8:00 p.m.
 - 11 Saturday — Syracuse, N.Y. — Syracuse Nazareth College Alumni Communion-Breakfast — 12:00 Noon.
 - 13 Sunday — St. Ann's Church, Harnell, N.Y. — St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing Commencement — 2:00 p.m. — St. Columba's Church, Colorado, N.Y. — Diamond Jubilee of Parish — Low Mass and Sermon — 8:00 p.m.
 - 14 Tuesday — Convent of Mt. Kisco, N.Y. — Reception of Habit.
 - 19 Sunday — St. Mary's Church — St. Bonaventure Alumni Mass — 10:00 a.m. — Eastman Theater — McQuaid Jesuit High School Commencement — 2:00 p.m. — Corpus Christi Church — Procession, Corpus Christi Mass and Procession — 5:30 p.m.
 - 21 Tuesday — St. Joseph's Villa — Graduation Exercises — 4:00 p.m.
 - 23 Wednesday — St. Agnes High School — Senior Mass and Banquet — 4:00 p.m.
 - 24 Thursday — St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, N.Y. — Open Ancient Order of Hibernians State Convention — 9:30 a.m. — Notre Dame High School — Commencement — 5:30 p.m.
 - 24 Friday — Our Lady of Mercy High School — Seniors Mass — 10:00 a.m. — Blessing of New Convent — 7:00 p.m.
 - 25 Saturday — St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, N.Y. — Patronal Feast, Low Mass and Sermon — 12:00 Noon
 - 26 Sunday — Mt. Carmel High School, Auburn, N.Y. — Seniors Mass — 10:00 a.m. — Mt. Carmel High School, Auburn, N.Y. — Commencement — 1:00 p.m. — Eastman Theater — Aquinas Institute Commencement — 3:00 p.m.
 - 27 Monday — Nazareth Academy — Seniors Mass — 5:30 a.m. — Eastman Theater — Nazareth Academy Commencement — 8:00 p.m.
 - 28 Wednesday — Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse — Reception of Habit — 9:00 a.m.

By THOMAS KISSLING

Washington — (NC) — Memorial Day (Monday) will be observed in the Nation's Capital with elaborate ceremonies.

Following special services in the amphitheater of the Arlington National Cemetery, veterans groups and individuals will decorate the graves of the war dead in Washington — a "city of monuments" — statues and memorials to the heroes of the Civil War have always been favorite objects for floral tributes on Decoration Day.

With the approach of the Centennial of the Civil War next year, the city's monuments to the heroes of the War Between the States take on a special significance.

Unique among these is the little-known monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield." Erected "To the Memory and in Honor of the Various Orders of Sisters Who Gave Their Services as Nurses on Battlefields and in Hospitals During the Civil War," it is rarely mentioned in tourist guide-books.

The history of the nun's memorial, erected by private funds, on government property, 43 years after the event it commemorates is an interesting one. It took an Act of Congress to get the government to donate a site and years of patient research to verify the war records of the Sister-Nurses, and to have the War Department place official "soldier" markers on their graves in convent cemeteries throughout the country.

To the late Mrs. Ellen Ryan Jolly, of Pawtucket, R.I., former president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, goes the credit for the idea and fulfillment of the memorial to the Civil War Sister-Nurses, and for compiling the record of their patriotic services.

At the 1914 convention of her order, held in Norfolk, Va., she presented and won approval of a plan to erect the memorial and present it to the United States Government. She served as chairman of the organization's Nuns' Memorial Committee.

Dr. Jolly immediately hastened to Washington, where she placed the plan before officials of the War Department. She was informed that she would have to present absolute proof of the services rendered by the Sisters during the Civil War before they could approve the granting of a site and permission to erect the memorial.

Undaunted, Dr. Jolly began the long, tedious research among the fragmentary records available in government files, and the search among the archives of some 20 religious communities, for Civil War records, discharge papers and pension papers, diaries and letters.

The results of her search were presented not only to the War Department but, were also published later (1927) under the title "Nuns of the Battlefield," with an "incomplete" list.

When the Civil War broke out, there was no organized nurse corps. The American Red Cross Society was not founded until 30 years later, by Clara Barton, who had served in military hospitals of the Union Army at the front. The Government's Sanitary Commission was the relief organization for military hospitals. Miss Docthera Dix was placed in charge as the first U.S. superintendent of nurses during the war.

When the Catholic Sister-

hoods, the only organized trained corps of women ready and willing to serve as nurses, volunteered they were placed directly under the charge of the Surgeon General of the United States and remained subject to his orders during the entire war.

During the debate in Congress on the Nuns' Monument Resolution, No. 154, its proponent, Congressman Ambrose-Kennedy of Rhode Island, presented a list of some 400 Sister-Nurses of the Civil War. By the time of the publication of Dr. Jolly's volume in 1927, the number had increased to 571, with 306 of these listed as Irish-born!

Though the bill authorizing the erection of the monument on government property, was passed on March 11, 1918, it was not until September 20, 1924, that the formal unveiling ceremonies took place, with religious and military splendor.

Erected opposite St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, at the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue, M Street and Connecticut Avenue, the stone and bronze monument is the work of sculptor Jerome Connor of Washington.

Placed on a triangular plot of ground, the granite monu-

ment is 20 feet long and 12 feet high. On its face it has a bronze panel, 10 feet long by 5 feet high, on which is worked in bas relief 12 figures of nuns of as many different Orders that nursed through and wounded during the Civil War.

Above the panel is a cross surrounded by a wreath and under the inscription: "They Comforted the Dying, Nursed the Wounded, Carried Hope to the Emprisoned, Gave to the Thirsty." "The Nuns of the Battlefield"

At the end of the monument in figures of the Angel of Peace and at the other end, a figure of Patriotism without a sword. There are 12 Sister-Nurses from 20 Communities throughout the nation represented by the nuns in their habits.

They are: Sisters of Charity, Nazareth, Ky.; Sisters of Charity, Mount St. Joseph, Ohio, Cincinnati, O.; Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Emmitsburg, Md.; Sisters of St. Dominic, Springfield, Ky.; Sisters of St. Dominic, Memphis, Tenn.; Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis, Cincinnati, O.; Sisters of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind.; Sisters of St. Joseph, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sisters of St. Joseph, Wheeling, W. Va.;

Sisters of Mercy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sisters of Mercy, N.Y. City; Sisters of Mercy, Chicago-111.; Sisters of Mercy, Baltimore, Md.; Sisters of Mercy, Vicksburg, Miss.; Sisters of Mercy, Cincinnati, O.; Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Charleston, S.C.; Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, New Orleans, La.; Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.; Sisters of St. Ursula, Galveston, Tex.

The choice of Saturday, September 21, 1924, for the unveiling of the statue was a fortunate one. For that weekend had brought many dignitaries of Church and state to Washington, for the memorable National Convention of the Holy Name Society and its parade of 100,000 down Pennsylvania Avenue on Sunday.

The nation's ranking Catholic prelate, Cardinal O'Connell of Boston, led the roster of those present to do honor to the Nun-Nurses of the Civil War. Also present were Archbishop Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, then Apostolic Delegate; Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore; Bishop William A. Rickey of Providence, R.I.; Bishop Joseph F. Busch of St. Cloud; Bishop Thomas W. Shahan of Catholic University; Admiral William S. Benson, U.S.N.; Postmaster General Noy; Associate Jus-

tice McKenna of the U.S. Supreme Court; Father Charles E. O'Donnell, C.S.C., provincial of the Holy Cross Fathers; Ambrose Kennedy; Michael Donohoe, president, A.O.H.; and Mrs. Adelia Crilly, president, Ladies Auxiliary, A.O.H.

The unveiling ceremonies were opened by Archbishop Curley who gave the invocation and later addressed the group. Ambrose Kennedy, former Congressman who had introduced the Nuns' Monument Bill, spoke as did the heads of the Hibernians and the auxiliary. Cardinal O'Connell lauded the work of the Nuns of the Battlefield and their unstinted loyalty and patriotic service.

Dr. Jolly, national chairman of the monument committee, unveiled the monument and made the presentation speech. Lt. Col. C. O. Sherrill, U.S.A., personal aide to President Coolidge and officer in charge of public

buildings and grounds, accepted the monument for the Government.

In his speech, he expressed his sorrow that there was not one of the Civil War Sisters present after all the years to listen to the eulogies accorded them.

Suddenly from among the audience, which included many nuns, a surviving "Nun of the Battlefield" was brought to the platform, addressed by her companions. With bowed head she was received on the platform by the distinguished clergy and civic officials and was accorded a deafening cheer and applause.

As all crowded around to congratulate her, Archbishop Curley ascertained her name — Sister Mary Madeleine O'Donnell, of the Sisters of Mercy of Pittsburgh — the only guest of honor among the score of surviving Civil War Sisters who were able to make the trip to Washington.

Sacred Heart Year Promise

By REV. LOUIS J. HOHMAN

"I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings." Nothing could be more consoling than this statement: whatever I do out of love for Jesus Christ must come to a happy conclusion.

The reason is contained in his promise. He will bless abundantly whatever I do if I truly love him.

At the risk of being too sentimental, call to mind a fairly common incident. Johnny is in the second grade. Valentine's Day comes around and Sister has the children make a valentine for their mothers. It is a red heart, pasted over paper face on cardboard backing. On the heart is printed, "To My Valentine" and is signed "Johnny."

Understand that the scissors slipped a little at the top of the heart and the paste shows through the face; the printing slightly resembles alphabet soup and on the way home Johnny was caught in the rain (or a slight scuffle on the bus).

But any mother knows the wrath that fills her heart when it is shyly presented by Johnny. No commercial masterpiece could have one-tenth the meaning. Love's labor is never lost. What it lacks in execution is amply compensated in the affection which inspires it.

For those who love Christ sincerely and earnestly it is much the same. Like the mother He will smile upon our efforts and take them to his heart.

What did our Lord mean by "undertakings"? The word refers to anything legitimate that we set out to do. It includes anything associated with our life's work and even our avocations. For the sake of concreteness, let's consider just one undertaking of great importance not only to the individual but to society as a whole — marriage and raising a family.

HOW SHALL we relate the career of marriage to the love of Christ and the abundant blessings he promised? First of all, where there is love of Christ there is clarity of vision. The pure of heart shall see God in the choice of a partner we admonish young people to avoid sin with all the powers of their soul.

If there is one thing which can produce a bad choice with its irrevocable consequences, it is the clouded understand-

ing and distorted emotions which sin effects. The saying "Love thy neighbor" does not refer to true love so much as that kind which is spawned in passion and sin.

Anyone who has ever tried to dissuade a young man or girl from a marriage which was obviously a bad risk can see the terrible mental twist which alienation from Christ has produced. Jesus will bless the marriage of those who love him by giving them a true sense of value and the ability to see persons as they really are. Even before they begin they are saved immeasurable grief.

When a person enters marriage with a true and deep love of Jesus Christ there is a spirit of generosity. Just how important that virtue is to marriage is beyond words. Most marriages fail because of the selfishness of one or both the partners.

Putting up with one another's faults, doing one's part, accepting the crosses and sacrifices which must be a part of every marriage, demand extraordinary selflessness. Mere romantic and emotional love at the time of marriage is certain not enough to produce it for a lifetime. Its roots must go much deeper. Such generosity must be a part of the person himself and be inspired and maintained by divine grace. It must be the overflow of his own love for God.

The man or woman who lives with Christ and for Christ will have learned this love. His love for his wife or her for her husband will be a projection of the love of Calvary — asking nothing and giving all. Then even if the partner be not so generous or imbued with the spirit of Christ, the example will be there who was able to give the highest possible assurance of success to the marriage.

What we have said in regard to marriage applies equally to any vocation or any worthwhile project one could initiate. Where there is deep love of Christ there is clarity of vision. Where there is deep love of Christ there is unselfish dedication to the task. Where there is deep love of Christ our works are not vitiated by unworthy motives.

Bishop Casey's Appointments

- JUNE
- 1 Wednesday — Sacred Heart Hall — Kindergarten Graduation — 8:00 p.m.
 - 2 Thursday — St. Mark's Seminary, Erie, Pa. — Dedication of New Seminary — 10:00 a.m.
 - 3 Friday — St. Bernard's Seminary — Tenure 4:00 p.m.
 - 4 Sunday — St. John, Greece — Confirmation (Boys) — 1:00 p.m. — Confirmation (Girls) — 5:00 p.m. — St. Boniface — Pontifical Low Mass, Dedication of New Church — 7:30 p.m.
 - 6 Monday through Thursday — St. Bernard's Seminary — Annual Retreat.
 - 12 Sunday — St. Mary, Auburn — Sermon, Silver Anniversary of Rt. Rev. James D. Cuffney, V.F. — 11:00 a.m.
 - 16 Thursday — Sacred Heart Cathedral — Solemn Pontifical Mass, Corpus Christi Procession — 7:45 p.m.
 - 19 Sunday — Sacred Heart Cathedral — Sermon, First Solemn Mass of Rev. Father O'Sullivan, O.P. — 11:00 a.m. — Holy Cross — Sermon, First Solemn Mass of Rev. Vincent Corbelli, M.M. — 1:00 p.m.
 - 22 Wednesday — Sacred Heart Cathedral — Opening of Triduum in honor of the Sacred Heart — 7:45 p.m.
 - 23 Thursday — Eastman Theater — Graduation Exercises, St. Agnes High School — 8:30 p.m.
 - 24 Friday — St. Francis Assisi — Family Rosary for Peace, Feast of the Sacred Heart — 7:00 p.m. — Our Lady of Mercy High School — Graduation Exercises — 8:30 p.m.
 - 26 Sunday — Sacred Heart Cathedral — Graduation Exercises, Sacred Heart School — 1:30 p.m. — DeSales High School, Geneva — Graduation Exercises — 8:00 p.m.

Jews Acclaim Pope's Charity

Kiamasha Lake, N.Y. — (RNS) League of B'nai B'rith, said Pope John XXIII was hailed by members of the Jewish welfare by a national Jewish leader here as a man who has shown as playing an "inspired role" in bringing about closer and things about which they sharply friendly relations between disarray. "In this dialogue, on this road to greater unity," he said, "we are mutually Benjamin H. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation of John XXIII."

Reapings At Random

Indeed, this is the most frightening aspect of the whole of the Paris shambles. Such a man would press the war button at any time. The awful consequences would be too late to be regretted even by the leaders of Catholic Majorities.

It brings me to the further point about our own reaction to all of this. Do we realize the gravity of the situation? Obviously, we must check our defenses and strengthen them wherever needed. We must also be vigilant — oh, so very vigilant — against another Pearl Harbor type attack. There is no question that if the Communist rulers think for one moment they can crush us now — now is the time for them.

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H-Bomb Morally Wrong

Dublin — (NC) — A moral theologian has declared that no circumstances can justify use of the hydrogen bomb.

Father John McCarthy, former professor of moral theology at the Irish national seminary at Maynooth and at University College, Dublin, said "Our conclusion is that the hydrogen bomb is a grossly unlawful instrument of war and that no military necessity, or advantage, no set of conceivable circumstances, however grave, can justify its use."

"Our fundamental reason for this conclusion is that the use of the hydrogen bomb — in populated areas, that is — inevitably involves the direct slaughter of innocent non-combatants."

Father McCarthy's opinion was expressed in a new book, "Problems in Theology," published by Browne and Nolan. He said that even if the H-bomb's effect on non-combatants, is not taken into con-

Two Car Religion No Answer To Red Threats

Also, we never think of the real Heaven, but just that one which is pictured with its roof around the door, its two-car garage, its swimming pool, television sets and modern kitchen.

The Communists threaten this type of heaven for you. But unless we set our sights on the real Heaven, we shall enjoy neither the materialistic life nor the Beatific Vision.

We have mentioned all this before, but it needs emphasizing today more than ever. Those who genuinely want to be anti-Communist must first of all learn that political anti-Communism is the least effective type. We can shout from the housetops about this evil system.

But unless we are prepared at the same time to be authentically Catholic, expressing not only the vitality of the Church, but also its charity, we are lacking a lost cause.

More than ever before we need to strengthen our spiritual formation. More than ever before we need to understand and accept the gift of grace in the sacramental life. It is not sufficient to talk about being a good Democrat or a good Republican or an articulate anti-Communist.

The question that needs to be answered today is, "Are we truly Catholics?"

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