

'We're Getting Soft!'

Is Father Still Head Of Home?

A plea "for the return of the Catholic father as head of the household" was made by the Rev. James P. Collins in his address at a Knights of Columbus Memorial breakfast Sunday, Nov. 27.

Father Collins, chaplain at the Elmira Reformatory, spoke at the Mass with relatives of the 11 members who have died during the past 11 months in attendance.

Annual Meet Planned By Retreat Heads

Annual meeting of all lay retreat leaders of the Diocese of Rochester will take place Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p.m. at the Notre Dame Retreat House, 245 Alexander St., according to the Very Rev. Thomas J. Fallon, O.S.B., rector.

Feast Of St. Nicholas A Present or A Switch?

Many children of the Rochester Diocese will have a preview of the conventional Christmas celebration next week — if they are lucky enough to have parents or grandparents who came from the Netherlands or Germany.

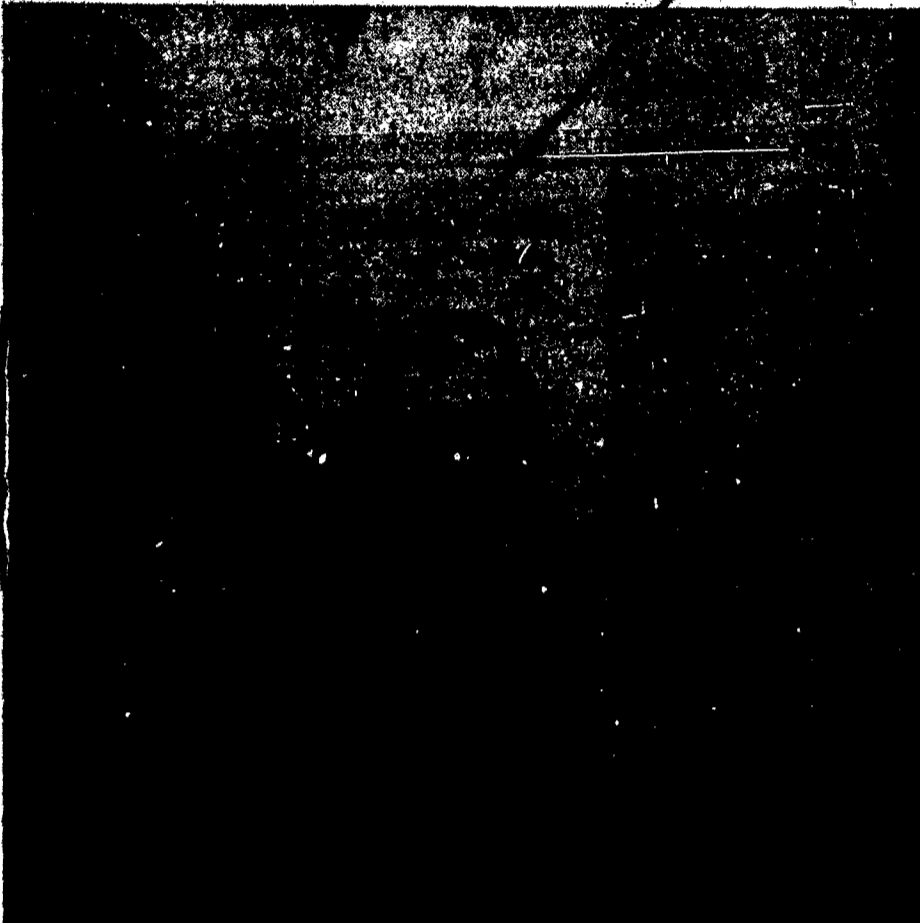


The feast of St. Nicholas or "Sinterklaas", as Dutch children call him, will be celebrated on Dec. 6. On the evening before the feastday, the youngsters will leave a shoe set out for St. Nicholas and will find a present left there by the Patron of Good Children.

IN HOLLAND, "Sinterklaas" comes riding down the streets of the village astride a splendid white horse on the eve of the festival. Sometimes he bears the mitre and crozier of a bishop (St. Nicholas was a bishop who lived many centuries ago) and other times (when the weather is very cold) he is bundled in a fur coat and cap. Over one arm he carries a basket filled with presents to be left later that night in the "kempen" or wooden shoes of all the children who have been good during the year.

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WORLD-FAMED Rosary Crusade leader Father Patrick Peyton is shown above with Harold J. Coleman (left) and Raymond F. Healy prior to a luncheon reception for the Holy Cross priest at the Rochester Club last Tuesday.

He called for the "return of the Catholic man as head of the household," pointing out the need for this happening due to a general moral deterioration in every fabric of our society.

The reformatory chaplain stated, "This is an unfortunate turnabout when the mother becomes head of the family."

He recalled that there was trouble in the family structure in both World Wars due to the dislocation of family life caused by separation of loved ones.

"During World War II women became economically independent because of the wartime need for production. But I found women seeking in the post-war effort to be continued."

From this, the women were dazzled by a certain sort of glitter, and with the "glitter" was the "glitter" of the "man" they wanted to buy the things they wanted, not the things they need.

"With dependent children, it has been found that there is, in most cases, a basic insecurity caused by not having mother in proper role. In the home, it is used to by that their children came home from school, the first thing they did was to open the door and yell, 'mother.' Today, in too many homes, they 'talk' to this because mother isn't home."

Father Collins pointed out that women may have received political emancipation, but that full equality in the sense that the mother comes to dominate in the home was never God-intended, Father explained.

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PLANS FOR the 1961 year of closed retreats will be discussed in detail. A general report on the year just closing will be reviewed. Election of officers of the Laymen's Retreat League will take place.

"It is important," George Tunnay, League president, said in a notice to leaders, "that leaders and co-leaders from every parish in the diocese be present at this meeting for some reason it is possible to attend, it is well that a representative be present."

Two weekend retreats were planned for this year:

Dec. 2, 3, 4 — St. Charles Berne, Greece.

Dec. 9, 10, 11 — St. Salvator, Rochester; St. Mary's, Scottsville; St. Vincent de Paul, Churchville; Our Lady of Victory.

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Visiting Rochester

Fr. Peyton Reports Faith Explosion On Latin America Rosary Campaign

An exhilarated and excited Father Patrick Peyton, founder and champion of the world-wide Rosary Crusade, arrived in Rochester after a 15-week in Latin America. He was a new Father Peyton. Although his humble mannerism and approach were the same and the ever-present rosary was still clutched in his fingers, there was a look of zeal in his watery-blue eyes that gave out a contagious enthusiasm. Father Peyton was 10 feet tall.

"I've never seen the like," he said with his characteristic and charming bluntness. In Chile, the people responded to Father Peyton's faith by the hundreds of thousands.

DESPITE THE tiring experience of a severe earthquake on the same day, over a half million people gathered in the public square of Santiago to hear the message of Mary and her rosary. That same morning near in the same square an all-out Communist rally drew only 1,000 Chileans.

"An explosion of dormant faith" led the appointment of Santiago's Bishop to the overwhelming appeal of Father Peyton's message. The 17-hour Holy Cross Father had broken all records.

Throughout Latin America, Father Peyton was "begged" by the bishops wherever he went to stay and continue his inspiring mission.

When he finally left Peru, the country's prime minister said, "Come back—quickly!"

Ten tons of equipment accompanied Father Peyton on his short visit here last Tuesday at the Rochester Club.

Over five million people on 50 different "battlefields" saw his beautiful and week, victorious marathon of touching films on the mysteries of the Rosary. Eleven hundred Rosary Crusaders arrived in the United States.

Secular ministers use the conventional dress and cosmetics of laywomen, though they are bound by the usual religious vows.

Members of the order are working now under Father Peyton's direction in South America, Spain and Germany.

Local businessmen gave Father Peyton a luncheon reception.

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