

# Bishops Speed Relief to Quake Victims

New York [RNS] — Catholic Relief Services here has opened a special fund to aid the victims of the recent earthquakes in Northern Italy, dispatched a plane load of blankets to the stricken area, and sent \$25,000 to its Rome office for the purchase of relief supplies locally.

Father William Flynn, local head of the Catholic Relief Services, said that his office is receiving donations from around the diocese. The critical need is for money, Father Flynn said. He also encouraged persons wishing to donate to the special fund to write

him at 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom, executive director of the U.S. Catholic bishops' overseas aid and development agency, said the fund was initiated "to answer the many calls coming in from many parts of the country, from people who want to help the victims of the earthquakes in the Udine area of Italy."

The bishop also announced that CRS sent (May 10) a plane load of 10,000 blankets, valued at \$35,000, from its emergency disaster reserve supplies in New York.

The special Italian Earthquake Victims' Fund was established after CRS officials in New York spoke with the Rome office and with Father Alfredo Bottiger in Trieste, not far from the disaster scene where reportedly 1,000 persons are dead and 40,000 homeless.

"Our people in the field tell us that what is most needed is money to help pay for immediate relief supplies which we can buy on the local market," said Bishop Swannstrom. "They have stressed that we don't need canned goods or other foodstuffs at this time, since many other agencies in Europe

have already stepped forward to provide for these needs."

"The needs, we are told," the bishop said, "are for funds to help rebuild or replace ruined houses and to take care of a number of single persons who are without families or families who are without relatives (and) find themselves without support."

The CRS director said that several Catholic dioceses in the U.S., as well as many individuals and organizations, have contacted CRS to learn how they can best respond to the needs of the earthquake

victims. He indicated that many want to sponsor special collections in behalf of the victims.

"To meet this outpouring of good will and concern," Bishop Swannstrom stated, "CRS has established a new special fund."

"After the tremendous response from Americans in the past three months to the needs of the people of Guatemala, also the hapless victims of earthquakes," he added, "it is gratifying to see this spontaneous, generous reaction to the needs of the people of Northern Italy."

## Fr. Palumbos Chosen As First ME Director

Father Edward Palumbos has been named coordinator of the Marriage Encounter movement in the diocese, the Pastoral Office announced last week. This is a new position.

Since his ordination four years ago, Father Palumbos has been at St. Alphonsus, Auburn, as priest-intern and associate pastor. It has not been determined where he will be after June 23, the effective date

of his appointment and of the other reassignments in the diocese.

Father Palumbos, 30, is from St. Cecilia parish, Irondequoit. He was educated for the priesthood in the diocesan seminaries and was ordained March 24, 1972, at St. Charles, Borromeo, Greece, where he had served as deacon-intern. He was associated with Camp Stella Maris for eight years, as a counselor and director, during his seminary days.

## Vocations Department Sets Camping Weekend

"Project Leadership Weekend," a program for high school boys who may be interested in the priesthood or brotherhood, will be offered at Camp Stella Maris Friday, May 28, through Monday, May 31.

The camp, located on Conesus Lake, will provide opportunities for swimming, basketball and other activities. Leading the camping session will be Father Gerald Connor, diocesan vocations director, assisted by several seminarians from Becket Hall.

Further information can be obtained from parish priests or Father Connor at 75 Fairport Rd., East Rochester, 14445, (716) 586-4470. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, May 25.

### 51 CONFIRMED

Watkins Glen — Bishop Dennis Hickey confirmed 51 persons on Saturday, May 8, at St. Mary of the Lake Church. The Mass was celebrated by Father Andrew Kalafsky, pastor, and Fathers David Mura, Austin Budnik and Patrick Schimiczi of New Jersey.

## 'One in Christ' Celebration Planned in Spencerport

"One in Christ—76" effort of the 10 Christian churches in Spencerport to celebrate the Lordship of Jesus Christ, is scheduled June 4-6.

Lay people and clergy have been working and praying together since June 1975 to plan the community event which will feature noted speakers, seminars, community meals and song groups, as a Christian celebration of the Bicentennial. Among those leading the celebration are:

Len Evans, pastor of the Niles, Ohio, Pleasant Valley Evangelical Church, nationally known and respected for his dynamic demonstration of the Christian message. His message of love has helped to break down religious barriers hindering community communication and fellowship.

Father Philip Kelly, editor of the Lamplighter, missionary and retreat director from the St. Joseph Prayer Community in North Dartmouth, Mass. He is known for his warm, light-hearted approach to Christ's command to love.

The program gets under way with a Fellowship luncheon Friday noon, June 4, followed by the first of three evening celebrations in the Trowbridge School, Lyell Avenue, Spencerport. Rev. Evans will speak at both the noon luncheon and the evening celebration that day.

While Father Kelly speaks to the adults at the Saturday morning Christian breakfast, Bob Follmer (The Balloon Man) will entertain the children. Father Kelly will also share at Saturday's evening celebration.

Saturday afternoon will feature 10 distinct seminars on such topics as Marriage and the Family, Spirit Filled Living, Christian Ethics, Christian Athletes, The Joys of Retirement and many more, appealing to all age groups and interests. Local Christian leaders such as Carol and Bill Showalter, Domenic Mancini, Tom Haschman, Jim Roman and others will lead discussions.

Massed choirs, Gospel singers, sharing, breaking of bread and old-fashioned Christian fellowship on Sunday evening will conclude this weekend of celebration.

## Forum to Focus On City Schools

Rochester Parent Group Leadership is sponsoring a two-day forum on education in Rochester. The forum will be Friday, May 21 from 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Service Center, 343 Clifford Ave.

On Friday night, students and community groups such as Black Seed and the No. 2 School and Community Gospel Choir will perform. A shared supper featuring the food of the many nationalities represented in Rochester will be at 7 p.m.

The two days will feature information booths on parent groups associated with the City School District, parent involvement sessions, a discussion of the strengths and problems facing the Rochester educational system, and other events.

## Ambulance Units Form District

Twelve Monroe County volunteer and fire department ambulance services have banded together to form a local district of the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and First Aid Association, Inc.

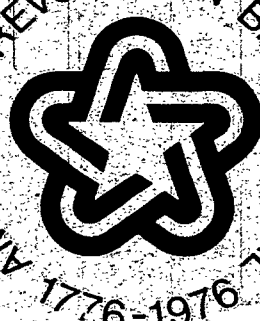
District 16 was formed in February with five member ambulance services: Greece, Penfield and Perinton Volunteer Ambulance corps, Honeoye Falls and St. Paul Blvd. Volunteer Fire Department ambulance squads.

To date, eight additional services have joined the local district: Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance Service, Gates Volunteer Ambulance, Point Pleasant, Sea Breeze, East Rochester, Rush and West Webster squads.

### BK MOTHERS

The Bishop Kearney Mothers Club installation banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at the Royal Scot, 657 E. Ridge Rd. Reservations should be made by June 1 with Evelyn Rinere, 544-1733; Marie DeMarco, 671-6604; or Joyce Turley, 342-8765.

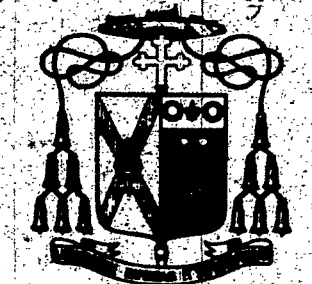
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1776-1976



**Your Heritage**

May 16, 1881. Birth of Anne O'Hare McCormick, journalist and winner of the Pulitzer prize. A number of American Catholic women have achieved note as writers. Most prominent among them, perhaps, are Agnes Repplier, the essayist (1855-1950); Flannery O'Connor, the novelist (1925-1964); and Anne O'Hare McCormick, the journalist. Anne O'Hare, educated in Ohio, started her writing career with contributions to the Cleveland diocesan paper, the Catholic Universe Bulletin. After her marriage to Francis J. McCormick, an importer, she spent much time in Europe, and subsequently became a European correspondent for the New York Times. Her field was political reporting and analysis, and she interviewed Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and other European leaders. Because of her wide knowledge and balanced vision, she was named United States delegate to UNESCO [1946-1948]. The recipient of honorary degrees from over a dozen colleges and universities, as well as Notre Dame's Lactare Medal and the New York Evening Post medal for distinguished reporting, she became, in 1937, the first woman to be awarded the Pulitzer Prize for newspaper correspondence. — Rochester Diocesan Bicentennial Commission.

**Diocesan Appointments**



Father Edward Palumbos, from associate pastor, St. Alphonsus, Auburn, to coordinator, diocesan Marriage Encounter movement, effective June 23.

## Lindbergh's Medal

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and assisted their lady companion to do the same. It was Alice Brady, the famous Broadway actress. Dressed like a fashion plate, she offered such a contrast to the water-logged crowd that everybody started laughing. Like a good sport, she retreated into the auto. Thereupon a bystander came up to offer her a hot dog and a cup of coffee. It was as if to say, "You're one of us now!"

At dawn the rain finally stopped. They towed out the "Spirit of St. Louis" and halted right in front of where we stood. A car drove up and Lindbergh got out. We gave him a big cheer.

It took a couple more hours to complete preparations. When everything seemed to be ready, the flier, now in flying suit, helmet and goggles, climbed into the cockpit. Then he got out again.

"My passport!" he exclaimed.

(As if Paris would not recognize him!)

An attendant pointed out the place inside the craft where he had stashed the passport. Then "Slim" paused for a few moments more conversation with his associates.

While he stood there, our Katie Butler called a policeman over. She handed him a medal and chain that she had taken from her own neck, and whispered some instructions to him. The officer nodded, took the gift over to the aviator and put it in his hand. I saw Lindbergh accept it distractedly and slip it into his pocket without examining it.

Then the "Lone Eagle" climbed into the plane once more. At 7:52 a.m. he winged away into the night.

## The U.S. of A.

dawn and into history. The whole vast throng was silent. But even the policemen wept.

In 1953, Charles Scribner's Sons published The Spirit of St. Louis. It was Lindbergh's definitive narrative of that pioneering journey. Reading it, I relived the exciting moments of 1927. But one passage in particular caught my eye. In his entry for the 26th hour, he wrote:

Reaching into my flying suit pocket for a fresh handkerchief, my fingers touched a small object, hard and thin. I hadn't noticed it before, mixed in with hunting knife, pencils and flashlight. There's a little chain attached. I pull it out and hold it in my palm. It's a St. Christopher medal. Silvered Saint and staff and Child, from whom did this gift come? It was a person who asked no thanks, who cared for no credit. It was sent to me like a silent blessing of prayer. [Page 433.]

The description of the donor fitted Katie Butler to a "T". I tried to find out more about her later, but she seems to have had, like Charles Lindbergh himself, a passion for anonymity.

I have often thanked God for Lindbergh, and wished there were more like him. Today, especially, this country needs heroes — people to look up to. But maybe we don't have more heroes because we don't have more Katie Butlers. Heartened by their praise and their prayers, Americans could still do great things.

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