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## Archbishop M'Nicholas Urges Sacrifice for Relief of War Victims

WASHINGTON — Archbishop McNicholas, O. P., of Cincinnati, in a radio appeal especially transcribed to be broadcast over many stations throughout the country, urges American Catholics to contribute for the relief of war victims at a special collection on Laetare Sunday, March 7, to the extent "that one feels some sense of sacrifice in the giving."

This 1948 relief fund "will do more than bring some measure of relief; it will give hope and encouragement to those who are suffering in utter destitution," Archbishop McNicholas, who is Chairman of the National Catholic Welfare Conference Administrative Board, declares.

"It will establish a fraternity with the givers; it will do something to make the victims of hunger and cold and disease forget the horrors of war and the indescribable cruelties of the concentration camps," the Archbishop says. "It will give to many a new ambition to start life again with renewed determination and to spread hatred of war and to foster love of peace."

Archbishop McNicholas reports that two N.C.W.C. agencies—the Bishops' Relief Committee and War Relief Services—already have sent food, clothing, and medicines valued at more than \$100,000,000 to suffering war victims abroad, and that more than 22,000 unpaid volunteer workers have distributed these supplies.

## Principle of Equality Defended by Church In Third Century

ROCHESTER — The principles upon which America is founded are those which the Catholic Church gave the world as far back as the third century, Judge Clare G. Fenerty of Philadelphia declared here at the opening dinner of the St. John Fisher College campaign.

Speaking on the American inheritance from the Catholic Church, Judge Fenerty, a member of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia and a former congressman, said:

"The American virtue of the equality of man with man was not born in the American Revolution though then it was given eloquent expression. It is a teaching that has come down to us from at least the third century, enunciated by St. John Chrysostom in Constantinople beside the throne of the most despotic of emperors.

"We find it in the fourth century in the preaching of Lactantius. We hear Pope Zachary in the seventh century denouncing the tyranny of taxation without representation. We see it in the days of Charlemagne and of Gregory the Great. We perceive it in the luminous thirteenth century on the inspired tongue of St. Thomas Aquinas.

"Not only was Thomas Jefferson acquainted with St. Robert Bellarmine's doctrine of popular sovereignty but he drew from the great Jesuit saint in many instances the identical words which he later wrote into the immortal Declaration of Independence."

## Holy Father Confident Catholics Of U. S. Will Give Generously

WASHINGTON — Confidence that U. S. Catholics will respond generously to the \$5,000,000 campaign of the Bishops' Fund for Victims of War, which will be conducted as a collection on Laetare Sunday, March 7, in parishes throughout the nation, is expressed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a cablegram to Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O. P., of Cincinnati, chairman of the Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The Holy Father recalls that the "liberal and magnanimous" charity of the American Catholics had enabled him to "bring a measure of comfort and relief" to those in desperate need, but he reminds that numerous and heart-rending appeals for aid continue to pour in on him from the suffering, undernourished and displaced "in those countries where the blight of war is still being felt in its distressing aftermath."

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"We are pleased to send this message of encouragement in support of the appeal of the American Hierarchy on behalf of relief for the victims of war. It is most appropriate that this appeal for voluntary sacrifice and generous almsgiving should be launched on Laetare Sunday in the midst of the Lenten season of penance and reparation.

"We are confident that Our dear children in the United States will respond to the sublime call of supernatural charity in the spirit of this sacred season and will provide with their wonted generosity the means of bringing all possible succor to alleviate pressing spiritual and material need of the suffering and the undernourished and the displaced in those countries where the blight of war is still being felt in its distressing aftermath.

### Gives Blessing

"In the exercise of Our Apostolic Office, We cannot be un-mindful of these calls upon Our charity and We cherish the hope that the traditional devotion and liberality of the Hierarchy, clergy and faithful of the United States will again at this critical time place in Our hands the possibility of meeting some of the more urgent demands made upon Our limited resources.

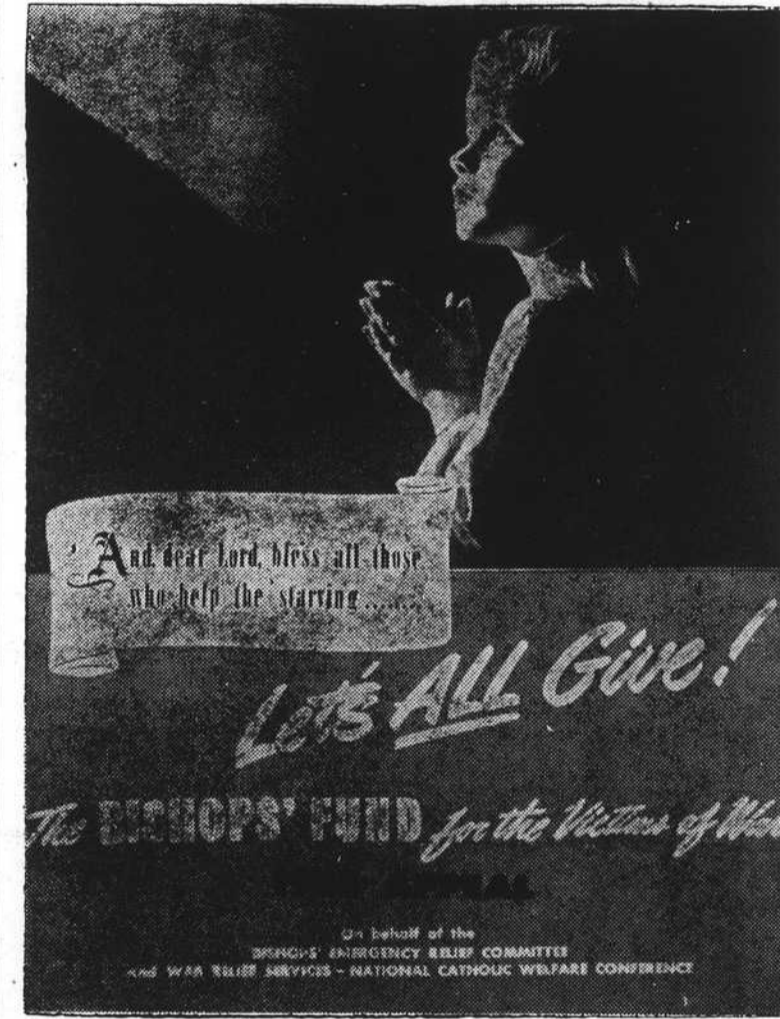
"To all Bishops, priests and faithful generosity participating with Us in this mission of mercy We cordially impart in pledge of abundant blessings from the Divine Redeemer Our paternal Apostolic Benediction."

In addition to the coming campaign in the parish churches, the 3,000,000 students in Catholic parochial schools throughout the country already are participating in a drive of their own to aid the Bishops' Fund. They are making sacrifices throughout the Lenten season and amassing a collection which will be turned over to the campaign.

### Bishop Hurley Returns

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla.—Bishop Joseph P. Hurley of St. Augustine, who has been serving for more than two years as Regent ad interim of the Apostolic Nunciature in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, is home on a visit to his diocese.

Prejudice on the part of Catholic laity is a barrier to the conversion of the Negro and a trial to the new found Faith of the Negro convert.—"Interracial Review."



## Meeting of Supreme Board of CDA Held In Southern Pines Feb. 17-20

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C. — The Supreme Directorate of the Catholic Daughters of America meeting here in Mid-Pines hotel, for the semi annual Board meeting, which has for its ultimate goal, "to strengthen the spiritual life of the laity and to make women strong for God and strong for America."

### Rumanians Still Need Help, Says Prelate

NEW YORK — Rumania is still in critical need of food, clothing, and medicines, according to an American Bishop who is acting as Regent of the Papal Nunciature in Bucharest and has helped to administer aid sent to Rumanians by American Catholics.

"Rumania, like most of Europe, is still plagued by want and it is to be fervently hoped that the immense good done by Catholics of the United States in the past will be continued in the future until the crisis will have passed," wrote Bishop Gerald P. O'Hara of Savannah-Atlanta in a letter received here by War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference.

"From all sides," he said, "Rumanians, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, appeal to us for help of every kind but especially for food and clothing. . . . Our American Catholics have given them new hope and new courage."

"Intolerance towards the Negroes in the United States is perhaps the acme of the racial intolerance of modern nationalism." —Carlton J. H. Hayes.

The Board meeting, first to be held in the South, was at the invitation of Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh and national chaplain of the organization.

### Welcome By Bishops

Attending the meeting was the Rev. Charles J. O'Connor, Raleigh, N. C. state chaplain for the Catholic Daughters. Miss Elizabeth Bullard, State Deputy headed a group of the North Carolina personnel who honored the visiting board members with an informal reception on Tuesday at Maryhurst, in Pinehurst, N. C., the new diocesan retreat house for women.

Bishop Waters welcomed the Board members at the Maryhurst event, and on Wednesday addressed the board in his official capacity as national chaplain.

Because of the proximity of Raleigh to Southern Pines, the members of Court Bishop Hafey offered to make arrangements for and serve the tea. The committee carrying out the arrangements consisted of Mrs. R. B. Streb, chairman, Mrs. John Kane, Mrs. J. V. Hofmann, Mrs. B. A. Du-bois and Mrs. J. J. Fallon.

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## DEDICATES HICKORY RECTORY



A new rectory with a large basement hall for parish use was dedicated Feb. 15 at St. Aloysius Parish, Hickory. Clergy in attendance were, (L.to R.) Rev. Sebastian Doris O.S.B. Belmont Abbey, former pastor under whose administration the stone church was built; Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, D.D., Bishop of Raleigh; Rt. Rev. Arthur R. Freeman, V.G., St. Patrick's Church, Charlotte; and Rev. James King, pastor of the Hickory church.

## Bishop Dedicates Morganton Chapel; Hickory Rectory

MORGANTON — More than 50 people attended the dedication of the little Chapel of St. Charles in Morganton when His Excellency, the Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, was celebrant at the Pontifical Mass and blessing ceremony which took place Sunday, February 15.

The sermon was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur R. Freeman, Vicar general of the Diocese. Father Sebastian Doris, O. S. B. and Father Boniface Bauer, O. S. B. of Belmont Abbey were chaplains to the Bishop and Rev. James H. King, pastor served the Pontifical Mass.

At 4:40 p. m. His Excellency, Bishop Waters blessed the newly constructed rectory of St. Aloysius Church, Hickory, before a throng of parishioners and friends and offered Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in St. Aloysius' Church.

## Prelate Is Installed In Baltimore See

BALTIMORE — The sacred heritage of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, which has "supplied the vitality of the Church in America" and is rooted deeply in the history of the nation, was recalled Feb. 24th. by His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, as he installed the Most Rev. Francis P. Keough as the eleventh Archbishop of the country's primate See.

Scene of the solemn and colorful ceremonies was the historic Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Present in the venerable edifice for the rites were six Archbishops, 32 Bishops, five Abbots, more than 50 Monsignori and more than 500 priests.

Archbishop Keough occupied the throne chair of the late Cardinal James Gibbons — who headed the See of Baltimore for

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