

"ANGELUS FUND"

TO RESTORE THE CHURCH BELLS IN DEVASTATED FRANCE

Spring again, spring alive and wild, making a mantle of green over all the earth and bringing its everlasting message of hope and courage.

Priests in America say Mass for the souls of our soldier dead, choirs chant and church bells toll.

In France, where so many Americans lie, Mass will be said, and even the bells will toll for the people to pray.

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THANKSGIVING MASS

SUNG WHEN POLAND GETS CONSTITUTION

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Warsaw, April 2.—A striking manifestation of the religious fervor of the Polish people and the strong Catholic spirit of the Government of the new Republic of Poland was given here on the occasion of the final passing and proclamation of the new constitution.

News of the final passing of the constitution spread rapidly through the capital. The city burst into color with flags, pennons and standards flying from every building.

bands, singing national airs. Prominent among the marchers were the Veterans of 1863 who in fact as well as in appearance closely resemble the American G. A. R.

A crowd estimated at 100,000 had gathered in the neighborhood of the Cathedral before the Mass of Thanksgiving was ended and at the close of the ceremonies broke into cheers, "Long live the Constitution!" and sang the national anthem, "God Protect Poland."

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THE MT. CARMEL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Many from London and the country surrounding Mount Carmel, Ontario, for 40 and 50 miles will motor to Mount Carmel on the 26th of May, the feast of Corpus Christi, to assist at the open air Pontifical Mass, to be sung by His Lordship Bishop Fallon on the occasion of this year's Diocesan Eucharistic Congress.

The Priests of the Diocese will assemble in the Cathedral City and the Catholic Club and the Knights of Columbus of London will convey them in automobiles the 32 miles to Mount Carmel and return them to the city by their evening trains. This will be the ninth annual Congress for the diocese of London, Canada.

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