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DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

the great international Eucharistic Congress at Montreal, London diocese holds an annual Eucharistic Congress selecting each year a different parish in which is given an entire day to Eucharistic festivities. To this Congress come all the priests of the diocese who can absent themselves for the day from their parishes, and to it the laity not only of the parish honored with the Congress but the people from any part of the diocese and especially of the neighboring parishes are most welcome. At the greatest of these local congresses held last year at Chatham, Ontario, many Catho lics came from parishes fifty and sixty miles distant. The large Franciscan Church in that city was crowded to the doors, and the openair procession of the Blessed Sacrament was the largest ever seen in London diocese. This year the sixth annual Congress will take place at St. Joseph's Church, Stratford, Ont. It is the first time it will be held in the northern section of the diocese, and the Very Rev. Dean McGee, the worthy pastor of St. Joseph's, extends a hearty welcome to the priests of the diocese and to all the people, especially of that section, to attend. He is busy in preparing to make it one of the banner congresses. The following is the programme to be carried out Tuesday, October the 9th, next. Early in the morning from 5.30 to .80 the visiting priests will celebrate Masses and give Holy Communion to enable every Catholic in the city of Stratford on that day to approach the Holy Table. At 7.30 will be offered a Holy Mass for the children of the city and at that Mass they will communicate in a being operation. At the risk of being body. At 9 a. m. His Lordship charged with constant repetition, assisted by the Very Rev. Dean Downey, of St. Alphonsus, Windsor, as Arch Priest and Rev. Fathers Gostz, of Tillsonburg, and Campsau, of Petrolia, as Deacons of Honor. The Ray. Wilfrid Langlois, of St. Thomas, Ont., will be deacon of the Mass, and Rev. Father Forristal, lately ordained from St. Peter's Seminary, London, will be sub-deacon. The minor offices of the Mass will be taken by Messrs. Blonde, Marchand, Girard and the other seminarians of the Diocesan Seminary. The preacher at Mass will be Rev. Father John J. Gnam, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, Ingersoll, Ont. Immediately after Mass His Lord. ship the Bishop will carry the Blessed Sacramant in procession about the church grounds giving the Benediction twice in the open air before returning to the church where the Blessed Sacrament remains exposed all day for the adoration of the faithful. Two p. m. the priests will assemble in the K. C. Hall for an hour and a half conferwill give a report of the Chatham more Congress and the following papers will be read : the first by Rev. Father Tobin of St. Martin's, London, on the Various Tones of the voice used by a priest at Low Mass. Father Doyle, C. SS. R., of St. Patrick's, London, will discuss this paper. The second paper to be read will be by Father Tierney of Mt. Carmel. It will treat the Eucharistic Influence Vocations. Father Coté, C. S. B., of Sandwich, will discuss it. If time permits Father Richards, of St. Mary's, London, will give a Paper on the Sacraments and a Biblical Problem, to be discussed by Father M. J. Brady of Wallaceburg. While the Conference is in session the children of the city accompanied by their parents and teachers assemble at 3 o'clock at the church for a half hour visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and Rev. Father Goetz, in his boyhood days a pupil of the Stratford Separate school, will give them a short instruction. From 5 o'clock, the priests and the laity will make the Holy Hour; the Bishop will preside, and Father O'Neil, of Parkhill, will read the meditations. At the Holy Hour and during the procession in the morning, the singing will be rendered by the seminarians of London. The day's Eucharistic celebrations will come to a close at 7.45 p. m. At that hour the Congressists will consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart. His Lordship the Bishop will preach. The Rendictions of the Sacred In fact, up to then, as has been made known each check the sacred in fact, up to them as has been made known each check the sacred in fact, up to them. will preach. The Benediction, followed by the Te Daum, will be given by the Vicar General Very Rev. Denis O'Connor, assisted by Father D. Førster of Ridgetown, and Father Dantzer of Hesson. At the Loreto Convent, Very Rev. Dean McKeon, Rector of London Cathedral, will say Mass and preach on the 9th, and Father Egan, of the Immaculate Conception Church, Stratford, will have an early Mass at his church to enable his parishioners to receive

Holy Communion and afterwards

Joseph's. In the parishes of the diocese outside of Stratford all who cannot attend the Congress are requested to offer a holy Communion in their own parish church on the Sunday previous, Oct. 7th, and thus participate in spirit in the public devotion to be shown by the priests and people of London diocese to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Offerings received by the Rev. Father Valentin, St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Diocesan Director of the Con-gress, will go towards the decoration of the altars and other Euchar

THE CALL OF THE HOUR

TALK TIME PASSED-TIME FOR ACTION

By Joseph L. Murray, State Deputy, Knights of.

Columbus of Ontario Organization work is progressing, in connection with the Knights of Columbus Ontario campaign, to raise funds for the assistance of the overseas chaplains. Encouraging dence is recorded that proper knowledge of pressing necessity will receive recognition. Throughout the province, sentiment has been awakened by realization of the actual circumstances, and the provincial executive of our Order are hopeful that a substantial sum of money will be secured. Needless to state, prompt transmission of the funds collected, will be made to the directing head of the overseas chaplain service, so that the extension plans may be at once continued, in the erection of huts and recreation centres for the soldiers, the purchase of much needed chapel tents, and the procurance of those other absolute and essential necessities.

one cannot impress too strongly the fact that the Canadian Catholic chaplain service is in pres-sing need of money for the promotion of its work. If the chaplains are to properly and satisfactorily fill the requirements of the situation confronting them; if the people at home expect the chaplains to ade. quately care for the spiritual walfare of the Canadian soldiers; if our boys are to be given the comfort and satthe banner of their common faith; if our priests are to be afforded of the esteemed and respected spiritual leaders of the Catholic people itual leaders of the Catholic people. the most meagre—enabling them to conduct religious functions, then the funds to procure these requirements must be forthcoming. And, as has been said, the only source of supply is here: the sole means of collection. is here; the sole means of collection | Throughout the confines of respect voluntary subscription.

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Now, the chaplain service is officially and regularly established. It Chivalrous action demands recog is well and truly organized, and since the early spring of the present year, plans have been developed for the improved promotion of the work, as fort and consolation, where possible the circumstances naturally demand. Considering the hundreds of thous at least, provided real generosity ands of dollars expended by other religious and social organizations for fathers, sons and brothers who bade huts and recreation centres, and in view of the gigantic scale on which practically every detail of this world structive frightfulness, in the interests war is assumed, it does not require of honor, liberty and justice, deserve any extended stretch of imagination all encouragement and every supto grasp some conception of the requirements of our chaplains, no matter how unpretentious their ideal and how economical their ad-

Until the Ontario Knights Columbus made an official grant, of approximately \$7,000, in aid of the truly noble cause. overseas chaplains, in May last, no made known, each chaplain had to personally furnish his own wants for altar equipment, and also, out of his own funds, undertake the purchase of prayer books, rosaries, crucifixes, scapular medals, etc., for distribution among the thousands of Catholic soldiers, in the ranks of the Canadian life: "An Irish colonel told a queer and often depicting crime in all its tale of an Irishman in the outskirts hideous colors. Moving pictures are overseas force. Strange as it now that was because no direct appeal, back a German horse. Under attend the Pontifical Mass at St.

ascertain the actual circumstances, pets. is reponsible for the lack of accompoor plishment long since. Be the reason confident assumption that the chaplain appeal, now made, will receive deserved response. A willing and generous contribu-

tion is surely the paramount duty of the hour! Some people have asked what the other provinces of the Dominion are doing. Insofar as the Knights of Columbus are concerned, I am advised that nearly every Canadian jurisdiction has made an original grant, based on the per capita membership, which in itself, would be a fairly substantial amount. Whether that grant will be followed by a campaign week, under the Knights of Columbus auspices, soliciting contributions from Catholics generally, is a matter for decision by the respective provincial officers of the Order. No doubt, success in the Ontario effort, would be a most encouraging incentive, and perhaps arouse an honorable rivalry through out the Dominion, for position as highest contributor, even on a pop ulation comparative basis, to this most compelling and pressing need.

Meanwhile, the details of our campaign week organization are nearing completion. The opening date is close at hand. The time for talk has about passed; the time for action is due. Afloat in the breeze, before our people in Ontario, has been unfurled the great appeal banner of the overseas chaplains. Majestically, it folds and refolds, and in chaste but panoramic engravure can be seen along its lily surface, the unmistakable evidence of dire necessity. And above all the glamour of every other vivid portrayal, seeking recognition, that simple yet sacred banner of the chaplain service, stands out pre-eminently. Supporting its glowing beauteousness, and towering in omnipotent grandeur, at the summit of its crest, is the cross of fortitude and charity. It is the same cross—that cherished emblem of Christianity
—that was planted by the missionary priests, upon Canadian soil, in the far off days of long ago. Now, Canadian priests, with Canadian troops away overseas, carry that cross, and cherish the honor of their task. The great appeal banner, and the still greater cross! Answer to the first will not only be tangible evidence of recognition of the last, but also evidence of that sincere desire to co-operate in the promotion of the comfort, and the en couragement its presence will convey to those of our fellow citizens have assumed the burdens and hardships, and the risks and trials of the terrible struggle at the battle

front. oluntary subscription. ive diocesan jurisdictions there has emanated that unanimity of co-operjuncture to set forth, the Catholic ative effort which augments stabil-Overseas force, was delayed and deavor. Further, the attitude of he K. C. If confer-Harding Chatham be met and overcome. Priests, and to be met and overcome. Priests, and to be met and overcome. Priests, and continually of patriotism. And, for public edifi-the ever in- cation, it re-affirms, if such is neces creasing number of soldiers. And, sary, the fact that steadfastly and up to now, the Catholic chaplains staunchly, for the past three years, staunchly, for the past three years. Ontario Catholics have worked in harmony with their fellow-citizens tality of others for a place to cele-brate Mass, hear confessions, give of any and every creed. Unflinch-Communion and minister generally ingly, our people have met the to the Canadian Catholic soldiers. realization of their duty, and put

> Now, a very particular opportunity is presented. The call of the overseas chaplains refers to a situation pertinently ours to improve. nition. Sacrifica must be honored Burdens should be lightened-their -these will result, to some extent structive frightfulness, in the interests port possible. Our effort should be one of real earnestness. Let us concord by zealous endeavor. Let us evidence inspiration of the highest motive, and strive for the successful accomplishment of meritorious success, in the interests of this

THE CHAPLAIN AND HIS MEN

The incident which follows shows how the faithful chaplain is regarded by the men whom he is ready to serve at the danger of losing his own of Lens. The colonel saw him after eems, the possibility of such being the battle of Bois en Hache-which the existent situation, did not seem | was a terrible affair, and a great feat to occur to those at home. Perhaps of arms in mud and snow-bringing tained of the under world. and certainly no complaint, came from the chaplains; or perhaps it was guiding this poor, lean beast tive menace to the morals of the was guiding this poor, lean beast tive menace to the morals of the matter only. Apply Catholic Record, Longitz and Compositor Wanted

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seriousness of our individual duty in this particular responsibility, or may hap hesitancy in making enquiry, to wire, and across trenches and parameters. What are you doing with that pets. 'What are you doing with that poor brute?' asked the commanding what it may, the record of general accomplishments, by the Catholics of Ontario, in the furtherance of those endeavors, unanimously recognized as necessary to the successful prosecution of the war, warrants the confident assumption that the change of the man are stimated of the men, who adore him, and that its reset of the men, who adore him, and that its reset of the men, who adore him, and that its reset of the men, who adore him, and that its reset of the men, who adore him, and that its reset of the men, who adore him, and that its reset of the men, who adore him, and that its reset of the men, who adore him, and that its reset of the men who adore him, and that its reset of the men who adore him, and that its reset of the men who are the man in the base of the men who are the man in the base of the men who are the man in the base of the men who are the man in the latest tages of the men who are the man in the latest tages of the man in the la officer. 'Sure, sir,' said the Irish estimate of the men, who adore him, and that is part of the story's humour, though the Irish soldier was very serious. It is a tribute, anyhow, to the affection of the troops for this Irish padre, a laughing giant of a man who is always out in No Man's Land when there are any of his lads out there, going as far as the German barbed wire to give the last rites to the dying. Today, when I called on the battalion, he was away burying the poor boys who lie in the mud of the battlefield."—Catholic Transcript.

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-Rev. ABRAM J. RYAN

GOOD READING

The Catholic press is a powerful influence in every community. Its mission is to carry the teachings of our faith into the homes of Catholics and enlighten those outside the Church on her doctrines. There are many who misunderstand the position of the Church. To these the Catholic journal will be a source of light and comfort.

But in the Catholic home, the religious paper should receive a most enthusiastic welcome. The secular idea has seized upon our age to such an extent that the reading of daily journals is regarded to day as a very part of the day's work.

Yet how often one finds that they contain matter that poisons the minds of the youth. To offset this influence, the Catholic journal is indispensable.

The duty of the parent is to foster and protect the innocence of youth. It is an obligation to which they have sworn fidelity. Upon its faithful ful-filment depend in great measure the future integrity of the child, and his exact observance of God's law.

The Catholic parent who neglects

the spiritual welfare of his child and assumes an attitude of aloofness where his supervision is a plain duty. in so far becomes responsible for his downfall and rightly will he in maturity look back over the intervening years and accuse of gross neglect se whose duty it was to protect his faith

Especially in our day should parents be vigilant. There are so many temptations to destroy the innocence of youth. Novels are written catering to the sensation and often depicting crime in all its too frequently a panorama of vice paraded before the eyes of children. They are the first impressions ob-

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How will all these influences be met and conquered if not by inculcat-ing into the lives of the young the great principles of their religion? And what means is more powerful in producing the desired results than an early training in virtue obtained from the formed habit of pious and lofty reading?

It was a full realization of the beneficial effects of good reading that led our late Holy Father, Pope Pius X. to declare that we would in vain build churches, or erect schools unless we are able to wield a powerful pen in defence of our religion and for the dissemination of truth among

Recognizing the necessity in our times of elevating reading, the Catholic Press Congress adopted as a slogan "A Catholic paper in every Catholic home."

Catholic parents should realize the dangers that lurk in the ways of childhood and besides exercising constant vigilance over the conduct of their children, place at their dis posal good Catholic literature which will "instruct and warn, and strengthen and promote the Christian virtues."-The Pilot.

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