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EPHRATA, April 2--With the future business of one of the state's greatest potential markets as the prize, businessmen of four Pacific Northwest cities are vying for space at the Little World's Fair being staged as part of the Columbia Basin Water Festival, Herman Ross said today.

Ross, with headquarters at 1011 Northern Life Tower, Seattle, is director of the Little World's Fair, which will be held here May 28 through June 1. The telephone number at exhibit headquarters is Main 1350, Seattle.

Besides being the site for the Little World's Fair, Ephrata also is general headquarters for the areawide water festival, which will extend over an eleven-day period, May 22 through June 1, to commemorate arrival of irrigation water on the great Columbia Basin project.

Ross estimated that 150,000 persons from nearby areas will visit the Little World's Fair during the festival. It will embrace the entire area of Ephrata airbase. Two airplane hangars, which Ross said lend themselves perfectly to commercial exhibits, will be devoted exclusively to that purpose.

Each is 160 feet long by 116 feet wide.

In addition, there is a large outdoor demonstration area for use of exhibitors.

Each with any eye toward the Basin's potential population of 200,000, along with development of 13,000 new farms, businessmen of Yakima, Spokane, Portland and Seattle are now reserving space in the commercial buildings, Ross said.

He added that special interest has been shown by dealers in housing materials, hardware, home appliances, farm machinery and implements and sports  
AND travel equipment.

News Release--Immediate  
Catholic Participation in  
Columbia Basin Water Festival

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YAKIMA

In an announcement made today, the Most Reverend Joseph P. Dougherty, Bishop of Yakima, extends a cordial invitation to the Catholics of the State of Washington to attend the "Catholic Day" program in the Columbia Basin Water Festival at the Soap Lake Cavalcade site on Memorial Day, May 30.

KofC prob Caravans are expected to leave from many cities and towns of the State to attend the ceremonies which will begin with a Solemn Pontifical Mass at 11 A.M. (Standard Time).

The Columbia Basin Water Festival, May 22 through June 1, will celebrate delivery of the water from the reservoir behind Coulee Dam for irrigation purposes. Water will be available this year for 66,000 acres of the million acre project, largest irrigation development in the world. When completed it will add a productive area equivalent to another state to the Union.

Tremendous development in the Columbia Basin was a principal reason the Holy See established the new Diocese of Yakima last year. Under Bishop Dougherty's direction, long-range plans are now being made so that the Church will grow apace with



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the Columbia Basin project. Churches are already built at Ephrata, Soap Lake, Burke and Coulee City. A church is to be built this summer at Moses Lake, where Mass is now offered in a hall; and other churches are planned within the next ten years at Quincy and Warden, and at one or both of the proposed towns on the Royal Slope.

### Public Thanksgiving

In his invitation, Bishop Dougherty stated that the Catholic Day program will be an opportunity for Catholic people to show their gratitude to God for His Providence that inspired the vision of this tremendous project in the mind of man and guided his ingenuity and labor to complete it. The Bishop also pointed out that the occasion will be a true memorial to the courageous pioneers who settled on the land in the Columbia Basin and had faith in it and in God's Providence, and that through the Mass offered on May 30, God's blessing will be asked for the people who will settle on the land.

The Cavalcade site is on the west shore of Soap Lake, five miles north of Ephrata. The route north of Ephrata will be marked with signs, "Catholic Field Mass," so that the place of ceremonies will be easily found.

Bishop White of Spokane will celebrate the solemn pontifical Mass, which will begin at 11:00 a.m. (standard time) and Bishop Dougherty will preach the sermon. A special message will be addressed to all who are present by Archbishop Connolly, the Metropolitan of the Province of Seattle.

The following priests will have part in the solemn ceremonies:

The Very Rev. Francis Corkery, S.J., president of Gonzaga University, assistant priest; Rev. Maurice Mulcahy of Waterville and Rev. Anthony Farrelly of Coulee Dam, deacons of honor to Bishop White; Rev. Patrick O'Sullivan of Wenatchee, *24 Toppe* deacon of the Mass; Rev. Robert O'Neil of Twisp, subdeacon; Very Rev. Patrick Kirby, dean of Chelan and Grant Counties, and Rev. Arthur Joda of Wilbur, chaplains to Bishop Dougherty. The Rev. Erwin Sadlowski, Rev. Paul Stecher, Rev. John O'Dea, and Rev. Frederick O'Hearn, *St Paul* will be masters of ceremonies.

Rev. Martin Soden, pastor of St. Rose Church, Ephrata, is General Chairman of all arrangements. An energetic committee from the parish in Ephrata and the mission in Soap Lake is completing plans for the "Catholic Day" program. The Catholic Daughters of America, the Knights of Columbus, and the Gonzaga University Alumni also have committee assignments for participation in the program.

A unique feature of the Mass will be an explanation of the ceremonies by Father Joseph Pash of Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral, Spokane.

The Holy Names College choir of thirty-five well trained voices will sing the Mass, under the direction of Sister Miriam of Jesus. Sister Anne Cecile will be the organist. A special Wurlitzer organ has been provided by the Northwestern Organ and Chime Company of Spokane, through kindness of Jean A. Greif, general manager of the company. The Holy Names College Choir,

Spokane, is one of the best in the State of Washington.

The Gonzaga Alumni will have a part in the Elks Association flag day program later in the day at Ephrata. The Columbia Basin Water Festival program at Soap Lake May 30, will include a parade, under the auspices of the Elks and service organizations, with drill teams and a number of floats typifying the Story of the River and its potentiality for serving homes and productive fields.

It is anticipated that thousands of Catholics from all sections of Washington will be at Soap Lake for the Catholic Day celebration there, May 30. Many are expected to take advantage of the Memorial Day weekend for a tour of the region.