

Becomes Third U. S. Chaplain



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BIDDING FAREWELL to his third priest joining the U. S. Defense Army, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney is shown with the Rev. James C. Lane of Newark, New Jersey, a First Lieutenant Chaplain and assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky. Photo was taken in the Bishop's office in the Chancery.

Chaplains Now Number 269

Speed Building Of 604 Army Chapels

NEW YORK—(N. C.)—The number of Catholic chaplains on duty with the Armed Forces of the United States reached a total of 269 as of Mar. 15, it was announced here today by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar.

The new total, compared with one announced on January 10, when 183 priests were on duty, shows an increase of 106 chaplains serving with the Armed Forces. The greatest increase was in the number of chaplains of the Army Reserve Corps which rose from 45 to 100. National Guard chaplains were increased from 10 to 25. Seven additional chaplains of the Naval Reserve Force have been placed on duty bringing the total in that group to sixteen.

The number of Regular Army chaplains on duty remains at 33. Regular Navy chaplains now in service total 21.

In addition to the 269 on full-time active duty, Archbishop Spellman listed 21 priests serving as Auxiliary Chaplains. Although they hold no military rank, these priests minister to members of the Forces throughout the country at Army posts and Navy stations where there are no regular chaplains assigned by the government.

Archbishop Spellman also announced that there are now pending applications from 75 priests seeking chaplaincies in the various services. These priests are expected to be commissioned within a month or two and will subsequently be assigned to duty, most of them before the first of June.

PLAN TO BUILD CHAPELS FOR ARMY POSTS, CAMPS

WASHINGTON (NC) — Religious worship in the Army is to be taken out of improvised buildings and the open field in a construction program that will provide 604 chapels in posts, camps and stations throughout the nation where soldiers of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths may attend services in an appropriate setting.

Never before in the history of the Army has there been such an undertaking. The War Department announced today that \$12,816,880 has been appropriated to build the chapels within six months. In appearance they will look like the typical small church found in many communities in America.

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The magnitude of the chapel project may be understood from the fact that the basic distribution will be one chapel for each regiment. Therefore, in the larger cantons.

Fire Destroys Great Seminary in Tokyo

VATICAN CITY—Word has been received here that the great seminary in Tokyo, Japan, has been completely destroyed by fire. The seminary, which had 140 pupils, was erected almost entirely through the assistance of the Work of St. Peter for Native Clergy.

Enact 'The Living God' Drama on WSAJ



UNA O'CONNOR WILLIAM GARGAN PEDRO DE CORDOBA

Realistic Radio Passion Play To Open April 8

With nationally known motion picture and radio stars in the cast, an unusual series of six electrically transcribed radio programs in commemoration of the Passion and Death of Christ will be broadcast during Holy Week.

In Rochester, the five-part radio drama, "The Living God," first presented to a radio audience in Holy Week of 1933 by the National Council of Catholic Men and again in 1938, will be offered on Station WSAJ (1240 K. C.), starting Tuesday, April 8, and continuing until Easter Saturday at 9 P. M. each evening. A sermon by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen will be broadcast on Sunday, April 13, at 10:15 P. M. on the same station in connection with the drama.

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Probe Hints Red Move In N. Y. High Schools

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Birth Control Called Worst Enemy To U. S.

2,000,000 Children Less Attend Schools Today Than Decade Ago

By REV. DR. EDGAR SCHMIEDLER, O.S.B.
Director, Family Life Bureau, N. C. F. C.

The birth controllers of America continue their destructive work.

Duo largely to their efforts there are today more than 2,000,000 fewer children in American schools than a decade ago. Just two decades ago, more children were born in this country than in any other single year of its history. Today, the United States Census Bureau states: "If present birth and death rates continue, the population of the United States will fall an estimated 30 million by about 1970 per generation." That can also be chalked up to organized birth control.

It is highly doubtful whether any nation in all history has ever even approached our recent record of self-destruction.

Nation-wide Campaigns
Nevertheless, the great still more noticeable like the following: "A nation-wide campaign to have the Federal Government, State and national public health programs and to focus public attention on the need for planned parenthood among families who have the majority of the nation's wealth." This is the program of the National Committee for Planned Parenthood, an organization of more than 1,200 leaders in American public life who united recently to form the National Birth Control Federation of America.

The committee is conducting a drive for \$250,000 in voluntary contributions to finance the Federation's 1941 program.

The great starting point by the National Committee for Planned Parenthood is to promote self-destruction. It cannot but give comfort to those promoters of self-destruction in their efforts to increase their following.

The reason given for their program is that "the present birth rate is too high." While the nation is willing to believe, because over-saturated with concentrated wealth, while the population is increasing, that the present rate of birth is too high, it is not willing to believe that the present rate of death is too low.

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Orators To Come For National Test

Rochester will be the scene of a national oratorical contest to be held in connection with Catholic Students' Mission Crusade Convention, June 27-30, according to an announcement by the Very Rev. Msgr. Edward A. Freking, national secretary and treasurer of the Crusade.

To stimulate interest in this mission activity, diocesan high schools are now sponsoring local oratorical contests. Sectional preparation in 19 archdioceses and dioceses are getting under way to select the best speakers in the movement's 1,200 units. Victors in these scrimmages will come to Rochester to match their platform technique with the other successful orators.

"We are determined to give Catholic youth an opportunity to make itself heard," Monsignor Freking said. "We want the world to know that our boys and girls have sound opinions and know how to express them." The theme of the Convention theme.

General theme of the convention program will be "Christian Youth and the World Crisis." While participants in the oratorical contest are not limited to any one subject, it is expected that most of them will expand the Catholic view on questions of current interest. Democracy, totalitarianism, paganism and Catholicism are certain to receive their share of attention when the student orators mount the rostrum.

Speaking on various mission topics, representatives from ten diocesan schools in the Rochester diocese will compete in the sectional finals, May 9 and 16. These schools include Nazareth Academy, Sacred Heart Academy, St. Andrew's Seminary, Aquinas, St. Agnes Institute, St. Joseph's Commercial, Our Lady of Mercy, Holy Family High School, Auburn; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, and Catholic High, Elmira.

At Aquinas Institute, on May 9, the judges will select the two best speakers among competitors from St. Andrew's, St. Agnes, St. Joseph's, Aquinas and Mercy. To select the two best contestants from the remaining schools a similar contest will be held at Geneva, May 16.

The district finals on May 20 at Aquinas Institute will designate the local champion who will battle in the National Oratorical Contest at the Eastman Theater during the Mission Crusade in June. The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, and Louis B. Cartwright, city manager, recently issued statements inviting members of the Crusade to attend the four-day meeting. "It will be both a pleasure and a privilege to be host to the convention," the Bishop said. "Your coming here will place us on our mettle to see that you carry away only pleasant recollections of your sojourn," the city's chief executive declared.

When the convention assembles church dignitaries including Archbishop Spellman of New York and Archbishop Mooney of Detroit will be among the delegates registered. Missionaries from all parts of the world will bring to Rochester exhibits while student crusaders, representing the entire United States, are expected to discuss mission projects.

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16 Pastors Accept 100% Crusade Coverage Plan

Sixteen pastors of the diocese following out the Bishop's suggestion for "A CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home," were reported on March 26 as having accepted the plan.

The Rev. Edmund T. Dougherty, Pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Herkonia.

The Rev. Thomas W. Leher, Pastor, St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario.

The Rev. Frederick C. White, Pastor, St. Mary's Church, Mexico.

PASTORAL—On Birth Control To Be Read Sunday

In connection with the above announcement, it is requested that all pastors who have had a pastoral on this timely subject which will be read in all our churches on Passion Sunday.

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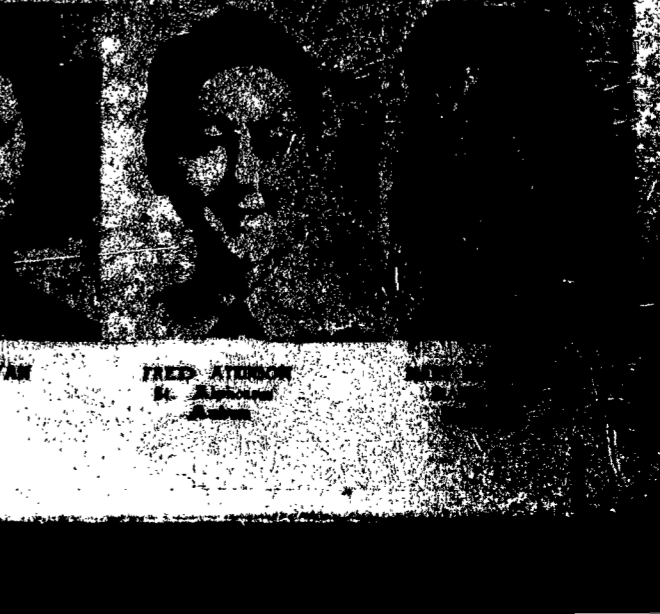
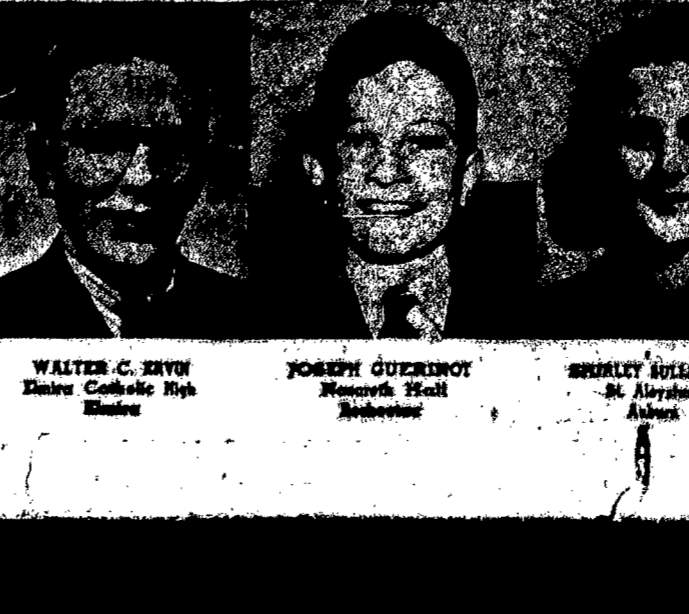
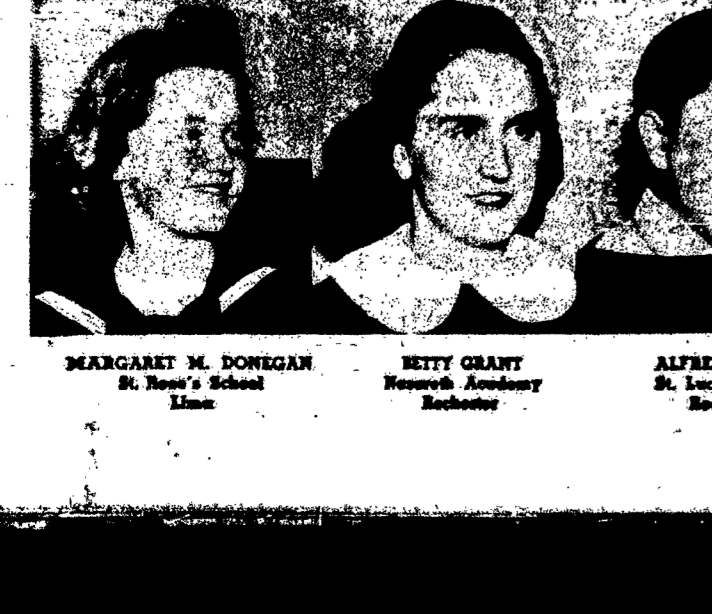
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Leading the Parade in the 1941 Press Crusade Are These Division Winners



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