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NEWLY-APPOINTED BISHOPS—Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph C. Wiggins, (left) Vicar General of the Diocese of Helena and pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Butte, Mont., who has been named Bishop of the newly-created Diocese of Pueblo, Colo. Rev. Peter W. Bartholomew, (right) pastor of St. John's Church, Rochester, Minn., who has been named Titular Bishop of Lata and Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of St. Cloud. (N.C.W.C. Pictures).

**'And A Little Child
Shall Lead Them'**
By Margaret S. Gerald

In beautiful city churches and in lowly Houses of God in our small towns, thousands of men and women have knelt before Christmas cribs during the past few days. Hard must be the heart that did not yield to the outstretched arms of the Divine Infant. It is so easy to love a little Baby and so must the Great God have planned, when He sent His Divine Son upon earth in this most appealing form of a tiny new-born Infant. Who but the Recording Angel knows the many graces that the

Baby Jesus bestowed upon those, who like the shepherds and wise-men of old, "came, saw and worshipped." There was a husband, who had been away from the Sacraments for years, a son, who had married outside the church of his childhood, a crippled daughter, for whom their loved ones prayed. And just as on that first Christmas morn, the Heavens opened, so again in 1941, did God visit His people. Temporal favors begged—"If it be Thy will" and always from every heart there was this Christmas an anguished cry to that Prince of Peace, "that Peace might again come upon the earth," mothers, sisters, sweethearts, yes, fathers and brothers pleaded for the safety of loved ones, who had been or were to be called to serve their country.

**Final Rites
For Mrs. Hardy**

Funeral services were conducted at St. Mary's Church on Dec. 27 for Mrs. Frances K. Hardy, wife of Edward D. Hardy, School Nine principal, who died Thursday at her home, 515 Pennsylvania Ave., after a heart attack.
The former Miss Frances Keefe, Mrs. Hardy began her teaching career in Southport Corners schools and in 1905 joined the Elmira public school system as a First Grade teacher at the Riverside School.

She became the wife of Mr. Hardy in 1917, but continued teaching until her retirement in December, 1935.
Her death followed a heart seizure at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, shortly after she had completed arrangements for Christmas.
Schools Supt. Oscar F. Kerlin described Mrs. Hardy as "one of the most expert First Grade teachers I have ever known."
"I knew Mrs. Hardy very well, especially during my tenure as director of grades," Mr. Kerlin said. "It was a delight to watch her work with the children."
"Mrs. Hardy always was interested in improving herself and she was noted for the breadth of her professional reading, in her knowledge of anything connected with her career. She kept alive her professional interest and reading even after her retirement."
"One of the particularly fine qualities Mrs. Hardy possessed was an equally sincere interest in each child in her class. She was one of the few teachers I know who had made the acquaintance of each child's parents and was familiar with each pupil's background."

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PRIESTS VISIT HOMES**

Rev. Bernard Hickey of Jacksonville, Fla., Rev. Joseph Hogan of Penn Yan, N. Y., and Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien of Rochester, N. Y., have visited their homes in this parish during the holiday. Rev. John D. Hurley of St. Bernard's Seminary was Deacon at Midnight mass.
Many out-of-town members and former members of our congregation are spending their Christmas vacations at homes in our parish.

**English Naval Hero
May Become Official**

LONDON.—River Plate battle hero Rear Admiral Sir Henry Horwood has been invited to be chairman of the British national board of the Apostleship of the Sea in succession to the late Admiral Lord Stafford. Sir Henry Horwood's squadron defeated the Graf Spee in battle and he was immediately knighted and later raised in rank. The vice-chairman of the national board recently lost his life on Atlantic convey.

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