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First Ad Altare Dei Award Given Auburn Scouts

Sunday night, March 1, at St. Aloysius Church, the **FIRST** Ad Altare Dei Awards to be given in the City of Auburn, were presented to Leo Dalton and Joseph E. Graney, by the Rev. Daniel A. McCarthy, Area Scout Chaplain, before a large gathering of Scout Officials, parents, friends and parishioners.

Succeeds Father



Daniel J. Callahan, Jr., Washington, D. C. banker who has been appointed Supreme Treasurer of the Knights of Columbus. He fills the post left vacant by the death of his father, who held the office for the past 33 years. Harris & Ewing photo. (N.C.W.C.)

Army Chaplains Thank Geneva Sodality For Magazines Sent

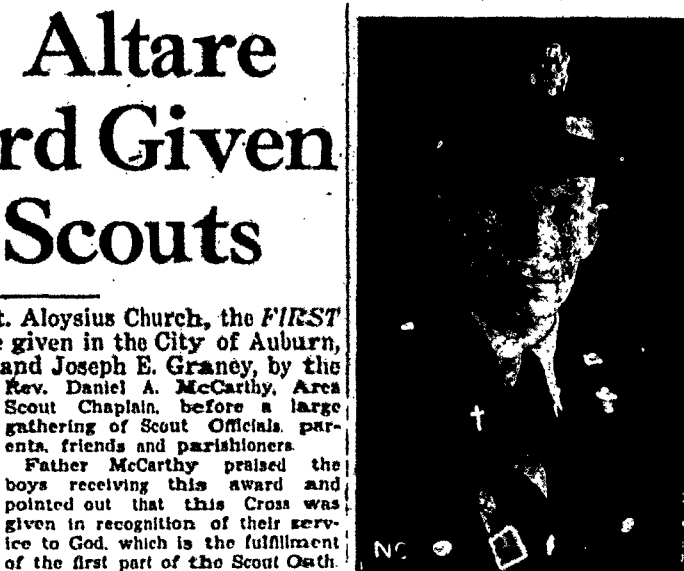
By MILDRED M. JENNINGS
GENEVA — De Sales High School Sodality has received letters of thanks from two of the Army chaplains who received a number of magazines which the Sodality members collected and sent to the chaplains for the men in the Army Forces.

One letter was from Rev. James Fleming, O. P., from Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, N. J., and the other was from Rev. Patrick B. Ewing, from the Office of the Chaplain, Tilton General Hospital, Fort S. N. J.

Father Fleming wrote: "You will doubt be interested to know that the large assortment of Catholic magazines which you sent me in good condition a few days ago. Please accept my thanks on behalf of the Catholic men at Fort Monmouth for your generosity and thoughtfulness. I am sure that the literature you sent will be read and enjoyed by many and that each of us will be grateful to you for your consideration."

The communication from Father Ewing follows: "I have received the box of magazines which you so kindly sent to me. I will dispose of them where they will do the most good. The men in this hospital hall from nearly all states of the Union and we have been stationed at all of our military bases. They have plenty of time to read and sincerely appreciate the literature which is sent them. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and kindness toward the men in the Service."

Rev. Benedict, L. S. Thirteen Oblates of the Order of St. Benedict made their final act of devotion in the presence of the Rt. Rev. Columbanus, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Joseph's Abbey.



HEROIC CHAPLAIN: Joseph Verbis Lafleur, U. S. A., who, according to news reports, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism at an airport in the Philippines during the Japanese attack of December 8. Father Lafleur removed wounded men to safety and tolced them in the face of continuous diving-bombing and machine gunning, before entering the Army in July 1941. He was stationed at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Abbeville, La. (N. C. W. C.)

Fined For Profanity On Street

WINDSOR, Ont. — There is a law in this city which prohibits the use of profane language on the streets. Magistrate J. A. Hanrahan told a 24-year-old man who appeared before him. The court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs, with an option of seven days in jail. The accused paid the fine.

Two More Diocesan Priests Enlists As Army Chaplains

Twelfth and thirteenth priest of the Diocese of Rochester entering the armed forces of this country received their commissions as first lieutenants in the U. S. Army, this week, and were assigned to army posts as chaplains.

They are:

The Rev. William J. O'Brien, assistant pastor, Corpus Christi Church, Rochester.

The Rev. Elmer W. Heindl, assistant pastor, St. Andrew's Church, Rochester.

Ordered to report on March 12, Father O'Brien will go to Ft. George G. Meade, Md. and Father Heindl to Fort McClellan, Ala.

Suggests Enrolling Service Men In Faith Society

"We suggest a new Honor Roll of soldiers, the names of the soldiers who have been enrolled as the members of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Certainly, it would mean much to each soldier to know that there are others who are praying for him as he fights in defense of his country and those dear to him at home."

This was suggested by the Rev. John S. Randall, Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, this week.

Father Randall calls attention of those who have men in camp to this suggestion, urging them to enroll their friends and relatives in the Society.

The benefit of such a membership is two-fold. It places at the disposal of the soldier the spiritual benefits which accrue from membership. Each day and every

Investigate Degrees Held By Teachers

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Popé Aids Sick, Hungry In Greece

VATICAN CITY — Long-continued efforts of His Holiness Pope Pius XII to bring aid to the hungry and sick people of Greece, particularly children, have been successful, it is revealed here.

The Holy Father negotiated for months with various national authorities for the purchase and delivery to Greece of food and medicines. The success of these efforts is disclosed now with the receipt of word that the food and medicines have arrived in Greece, have been distributed, and have been received there with the utmost gratitude.

Before effecting this particular kind of relief, Pope Pius XII had caused kitchens to be established in various parts of Greece to feed the hungry.

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Holy Name Men To Pray For President

Holy Name Societies of the Rochester Diocese will unite with members throughout the country in observing National Day of Prayer for our National Leaders, Sunday, March 8, it is announced this week by the Rev. F. William Stauffer, Diocesan Director, Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union.

Responding to a call from the Very Rev. Harry C. Graham, O.P., National Director of Holy Name Societies (CATHOLIC COURIER, Feb. 12, 1942), the Holy Name men of this diocese on their regular Communion Sunday for March will offer their Holy Communions and prayers for the nation's leaders in the present grave crisis.

"This corporate action of all Holy Name men may be efficacious in bringing into the conference of our leaders the whisperings of Divine Wisdom," Father Graham stated in a letter to the spiritual directors of all Holy Name units throughout the country.

Scroll To Be Sent

To the individual societies in this diocese has been left the suggestion of Father Graham that Holy Name men fill out a card with their names and addresses. These cards may be sent direct to National Headquarters, Holy Name Society, 141 East 64th Street, New York, N. Y.

Signed cards from all sections of the nation will be later placed on a scroll indicating that the signatories received Holy Communion for the President and other leaders and recited the Prayer for

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Pupils Make Model Planes For Defense

Pupils of Catholic High Schools of the Diocese are answering the call of the State Education Department to help fill a quota of 60,000 model planes for use in Army, Navy and Civilian Defense Instruction.

Boys from Aquinas Institute, De Sales, Geneva, Holy Family Auburn, and Elmira Catholic High, Elmira, will help to complete the quota of 150 planes accepted by the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent. This consists of 3 sets each of 50 different models.

Also assisting in this work will be the Rev. Joseph Vogt and members of the Columbus Youth Association Craft classes.

A letter from the Secretary of the Navy to the U. S. Commissioner of Education states: "The specific purpose of the project is to provide a large number of model planes built to scale which can be used in training air and ground personnel in recognition, range estimation, and determination of 'cones of fire.' These models will be used by both the Army and Navy, and in connection with training 'spotters' for civilian defense.

Plans, specifications and instructional materials are furnished by the State Education Department, while materials used in construction are contributed by the school or interested groups. Certificates of award will be granted to boys whose planes have passed rigid inspection. The planes are requested to meet an immediate need, and every effort is being made to complete the quota within six weeks.