

riest-Editor Joins Army Chaplain Ranks

OMAHA - The Rev. Peter McPartland, S.S.C., Associate Editor of the Far East magazine, has been commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Army Chaplain Corps and has been assigned to an armored division at Fort Benning, Ga.

A native of New York City, Father McPartland was reared in Toledo, O. He entered St. Columban's reparatory Seminary at Silver Creek, N. Y., in 1926, and was ordained to the priesthood by the late Rev. James H. Ryan, Bishop of Omaha, in 1937.

Something About—

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In a gallant, glorious cause,
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Their liberty and laws,
Than wearily and drearly
To pass my life away,
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Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

VENERATE RELIC

Members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on next Sunday will have the unusual opportunity of venerating a first class relic of Bernadette, the French peasant girl to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared at Lourdes, France.

The relic is the property of the Rev. Alexander Stec of Owego who obtained it while on a visit to the Grotto at Lourdes several years ago. Father Stec has loaned it to the Rev. Leo G. Schwab for veneration by members of the local parish which is dedicated to the honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The relic will be venerated after each of the Masses on Sunday at 7, 9, 10:30 A. M. and 12-15 P. M. and after the evening services at 7:45.

Benefit Parties

The weekly Monday evening benefit parties of Our Lady of Lourdes parish were resumed this week in the church hall. They will be continued each Monday evening at 8:15 P. M.

Father Schwab announces that the women of the parish are planning a rummage sale to be held in the near future for the benefit of the church. He has asked that parishioners collect clothing and other articles they may be willing to contribute for this sale. They will be called for by members of the committee.

Foster Homes Wanted

Members of the parish who may be willing to provide a home for

Catholic children are asked to notify Father Schwab. The City Welfare Board has notified him of the need of homes for several Catholic children who are now being cared for by non-Catholic families.

First Communion

A class of children to receive their first Holy Communion has been organized and is now receiving instructions.

The date for the first Holy Communion has been set for May 31 at the 9 o'clock Mass.

Father Schwab also announces that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at the West Elmira Church for the first time by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, on Sunday, June 7, at 5 P. M.

Parish Social Listed

Arrangements are progressing for the parish dance and social to be held at the Mark Twain Hotel, Friday, Apr. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Newhouse, general chairman, announce the following committee chairmen: decorations, Mrs. D. Bruce Crew; tickets, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Kennedy; patrons and patronesses, Dr. and Mrs. Humphrey B. Connelly; prizes, Dr. and Mrs. John H. Burke Jr.; publicity, Mrs. Daniel E. Sullivan.

A bicycle contributed by the Goodyear Company will be awarded during the evening. The bicycle was obtained through the good offices of J. Albert Coughlin prior to the announcement of the restrictions by the War Production Board.

St. Mary's (Watkins Glen)

SOCIETY HOLDS REUNION

WATKINS GLEN - A clear sky and a bright sun added a glorious note, like a heavenly benediction, upon the happy reunion of the members of the St. Lucy Filippini Society on Sunday afternoon, April 12.

The exuberant joy springing from the realization of a plan well accomplished must needs manifest itself in outward rejoicing. Thus it was that the jovial individuals to whom credit is due for the beautiful new carpet in St. Mary's Church, of Watkins Glen, agreed upon a social to celebrate. A committee was formed to provide for the necessary refreshments while the Maestre Pie Filippini, Sisters of St. Mary's, graciously undertook the task of further preparing for them at the convent.

The following members formed the committee: Mrs. R. Valentini, Mrs. R. Simiele, Mrs. C. Maior, Mrs. M. Tortolano, Mrs. F. Fazzari, Mrs. R. Schimizzi, Mrs. M. Adesso. The Fraboni sisters, one an accordion player and the other a saxophonist, willingly produced the dance music. These guileless women certainly displayed a remarkable sense of humor and sparkling wit.

The meeting was highly honored by the cordial presence of their Reverend pastor, Father Thomas Carroll. In the ensuing friendly discourses Father Carroll thanked the donors for their gift once again, to which the latter responded with a unanimous cry of continual fidelity, desiring only a recompense of prayer for their families and particularly for their boys in the army.

Later they were ushered into the large dining room where a long daintily arrayed table was ready with abundant refreshments to satisfy all appetites. Father Carroll gave the blessing but soon after retired from the party with a deep feeling of contentment and satisfaction in his good parishioners.

Following a hasty cleaning of the tables, several games were played and practical gifts awarded the winners. Comical anecdotes brought frequent bursts of laughter from the merry participants. The fleeting hours soon brought to a close the joyful afternoon, so the Sister Superior beckoned them to the lawn where a snapshot of the group was taken in remembrance of the day.

Soon after they departed, each with a souvenir and a lightsome heart, a heart that is already planning another present for Our Lord in St. Mary's Church.

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the meeting for the Ideal Social Group of St. Mary's, Watkins Glen, has been changed to

Monday nights until further notice.

Last call to all aspirants to the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be administered on April 19 at St. Mary's Church in Watkins Glen. Instructions are held at the convent everyday except Monday at 3:30 P. M., and any evening at 7:30 P. M. for adults.

An important meeting of all members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary was held on Tuesday, April 17.

40 PER CENT ENROLLMENT INCREASE IN PRIESTS' RETREATS AT AURIESVILLE

AURIESVILLE, N. Y.—The year 1941 showed a 40 per cent increase over the preceding year in the retreat for priests conducted at the Sacred Heart Retreat House here, a report to the Most Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, Bishop of Albany, reveals.

The retreat house is the only one in the United States, the Rev. Ellwood F. McFarland, S.J., Director, said, which is devoted exclusively to the imparting of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in the full eight-day retreat.

The enrollment included representatives from the following Archdioceses and Dioceses: Baltimore, Washington, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Montreal, New York, Philadelphia, Toronto, Altoona, Ogdensburg, Omaha, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Springfield, Mass., and Toronto.

The following religious communities also were represented: Congregation of St. Paul, Carmelite Fathers, Dominican Society of St. Joseph, Society of the Atonement, Pious Society of St. Charles and Society of St. Columban.

Simultaneously, the Director announced a schedule of retreats for 1942 with dates of courses extending at intervals from Apr. 20 to Nov. 19.

Reviews Argentina's Catholic Tradition

BUENOS AIRES—The President of the Cantamarca Provincial General Council of Education, Cornelio Sanchez Oviedo, having decided to place a crucifix in his office, invited to the installation ceremony the ecclesiastical, civil and military authorities of the Province, and officials and teaching personnel of the schools under its direction.

Invitations to the ceremony were drawn up in the form of a resolution reviewing the deep Catholic tradition in the national and educational life of Argentina and of the Province of Catamarca.

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