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Vatican City.—The Vatican has received a cable "message" from His Excellency the Most Rev. Marcellino Elvandi, Apostolic Nuncio to Chile, that he has arrived safely by airplane in Santiago.

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## DAD WILL KEEP THEM FLYING

The family of Major Peter W. Welch, of the Cathedral Parish, Portland, Ore., pictured as they bid good-bye to the husband and father who left home for service in the Army Air Force. An Army pilot in World War I, and a former Chief Electrician (Radio) of the U. S. Navy, Major Welch has been ordered to duty "somewhere in Florida." His oldest child is 12. (N.C.W.C.)



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### MARINE THINKS IRRELIGIOUS TROOPS ARE 'TOO DUMB' TO BE GOOD SOLDIERS

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—"The man who is too dumb to give a thought to God is too dumb to be a good soldier."

These comments Private Thomas E. Sudden, of the United States Marine Corps, in a letter to the Southern Cross, Catholic newspaper of the Diocese of San Diego. Private Sudden's communication is by way of a retort to those who took the positive side in a symposium recently published by a national magazine on the subject, "men without religion make the best soldiers."

These writers, Private Sudden observes, "rather nervously" advanced as the reason for their opinion that "irreligious men pack a 'don't care' spirit which turns out to be a valuable asset under fire." "Phooey!" the Marine exclaims. "To me that has more of the sneaky earmarks of the 'Rising Sun' than it does the glorious traditions of 'The Star Spangled Banner.'"

"When I go into battle I'd rather be alongside a buddy who has more fear of God and less fear of men and bullets. The man who is too dumb to give a thought to God is too dumb to be a good soldier. At least, the American kind of soldier."

"His 'cousins' are Nipponese and Nazi recruiting stations. I resent the attempt (of the writers) to depict the all-American soldier as a fool atheist. . . . Marines are not blind and dumb fatalities. They are fighting for principles which are God-given. That's why two-dozen totalitarian soldiers will never lick one U. S. Marine."

"In World War I the first A. E. F. soldier to be shot down on Europe's Continent was a Catholic boy from New York. The first A. E. F. chaplain to fall dead from shrapnel was a Catholic priest. And didn't even unemotional Alexander Woolcott confess to tears when the Fighting 99th's beloved Father Duffy read 'Rocks Begged' over Joyce Kilmer's open grave? The 1942 variety of U. S. Marine looks up to Joyce Kilmer, too, still reads those fascinating thoughts of a great and fearless soldier—the U. S. A. variety."

We have our holy faith to comfort us in all our tribulations.

### St. John the Baptist (Elmira)

#### HONOR FATHER HEISEL

By MARGARET C. KENNEDY.  
Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church entertained Sunday evening on the rectory lawn in honor of the Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, Assistant Pastor, who has been transferred to Rochester, and the Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth, Father Winterroth, formerly of

Stanley, N. Y., succeeds the Rev. J. B. Stenamer who has been named pastor emeritus.

Short talks were given by Louis Lutz, President of St. John's Society and Miss Margaret Kennedy, President of Our Lady's Sodality. Joseph J. Fischer, Trustee, presented Father Heisel with a check from the members of the parish, and gifts were given to Father Heisel and Father Winterroth. The priests responded with brief talks.

Refreshments were served by a committee of women of the parish, of which Miss Agnes Zaback was chairman.

#### Masses for Soldiers Offered in Three Cornish Churches

CORNISH—Two Masses have been said recently for the boys in the service, one on Thursday, June 25, at 7 A. M. at St. Mary's Church, the other at 8 A. M. Monday, June 26, at St. Vincent de Paul's Church. The latter Mass was celebrated at the request of the National Council of Catholic Women.

A Mass is said each week at St. Patrick's Church for the intention of the fighting forces.

#### Catholic School Boy Gets Heroism Award

NEW YORK — A silver medal for heroism was awarded yesterday to Patrick McEneaney, 12, at special exercises in the St. Jerome's parochial school auditorium. The award was for the boy's successful rescue of Cornelius Porter, 10, from the Harlem River a week ago.

The medal was awarded by the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Gouverneur Morris unit, before 100 of the youth's schoolmates. In making the presentation Mrs. Blanche Kean, representing the unit, said "the youth of today are the MacArthurs of tomorrow."

#### Vacation Schools

Yeaerworth, Kans.—Benedictine Sisters are again devoting part of their vacation days to the instruction of children in religious vacation schools. Besides 15 in the diocese of Yeaerworth, they also teach in schools in Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Colorado.

#### St. John's Society

The St. John's Society will hold its quarterly meeting in the church hall Monday evening, July 6 at 8 P. M. This is the last meeting until fall and all members are urged to attend, as several important matters will be brought up. Refreshments will be served by the committee.

#### Annual Outing

The men of the Holy Name Society and St. John's Society are planning their annual outing to be held in July. Leonard Desjardins is chairman of the committee and has called a special meeting of the committee members to be held after the meeting of the St. John's Society Monday evening, July 6.

#### Sodalities Picnic

The members of the picnic committee of Our Lady's Sodality held a meeting Monday evening, June 29 in the church hall. Mrs. Edmund Janowski was named chairman and Mrs. John Henry co-chairman. The picnic will be held at Hoffman Park Wednesday, July 2.

#### Pontiff Honored

Bogota, Colombia.—The Day of the Pope is traditionally celebrated here on the Feast of St. Peter and Paul. In preparation for this year's observance, the Most Rev. Carlos Sereza, Papal Nuncio to Colombia, sponsored a literary contest on "The Roman Pontiff" for the purpose of intensifying the interest of Catholic writers in the Pope and the institution of the Primacy of Peter.

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