

# Number of Priests Dwindles In Nation Under Nazi Rule

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**175 PARISH BOYS** serving in the armed forces are named on scroll which, to Rev. Thomas F. Connors, blessed and dedicated, July 31. Chaplain Charles J. Bruton, 21st Regiment, New York Guard who delivered the sermon is at right. Assisting is the Rev. W. Darcy Bolger (left). Color guard and escort was composed of members of Company C, 712th Military Police Detachment, Cobles Hill.

## Plan N. C. C. S. Program In Diocese As Naval Station Opening Nears

With the appointment by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, of the Rev. John S. Randall as diocesan chairman, a set-up of the National Catholic Community Service, member agency of the United Service Organizations, is now being organized, here.

Expected influx of the large number of Navy men to be assigned to the Sampson Naval Training Station on the shore of Seneca Lake will present the N. C. C. S. group with its greatest opportunity for service, Father Randall states.

The diocesan chairman is working with the N. C. C. S. group in Rochester affiliated with the U. S. O. Citizens' Committee and the Rev. William McFadden, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Geneva, will be the local N. C. C. S. chairman and serve on the Geneva U. S. O. Committee.

### Morale Program

The National Catholic Community Service is the organization set up by the Archbishop and Bishops of the United States to work with the other U. S. O. member agencies in the program of providing recreation, entertainment and service to men in uniform and war industry workers.

The other member agencies of the U. S. O. are the Young Men's Christian Association, Salvation Army, Young Women's Christian Association, Jewish Welfare Board and National Traveler's Aid Association.

Dedication on June 21 of the 500th U. S. O. Club at Trenton, N. J., marked the rapidly expanding morale work program of the U. S. O. and its member agencies for the men in the armed forces and for women engaged in war industry.

The Trenton Club will be operated by the National Catholic Community Service and is the 188th U. S. O. operation now under the supervision of the Catholic organization.

In existence a little more than a year, the National Catholic Community Service has expanded to the extent that it is now operating in more than 25 states throughout the nation and has personnel serving in the U. S. O. Overseas Division in Alaska, Hawaii, Trinidad, Puerto Rico and the Canal Zone.

Designed by the Bishops of the United States as the official Catholic war service agency, the N. C. C. S. now has professional field staff members and volunteer committees operating on its behalf in virtually every state in the Union.

The national director of N. C. C. S. programs is Daniel J. Callahan who is a graduate of the old Cathedral High School in Rochester.

Supreme Knight Francis P. Matthews of the Knights of Columbus is executive chairman of the N. C. C. S. and a vice-president of the U. S. O.

### REPORTS FOR DUTY



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Rev. Francis C. Waterstraat

## Army Chaplain Duties Call Fr. Waterstraat To Georgia Post

The Rev. Francis C. Waterstraat, assistant pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Webster, commissioned a U. S. Army Chaplain with the rank of First Lieutenant, is reporting today, Thursday, at Fort Benning, Ga.

Father Waterstraat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waterstraat of Mendon, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on July 7, 1937. He is one of six children and his brother Edward is now serving in the armed forces.

First assigned as Assistant Pastor, Holy Family Church, Rochester, Father Waterstraat has also served at St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, and St. Michael's Church, Rochester. He has been at Holy Trinity Church, Webster, for three years.

His early education was obtained at Churchville High School after which he attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

He is widely known among youth of the diocese, having been active in Sodality work and with the Boy Scouts in Auburn, the Columbian Scouts at Camp Columbus.

## Mexican Priests' Rights To Own Property Upheld; Ruling Affects Schools

MEXICO CITY—(N. C.)—The Supreme Court has ruled that priests in Mexico have the right to acquire and administer property as individuals; also, that schools of sciences, arts and crafts in which religion enters into the teaching only in an incidental fashion, are not subject to nationalization even when priests are teachers.

This ruling has an important bearing on property titles and the lengthy docket of appeals growing out of "nationalization of property" cases since the passage of the law in the fall of 1936.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the law denies priests property rights only in cases where they acquire or administer property as representatives of the Church. The fact that a building houses a school conducted by Catholics does not warrant its seizure as national property.

The law provides, the ruling says, that buildings used for the "administration, propagation or teaching of a Religion" are subject to nationalization, but this does not hold true where Catholicism, for example, is merely incidental to the teaching of sciences, arts and crafts.

Recently the Supreme Court rejected the appeal made by the Federal Hacienda Agent in the case of the Altavista Chapel at Tampico. The lower court and the appellate court had held that the Federal Office of Hacienda had not furnished sufficient proof for nationalization of this chapel when the owner, Senora Evella Saldana de Garcia, took the case into court. The Agent's appeal was denied, because the State in this case had acted as a "sovereign entity" and not as a "juridical entity" and the possessor property indispensable to it in the exercise of its functions.

## Bishop Presents Photograph Album To Britain's Queen

LONDON.—Before leaving for Canada, the Most Rev. Charles L. Nelligan, Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Overseas Forces, was received by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and presented to the Queen an album containing 28 photographs of the Dionne quintuplets.

The Queen insisted on viewing the album immediately and asked many questions, the first being: "Do they live with their parents?" Her majesty then wanted to know about the quintuplets' attainments, whether they were musically inclined.

Her Majesty then inquired about the Canadian chaplains' service and the response from the men in the armed service.

## First Colored Catholic Chaplain Named For U. S. Army Is Divine Word Priest

WASHINGTON (NC) — The United States Army has commissioned its first Colored Catholic chaplain.

The Rev. John Walter Bowman, Colored priest of the Society of the Divine Word, was commissioned a captain this week and is being sent to the Chaplains School at Harvard on August 19.

Father Bowman is the fifth priest of the Society of the Divine Word in the United States to serve as an Army chaplain. He was born on March 16, 1908 in the Nation's Capital, the thirteenth of the 14 children of two fervent Maryland

Catholics, Francis and Cornelia Bowman. His parents now reside in Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, here. Of their children, in addition to Father Bowman, three brothers and five sisters are still living.

St. Teresa's Church in this city was the scene of Father Bowman's baptism, his First Holy Communion and his confirmation.

After having completed his elementary education and embarked upon his secondary schooling, Father Bowman decided to go to St. Augustine's Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss. Between September, 1926, and May, 1931, he completed

## Fr. Hanna Celebrates First Afternoon Mass At Nation's Capital

First afternoon Mass for men in the armed forces, ever to be celebrated in the Nation's Capitol, will be offered by Chaplain Austin B. Hanna at the Army War College on Friday, August 7 at 5:15 p. m.

Officers and enlisted men at the War College, situated at the junction of the Potomac and Annapolis Rivers, will assist. The Mass is being celebrated in the afternoon in accordance with the recent decrees of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments, to allow the men to receive Holy Communion on the First Friday, Father Hanna states.

Chaplain Hanna is a priest of the Rochester Diocese. He has been recently promoted to the rank of Captain in the Chaplains' Division of the U. S. Army.

## Church Bells Ring

Syracuse, N. Y. — Catholic Churches of Syracuse and Onondaga County joined with other religious institutions in ringing their bells to announce the opening of the War Bond Pledge Campaign.

## Pope Greet Finland's First Holy See Envoy

VATICAN CITY (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII on July 29 received George Ashles Grippenberg, Finland's first Minister to the Holy See. Presenting his credentials, Mr. Grippenberg delivered an address in French in which he rendered respectful homage to the Holy Father, spoke in praise of the Pontiff's many efforts to relieve suffering caused by the war and expressed the desire of Finland for ever cordial relations with the Vatican.

Responding also in French, His Holiness recalled evidence of benevolent consideration which the Holy See has given the Finnish people and the particularly beneficial activities of the Church in Finland, dating from its works for the intellectual and moral development of the country in the era from the middle of the fourteenth to the end of the fifteenth century.

## REUNITED JACOBITES SEND SPIRITUAL BOUQUET TO POPE

TRIVELLIA, India.—Arrangements were made in the Diocese of Trivellia, which has been erected mainly for the benefit of Jacobite Schismatics and Protestants who have become re-united to the Catholic Church, to present a spiritual bouquet to the Holy Father on the occasion of his silver jubilee.

Fr. Haddock's Plan of the week are an everyday feature of SAINT JENNIS'S BAKE SHOP, 216 Monroe Ave. Phone orders received. Hours: 10:30-11:30.

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