

# Number of Priests Dwindles In Nation Under Nazi Rule

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## Army Distributes Bibles



Brigadier General William R. Arnold, Chief of Army Chaplains, inaugurates the Army's Bible distribution plan, by which every soldier will receive upon request, token texts of the Holy Scriptures. Monsignor Arnold is pictured presenting to Pvt. Anthony Todaro, of Washington, a copy of "My Daily Reading from the New Testament." (N.C.W.C.)

## Tubercular Patients' War Savings Campaign Succeeds In Auburn

AUBURN—Joseph Pettigrass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Pettigrass of 53 Chapman Avenue, a patient at Biggs Memorial Hospital, is endeavoring to contact patients in similar hospitals throughout the United States in order that he might interest them in a plan called "U. S. Tuberculosis Sufferers' War Savings Campaign."

Joe who is married and has two children, was prominent in athletics and was in a trucking and construction business in Auburn before his health failed.

The plan was formed some six months ago and between February and June War Bonds and Stamps were sold in the hospital to the amount of \$729.00. Mr. Weather, a patient who edits the Biggs Memorial Hospital Tower News, thinks that organizations similar to Biggs would be more willing to co-operate, if they understood how successful the plan had been at Biggs.

He described the contributors to the War Fund at Biggs as belonging to Class 4 F, physically and financially but said that even those with the most meager funds have managed to buy War Stamps out of their spending money.

**Outlines Plan**  
An editorial describing the campaign recently appeared in the New York Times and the idea has

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## Reported Slain In Hong Kong Battle

NEW YORK—Word has been received here that Brother Damien Peter Whalen, of St. Joseph's College Hong Kong, was killed in the Hong Kong hostilities last December. He was one of the four Americans killed at that time there, it was stated.

Brother Damien, son of John Whalen, of Newark, N. J., went from the Baltimore Province of the Christian Brothers to teach in Manila six years ago. He served as Dean of the Commercial School at De La Salle College in Manila, before being transferred to Hong Kong.

## 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 McPadden, 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 South 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 1942 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 30 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. Cullane 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



Photo by Hebeiger  
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, 1932. He is one of six children and his brother Edward is now serving in the armed forces.

First assigned as Assistant Pastor, Holy Trinity Church, Webster, 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 Chittenden 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 Holy Rosary in Auburn, the Columbian Squads at Canis, Columbus.

## 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 Capital, will be offered by Chaplain Austin B. Hanna at the Army War College on Friday, August 7 at 5:30 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.

## Bishop Presents Photograph Album To Britain's Queen

LONDON—Before leaving for Canada, the Most Rev. Charles L. Neilligan, Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Overseas Forces, was received by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and presented to the Queen an album containing 35 photographs of the Diocese 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 10. 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 18, 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, 1924, and May, 1931, he completed

the prescribed preparatory studies. In September, 1931, he entered the novitiate of the Society of the Divine Word at East Troy, Wis. Two years later, on August 15, 1933, he pronounced his first vows. Back once more in St. Augustine's Seminary, Father Bowman finished his philosophical and theological studies and received all the Minor and Major Orders from the Most Rev. Richard O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez. After being elevated to the subdiaconate on November 1, 1939, and the diaconate on December 3, he was ordained to the priesthood January 6, 1940.

## Pope Greet's Finland's First Holy See Envoy

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The Holy See's first envoy to Finland, George Achates Ojensberg, Finland's first Minister to the Holy See, presented his credentials to Pope Pius XII on July 21. In a speech he delivered in French in which he rendered respectful homage to the Holy Father, he spoke in praise of the Pontiff's many efforts to relieve suffering caused by the war and expressed the desire of the Holy See 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 during the war 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.

## Pastor, Assistant Die Same Day In Camp

LONDON—When the people of the town of Heerenberg, Holland, were informed that the pastor and the assistant pastor of the Catholic church in the village had died on the same day in a Nazi concentration camp, wonder was expressed as to whether their deaths were due to natural causes, a dispatch received here states. The deaths of the pastor, the Rev. J. Galama, and the assistant pastor, the Rev. M. van Rooijen, occurred on June 28, the dispatch stated.