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Late Priest's Bravery In Last War Lauded By Methodist Chaplain

PORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — The bravery as well as the spiritual service as a World War I chaplain of the late Very Rev. William F. McLaughlin, O.S.F.S., of Wilmington, Del., was the subject of high praise by a Protestant Army chaplain here when informed of Father McLaughlin's death.

Father McLaughlin was "a brave man as well as a good man," Lieut. Col. Frederick C. Reynolds, post chaplain here, said. A close friend of the deceased ever since the two served in France as chaplains of the 12th Infantry Regiment, 23rd Division, in the last war, Chaplain Reynolds spoke of the priest's devotion to the men, of their admiration for him and of his exceptional bravery.

The Most Rev. Emond J. Fitzmaurice, Bishop of Wilmington, presided as Solemn Mass of Requiem for Father McLaughlin was celebrated Saturday in St. Anthony's Church, Wilmington, by a nephew of the deceased, Father Joseph C. Niedermaster, O.S.F.S., who is stationed at Little Rock, Ark., as an Army chaplain.

For 20 years, until his death in Wilmington last Wednesday, Father McLaughlin was Assistant Provincial Superior of the North American Province, Oblates of St. Francis de Sales.

Chaplain Reynolds, who was for many years pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, told of an outstanding instance of the late priest's courage during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Thrown from a motorcycle when it hit an obstruction, he suffered fracture of several ribs and was ordered to a base hospital, but insisted on staying with his men.

"At an officers' meeting afterwards, Chaplain McLaughlin fainted from pain and the commanding officer saw to it that he was sent back to the hospital," Chaplain Reynolds related. "But as soon as he could get away, he was back with his men."

"Chaplain McLaughlin ministered to the wounded and the dying," his associate continued. "He aided them physically, but above all he aided them spiritually. He was at the side of the dying preparing them, as a priest, for death. He knelt by the wounded and helped them as best he could. All men in the regiment were his friends and to them he gave comfort. Non-Catholics esteemed him as much as Catholics."

This Statue To Honor Our Sorrowful Mother



CHICAGO.—On Sept. 20, the Feast of Our Sorrowful Mother, the statue shown above, now in the process of completion in Bedford, Indiana, will be dedicated on the lawn of the National Shrine of Our Sorrowful Mother, Chicago.

According to the Rev. Terence A. Seery, O.S.M., National Director, the dedication will climax a nine-day Novena for the suffering peoples of the occupied countries.

The statue of Our Sorrowful Mother is carved from Indiana statuary buff stone. It stands seven feet high.

93 PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS GIVE BLOOD TO RED CROSS

OCONOMOWOC, Wis. — The blood of 93 priests and seminarians at the Redemptorist Seminary here, has gone into the plasma bank of the American Red Cross and will eventually find its way into the veins of American soldiers, sailors and marines who may be wounded in action.

Desirous of having a part in America's war effort, the authorities at the Redemptorist house of studies requested the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Red Cross to send a mobile unit to the seminary. A bleeding center was established in the visitors' parlor and in one afternoon all 93 donors did their bit for the boys in service.

When the job was completed there was the unanimous insistence from the donors that they be given the opportunity to give again. According to Red Cross regulations, at least six weeks must elapse before this will be possible.

College Will Repeat Choirmasters Course

RACINE, Wis. — Because of the popularity and success of an intensive two-week summer course in church music, which he conducted, Dr. Clifford A. Bennett, of New York City, director of a newly inaugurated correspondence course in church music, has been asked to repeat the course next summer, 1943, for repeat engagements at St. Albertus College here and at St. Clare College, St. Francis, Wis.

Several hundred organists and choir directors, both laymen and members of religious communities attended the course here. The summer course includes instruction in Gregorian Chant, choir methods and musical paleography.

MEMORIAL CROSS TO NOTED CANADA SCULPTOR PLANNED

QUEBEC.—His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, has voiced deep appreciation of a projected cross which is to be erected to the memory of Louis Philippe Herbert, noted French-Canadian sculptor.

The memorial will be placed on the Herbert ancestral property in Ste Sophie parish, Megantic, through the cooperation of the Canadian Historic Sites Commission and the parish. Herbert was the artist who made the monument to the Venerable Bishop de Laval, which stands before the Cardinal's residence in Quebec.

CYO Boxers Entertain U. S. Troops In Hawaii

WASHINGTON. — Men of the armed forces on Maui, Hawaii, are given an opportunity to see top-notch amateur boxers in action through the combined efforts of the Catholic Youth Organization and the USO, according to word received here from the Most Rev. James J. Sweeney, Bishop of Honolulu.

Through the cooperation of E. L. Damkroger, of the USO on Maui, Adam F. Ornelles, CYO general director, and Charles McBride, athletic director of the USO, arrangements have been made for a group of 20 CYO fighters to tour the island under the auspices of the USO.


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