

# Bishop Kearney's September Appointments Listed

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## Family Is Proud Of Dad's Joining The Army



Posing with Captain Augustin G. Kilcoyne, U. S. Army Air Corps, who leaves Elmira this week to begin service in his fine family, proud of father answering his call to duty: Back row, left to right—Robert Lash, 13; Mary Veronica, 11; Kathleen Sheila, 10; Michael Kevin, 8. Seated—Nell Roger, 7; Anita Claire, 6; Mrs. Kilcoyne; Capt. Kilcoyne, holding Terence Edward, 1 1/2; Dolores Anne, 6; and Patricia Jane, 3.

## Army Duty Calls Father Of Nine, Air Corps Captain

The spirit of unselfish sacrifice for the triumph of Christian ideals that is America's cause in the war is strikingly exemplified this week by an Elmira Catholic family—Mr. and Mrs. Augustin G. Kilcoyne and nine children, of 315 Lorraine St.

For Mr. Kilcoyne it is the separation from his family to serve his country in the armed forces. He leaves Thursday for Miami Beach, Fla., to take up his duties as a captain in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

For Mrs. Kilcoyne and their children it means giving up home and father for a time that he might contribute his skill and highly-specialized ability to the country that has meant so much to them and which now needs all the skill and experience of its sons in the war effort.

Mr. Kilcoyne received his commission as a captain last Wednesday. His orders take him first to the officers training school at Miami Beach for a six-week course. After that he will be assigned to Maxwell Field, Ala., as a communications officer and following that wherever the fortunes of war and the call of his country take him.

Served in Army

Capt. Kilcoyne has been chief of the lost room, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Elmira for the past 14 years supervising personnel, radio program service, teletype, general telegraph and telephone service. He has been in the employ of the A. T. & T. for 17 years and prior to that served three years in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. For a time he was a member of the U. S. Military Academy detachment at West Point under Gen. Douglas MacArthur who was then superintendent of the Academy.

The Elmira has been the recipient of congratulations from countless friends who appreciate the motives prompting the step he has taken. Some persons have questioned the wisdom of his decision in view of his family responsibilities. Pointing out that at his age, 40, and with the dependency of nine small children, he most likely would never be called under Selective Service, it was advanced that his duty was to remain at home with his family.

Capt. Kilcoyne has had only

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### LEAVES FOR ARMY



CATHOLIC COURIER'S SPECIAL PHOTO  
Rev. Ralph Neagle

## Father Neagle Enlists As Army Chaplain

Adding to the growing total, a priest of the Rochester Diocese has volunteered to serve the Catholic boys as chaplain in Uncle Sam's armed forces.

The Rev. Ralph F. Neagle, assistant pastor of St. Cecilia's Church leaves Saturday to report at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., for a four-week course in Chaplain's school after which he will receive his permanent assignment.

Commissioned a Chaplain with the rank of First Lieutenant, Father Neagle is a native of Auburn, the son of Mrs. Alice Neagle of 142 Osborne Street.

In Elmira he leaves a record of construction work at the Masada station, particularly among the young people and he induced himself to members of the parish.

A graduate of St. Mary's School, Auburn, and of Auburn High School where he was a member of the baseball team, he studied at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood June 2, 1931.

His first solemn Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Auburn, on June 14, 1931.

After his first assignment as assistant pastor at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, he served as assistant pastor at St. Bridget's Church and at the time of the fire in May, 1937, served for a time as administrator of the parish. Before going to Elmira, he served as assistant pastor at St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva.

### Confer 210 Degrees

Chicago—DePaul University conferred 132 degrees at the closing of the summer session. The Very Rev. Mgr. Raymond Hilgenbrad, Rector of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, delivered the commencement address.

At Loyola University's summer commencement here today, 37 degrees were conferred. Dr. Paul Kinney, assistant dean of the Graduate School, delivered the address.

## Two Corning Doctors Answer Army Call

CORNING — Dr. Thomas H. Argue, 170 E. First St., and Dr. Marlon J. Chimera, 131 E. First St., both prominent Corning physicians have joined the United States fighting forces. Dr. Argue passed examinations in Buffalo on Friday, Aug. 28 and it is expected that he will be commissioned as a lieutenant commander. Orders should come through in about six weeks which will advise him to report to a base hospital within the two following weeks.

Dr. Argue is a graduate of St. Mary's School and Corning Free Academy. He received his A. B. degree at Harvard University in 1920 and his M. D. there in 1924. For two years he interned at a Boston hospital and in 1926 opened his Corning office and has been located here since that time. In 1935 he became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. In selecting his career as a doctor, the young man followed in the footsteps of his father, the late Dr. Henry A. Argue who for 42 years was a practicing physician in Corning.

Dr. Chimera, a graduate of the University of Buffalo School of Medicine, came to Corning in 1933. Enlisting in the Medical Corps of the United States Army he was commissioned a first lieutenant and was ordered to report Sept. 3 at Camp Pickett, Va.

The Marconi Lodge feted Dr. Chimera at a farewell party on Saturday evening at the Lodge headquarters. He left on Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Chimera, who will return to Corning later.

Both Dr. Argue and Dr. Chimera are members of St. Mary's Parish.

### Pre-Flight Cadets

IOWA CITY, Ia.—The Most Rev. Henry P. Rohlfman, Bishop ofavenport, celebrated Mass and preached the sermon in St. Mary's Church here Sunday. Three hundred cadets of the Iowa City Naval pre-flight school were in attendance.

### Office Hours for Elmira Office of CATHOLIC COURIER

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## Returned Letter Tells Mysterious Story Of German Priest's Fate

Swastika-marked imprints of Nazi censors and notations in German and French that adorn a letter returned to Miss Jane Wipfler after a 10-months' journey through the war-torn lands of Europe tell a story of death that is shrouded in mystery.

The letter was addressed to the Rev. Clement Mary, general of the Carmelite Order, at Regensburg Alter Kornmarkt, Bavaria, Germany.

Miss Wipfler has communicated with Father Clement for the past 15 years or more, sending him gifts and sums of money for use in missionary activities. All previous letters she addressed to him at Rome or Vatican City and they were answered promptly.

Last Letter in 1941

The Elmira, who is proprietor of a Catholic gift shop, last heard from the priest in February, 1941. In that letter he said he had returned to his convent in Germany (Bavaria) from a trip to the Holy Land. He stated that the climate was more suited to his health. In a significant passage of that letter he wrote:

"I am praying every day for peace. May God hear our prayers; I cannot forget America where I have been so often times. Now, of course, I am old and thank God for all the benefits I have received there and those people whose acquaintance I have made there."

Censor Marks

Miss Wipfler sent Father Clement a Christmas card, enclosing a note, on Oct. 2, 1941. It was this communication that has just been returned to her. On the face of the envelope are several numbers and signatures and the inscription: "Furück — Empfänger gestorben." This is taken to mean that the communication should be returned as the addressee is dead. The same inscription is on the reverse side of the envelope and also a double inscription in German and French "Verstorben — Decede." There is the evidence of the envelope having been opened as it is stamped "Geöffnet" several times and with a cancellation of the Oberkommando de Wehrmacht, adorned with the swastika surmounted by a spread eagle.

Miss Wipfler feels quite keenly the news that the good Father is dead and wonders if there is more than appears to be in the story of the returned letter.

## Cites Inaccuracies In 'Song of Bernadette'

ST COLUMBAN, Neb.—Points of divergence between the biographical novel, "The Song of Bernadette," by Franz Werfel, and the actual details of the life of St. Bernadette Soubirous are reviewed in the monthly column, "The Answer Box," in the current issue of The Far East, publication of the St. Columban's Foreign Mission Society.

The author of the study is the Rev. Patrick O'Connor, of St. Columban's Seminary here. While praising the book for "plenty of good qualities" and especially for giving "a good picture of the character of St. Bernadette, simple, clear-headed, straightforward, humble, tenacious, witty," Father O'Connor cites eight actual discrepancies between the book and the historical record.

The chief shortcoming of the work, he asserts, is one of interpretation. "For Bernadette and for all who try to follow in her footsteps, Lourdes is a signpost pointing to Jesus through Mary," he writes. "But the novel does not point so clearly or so far."

## Holy Ghost Fathers Open Canada Novitiate

RIMOUSEL, Que.—The Holy Ghost Fathers have opened a new novitiate at Lac au Saumon. The Most Rev. Georges Courchesne, Bishop of Rimouski, officiated at the blessing. The Rev. Joseph Mamie, C.S.S., is the Superior of the novitiate. Prior to this novices had to go to France or the United States.

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