

# ST. PATRICK'S, Owego

## DORE ANDREWS WEDDING

By MARY C. BRENNAN

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mangler, of Owego, are the parents of the bride, Miss Helen Gygonovch, who was married to Anthony Andrews, of Bridgeport, Conn., on August 29, 1942, at St. Patrick's Church, Owego. The wedding was officiated by the Rev. Alexander Stee, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, and presided in charge of St. Francis Church.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss Victoria Judski of Binghamton, was the maid of honor and Miss Helen Gygonovch was bridesmaid.

Anthony Andrews, of Bridgeport, a brother of the bride was the best man. Kestary Andrews, another brother acted as usher.

A reception was held following the ceremony which was attended by about two hundred relatives and friends of the bridal couple. Following a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Dore will reside in Bridgeport, Conn.

## Fr. Waters Overseas

OWEGO — The Rev. Edward J. Waters, son of Mrs. Joseph Waters of this village, who is a chaplain in the U. S. Army and holds the rank of Captain, has arrived, with his company in England, according to a letter received recently by Captain Waters' mother. He is attached to the First Infantry Division.

In his letter Capt. Waters states that the voyage over was splendid and that he was very comfortable and he states that the people "over there" are grand and the camp in which he is stationed is one of the finest in which he has been since his enlistment in the army. He writes that he and the Protestant

Chaplain of the outfit share the same room and study in a large brick house. Before being transferred overseas Capt. Waters was more recently stationed at Indian Gap, Pa.

Other soldiers from St. Patrick's parish are overseas. Mrs. Walter O'Connell has received word that her husband, Staff Sergeant Walter O'Connell is also in England and Lieut. Hugh G. Hogan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Hogan is also in England. Several other soldiers are believed to be "over there" but their exact location is not known since their families have had no direct word from them in several weeks.

The September contingent which will leave Owego soon will also contain a number of the men from St. Patrick's Parish.

## THREATEN MISSION GROUPS WITH LIQUIDATION

WASHINGTON — Foreign mission organizations in Norway are being threatened with liquidation, it is revealed in articles appearing in Quisling-controlled newspapers of that country, it is stated in a news release today of "News of Norway" issued by the Royal Norwegian Government's press representative here.

The newspapers, the release states, sharply criticize the practice of sending money out of the country. The missions operate independently of the State and the State Church (Lutheran), but they have been outspoken in their support of the anti-Nazi stand of the State Church clergy.

Synthetic rubbers, which are impervious to gasoline, are used in self-sealing aviation gasoline tanks.

## WHEN TRIPLETS ARE BAPTISED



Triplets, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Mangler, are baptised in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Mount Carmel, Conn., by the Rev. James J. McCoernick, pastor. Pictured, left to right, are the mother and father, the pastor, the triplets and their godparents. (N.C.W.C.)

## ARMY AIR FORCE HERO CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENT

TECUMSEH, Neb. — Major Robert Morrissey of the Army Air Force, who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and who has been in the Southwest Pacific area since the outbreak of the war formerly attended Creighton University, Omaha. His sister, Miss Bernice Morrissey is a member of Cathedral Parish, Lincoln.

Major Morrissey recently led a squadron of American planes credited with having downed 16 Japanese planes.

## HOW CAN WE PERCEIVE FACT OF REVELATION

By James T. Feely, M.A., Litt.M.

A revelation of some sort to guide the individual securely along the path to his last end is morally necessary to man. But that does not mean that God was compelled in any way

to give us a supernatural revelation. Absolutely speaking, He need not have given us any sort of revelation at all. But, because the demands of practical everyday living make it impossible for most men to seek out for themselves the eternal truths regarding the Supreme Being and their duties to Him, God in the boundlessness of His mercy would have helped human insufficiency. He would have spoken to the minds and hearts of men in order that they might perceive the truth.

Even then, however, God might have revealed to us only the truths and precepts of natural religion. If we acknowledged those truths, if we obeyed those precepts, we would be destined for some sort of happy life after death. But God Himself would be hidden from our eyes, we could only love Him as He is mirrored in the perfection of His creation.

In the supernatural revelation that, as a matter of fact, God has given to the human race, He has not only emphasized, as it were, the facts of natural religion, but He has unveiled for us many truths that no finite mind could possibly discover unaided. He has promised us eternal salvation — He has promised us Himself.

How do we know that God has made such a supernatural revelation to us? At many times in history, including our own, men have claimed to be in communication with Divinity, to have obtained from God authority to speak for Him to the whole human race. Certainly many of their contradictory claims cannot all be true. What criteria can we use in judging them?

Certainly anything coming from God, the author of truth, must be immune from error, must be free of contradictions, must teach nothing against the natural law of morality written in men's hearts. Then, too, the doctrine contained in the revelation must not be ambiguous or trivial, but on the contrary should demonstrate the sublimity of its origin.

More convincing than any of these, however, are two factors that should accompany and confirm any revelation purporting to be Divine — miracle and prophecy. Provided that it can be proved that both miracles and prophecies are inescapably linked with the revelation in question, they are undoubted proofs of its Divine origin.

If any so-called revelation is of no consequence, certainly we can refuse to consider it further, for God would not be wasting His time and ours with trifles in such an important matter as our eternal salvation. But such an argument can only demonstrate that a revelation is false. It does not follow that, if a revelation seems tremendously important and beautifully sublime, it is necessarily true. It only means that it is worthy of

attention, for salvation is a matter that concerns every one of us, whether we be a college professor, a plumber, a ditch-digger, a white collar worker or a housewife, it is just as essential to the drum-beating savage as to the English aristocrat. In His wisdom and mercy, God, if He did make a revelation, must have so buttressed it with easily ascertainable evidence that no man with right and sincere intentions could mistake it.

That is exactly what God did. His revelation is sublime, it is free from error, it does appeal to the intellectual, but it goes much further than that. It carries with it its own proofs of its Divine origin — easily discernible proofs that any one educated or uneducated, can understand.

Miracles and prophecies are sensible things. If we see a man raised from the dead, a prophecy of something that only God could know come true, we are certain that the miracle-worker or the prophet is truly in communication with God. When miracle follows miracle, when prophecy after prophecy is realized in actuality, then the revelation and the religion based on that revelation and confirmed by those miracles and prophecies must be necessarily be true — Western Catholic.

## Named Visitor

OTTAWA. — Brother Liguori, brother of His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, has been named official visitor of the Christian Brothers for Ottawa, Hull, Alfred and Hawkesbury.

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