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September and Our Seminaries

SEPTEMBER and our seminaries go together in the diocese. Very early in his episcopate Bishop McQuaid chose this month as Seminary Month. Bishop and priests placed before the people the work of the seminaries, their place in supplying the parishes with priests, the essential part they play in carrying on the affairs of the Church.

There was no St. Bernard's Seminary in those first years of the diocese, no St. Andrew's Seminary. But there was in the mind of the Bishop a clear picture of the need for both.

Soon that picture gave way to reality in the opening of St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary. Its beginnings were humble, its equipment more than moderate but it had the essentials of a true school for students for the Holy Priesthood — a zealous founder, a capable faculty, a devoted though small student body, a suitable home for its initial classes.

The fine St. Andrew's Seminary of today with its St. William House to care for out of town boys, with its complete course covering four years of high school and two years of college in keeping with Church regulations and also with those of the New York State Department of Education, with its enlarged faculty of Priest-Professors all holding State Degrees, is a far cry from the earliest St. Andrew's.

Great leaders came forth from the earlier school; great leaders shall come forth from the St. Andrew's of today. The names of Hanna, Hartley, Meehan, Curran, Nelligan, Hickey, Wirth, Petter, Gefell, Boppel, are among those on the early list of its graduates. St. Andrew's Seminary was the fulfillment of the ambition in the mind of a young Bishop to set up a school to foster vocations to the Priesthood, to give young men from all our families the opportunity to fit themselves to follow their vocation. Each September the Bishop with his priests placed before the people of the parishes the needs of his new Preparatory Seminary; each September the people gladly and generously arose to the opportunity to support St. Andrew's and its important work.

Many years before the stately buildings of the theological and philosophical seminary were to arise on the Lake Avenue Boulevard, the project was aired yearly in the seminary letter: Bishop McQuaid was pleading for funds each September with which to build, with which to prepare future professors, with which to carry on toward fruition the dreams he dreamed for the Church in his diocese. September saw the annual Seminary Appeal, September witnessed the annual gift of all the people to the Seminary Cause.

For forty-nine years now, St. Bernard's Seminary has been not just a dream but a living actuality. From this diocese, from dioceses nearby, from dioceses to the North, the South, the East and the West, from Canada, from the islands to the South,

from the far-away Philippines, young men have come to sit at the feet of the Masters of Learning when Bishop McQuaid and his successors have placed in the Professional Chairs of a celebrated institution. Each year has seen an ever-increasing number of priests graduated from St. Bernard's to go forth as priests of God to labor for the salvation of men's souls.

September has seen its annual Seminary Appeal; September has witnessed the generous response of a faithful people! All the zeal of Bishop McQuaid would have gone for naught were it not for the sacrifice made by every home to support the seminaries. All the ability of gifted professors would have meant nothing without the willing and ready annual gift made by poor people to the Seminary Collection. Many of those early benefactors of the seminaries have gone down to their graves happy in the consciousness that their small means had been employed in the founding and development of those schools for priests, St. Andrew's

Preparatory Seminary, St. Bernard's Philosophical and Theological Seminary. Many are still with us continuing, with improved conditions their loyal support of these two schools. September calls on them again. September calls on the thousands who have since been added to the benefactors of our Seminaries.

Seminary Sunday, September 27 in this year, 1942, is making its bow to us now! It is inviting our close attention to the accomplishments of our seminaries, our earnest study of the splendid developments that have been made to bring them to perfection of service, our practical consideration of the needed repairs and the required new work that keeps them up-to-date, our devoted interest in the fine type of modern Priest-Professor equipped with native talent and consummate training in the best schools at home and abroad who are succeeding to the duties and the obligations of the earlier noted faculty of St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminaries. September is making us intensely Seminary-conscious! Our duty and our privilege to support their work is egging us on to action. Our fathers of their limited means have fulfilled this duty, have honored this privilege, over the years. Their good example together with our own love for this cause form the motive for our giving.

September looks to us to help the Seminaries by our gift on Seminary Sunday. The \$2.00 annual gift is suggested as a minimum, the gift that should be given by those whose low income makes impossible a larger gift. Better incomes, better financial circumstances, should easily suggest better seminary offerings. September is calling on us for our annual gift to the seminaries, may our response be worthy of the cause and of our deep understanding of its importance.

Hawaii, Hit By War, Aids Bishops' Relief Work

WASHINGTON. Despite the fact that Hawaii is experiencing grave economic difficulties, there has been received at the headquarters here of the National Catholic Welfare Conference a communication from the Most Rev. James J. Sweeney, Bishop of Honolulu, containing a contribution of \$2,963.73, the gift of the Catholics of the Islands to the Bishops' War Emergency and Relief Committee.

of us accompany this offering that the great work of the American Hierarchy in the matter of relief may be continued. We realize how great the help was that we received ourselves in our hour of difficulty and our gratitude for this help is sincere.

Magistrate Dies
Mylapore, India. — Tangarwami Pillai, Chief Magistrate of Paduketta State, died here after a brief illness. He was a Catholic.

Body of St. Francis Xavier Exposed at Ceremony in Goa

GOA, India. — In commemoration of the fourth centenary of the arrival in India of St. Francis Xavier, his body, enclosed in a glass case, was exposed for a day in the Church of Bom Jeau here for veneration by the faithful. The event also marked the jubilee of the Episcopal consecration of His Holiness the Pope and of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

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Bishop Appoints Seven Priests To New Charges

Transfer appointments by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, of seven Assistant Pastors in the Diocese of Rochester are announced today at the Chancery.

Vacancies caused by the increasing number of priests of the diocese entering the armed forces as chaplains has necessitated some of these changes. The latest to enlist is the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly of Nazareth College faculty. (See below).

Appointments becoming effective Tuesday, Sept. 29 at noon are:

- The Rev. Robert A. Biddy, Assistant Pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Elmira to Assistant Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca.
- The Rev. Alphonsus P. Cronin, Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Rochester, to Assistant Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester.
- The Rev. John F. Hayes, Assistant Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua Church, Rochester, to Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Rochester.
- The Rev. Thomas C. Kane, Assistant Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, to Assistant Pastor,

- St. Philip Neri Church, Rochester.
- The Rev. John A. Murphy, Assistant Pastor, St. Philip Neri Church, Rochester, to Assistant Pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Elmira.
- The Rev. Paul G. Winkler, Assistant Pastor, St. Michael's Church, Rochester, to Assistant Pastor, Holy Trinity Church, Waterloo.
- The Rev. Vincent LeFrais to Assistant Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua, Rochester.

Chaplain Woloch Seen In Midway Film

Chaplain John A. Woloch, U. S. N., priest of the Rochester diocese appears in the currently showing motion picture of the Battle of Midway. Father Woloch is shown conducting services on the island and visiting for Holy Mass. His home is in St. Hyacinth's parish, Auburn.

Father Kelly of Nazareth Leaves For Navy Duty

The Rev. Leonard A. Kelly of Nazareth College faculty left Tuesday for the Navy Chaplains' Training School at Norfolk, Va. and adds another name to the growing list of priests of this diocese serving in the armed forces.

Commissioned Chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant (Junior Grade), Father Kelly wound up his affairs early in the week and conferred with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, Tuesday morning before leaving for his new post. Chaplain Kelly is the son of Mr. John T. Kelly, 72 Louisa St., Rochester.

Ordained Sept. 14, 1930, Father Kelly was first assigned as assistant pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Rochester. In 1937 he joined the faculty of Aquinas Institute and served at the Catholic High School for boys until 1937

when he was named assistant pastor of Old St. Mary's Church. In 1938 he was appointed Chaplain and Professor of Religion at Nazareth College. Before leaving Tuesday, Father Kelly said he wished to extend a sincere farewell to the other faculty members and students of the College whom he has labored for the past four years. Deeply interested in the underprivileged in the South, Father Kelly spent the entire summer of 1940 working among the sharecroppers and colored in Alabama. He has been especially interested in the liturgical movement and in advancing Catholic social work whenever opportunity offered.

St. Anthony's Parish Boys Win Service Promotions

Reports of promotion for members of St. Anthony's Parish now serving in the armed forces lends color to the news received by their immediate families from various bases established by this country in the war area.

Speediest advancement in the news, this week, features Lieut. Sammy Passacera, now instructor at an Australian Air Base, after a single year in the service. Following a course in the signal corps at Mitchell Field, L. I., where he was 11th highest in his class, Lieut. Passacera spent two months at Officers' Training School at Scott Field, Ill. Next stops were San Francisco and Australia, where he now instructs fellow officers and army enlisted men. In between classes, he finds time for swimming and horseback riding — and liking Australia.

technician course. An enlisted man for two years, he expects his transfer from Mare Island about October 15.

Staff Sergeant Salvatore Cassella who enlisted in 1940, writes in connection with his promotion:

Flag Authorized For Chief of Chaplains Arnold

WASHINGTON. — In a circular letter to Army chaplains, the Lt. Col. William E. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains, has announced that a change in regulation authorizes a special flag for the Chief of Army Chaplains. The emblem is of dark blue with a Cross and stars in white.