

Dakota Missionary Sings 30th Anniversary Mass At Immaculate

Marking its Thirtieth Anniversary, the Very Rev. William J. Connaughton, a Dean in the Diocese of Rapid City, South Dakota, and brother of Miss Laura Park, celebrated a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at Immaculate Conception Church.

Assisting the Jubilation were: Deacon, the Rev. William McFadden; Subdeacon, the Rev. Donald Murphy and Master of Ceremonies, Mr. John Murphy.

Also in the Sanctuary were: the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph E. Cameron, the Rev. William Deak, the Rev. George S. Wood and the Rev. Charles V. Boyle.

Father Connaughton, a native of Rochester, remarking the great need for priests in the Dakotas, volunteered his services to the Most Rev. John J. Lawler, D.D., Bishop of that missionary diocese. He has spent the past 20 years in building up the Church in the state of South Dakota.

The Jubilation is numbered among the priest-schools of Immaculate Conception School. His studies for the Priesthood were made at St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester and the Seminary of Our Lady of the Snows, Montreal, Canada.

Following the Solemn Mass, his many Rochester friends among the clergy and lay tendered him a testimonial banquet in the Crystal Room of Hotel Rochester.

Father Connaughton is at present Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Burke, South Dakota. A telegram read at the banquet from non-Catholic friends of his testified to the sterling worth with which he is held by Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

Citation Of First Catholic Chaplain Killed In War Lauds Devotion To His Fellow Men

DUBUQUE, Ia. — The "distinguished and sublime devotion to his fellow men" displayed by Father Aloysius H. Schmitt, first Catholic chaplain killed in the war, is mentioned in the citation accompanying the Navy and Marine Corps Medal awarded to the Pearl Harbor hero by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox.

The text of the citation follows: "For distinguished and sublime devotion to his fellow men aboard the U. S. S. Oklahoma during the attack on the United States Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor by enemy Japanese forces on Dec. 7, 1941.

"When the vessel capsized and he became entrapped, along with other members of the crew, in a compartment where only a small porthole provided outlet for escape, Lieut. Aloysius H. Schmitt, with unselfish disregard for his own plight, assisted his shipmates through the aperture.

"When they, in turn, were in process of rescuing him, and his body became wedged in the narrow opening, he, realizing that other men had come into the compartment looking for a way out, insisted that he be pushed back into the ship so that they might leave.

"Calmly urging them on with a pronouncement of his blessing, he remained behind while they crawled out to safety.

"For his magnanimous courage and his sacrifice, all in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service, he gladly gave up his life for his country."

The Navy and Marine medals awarded to Father Schmitt on the recommendation of the commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet is a new decoration of non-combatant.

At the time of joining the Navy, Father Schmitt was an assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Dubuque. He was an alumnus of Loras College.

HALF-HOUR OF PRAYER

Portland, Ore. — The suggestion that every man and woman, boy and girl in the Archdiocese pledge himself to devote for the duration of the war at least a half-hour each week to prayer for a just and victorious peace, was made by the Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, Archbishop of Portland in Oregon, in a letter to his priests and people.



Catholic Center Staff Shows

LEADER SHOWS LEADERS. C.Y.A. Director Ben Glasser demonstrates to the new C.Y.A. Leader Corps in Columbus Civic Centre gym. The boys appear in their snappy new uniforms used in the work described in story, this page.

Natty C.Y.A. Leader Corps Win Youngsters Acclaim In Gym

Snappily attired and winning the admiration and enthusiastic following of youngsters attending the C.Y.A. gym classes on Wednesdays and Saturdays in Columbus Civic Centre is the newly-organized Junior and Senior Volunteer Leaders Corps.

This group is being trained in group leadership and athletics by Physical Director Ben Glasser.

The Corps is a selected group of boys ranging in ages from 14 to 18. They were selected for their good conduct, sportsmanship and their ability to get along with other boys. During the past two months, the leaders have been active as junior guards in the swimming pool and extremely helpful to the boys in their gym classes. Glasser reports:

Striking Uniforms
When on duty, these leaders are required to wear a distinguishing uniform. The uniform consists of royal blue pabardian trousers with a white stripe and a lettered shirt denoting "C.Y.A. Senior Leader" or "C.Y.A. Junior Leader" whichever they happen to be.

When in the swimming pool, these youthful leaders wear a specially designed swimming suit.

Special interest classes in boxing and tumbling are conducted from 4 to 5 P. M. Leaders in charge are Jerry Santora and Mickey McGuire.

In the future the leaders will be assigned to various boys groups which will soon be organized from the membership enrollment of youngsters.

Members of the Senior Leader Corps are Mickey McGuire, Eric Smith, Gene Keenan, Bob Vogt,

Tom Gaughan, Charles Kulp and Jack St. John. Junior Leaders are Austin Warner, Anthony Robinson, Jerry Roman, Jerry Summers, Ed Moriarty, Francis La Bona, Alfred Schmitt and Michael Chinanni.

Officers of the Leader Corps are President Bob Vogt, Vice President Tom Gaughan and Secretary Jerry Roman.


A merit system for the leaders is being devised and will soon be in operation.

Sodality Dance At Nazareth

The annual Christmas dance sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady of Nazareth will be held on Dec. 26 from 8:00 to 11:00 in the gym. Music will be supplied by Freddie Gramann and his orchestra.

General chairman is Miss Marjory Jackson, assisted by Miss Marjory Jackson, Miss Helen and Miss Dora. Ticket information: Miss Marjory Jackson, 1234 Broadway, Rochester, N. Y.

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Opposition To Atheistic Communism Must Continue, Says Card. Villeneuve

TORONTO. — Canadians, while admiring the valor of the Russian people in their resistance to the common enemy, must continue to protect their country against atheistic Communism. "The propagation of which would embroil our people in class struggle and revolution," His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, declares in a letter received by J. H. McLean, chairman of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund.

"Christian charity naturally inclines our souls to aid them (the Russian people) in their troubles, to alleviate the misery of all those who suffer as victims of an unjust war," the Cardinal said. "There is, for those who demand the admirable example given to the world by Pope Pius XI, who 20 years ago organized a commission to aid the Russians in all sorts of privations. Today, again, if our help should serve to lift them out of a deeper misery we should not hesitate to procure some relief for them, as a mark of our sympathy and most sincere attachment."

Aids War Effort

Charlottetown, P. E. I. — St. Dunstan's University, conducted by the Diocese of Charlottetown, is cooperating with the Dominion Government in its effort to reduce the man and woman power shortage for the war effort. The college will close considerably earlier than usual for the 1943 summer vacation period so that the students can be used in war industries and other essential activities.

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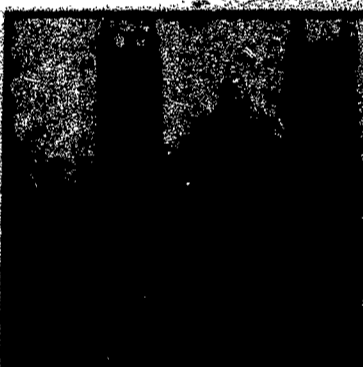
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