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### Military 'Diocese' Growth in 3 Years Unparalleled in Church

NEW YORK—The growth of the Military Ordinariate during the past three years is probably without parallel in the history of the Catholic Church. The number of priest chaplains has increased proportionately with the number of Catholics subject to the spiritual jurisdiction of the Ordinariate. The organization at present consists of the Military Vicar Archbishop Spellman; the Military Delegate, Bishop O'Hara, and 14 Vicar Delegates in many parts of the world, of whom one is an Archbishop and seven Bishops. There are also a chancellor and two assistant chancellors in the New York office.

Four other priests besides the Chancellor are attached to the New York headquarters, which has in addition 200 employees. The pastoral visitations of chaplains in the field of the Military Vicar and his delegates have involved more than 200,000 miles of travel in this country and abroad, while the Vicar Delegates in similar visitations have traveled another 100,000 miles. Each Vicar Delegate is expected to interview personally each chaplain in his district at least once a year.

Records of all marriages and baptisms performed by chaplains are retained at the New York headquarters of the Military Ordinariate. In addition, the central office maintains reference lists of thousands of marriages and baptisms performed by civilian priests for members of the armed forces. Marriage records are received at the rate of 3,000 a month. Every chaplain in service reports to the Military Ordinariate once a month and from those reports are gathered the statistics published from time to time to acquaint the Catholic world with the practice of religion by the men of the armed forces.

3,000,000 Communion Reports for 1942 indicate that the number of Holy Communion received during the year will pass 3,000,000. The Sunday Mass attendance is in the neighborhood of 1,500,000. This covers only attendance recorded by chaplains. It is estimated that there is an attendance of another million at Mass in civilian churches both at home and abroad.

The number of men excused from Mass attendance will vary from week to week. Tens of thousands are on duty at Mass time. Other thousands are hospital patients. Tens of thousands are on ships at sea which as yet have no Catholic chaplain, even though the number of candidates for chaplains has never been below 200 during the past year.

From these considerations the Military Ordinariate estimates that at least 70 per cent of the Catholic personnel of the armed forces are faithful to the obligation of Sunday Mass. The granting by the Holy See of the privilege of afternoon Mass brought an increase of 100 per cent in attendance at daily Mass. This privilege together with the faculty which permits chaplains to say two Masses on weeks days for the common benefit has been of inestimable benefit to the battalions and regiments which are scattered.

### REDEMPTORIST SUPERIOR NAMED TITULAR BISHOP

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the son of Timothy and Margaret (Burns) McCarty, both of whom are now deceased. He attended St. Mary's College, North East, Pa., before entering St. Alphonsus Seminary at Esopus, N. Y. He was ordained to the priesthood by the late Cardinal John Farley, then Archbishop of New York, on June 10, 1915. The ordination took place at Mount St. Alphonsus, the Redemptorist House of Studies at Esopus.

Following his ordination, Bishop-elect McCarty joined the staff of his alma mater, St. Mary's College, North East, Pa., where he taught in 1916 and 1917. He returned to Mount St. Alphonsus the following year, where he taught Philosophy until 1926, and where he was Prefect of Students from 1921 to 1926. He was Rector of Mount St. Alphonsus from 1926 to 1933, and as Provincial, has had his residence at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Brooklyn, since 1930.

tered in small units over large territories. Some chaplains say as many as 50 Masses in a month, passing from place to place, saying Mass morning and evening to bring the Holy Sacrifice and Holy Communion to men who would otherwise not have this opportunity and consolation.

The Military Ordinariate supervises all of this work partly by visits to the field, but largely by correspondence. A monthly circular letter to chaplains provides a discussion of topics of common interest, and personal correspondence totals several thousands of letters each month. In addition, the induction of chaplains involves correspondence with all of the Bishops and Provincials in the United States and with various government offices.

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