

Venezuela's Flag In Uruguay Shrine

MONTEVIDEO.—The Venezuelan Minister to Uruguay, Dr. Manuel Antonio Pulido Mendez, has placed the banner of his country in the Uruguayan National Eucharistic Shrine on the summit of Cerro de la Victoria where the

Sacrament is perpetually exposed. The Venezuelan flag takes its place beside those of the Holy See, the United States, Uruguay, Argentina, Bolivia, The Netherlands, Lebanon, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Japan, France, England, Hungary, Poland, Paraguay and Brazil.

Maybe it's only natural that blood relations usually are the ones who bleed you.

Marks Golden Jubilee

New York.—The Rev. Arthur Coughlin, C.M.S., of St. Alphonsus Church, Manhattan, Provincial of the Redemptorists in Canada and Newfoundland from 1920 until 1927, has marked his golden jubilee in the priesthood.

The art of overlooking is as valuable as the art of forgetting.

ST. PATRICK'S, Owego

FINANCIAL REPORT GIVEN

By MARY C. BROSNAN

OWEGO.—The Rev. Michael L. Hynes, pastor, gave the financial report of the Parish for the year 1942 at the two Masses on Sunday morning. Father Hynes sincerely congratulated the members of the congregation for the splendid report which he was able to represent. He stated that the thorough support and hearty cooperation on the part of the parishioners made it possible to again end the year with a substantial bank balance.

The one main item in the report was the subscriptions paid during the Jubilee celebration during the Summer months. The total amount of pledges already paid now amounts to more than \$5,000 and there are some pledges still unpaid. This magnificent sum of money was used to defray all bills for the redecoration and repainting of the church property in connection with the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Parish.

The receipts for the pew rent increased nearly \$1,000 over those received in 1941. This increase was brought about by a new innovation—those who did not rent pews, paying 10 cents each Sunday for a sitting. Several other sources of revenue also showed an increase over the previous year.

According to the Vital Statistics report there are 130 families in the parish and during the year there were 26 baptisms, 14 marriages, only nine deaths and there were three converts. More than 14,000 Holy Communions were distributed during the year.

The report was signed by Thomas J. Casick and Albert J. Marrick as auditors and Joseph F. Swenney and Frank J. O'Shaughnessy as trustees.

Parish Cooperates

The members of St. Patrick's Parish cooperated wholeheartedly with the appeal made by Bishop James E. Kearney for a "Family Communion Sunday" on the Feast of the Holy Family. Practically every family approached the Communion rail as a unit and received Holy Communion together. The children of the Parochial School, who ordinarily occupy pews in the front of the church, on this Sunday sat with the members of the family and received Holy Communion with their parents and older brothers and sisters. At the close of the second Mass, the High Mass of the day, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was offered for the welfare of the boys of the parish who are in the services of their country and who therefore were unable to be present on this occasion with the other members of their families.

Announcement Made

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Collins, of Binghamton, and formerly of this village, have announced the engagement of their only daughter, Marie Catherine, to Jesse Howard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Howard, of this village. The prospective bride, who is a granddaughter of Dennis F. Collins and the late Mrs. Collins of Talcott St., is a graduate of St. Patrick's Parochial School of this village and of the Owego Free Academy. She is a student nurse in the Binghamton City Hospital.

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PRIEST VISITS HOME

By ELLEN T. FALSEY

Rev. Bernard Hickey has returned to his duties in Florida after spending a short vacation at his home here.

Choir Party

About 70 members of St. James Choir enjoyed their annual dinner party at Jenkins Inn during the holidays.

Top Penny Record

Nearly 3,000 pennies were turned over to the Waverly Senior High School Defense Council by Edward, Anne, Bridget and Patrick, children of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sullivan, Sr., of Chamung Street.

The four youngsters brought in 2,900 pennies, enough to fill a half-gallon jug, and sufficient, with a small amount of other money, to purchase two \$25 war savings bonds.

The penny drive is being held in the schools to round up copper needed by the government in the war effort.

Diocese Has 171 In Religious Life

FRESNO, Calif.—An honor roll of priests, Nuns and Brothers, who have entered upon religious lives from the Diocese of Monterey-Fresno, has been published by the Central California Edition of the Register. The total to date is 171 and includes twenty-six priests, 137 Nuns and eight Brothers.

In Midst of War's Ravages



The ravages of the desert warfare in Libya have left their mark on the Carmelite Church in Tobruk, a haven for the devout, though badly shattered and sooted. An Allied soldier surveys the ruins as the town again fell to the British. The pedestal bearing the statue of the Blessed Virgin is covered with the names and prayers of Italian soldiers, scratched on to the surface. The church bells were left intact. (See photo O. C. W. C.)

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