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WAR TIME DEDICATION of new St. Mary's Hospital on Jan. 14 brought together His Excellency, Bishop Kearney who officiated; Sister M. Martina, hospital superintendent; and First Lieut. Frances A. Dolan assigned to West Point and Second Lieut. Rose A. Tram, from Fort Ontario, U. S. Army nurse and graduates of St. Mary's School of Nursing.

Donate Dormant Account Of \$1835 To Elmira Church

A welcome addition to parish funds for Our Lady of Lourdes Church, West Elmira, was made when the sum of \$1835.09, general fund of the former Catholic Mutual Bene-

fit Association was turned over to the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor. The money had lain dormant in the Chemung Canal Trust Co. over a period of years, ever since the society, a sort of insurance institution for Catholic men, had ceased to function. It had been designated for office expenses, being exclusive of the beneficiary fund.

In 1940 James Murphy, Winset Ave., received a communication from the bank through the office of John E. Sullivan, Atty., as one of the surviving members, asking him to attend a meeting on Aug. 9, 1940, to appoint a new trustee and to determine concerning the disposal of the money. Since there was no possibility of dividing the money among surviving members and making a fair adjustment between them and the heirs of deceased members, the members present voted to use it as a charitable contribution to a worthy cause; they chose the newly projected church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Members present for voting were William J. Donahue, Joseph Sullivan, Edward Mack, Richard Reidy, James Murphy and James Brady.

During the ensuing time, all surviving members had to be contacted and the final settlement reached. On Dec. 28, 1942, Judge E. W. Personius, Justice of the Supreme Court issued the order that the money be returned to Father Schwab. The sum amounted to \$1835.09, when court expenses and law office fees were paid. No decision as to his own disposal of the money has yet been made, Father Schwab says; it will probably be applied on the church debt.

Nun Named State Hospital Official

WICHITA, Kan. — Appointment of Sister M. Victoria of Wichita Hospital, a Sister of St. Joseph, as secretary-treasurer of the Kansas State Hospital Association, has been announced. Sister Victoria also is historian for the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Diocese.

By the way—BUY WAR BONDS

Too Old For Army Prior Tries Chalice Collecting; Succeeds

CLEVELAND—The Rev. George Luba, O.S.B., prior of St. Andrew Abbey here, believes he's a little too advanced in years for active Army Chaplain service, so he has turned himself into a one-man campaign to aid in equipping the Chaplains with chalices. He's a success.

Already he has sent 175 chalices to the service—which is no small job when even a small-sized plated chalice costs about \$50 on the open market. Father Luba is editor of the *Zenska Jednota*, the official publication of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies' Union, and his appeals for donations to purchase chalices through the publication have brought in more than \$5,000, which bought not only chalices, but rosaries, small missals and Mass vestments.

FCC RECEIVES COMPLAINTS OF RADIO VULGARITY

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Chairman James L. Fly told a press conference here yesterday that the Federal Communications Commission had been receiving more than "the usual number of complaints concerning vulgarity in radio programs. He indicated an FCC investigation was underway, but declined to identify the programs or entertainers criticized.

Film of Pope's Work Again Shown in Rome

VATICAN CITY. — (NC) — The motion picture "Pastor Angelicus," dealing with activities of His Holiness Pope XII is being exhibited again in Rome.

The motion picture was given its premier showing a month ago. It followed a period during which it was not exhibited in the Eternal City.

Two More Priests Join Services As Chaplains

Army Nurse Gets High Post, Diocesan War Contribution Grows

The Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Catholic Chaplain at Cornell University, is joining the U. S. Army as Chaplain, and the Rev. Francis J. Peggan, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, the U. S. Navy, it is announced today at the Chancery.

The CATHOLIC COURIER learns also that First Lieut. Frances H. Dolan, U. S. Army Nurse, has been given the important appointment of nurse in charge at the West Point Hospital.

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Thus grows the contribution of the Diocese of Rochester to the Armed Forces. There are now 28 priests of the Diocese who have donned the uniforms of the Chaplains' Service, the number of young men and women in the armed forces, being compiled, run into the thousands.

Rochester Diocese has the sixth largest representation of Chaplains in the Service of any diocese in the country.

Father Cleary, who has become nationally known for his work at Cornell University and is the National Chaplain of the Newman Club Federation, is a qualified aviator and was Deputy Squadron Commander, Civil Air Patrol in Rhaca. He becomes a First Lieutenant and will report at Harvard Chaplains' School on Feb. 1.

Commissioned a Lieutenant (Junior Grade) in Buffalo on Monday, Jan. 18, Father Peggan goes to the Norfolk Chaplains Training School for an eight weeks' course.

Both priests conferred this week with their Bishop, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, before leaving for their posts.

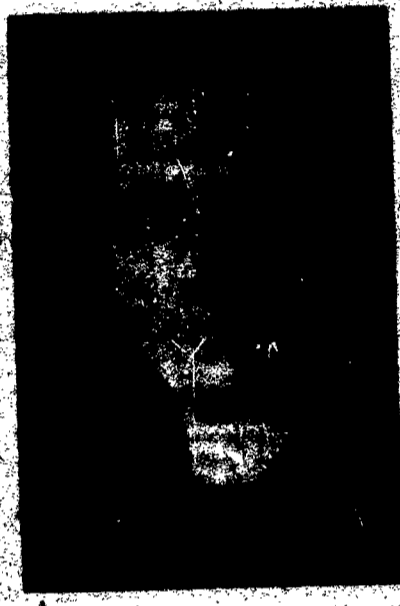
Father Cleary, who is being succeeded at Cornell University by his namesake, the Rev. Patrick Cleary, M.M., formerly Korean

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Answer Country's Call



First Lieut. Donald M. Cleary, formerly Catholic Chaplain at Cornell University (left) and Lieut. (J. G.) Francis J. Peggan, (right) former Assistant Pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, join the ranks of the growing number of Rochester Diocese priests in the Armed Forces.



K. of C. Hear Col. Blaine Tell of Philippines Post

The Philippines and Bataan Peninsula, location of some of World War II's most heroic activity, were described by Col. Robert E. Blaine, Commanding Officer of the Elmira Holding and Reassignment Point at Horseheads, before some 100 members of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus and their guests at a meeting held in Columbus Center on Jan. 18, 1943.

During his eleven years in service in these islands, Col. Blaine spent much time at Luzon. He described the terrain where General MacArthur and his troops made the gallant but losing struggle for possession against the Japanese, with a reference to one of their greatest hardships—the lack of quinine to fight malaria. Col. Blaine had also visited Japan and China.

46 Nurses' Aides Receive Diplomas

Graduation of the second class of Nurses' Aides of whom a large number were Catholic volunteers, took place on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 2 p. m. in Dunn Memorial Auditorium, St. Joseph's Hospital. Forty-six young women received their diplomas, bringing the total of women who have completed the 20-hour course under the auspices of the Chemung County Chapter of the American Red Cross to nearly 100. Mrs. Whitney F. Powers and Mrs. Cornelius O'Dea were co-chairmen of arrangements.

The program opened with piano selections, Schubert-Lied's "Hark, Hark the Bark" and McDowell's Concert Etude by Miss Ann Riggs; Mrs. William Flannery, chairman of Voluntary Special Services committee gave a brief introduction for a talk "Food Alternates under Rationing," by Miss Pein Brachner of Elmira College; Vocal solo "L'Amour, Toujours L'Amour" (Cushing Frinel) and an aria from Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" by Miss Jean Clark, accompanied by Miss Riggs.

Diplomas were presented to the graduates by William E. Palmer, head of the local Red Cross chapter, and Mrs. Charles F. Brayton, Nurses' Aide committee chairman.

Pastor Succumbs
Mortitown, N. J. — The Rev. Joseph J. Spelman, pastor of St. Bernard's Church, St. Hope, died in All Souls Hospital here at the age of 50. Father Spelman was a graduate of Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, N. J., and the Gregorian University, Rome.

Chaplain Woloch Describes Pearl Harbor Services

By Maryrose Barron

AUBURN—Chaplain John F. Woloch, one of the heroes of the battle of Midway, wrote to his mother during the past week telling her of his many experiences since he left Auburn.

Lieutenant Woloch, Catholic Chaplain at Pearl Harbor, writes of the Pontifical Mass of Requiem marking the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack on Dec. 7. Chaplain Woloch assisted the Bishop at the Mass which was broadcast in English to the mainland and was attended by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet and other high ranking Army, Navy and Marine officers.

The Mass was sung in Latin by the large male choir of the U. S. Naval Hospital at Pearl Harbor. The choir is composed of twenty-three members and only three of these are Catholics and two of the singers are sons of a Methodist minister.

The chaplain also tells of the attendance at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, the first midnight Mass ever celebrated at Pearl Harbor. He told of how he alone gave 600 Communion at the midnight Mass. During both of these Masses, he stated there was ever present the grim reminder of war

as American warplanes and bombers kept coming and going and giving out the signal "Secure." He was especially appreciative of the candy sent him by his relatives and friends as it is difficult to buy any at the Harbor.

Lieutenant Woloch was born in Auburn and was graduated from St. Hyacinth's Parochial School and from Auburn High School. He graduated from St. Andrew's Seminary and completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary. He celebrated his first Solemn High Mass at St. Hyacinth's Church. The young priest has been in the service since December, 1941, and prior to entering the service he was an assistant pastor in Elmira.

When pictures of the Battle of Midway were shown in Auburn, Lieutenant Woloch could be seen participating to the men right in the thick of the battle. The chaplain also has a brother in the service, Pfc. Adolph Woloch, who is stationed at an army air base in Mississippi.