

Given Navy Duty

ALBANY. Two more priests of the Diocese of Albany have completed their training at the Norfolk (Va.) Naval Training Base and have been given assignments as Chaplains in the Navy. They are the Rev. William Martin and

the Rev. Robert Cronin, both holding commissions of lieutenants, junior grade. They were members of a class of 31 chaplains who completed their training and were addressed by the Rev. Robert White, former dean of the Catholic University of America law school, who holds a naval commission of commander.

Mourning



Most Rev. William T. Finneman, S. V. D., Titular Bishop of Sora and Prefect Apostolic of Mindoro, Philippine Islands, who died in Manila Christmas Eve, according to word received at the headquarters of the Divine Word Fathers in Techny, Ill. Bishop Finneman formerly taught at the Divine Word Seminary in Techny. (N.C.W.C.)

Msgr. Boppel Honored On Golden Jubilee

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choir, directed by Prof. Philip J. Kreckel.

Bishop's Tribute

In his tribute to the Sacred Jubilarian, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney developed the theme of Thanksgiving dwelling upon his services at the Altar, in the Confessional and in the Pulpit over fifty years.

The Altar: spiritual writers have said that if a priest were permitted to offer only one Mass in his career, his ordination would be justified.

"How thankful, then, must a man be who has officiated daily at God's altar for 50 years," the Bishop exclaimed.

The Confessional - where the wayfarer along the road of life has found consolation and strength to battle the temptations and dangers of the world. Countless thousands have arisen from their knees and left the Monsignor's confessional with new courage, with fortified resolves and with set determinations that enabled them the more easily to arrive at their intended destiny, eternal happiness.

The Pulpit - which is the priest's classroom. The Bishop referred to the honors that are heaped upon a university president after 25 years of service. With greater reason, His Excellency pointed out, should a priest-jubilarian be grateful for the many opportunities for teaching that his pulpit affords him.

"Out into the world, literally into every profession, into all walks of

Receives Catholic Publication By Mail; Becomes Convert

(By NICHOLAS VERRI, S. J.) The story of how a postman walked in once, accomplishing

what many on countless occasions could not do, and, unwittingly, launched the conversion of an Japanese tubercular patient in the Hawaiian Islands has been related by the Maryknoll Sisters. It happened at the sanitarium on the Island of Maui, where 300 patients a month are visited by the Sisters, who distribute Catholic reading material and give religious instruction.

But Masami Ino, one of the patients, would have none of it. Although his brother Thomas was a veritable lay apostle, Masami politely mailed a "No thank you" card to the countless boxes the Sisters offered him literature or instruction. Masami's illness became serious and his brother gave the Sisters money to buy additional literature. Still the patient would take no interest. Finally one of the nuns decided to subscribe to a Catholic magazine for him. When the postman brought the magazine, it was a different story and it wasn't long before Masami informed one of the nuns:

"Sister, I've been writing to my brother and last week I told him I had decided to become a Catholic. When may I begin to study?"

At a Jubilee Dinner at which the Monsignor was host to the clergy added tributes were paid the Jubilarian by Bishop Foery and Bishop Walsh.

The parish will join in honoring their beloved pastor on Friday night, Feb. 5, in the parish hall, when about 200 children will participate in a play depicting the life of Monsignor Boppel. It is expected that more than 1,000 parishioners will be present.

Learn to know the distinction between friendship and intimacy. Seek to have many friends but few intimates.

Advisors are not givers. Dutch Proverb.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, D.D., President
Rev. Msgr. Bryan J. McEntegart, L.L.D., National Secretary
Rev. John J. Corrigan, Assistant Secretary

Eighty-Five Years Ago

On February 17, 1858, the Blessed Virgin first appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes. Thousands have been cured there and millions brought to love our Lady. Help spread devotion by giving her statue to a mission for Fifteen Dollars.

WE REPEAT A PLEA FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Some months ago we made a plea for homeless boys and girls. There was little response. The need is so urgent that we must ask again.

The war has made thousands of people homeless. Children without a home are pitiable indeed. Like the Good Shepherd, Archbishop Djibril, of Kerkuk, in Iraq, begs these little children, to come to him. He made over six old houses as homes for them, placing his priests in charge. Nearly three hundred little ones were saved by Christ-like kindness from exposure, starvation and disease.

Unfortunately, his few resources of looking for this work have dwindled. Archbishop Djibril begs us to help.

To keep these orphanages open I urgently need: Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the next six months, or about \$110 a month. Two hundred and seventy-six children are praying with me that I receive that amount, so that I can continue to care for them. If someone with a little money could see the good to be done for these children, gladly would they give.

Surely some kind soul will be prompted to support these orphanages for a month or more. We prayerfully ask every reader to send us a note to care for these homeless boys and girls of Archbishop Djibril. Remember our Lord's words: "As long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it unto Me."

CHRIST AMONG THE SICK

Most mission centers have dispensaries. They are like clinics, where poor, sick people come to us. It is one of the best ways of bringing people in contact with the Church. Send Five Dollars or more to purchase medicines and bandages for our mission dispensaries.

FOR BENEDICTION

A beautiful gift in honor of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is the Monstrance. This is the sacred vessel in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed at Benediction. A nice one can be bought in the Near East for twenty-five Dollars. Many of our chapels need a Monstrance.

ALWAYS GRATEFUL

Our missionaries are always grateful when you help them by gifts and Mass offerings. Your Mass offerings help support them and enable them to carry on their activities for God and souls. Ask our missionary priests to offer Holy Mass for your intentions.

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

We would like to build a chapel in the Near East in honor of the Blessed Mother of Christ to be called our Lady of Lourdes Chapel. The cost would be Five Hundred Dollars. The Holy Father would have it built where it is most needed in the Near East. The fortunate missionary would have a place to offer Mass every day and reserve the Blessed Sacrament. He could invite non-Catholics to attend devotions and instructions. Many conversions would result. Yes, our Lady of Lourdes would bless that parish, and be ever mindful of the donor of the chapel in her honor.

MISSALS NEEDED

If you have never given a gift to the missions, we suggest a Missal. The Missal is the book the priest reads when he offers Holy Mass. We have made frequent requests for Missals but have received few responses. Ten Dollars will buy a Missal to replace one that is worn and falling apart.

WEEK'S SUPPORT

Five Dollars will support a priest in the mission field for a week. Sponsor a missionary for a week or more.

BEFORE OPENING

Before a chapel can be used for services it must have a chalice, a ciborium, missal, crucifix and candlesticks, altar linen and an Altar. These you can give to a chapel for a donation of One Hundred and Two Dollars.

A DECEASED PERSON

Every Catholic wishes to do something worth while for a deceased relative or friend. Do this—arrange to have our missionaries offer the Gregorian Masses, that is, Mass every day for thirty consecutive days. You can do nothing more beneficial for a departed friend.

Send all communications to Catholic Near East Welfare Association 480 Lexington Ave. at 48th St. New York, N. Y.

Bills Piling Up?

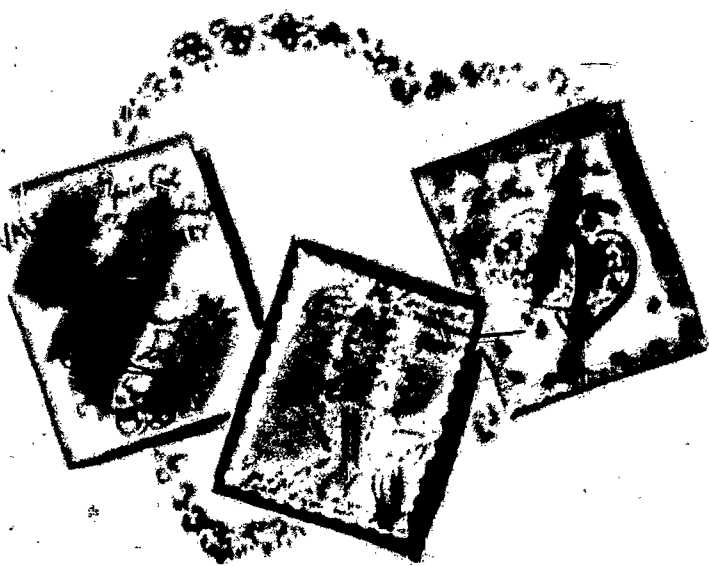
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