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Reveal Catholic Status Of Inmates At Reformatory

Figures which reveal the small percentage of Catholic inmates admitted to Elmira Reformatory in 1942 who were regular church attendants before admission and of the small number who had attended Catholic schools at some time or had spent more than six years in a Catholic school were released this week by the Catholic Chaplain's office.

Appearing in an editorial entitled "Statistics" in Don Bosco Bulletin, Feb. 7 issue, the figures likewise reveal the results from religious training attained by the Catholic inmates. Of the 406 who were paroled during 1942 98 per cent had received the Sacraments while at the Reformatory.

The Catholic Chaplain is the Rev. Francis J. Lane, who has been a friend and guide of the boys at the Reformatory for many years. The Don Bosco Bulletin is a Catholic bi-monthly edited and published by the inmates themselves, and in the editorial they pay a special tribute to their chaplain.

(The set of figures published by the Don Bosco Bulletin appear in the next column, this page).

"A careful examination of these figures will prove very interesting," states the Don Bosco Bulletin. The editorial continues:

"First of all we note that only 48 per cent of the commitments during 1942 claimed to be members of the Catholic Church. Thirty of these, less than 7 per cent claimed to have attended church regularly. The average time having elapsed since these new men received the Sacraments was 17 months.

"From an educational point of view it is worthy of note that only 61 or about 12 per cent only at-

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Reformatory Chaplain Reports

Statistics furnished by the Catholic Chaplain's office, Elmira Reformatory and published in Don Bosco Bulletin, are as follows:

Number of men received in 1942	514
Number of Catholics	247
Percentage of Catholics	48%
Average time since receiving the Sacraments upon admission	17 Mos.
Attended church regularly	30
Percentage attending church regularly	6 or 7%
Attended Catholic Schools at some time	81
Spent more than six years in Catholic School	24
Received all their education in Catholic Schools	2
Converts	24
Number who made First Holy Communion	28
Number Confirmed	36
Number paroled	406
Number who received the Sacraments while here	309
Percentage who received the Sacraments while here	76%

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Parents of 5 Sullivans Lauded For Example As They Begin Morale Tour

Praised From Pulpit; Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan Receive Pope's Medal

Their staunch faith widely acclaimed and their example highly lauded by government officials and high church dignitaries, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan of Waterloo, Iowa, parents of five sons reported lost from the cruiser Junau, are on a morale-building tour of the east this week.

Occupying a front pew at Solemn Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, Sunday, the couple was greeted from the pulpit by the Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Flannelly, administrator, as "an inspiration to the entire nation."

"Millions of married persons in America should be inspired by the example of this man and woman," he said. "Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have sorrowed, it is true. But through their tears they have looked up to God. I have welcomed kings and queens and premiers to this church but no one has been more welcome here than Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan."

Archbishop's Gift

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, received them after the Mass. He presented them with a rosary and a silver medal which had come to him from His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. "I know of no one else who deserves this more," the Archbishop said.

Announcement was made Tuesday that President Roosevelt has approved the naming of a destroyer "The Sullivans" in honor of the five brothers who were listed as missing in action from the cruiser Junau in the Solomons.

The Navy announced that Mrs. Sullivan has been invited to sponsor the new vessel now under construction in the San Francisco yard of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

Starting out on their morale mission which will take them into war plants and shipyards along the Eastern seaboard, the couple had the plaudits of Washington officialdom heaped high upon them in the nation's capital.

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MR. AND MRS. THOMAS F. SULLIVAN parents of the five brothers reported missing in action when cruiser Junau was lost off the Solomon, began morale tour of war plants along Atlantic coast. In the Nation's Capital, greeted by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, they are pictured here in the Senate Building with Vice-President Wallace (left). Reni Newphoto (INCCW).

'Schools-At-War' Scrapbook Awards To Be Made At Rally

Awards to the winners of the Schools-At-War Scrapbook Contest conducted among school children of the diocese will be made by the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent, Catholic

School, at the rally to be held at the Eastman Theater, March 4.

One of the rally speakers will be Chaplain Eugene E. LeGault, S.J., of the Sampson Naval Training Station.

Secretaries are tabulating statistics and judges are busy pouring over the Schools-At-War Scrapbooks which have been turned in at the Catholic Education Office. Each book portrays the story of war work done at the school it represents.

Exhibit Scheduled

The Rev. Dr. Maynard Connell, chairman, and the Board of Judges are now selecting winners of prizes offered for these Schools-At-War Scrapbooks. Winning books together with the others entered in the contest will be exhibited in Columbus Civic Center lobby, from Feb. 26 to March 2.

The exhibit, planned by Father Duffy, is said to be in direct conformity with state officials and the War Savings Committee's requirements. The exhibits, under the general chairmanship of Colette Stanley of St. Agnes High School, is planned to afford the parents an opportunity to examine closely the work and effort of the Catholic Schools in the war and victory program.

Judges Listed

Board of Judges includes: William A. Lang, Deputy Civilian Production Director; David B. Brady, School Defense Co-ordinator; William T. Nolan, Salvage Committee Chairman; Thomas H. O'Connor, news editor, CATHOLIC COURIER, and Miss Alice F. Kirk, Chairman of the Catholic Youth Group of the UBO.

Preparations for financing the rally at the Eastman were made this week by Miss Ellen Bone, Academy of the Sacred Heart and her committee, including William

Reiter, Aquinas Institute; Evelyn Driver, Nazareth Academy; Frances Harrell, Mercy High School; Rita Tota, St. Joseph's Commercial School, and Bernice Nawak, St. Mary's Commercial School.

District Attorney's Aide Joins U. S. Navy

Attorney Paul M. Donovan, 222 College Ave., assistant to District Attorney Walter H. Reynolds, has enlisted in the United States Navy as an apprentice seaman. Mr. Donovan enlisted five weeks ago, reported in Buffalo on Thursday, Feb. 4, and will go to the Naval Training station at Sampson.

He is a member of St. Patrick's Parish, and a Knight of Columbus of long standing, having entered that organization after a period in the Squires. Mr. Donovan attended St. Patrick's Parochial School, the Academy, Notre Dame University and Cornell Law School. Two years ago he was married to Miss Helen Loneragan.

Council of Nurses

MONROE, La.—The Most Rev. Daniel P. Desmond, Bishop of Alexandria, and the Rev. Thomas F. Corcoran, spiritual director of the Alexandria Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses, attended the organization meeting of the Monroe Council which was held at St. Francis Sanitarium.

Honors Educator

NEW ORLEANS.—The Rev. Alain St. Paul, S.J., of Loyola University of the South, was elected a member at large of the executive committee of the Louisiana Historical Society.

Inter-Faith Group Hears Father Schwab

The Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, will speak before the Rotary Club at a luncheon meeting to be held on Friday, Feb. 12, at the Mark Twain Hotel,

in connection with the Inter-Faith movement of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. With him on the program will appear the Very Rev. Frederick Hendrigh, Episcopal minister, and Rabbi Samuel Markowitz, in the first of a series of talks to be given at luncheon clubs, high schools, and the Elmira College, by the clergy of Elmira.

The following Elmiraans represent the Catholic group of the Inter-Faith movement here: Charles J. Kroner, J. M. French, Fred Mulcahy, and Edmund B. Maloney. The stated aim of the movement is the promotion of "justice, amity, understanding, and cooperation among Catholics, Jews and Protestants in America."

Purposes Defined

A better understanding of the results which the National Conference does seek has brought about growing Catholic participation in the program. Priests and laymen in 100 dioceses and archdioceses in this country are promoting it, more than forty Catholic schools and colleges have cooperated. The Conference does not overlook the centrality of religion or ignore its primary purpose, does not seek a lowest common denominator of belief, nor a union of churches, nor common worship. It does not countenance eclecticism in religion or encourage indifference. It does not claim that it makes little difference what one believes so long as one tries to do right, nor that "one religion is as good as another."

On the other hand, the Confer-

ence does ask that citizens be faithful to their own religious principles and convictions, that Catholics be better Catholics, Jews better Jews, Protestants better Protestants. Its temporal aim is

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BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK

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In compliance with State law the Board of Regents has designated February 14-20 as Bill of Rights Week "to instill into the minds of pupils the purpose, meaning and importance of the Bill of Rights articles in the Federal and State Constitutions."

Dr. George M. Wiley, Associate Commissioner of Education, reminds us that "in view of the crisis which confronts the Nation under the impact of global war threatening the ideals of the Nation and the very fundamental principles as expressed in the Bill of Rights, it is increasingly important that such a week be fittingly observed in all schools throughout the State, and that the lessons inherent in the significance of our American heritage be emphasized more strongly than ever before."

I am asking every school to observe Bill of Rights Week in a manner befitting its place in our daily life.

John M. Duffy
Superintendent