Veteran Midway Navy Chaplain Cites Red Cross Work

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HOME FROM MIDWAY, Chaplain John F. Woloch, Lieutenant, Senior Grade in the U. S. Navy, celebrated Solemn High Mass, Sunday in St. Hyacinth's Church, Auburn, for Marines and other servicemen who saw action in Guadalcanal. He is shown here with his mother, Mrs. [illegible] Woloch of 48 Pulaski St., Auburn, where he is spending his furlough.

Pulpit Exchange Brings Sampson Navy Chaplain To Cathedral on Sunday

Bishop Will Preside At Military Mass; Fr. Bruton At Sampson

Chaplain Eugene B. LeGault, S.J., Senior Catholic Chaplain at Sampson Naval Training Station, will be in Rochester Sunday at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the first wartime exchange of pulpits set for that day between Sampson Chaplains and civilian clergy of this area.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, will preside at the throne at Solemn High Mass in the Cathedral at 11 A. M. Chaplain LeGault will preach the sermon.

Radio Interview

In connection with "Sampson Navy Church Weekend"—an interview between His Excellency, Bishop Kearney and Chaplain Eugene B. LeGault of Sampson will be heard from 12:15 to 12:30 P. M. over Station WHAM on the Rochester Catholic Hour, on Sunday, March 21.

The Sampson Navy Chaplain will be escorted into the Cathedral by a color guard of twelve sailors in uniform from the Naval Training Station.

Going to Sampson on Saturday to hear confessions and to celebrate Masses on Sunday, carrying out the program of the Navy Chaplains, is the Rev. Charles J. Bruton, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church, a veteran Army Chaplain of the last World War and Regimental chaplain of the New York State Guard.

Father Bruton will preach to the Navy men and on his return will give his impressions of Catholic life in the Navy to the press.

The exchange of pulpits is the feature of the first "Sampson Navy Church Weekend," March 20 and 21, announced last week in the proclamation of Capt. Harry A. Badt, USN, Commandant. Arrangements are in charge of Commander William W. Edel (ChC) USN, senior chaplain at Sampson.

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Church and Charter Aims In Accord Says Archbishop Spellman

ALGIERS—Objectives outlined in the Atlantic Charter are the "natural rights of man," agree with "the traditional teaching of the Church and are in accord with the Christian life and the Christmas allocutions of His Holiness Pope Pius XII," the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the United States Armed Forces, declared here on Mar. 13.

The Archbishop's address was directed to the American soldiers and sailors in North Africa. He asserted that the war aims and the peace aims of the United States are strictly "defensive against alien, totalitarian world orders," and in a broader sense represent the peace aims of "all freedom-loving people."

"You are the sacred instruments of the triumph of our cause," Archbishop Spellman told the soldiers and sailors. "You are the example to Americans in the homeland, not alone in the firm belief in the justice of our struggle because we were treacherously plotted against and attacked by a combination of [illegible] nations, but you are also an example to your fellow Americans in your supreme faith in victory."

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The soldiers and sailors were told their fellow Americans may have some illusions regarding the cost of victory, and the Archbishop continued:

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Victory must come before the fruits of victory, Archbishop Spellman declared, and no attempt to "force the ripening of the fruits or to snatch them prematurely may imperil or retard victory itself."

Americans, he concluded, are diverse in many ways and divided in many matters, and added, "but I believe that never before in our history have we Americans been more fervently united not only in

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Bishop Grants Pupils Holiday For War Work

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VATICAN CITY—[illegible]

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Msgr. Tiso's Death Denied

LONDON—(NC)—[illegible]

Information received here, it was stated, was to the effect that it was the father of Monsignor Tiso who had died.

Chaplain Woloch, Midway Veteran, Hails Red Cross

A veteran of the Battle of Midway, Chaplain John F. Woloch, Lieut. Senior Grade of the U. S. Navy, returned to the Diocese of Rochester, this week, on furlough with a service record covering activity at Pearl Harbor, on Palmyra Johnston Island and Midway Island.

First priest of the Rochester Diocese to enter the U. S. Navy as Chaplain, Father Woloch's service began at San Diego on Nov. 8, '41.

Visits With Bishop

The veteran Navy Chaplain visited with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in Rochester last week before going to Auburn for his well-earned furlough.

Under enemy fire at Midway, Chaplain Woloch heroically administered to the Catholic boys in the Navy and Marine Corps, it was reported at the time. Back home, he recalls that before the battle, the Catholic boys, especially the flyers, all went to Confession and Holy Communion. The majority of the force at Midway was comprised of Catholic boys.

During Chaplain Woloch's six months on Midway, he was the only chaplain on the Island. Each Sunday he conducted three general services and celebrated three Masses.

The Marine flyers did a "swell job" during the Midway engagement, Father Woloch recalled, but none of them returned. As the battle raged, he was obliged to give general absolution because so many tried to go to Confessions. All of the boys he saw left word to be sent to their mothers—he was asked to inform the mothers that the boys had been prepared for whatever might happen by receiving the Sacraments.

Lauds Red Cross

Where he served, Chaplain Woloch said that the Red Cross had done a remarkable job. Midway is an import base where supplies are shipped out and the boys stationed there relied upon the Red Cross for reading material. It was not

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Comdr. Shea Awarded Navy Heroism Cross

WASHINGTON. — (NC) — The Navy Cross for heroism has been awarded to Lieut. Comdr. John J. Shea, of Arlington, Mass., who has been reported missing in action and whose letter to his 5-year-old son from the South Pacific war zone has come to be regarded as something of a classic in outlining the ideals, both Catholic and patriotic, for which he was fighting.

The Navy Department announced the award for Comdr. Shea's heroism in directing the fighting of fires aboard the Aircraft Carrier Wasp after she had been crippled by a Japanese bombing attack. The hero was last seen just before a terrific explosion aboard the carrier. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shea, the hero's wife, and their son reside in Cambridge, Mass.

NAZIS CONSCRIPT NOVICES IN SWISS MONASTERIES

ZURICH, Switzerland.—German novices in Swiss monasteries, who hitherto have been exempt from conscription for the Nazi armed services are now receiving mobilization papers.

The new order is the subject of much comment in ecclesiastical circles here.

Your boy on the battlefield is depending on the Red Cross and the Red Cross is depending on you, so give and give generously to this great cause. AUNT JENNIE'S BAKE SHOPPE, 340 Monroe Ave. Monroe 665.—Adv.

FIRST FLYING NURSES UNIT, LED BY CATHOLIC, NOW ON DUTY IN AFRICA WAR ZONE

COLUMBUS—(NC)— Commanded by Lieut. Catherine R. Grogan, a Catholic nurse of this city, a group of 25 nurses, known as the "Flying Angels of Mercy," has arrived in North Africa, according to advices received here, for duty on flying hospital planes. It is the first such unit to be organized by the Army.

The flying hospital planes have a capacity of 20 and 22 patients. The planes can evacuate casualties from forward airports to hospital bases and will be near enough to the scene of action to warrant fighter plane escorts. The planes are fully equipped with medical supplies, and blood transfusions can be given in emergencies.

Auxiliary Bishop

Vatican City.—Monsignor Francesco Espino Porras of Chihuahua, Mexico, has been named Titular Bishop of Farbalo and Auxiliary Bishop of Chihuahua, it is announced in Osservatore Romano.

Famed Jesuit To Give Open World Peace Lecture Here

Rev. John P. Delaney, internationally known Jesuit radio commentator and author, will lecture at Nazareth College next Monday evening, March 22, at 8:00 P. M. His subject will be "The Church, America and Future World Peace."

Father Delaney received his theological degrees in Rome and later went to Paris for advance work in the social sciences. He became widely known throughout Europe and America for his connection with the Vatican City radio. When Pope Pius XI installed the Vatican radio station, Father Delaney was summoned to Rome to serve as special radio translator and commentator on the world-wide social messages of the Holy Father.

An authority on the interpretation of the social encyclicals, Father Delaney has established the Institute of the Social Order in New York City and the Baltimore Institute of the Social Order. Both of these institutes have become widely known for their practical applications of Christian social doctrine to American industrial and social life.

Father Delaney's address is being given under the joint sponsorship of [illegible] Nazareth College. The lecture is open to the public.