

ARCHDIOCESE RESPONDS TO DISCARDED ROSARY DRIVE

DUBUQUE, Ia. (NC) - A campaign sponsored by The Witness, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, is meeting

with great success. The paper started a campaign last October for discarded Rosaries to be mended and reconditioned. Rosaries still are being received and as soon as they are reconditioned, they are sorted and sent to priests of the Archdiocese who now are on duty as chaplains with the armed forces.

Charities Director

Peoria - The Rev. Gill Middleton, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, was today at a farewell dinner in the parish hall here by parishioners. Father Middleton has been named as director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Peoria.

'ROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHAPLAINS

Chaplain in Pacific War Zone Appeals for Religious Articles for Natives.

Practice of Saying Rosary Daily among Army Officers in Africa is Reported.

Arabian Stone Hut is Used as Chapel for Daily Mass in Africa War Zone.

(By N.C.W.C. News Service)

Southwest Pacific Island

Identified only as "A Catholic Chaplain," a priest with the armed forces in this war area makes a general appeal for religious articles and lauds the simple, child-like faith of the natives. He writes:

"At the instance of the native Bishop I am writing to seek your aid in obtaining religious articles... Never have I appreciated the value of the work these Saints of God accomplish until actually faced with it out here. I can honestly say that I, a priest, have learned much from the simple, child-like faith of these people who have proven themselves our trust-worthy friends. Never shall I forget them when I return someday to America but I shall send them whatsoever gifts it may be possible

for me to give and obtain."

North Africa

The Rev. William Walsh, of the Archdiocese of St. Paul, now in the chaplain service, lauded the work of two fellow chaplains for the pious and widespread devotion of saying the Rosary daily among fighting men in this war theater. He reported:

"You will be happy to know that the daily Rosary has spread to every place where priests are stationed. Men are also gathering of their own accord to say the Rosary, where no priest is present, to honor Our Blessed Mother. Fathers Joseph Kony and Stanley J. Kussman are responsible for the inception of this lovely practice in the Air Force."

The Rev. Walter J. Ferguson, of the Order of Calced Carmelite Fathers, from his chaplain station in this battle area, writes:

"At our present base Sunday Mass for the men is said out in the bright sunshine. Daily Mass is said in my chaplain's office—a small Arabian stone hut covered with a tarpaulin. About 15 men attend Mass each morning here."

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'Quiz' Corner

Have priests always worn the same kind of vestments they now wear when celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass?

There have been great changes and developments in the dress worn by a priest when celebrating Mass and when performing other liturgical functions. In the early days no special vestments were worn by a priest when celebrating Mass. He used the ordinary dress although during the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice he wore the best clothes that he had, to indicate his reverence for the Mass.

Not until approximately the fourth century did priests wear vestments peculiar to liturgical uses. From that period there has been a gradual development in the use and the kinds of vestments.

If a Protestant were baptized in the High Episcopal Church would it be necessary for him to be rebaptized when he becomes a Catholic?

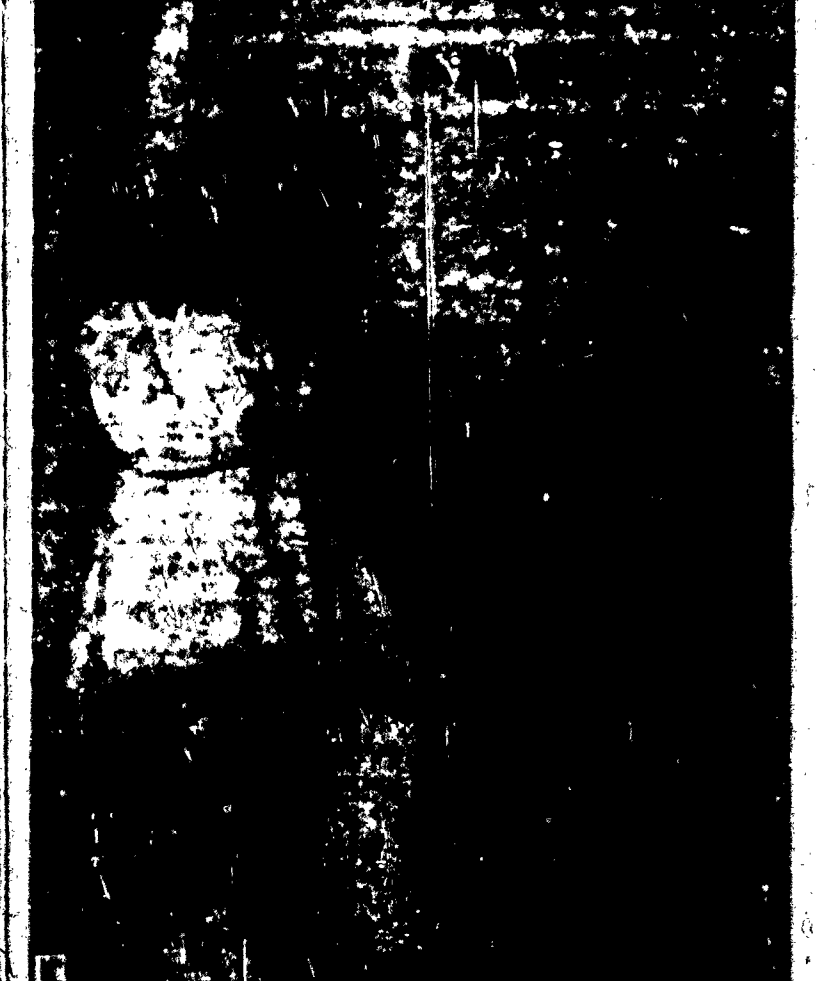
If it is determined beyond a doubt that the first baptism was valid, then any other baptism

would be not only unnecessary but entirely out of the question, since it is a sacrament that can be received but once. To establish its validity, however, we must investigate and find out the intention of the minister and his manner of baptizing. We must have conclusive proof and undeniable evidence that he baptizes according to the mind of Christ, that is to say, that he used the proper matter and form by pouring water on the head of the one to be baptized, and saying at the same time, "I baptize thee in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Since it is extremely difficult to show this, the Church, to remove this anxiety, and to be on the safe side, usually baptizes every convert, at least conditionally.

What would you say to a Catholic who does not go to Mass but who says he is just as good a Catholic as those who do go?

Such a Catholic is only deceiving himself. How can he be a good Catholic when he does not obey a law of the Church which obliges him under pain of mortal sin?

OUTSTANDING IRISH ACTRESS



Margaret O'Brien, 8-year-old screen star, receives the silver cup of the Los Angeles Gaelic Athletic Association, as the outstanding Irish actress of the year. Rev. Patrick Chery, of St. Eugene parish, Los Angeles, chaplain of the Association, is shown presenting the cup. Guest of honor at the St. Patrick's Night Banquet, Margaret was awarded the Association's status of St. Bridget. (N.C.W.C.)