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GOLDEN JUBILARIAN — Sister M. Fidelis of the Sisters of Mercy is congratulated by the Rev. William J. Brien, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church and Reverend Mother Lippert of the Sisters of Mercy, who came from Rochester for the nun's Golden Jubilee celebration.

400 Join In Tribute To Sister of Mercy On Her Golden Jubilee

By RITA RICKEY

Four hundred persons, friends among religious and laity, and former students, paid tribute Sunday to the long and devoted service of Sister M. Fidelis, on the occasion of her

Howard W. Klippert Resigns As Manager

Resigning to take up duties in another field, Howard W. Klippert will leave the CATHOLIC COURIER, this Saturday, after completing 11 years, on Wednesday, as manager of the diocesan newspaper.

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Experienced in the publishing and advertising field, he came with the COURIER in 1932, at the time of its reorganization as the diocesan organ.

During his eleven years as manager, circulation of the paper has been increased by school crusades, the Holy Name Union campaign and carried boy activity. Advertising has been developed and the three editions inaugurated. The paper's format was changed to the magazine type and departmental handling of editorial contents installed.

Mass Said Regularly At U. S. Camp For German Prisoners

ROSWELL, N. Mex. Mass is being celebrated regularly by the Rev. Generoso Stronk, O.F.M., for German prisoners of war at the prison camp here.

The prisoners sing hymns and pray the Mass with Father Stronk, who, much to the prisoners' delight, preaches to them in German. Before his appointment as chaplain at the internment camp, Father Stronk was stationed in Detroit.

The number of prisoners cannot be disclosed, but they include both soldiers and sailors. Some are members of captured submarine crews, while others were taken prisoners in North Africa. All religious denominations are given the right of freedom of worship at the camp.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK — A pint of blood donated by a civilian today will bring back a wounded boy to stay. **ANTHONY'S BAKE SHOPPE**, 516 Monroe Ave. Monroe 663—Adv.

Archbishop Spellman Plans To Sing Easter Mass In Jerusalem

Radios Report On Men In War Areas, Cites Antidote For Hate

NEW YORK (NC) — Before he reaches India, China and the Middle East, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the Armed Forces of the United States, plans to visit the American soldiers in the Holy Land during Holy Week and hopes to offer up the Sacrifice of the Mass on Easter Sunday in Jerusalem.

The Archbishop made these plans known in a short-wave radio address from London Sunday, addressed particularly to the 10,000 volunteer workers in the twenty-fourth annual appeal of the New York Catholic Charities. The appeal entered its final stages Sunday when the volunteer workers began a house-to-house canvass of the 22 parishes of the Archdiocese.

Reporting on his visits to armed camps in Africa and Great Britain, the Archbishop said: "The men over here are calm, determined, and certain about the winning of this war. And they like to hear and talk about the home fronts."

Fighters' Aim — "No sacrifice seems too great to them if they can be assured that the life they love, the country they love, can be returned again after the war is over. Their aim is America's aim—victory—and after victory a just and lasting peace."

"The contribution of the lives of these men, our men, will be in vain, will be a mockery, will be a fruitless sacrifice unless we win both the war and the peace."

"We shall win the war by manpower, brain power, arms power and our powerful sources of supply. We shall win the peace with the same powers, plus the powers of the soul and the source and resource of all powers of the soul is charity."

The Archbishop recalling his last day in New York in February and of the consoling thought which came to the parents of the five Sullivan Brothers when told that the boys had been spiritually prepared spoke of preparations made for the Catholic Charities campaign and of the letter sent to all in the Archdiocese.

"While I spoke my full heart in that letter, I welcomed this additional opportunity to speak to you: 'For where ere I roam, whatever realm to see; my heart, untraveled, feebly turns to thee.'"

"And also where 'ere I roam, I see America and Americans—striving, struggling, suffering and dying."

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Bishop Plagens Of Grand Rapids Dies

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The Most Rev. Joseph C. Plagens, fifth Bishop of Grand Rapids, died at St. Mary's Hospital here March 31, at the age of 59 years. He became Ordinary of this Diocese on Dec. 14, 1939.

The Most Rev. Edward Munnery, Archbishop of Detroit, advised of the solemn funeral service in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Tuesday, before coming to Grand Rapids. Bishop Plagens had been Bishop of Marquette and previously of the Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit.

Bishop Plagens had the distinction of being the first Member of the hierarchy to be consecrated in Detroit, in 1904, although at that time he was 39 years old.

The Rt. Rev. Mary Thomas L. Nea, Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary, will act as Administrator of the Diocese pending the appointment of a new Ordinary.

A native of Poznan, Poland, he had spent virtually all of his life in Michigan. Son of Andrew J. and Constantine (Cory) Plagens, he was born on Jan. 21, 1884, and was brought to Detroit when he was four years old.

He attended St. Casimir's Parochial School and Detroit College, now the University of Detroit, from which he was graduated in 1907. He then attended St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and was ordained to the priesthood on July 4, 1905.

He was widely known for his Americanism activities among the Polish residents of Detroit, when he was named Auxiliary Bishop, which post he held for seven years until he was translated to the Diocese of Marquette as Ordinary. During his five years there he rebuilt the Cathedral of St. Peter, which had been destroyed by fire.

Six African Tribal Chiefs At Holy Land

JERUSALEM — As guests of the Government, six East African chieftains have visited here and during their stay paid reverent visits to the sacred shrines and sites of the Holy City and to Bethlehem.

Two of the tribal rulers, Chiefs Massey and Amoth, who are Catholics, were invested with the Legion Cross of the Holy Land by the Rev. Albert Gori, O.F.M., Custos of the Holy Places. The tribal chiefs were accompanied by Father Laverty, a Catholic chaplain, who speaks their own and other African dialects.

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Consecrate 2 Bishops For Ireland Sees

DUBLIN (NC) — The consecration of two new Ordinaries for the Diocese of Dublin — the Most Rev. Eugene O'Callaghan, Bishop of Clonfert and the Most Rev. Daniel Galvin, Bishop of Elphin — took place Sunday at ceremonies held in Armagh and Cork respectively.

The Most Rev. Joseph Cardinal MacCarthy, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland, officiated at the consecration of Bishop O'Callaghan.

Among high Government officials attending were Prime Minister Eamon de Valera and representatives of all parties in the Dail, as well as Nationalist leaders of Northern Ireland.

Referring to an address from the Cardinal, Cardinal MacCarthy spoke in praise of the career of Bishop O'Callaghan, who formerly was Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Armagh. His Eminence then referred to the partition question, saying that the third point of the Atlantic Charter constituted a solemn undertaking which should be certain to bring partition to a speedy end.

The Most Rev. Daniel Galvin, Bishop of Cork, officiated at the consecration of his nephew and namesake in the Waterford Cathedral. He was assisted by the Most Rev. James J. Hynes, Bishop of Cloyne, and the Most Rev. Michael O'Connell, Bishop of Ferns.

Vatican Eases U. S. Wife's Anxiety By Sending Word of Soldier-Husband's Safety

WICHITA — A service by the Catholic Church was termed a "value beyond human reckoning" by the neighboring Fredonia sectarian newspaper when a bereaved non-Catholic wife, who had been notified by the War Department that her husband was "missing in action," learned through the Vatican that he was a prisoner of war in Italy.

The wife is Mrs. McCager Thompson, of Fredonia. Three

days after she learned from the War Department that her husband, Corpl. McCager Thompson, was "missing in action," the Rev. Patrick J. Leahy, of St. Patrick's Church, Parsons, called at the Thompson home. He notified the bereaved wife word had come to the Most Rev. Christian H. Winkelmann, Bishop of Wichita, from the Vatican through the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, that her husband was a prisoner of

war. The Vatican message, which instructed Mrs. Thompson to be notified, stated Corpl. Thompson had been wounded but was safe.

Commenting on the tragedy-turned-joy incident, Father Leahy said the action on the part of the Vatican "for this non-Catholic boy did more towards creating a better understanding toward the church here in Fredonia than the most eloquent apologetic sermon."