

ST. PATRICK'S, Owego

DEDICATE SERVICE ROLL

By Mary C. Brennan

OWEGO.—More than thirty boys of St. Patrick's Parish were publicly honored, together with several hundred from the Town of Owego on Sunday afternoon when the honor roll for this town was unveiled and dedicated in the cathedral. The ceremonies took place at 8 o'clock on Sunday afternoon and were attended by several hundred residents of this village and vicinity.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Michael L. Hynes, pastor of St. Patrick's Church and the principal address was given by the Rev. Decker St. Paul, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Music for the occasion was rendered by the Owego Free Academy Band and the Village Singers. The

dedication was given by the Rev. Harry Brennan, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Edward Kennedy Dies

Edward D. Kennedy, of this parish, died at the Kings General Hospital in Waverly on Sunday, April 11, aged 64 years. He had been in ill health for many years. The funeral will be held at St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock with the Rev. Michael L. Hynes, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery. He was born in Chazy, N. Y., on November 17, 1876, and was the son of Robert and Rose (Trumbull) Kennedy. Besides his wife he is survived by one brother, George Lalonde, two sisters, Mrs. John Malloy, of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. William Martin of Barr, Vt., and two half-sisters, Mrs. Edward Halsey and Mrs. Della Labombard, both of Manchester, N. H.

HOLY SEE GREET'S CHINA'S ENVOY



Dr. Chan Kang Shih, first Chinese Minister to the Holy See, pictured with Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, following the presentation of the Ambassador's credentials to the Holy Father recently. On this occasion he was also greeted by the Chinese students there. (N.C.W.C.)

Final Tribute Paid Miss Inogene Whalen

With Rev. Michael L. Hynes, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, officiating, the final Requiem Mass, funeral services for Miss Inogene E. Whalen were conducted Saturday morning, April 12, at St. Andrew's Church.

Miss Whalen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Whalen of 83 Fenwick St., died April 7, 1941. Assisting in the Mass were: Deacon, the Rev. Raymond W. West; Subdeacon, the Rev. John A. Redington; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan; Thewler, the Rev. Raymond Wahl; Acolytes, the Rev. Edward J. Tolster and the Rev. John F. Hayes.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James F. Keane, departed the final obsequies.

Other priests in attendance were: the Rev. Dr. William M. Cowen, the Rev. Arthur P. Flornick, the Rev. George W. Ford, the Rev. John M. O'Brien, the Rev. Bernard Kochman, the Rev. Arthur McGuire, the Rev. Gerald G. Lambert, the Rev. Michael G. Hagen, the Rev. William Tobin, the Rev. Michael Tydings, the Rev. George S. Woods, the Rev. William J. Schirrer, the Rev. Valentine Janowski.

The Rev. Raymond G. Hebel, the Rev. Charles B. Connell, the Rev. Michael J. Tydings, the Rev. Daniel W. Frazer, the Rev. John J. Treacy, the Rev. Joseph J. O'Connell, the Rev. Dennis W. Healy, the Rev. John E. Macey, the Rev. Frank Valchovskis and the Rev. Richard E. Durn.

Deacons were: Bert Horton, George Schae, Vincent Courteau, Francis Courteau, John Dagen and Thomas Powers.

Final blessing at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was given by Father Whalen.

ST. JAMES, Waverly

PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION

By ELLIEN T. BALGUY

Waverly.—Palm Sunday, April 13, will be regular Communion Sunday for the Altar Society Guild. Meeting will be held in the afternoon at 4 o'clock.

An offering will be taken up at all the Masses Palm Sunday to purchase flowers for Holy Thursday, Friday and Holy Week.

C.D.A. Communion

Count Jean of Ars Catholic Daughters of America will complete plans for their annual Communion Rally at the regular meeting May 9.

Plan Holy Thursday

Children of the parish under the direction of Mrs. John Conley and Mrs. Robert Conroy are preparing for the procession of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday.

Lougher-Kump

Helen Marie Kump, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kump of Waton, and Capt. Robert Gerald Lougher, son of David Lougher of

Waverly, were married Monday evening at 7:30 at the rectory of Holy Epiphany Church. Rev. John J. Gough performed the ceremony.

Miss Ross Kump, sister of the bride, and Arthur Lougher, brother of the groom were attendants. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride for the immediate families and friends.

Mr. Lougher is a graduate of Waverly High School and at present is employed at Belle Knitting Corporation.

General Lougher graduated from Waverly High School and is now with the armed forces at Camp Edwards, Mass.

PRIEST BEGINS 50th YEAR AS PASTOR OF SAME CHURCH

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—The Rev. John Stephen, pastor of the Church of St. Stephen, First Parish of Johnstown, in this city, who will enter upon his fiftieth year in the priesthood, April 14, is believed here to be the oldest active pastor in the United States.

Father Stephen, who is 63 years of age, is called the dean of the St. Stephen's priests in the United States, and is dean of the priests in the Diocese of Altoona. He entered upon his fiftieth year as pastor of St. Stephen's Church on Mar. 14. He sometimes makes as many as three or four sick calls in one day, hears confessions for as long as four and five hours on Saturdays, and on Sundays celebrates two Masses, one of which is a sung Mass.

Mass For King

MEXICO CITY.—A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of King Alfonso XIII was offered in the Church of the Holy Family here, on the anniversary of his death. The service was attended principally by the Spanish Colony of the Capital and by Mexican citizens who are descendants of the Spanish nobility and who still use their titles.

Christ Possessed Acquired Knowledge Proper To Men

By Linus Riordan, Litt.M.

Christ, as man, in addition to beatific knowledge and infused knowledge, possessed that knowledge that is gained through sense perception and natural reason.

Besides the state that was Christ's by virtue of His beatific vision, He assumed that the theologians call the wayfaring state, namely, that in which men are constituted in their normal lives on earth while they are journeying to their eternal home in heaven. Christ then as a wayfarer had proper title to that knowledge appropriate to those in the wayfaring state. Acquired, or experiential knowledge, is proper to those in the wayfaring state.

If, moreover, Christ's human nature is perfect, and there is not the slightest doubt that it is, He was equipped with all the natural faculties of man, sensitive and intellectual. Yet His intellectual faculty would be a useless thing if it did not have the acquired knowledge that is gained by the intellect abstracting the intelligible from the material. Christ in assuming a human nature did not make of that nature a toy, but a real living and perfect being capable of doing every act that is proper to humanity. His human intellect accordingly was capable of doing that for which it was created; it was able to acquire experiential knowledge.

It is true that, through the beatific vision and the infused knowledge, Christ as man knew everything that He could know by experience. Yet He was able to "learn," that is, to become acquainted with what He already knew as if were from a different viewpoint. And is this not a common every day experience with most men? For example, take the case of a man that is being trained to handle a machine in a munitions factory. He is first instructed all about the machine, and is shown its various mechanisms and how they operate. But that knowledge is only theoretical. Not until that man has actually run the machine and learned by experience, or acquired knowledge, does he have a real and complete knowledge of that machine. Such an example could be multiplied by the thousands. One must not, however, get the false idea that Christ's beatific knowledge and infused knowledge were imperfect. They were not; they were perfect; but, through the acquired knowledge, He knew things in a new manner.

That Our Lord possessed acquired knowledge is proved from Scripture. "And He, His though He was, learned obedience from the things that He suffered" (Heb. vii). Christ knew theoretically the nature of suffering and pain before He actually suffered; but by enduring them He knew them as real acquired experiences. St. Luke relates that "Jesus advanced in wisdom" (ll. 51). To "advance in wisdom" necessarily means to acquire knowledge of something new. This progress moreover by no means can be proved repugnant in Christ.

The Fathers understood the progress in Christ's wisdom as attested by Luke. "He (Christ) advanced," says St. Ambrose, "in the wisdom of man, but in the wisdom of the senses." St. Vincentius wrote that "as it belongs to flesh to advance in age, so it belongs to the soul to advance in wisdom and grace, which however could not advance in wisdom if it did not have natural understanding, which is granted to man on account of their reason."

There was real progress and positive growth in the knowledge of Christ, for otherwise the active intellect of Christ would be a useless thing. Christ learned; but He was never taught by man or by angels. He was independent from the teachers of men. He was from the very first moment of His life the teacher of men and not their pupil. The Western Catholic.

South's Urgent Need Cited By Bishop

PHILADELPHIA.—The Most Rev. Eugene J. McGuinness, Bishop of Raleigh, writing in The Ecclesiastical Review on the condition of the Church in the South, particularly in the State of North Carolina, asserts the principal difficulty in our work arises from lack of personnel and equipment. "Had we additional priests, Sisters and Brothers, to establish schools and chapels in every section of this great State, there is no telling the good that could be accomplished for God and country," Bishop McGuinness writes. "We are not here to proselytize church-goers, but very definitely we are here to bring to His Tabernacle those who by neglect or distance fall Him."

The Bishop's article, titled "The South—a Neglected Opportunity," states there are 50 counties in the State in which there is not a Catholic chapel or a priest and adds "hence it is natural to conclude that the twin of ignorance—prejudice and bigotry—abound in these parts."

Bishop McGuinness stresses the importance of the race question in the South, which he termed "an overwhelming one" from a patriotic as well as a religious standpoint. He estimated there are 15,000,000 colored persons in the South and of this number only 200,000 Catholics. The Bishop inquires:

"Did you ever consider what an easy prey these people could be for the subtle, specious doctrines of Communism?"

And the things which they have heard of me by many witnesses, the same commended to faithful men who shall be fit to teach others also.—Tim. II, 2, 2.

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BANK EXPANDS
Bogota.—The Circulo de Obreros, founded by the Rev. Jose Maria Campomanes, S.J., for the economic as well as social intellectual and moral betterment of the working classes, continues to expand its scope. Its efforts, or cooperative savings bank. New branches were opened in 1940 in the Department of Boyaca, Cundinamarca, Santander, North Santander and Valle.

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