

Jesuit In Navy

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — The Rev. James J. Higgins, S. J., for the past four years teacher of senior classes at Brooklyn Preparatory College, has been commissioned a chaplain in the Navy and has reported for training at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.

Courage Shown While Adrift 83 Days On Raft Wins Awards

NEW YORK (NC) — Seaman Dash D. Leo, Catholic U. S. Navy

gunner, was reunited here with the two Dutch seamen with whom he was adrift for 83 days on a life raft in the South Atlantic after their merchant ship had been torpedoed. The three were awarded medals by the National Maritime Union for "unparalleled courage and stamina" at a Labor-for-Victory rally in Yankee Stadium. Seaman Leo, of South Barry, Mass., credited the rescue at himself and his companions to an answer from God of the unceasing prayers they offered throughout their uncharted 2,200-mile voyage at sea. Seaman Leo had visited war plants and ship yards on a morale-building tour sponsored by the Navy Department.

Many Priests Attend Father Wise's Rites

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Hannoverport, a classroom was held at the Pontifical Mass. The Office of the Dead was chanted by priests of the diocese in the Holy Family Church on Friday evening.

Following the services at Holy Family, the body of Father Wise was brought back to Auburn and taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wise of 122 North Howard Ave., Auburn, where a continuous line of prayers called Saturday and Sunday, Services at Auburn.

On Monday morning, May 3, 1943, services were held at the family home and at Holy Family Church.

At the church, the Rev. John M. Crowley, pastor of St. Alexius Church, sang the Requiem High Mass, the Rev. Andrew T. Diocetti and Deacon, the Rev. Ignace X. Chaves, Subdeacon; the Rev. John C. O'Connell, Master of Ceremonies; the Rev. Hubert Stey and the Rev. Joseph McCarthy, Acolytes, and the Rev. Ralph Meyer, Thurifer.

Members of the choir were the Reverend Fathers Richard Torrey, Albert J. Horr, Vincent Collins, Dennis Hickey, Walter R. Abending with John P. O'Malley as organist.

Bearers were the Reverend Fathers Lawrence W. Cannon, Leo Jones, Jacob R. Tamler, Walter Fischer, Joseph McManara, and Gregory Dugan.

The following priests were present for the funeral services and the committal services at St. Joseph's Cemetery: the Rt. Rev. Mgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the Diocese; the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Walter J. Lee, V.S.; the Rev. Mgr. Frederick Cunningham, and the Rev. Fathers James Cuffney, Bartholomew L. Quirk, Frederick G. Straub, Dr. William W. Cowen, John Guy, Albert J. Colgan, John S. Randall, John P. O'Beane, William McPadden, Michael Hynes.

The Reverend Fathers Dr. Edward J. Byrne, William E. Davis, Joseph V. Curtin, William J. Byrne, V. Curtin, William J. Nacca, Joseph P. Hatley, John S. Whalen, Lawrence Sanson, John Smith and Chaplain Francis Waterstrat, of the U. S. Army.

The Reverend Fathers Patrick Cleary, M.M., John Brill, John Neary, Walter Fleming, Gerard Geffel, Richard Tormoy, Albert Horr, Dennis Hickey, Edward Kiley and Charles V. Boyle.

Father Wise, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wise, died Wednesday morning, April 28, 1943, at the home of his parents. Ordained in 1926 he celebrated his first Solemn High Mass at Holy Family Church, Auburn.

They shall look upon Me whom they have pierced.—Zach. XII, 10.

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FR. JAMES DROUGHT, MARYKNOLL'S VICAR GENERAL, SUCCEDES

MARYKNOLL, N. Y. — The Very Rev. James Matthew Drought, Vicar General of Maryknoll, died in New York City on Saturday afternoon from a heart attack, suffered while he was talking with friends. Father Drought was 48 years old.

With Bishop Francis X. Ford, of Brooklyn, he pioneered the opening of the Maryknoll Kaying Mission. While in Kaying he wrote a grammar of Hakka, a dialect of the Chinese language. In 1926, he was transferred to the Philippine Islands for special work. He was active in the field of education. He administered hostels for Catholic students studying at Filipino universities.

In 1928, Father Drought returned to America to attend the first General Chapter of the Society to be held the following year. He came to the United States by way of Russia. Travelling across that country and studying Russian life. At the General Chapter he was elected Third Councillor. In 1934, he was appointed Vicar General and Treasurer of the Society. At the Hong Kong Chapter, in 1936, he was elected Vicar General and reappointed to the position of Treasurer.

Returning from Hong Kong, his plane crashed over Crete and he suffered a fractured spine. Though his back in active duty within a year, the accident left a permanent mark on his health.

WIFE OF CHINESE DIPLOMAT FOLLOWS THEIR CHILDREN INTO CATHOLIC FAITH

CHICAGO.—Mrs. T. P. Sin, wife of Dr. Sin, official Delegate of Justice of the Chinese Government, was baptized after the 8 o'clock Mass here in St. Theresa's Chinese Catholic Mission by the pastor, the Rev. John T. S. Mao. Three and one-half years ago Father Mao baptized Dr. and Mrs. Sin's two older children, Myra, then 19, and Barbara, 12. In 1942, he also baptized the couple's three younger children in New York: Victoria 7, Matthew 10 and Paul 8. For the ceremony today Myra came from Chestnut Hill Academy, Philadelphia, and Matthew from Norwood Academy, Philadelphia. Father Mao became acquainted with Dr. and Mrs. Sin in Washington about five years ago.

Named Rector Of Catholic U.

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subject directly to the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities in Vatican City. The Rector is appointed by the Holy Father.

Monsignor McCormick becomes the seventh Rector of the University in the more than half-century of its existence. He is the first alumnus to be chosen for the office and is the oldest cleric in point of service at the institution, having been appointed instructor in education in 1918. He was appointed Vice-Rector in May, 1936, and has had the distinction of having twice served as Acting Rector.

Mass At Air Field

KIESLER FIELD, Miss. — A Solemn Mass was celebrated on a platform erected between Hangars 1 and 2 here. In addition to the Gregorian Chant choir there was music by the Air Force Band.