

'Vocation Week' Set For Diocese Schools

The week of May 16-22 has been designated by the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, the Rev. John M. Duffy, as Vocation Week in all schools of the Diocese of Rochester. While intended primarily for pupils of the eighth grade and seniors in high school, it has been urged that all children in the schools offer their Communion for more vocations, especially in our own diocese. It will be observed as a week of prayer and study.

Representatives of various Missionary Orders have arranged to be in town and speak to the children of the eighth grade and senior high school students during the coming week. The Rev. William Ferree, a member of the Marianist Order, will be on hand from his headquarters in Dayton, and will speak in some of the elementary high schools in Rochester, Corning and Ellettsville. Father Ferree made a survey of conditions in South America recently, and is now concerned with spreading information on the pressing needs for missionary vocations there.

The Rev. Walter Hafer, S.V.D., will be present from the Sacred Heart Mission House, Girard, Pa. He will also visit schools in Rochester, and Avon, Lima, Canan-

List Marianist Father For Catholic Hour Radio Talk

The Rev. William Ferree, a member of the Marianist Order who comes from Dayton, Ohio for Vocation Week in the Rochester Diocese, will be the speaker on the Catholic Hour on Sunday, 11:15 p. m., Station WHAM. Father Ferree will discuss "America—The Arsenal of Vocations."

Deacon, Ossage, Waterbury, Bruce, Feltz and Astoria.

The Rev. Gregory Flynn, from the Passionist Monastery at Dunkirk, will visit several Rochester schools.

In addition to the speakers, all schools will receive a brochure on Vocations, which shows the various religious orders represented in the diocese of Rochester.

TELLS PRELATES OF TOUR FOR N. C. C. S.



Appearing before the Spring meeting of the Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference, which Archbishop and Bishops are also the Board of Trustees of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, were Archbishop and Bishops of the Diocese of Rochester. From left to right: Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco, Archbishop Edward Mooney of Detroit, Chairman of the Board; Mr. Matthews, Archbishop of Chicago and Archbishop John T. McElroy of New York. O. F. of Cincinnati, Rev. Neagle.

World Government Or Chaos Is Prediction Of Archbishop Lucey

NEW ORLEANS (NC).—A world government of nations to promote the social, political and economic welfare of the family of nations and insure a lasting peace is envisioned by the Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, as the ideal post-war aftermath.

It's alternative, he said, is chaos. Archbishop Lucey spoke at the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Louis Cathedral here, which climaxed the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, was celebrant at the Mass and the Cathedral was filled with Members of the Hierarchy, the clergy, Religious and lay.

At the outset of his sermon, Archbishop Lucey traced the history of the Archdiocese and the various personages of the Church who governed it. The Diocese was erected in 1793 by Pope Pius VI at the request of King Charles IV of Spain. It began with 22 priests, 22 parishes and a population of 44,000. It comprised ten States in the Mississippi Valley, parts of five other States and all of Florida.

Present-day problems. Today this vast area, Archbishop Lucey pointed out, is partitioned into 77 Archdioceses and Dioceses and has Catholic population of nearly 2,000,000 persons.

Dwelling on present-day problems, Archbishop Lucey said:

"Specifically what is the supreme problem of our time? I do not think that winning the war is our greatest problem. That seems to be assured. But guns cannot build a better world; they can only destroy our adversaries. Our supreme challenge is purely spiritual and partly physical. It has to do with the moral order and with the machinery of organized living.

"It is required that of all that we conceive of many nations are constituting our human race, one world community, separated by rivers and oceans, by languages and customs, but one in origin, nature and destiny and one in the fatherhood of God and the grace of Jesus Christ, one in the joys and sorrows of a common humanity, one in the very human need for peace and justice and love. The spiritual unity has now been added physical unity by reason of rapid transportation and communication. The world is a neighborhood. We have a world society without a world government.

"This then is the challenge: to put our country into a world organization to guarantee the peaceful settlement of disputes, political cooperation and economic prosperity. Every other method has been tried and failed— isolation, neutrality, armaments, the balance of power, mutual assistance pacts, treaties outlawing war, regional pacts, trade treaties, peace treaties—all these have been tested and all have failed.

"There is nothing left but this: a world government for the world community. The alternative is chaos.

Known to Catholics. "The idea of a society of nations is not new for Catholics. In modern times Pope Benedict XV and Pius XII have suggested it. The purpose of such an organization would be to promote the social, political and economic welfare of the family of nations. The world government would set up a court of international justice and the government would have power to punish unjust aggressors. Those who shy away from a world police force should remember that a government that may not invoke sanctions is no government at all.

"Even the Catholic Church, a peace-loving society, invokes canonical penalties upon her recalcitrant children. All law must be supported, otherwise it disintegrates. The law of nations is no exception."

FIRST EVENING MASS. Karachi, India.—The distinction of being celebrant at the first evening Mass held in India fell to the Rev. William Francis Mullaly, of St. Louis, a chaplain in the U. S. Army, serving in India.

Official Directory Records 22,945,247 Catholics in U. S.

NEW YORK (NC).—Catholics in the United States, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands now number 22,945,247 according to the Official Catholic Directory for 1943, just issued by P. J. Kennedy & Sons, New York. While 26 dioceses report no change in their Catholic population and 37 report slight decreases, the advance indicated in 31 dioceses show substantial gains, so that the new total represents an increase of 288,000 over last year.

Archdioceses with Catholic populations in excess of one million are Chicago, with 1,863,976; New York, with 1,111,718; and Boston, with 1,042,874. Brooklyn, with 821,045, continues as the largest diocese, while Pittsburgh, with 667,477 is the second largest diocese.

The 1943 issue of the Official Catholic Directory is published at a time when virtually the entire world is at war and, as always, the Church comes forward in lines of crisis. Catholics have again risen to the defense of their country in great numbers. It is estimated that 20 per cent of all men in the fighting forces are Catholics. Appreciating the spiritual requirements of this great number, the Hierarchy has selected priests to act as chaplains.

At the request of the Government, the names of these chaplains are given in this issue of the Directory without addresses and the Military Ordinariate, pages 726 to 745, lists the great number of priests who are serving with the armed forces. Their names also appear in the alphabetical list of priests, merely with mention of their Diocese and the chapel to which they are assigned as "U. S. Army Chaplain" or "U. S. Navy Chaplain." Thus, for the second time in its 121 years of publication, the Directory is publishing a large list of priests without addresses.

Cited For Bravery

CHICAGO.—The Rev. James J. Fitzgerald, a Marine Corps chaplain who holds the rank of captain, has been cited for unusual bravery under fire at Tulagi, in the Solomon Islands area. Father Fitzgerald, who until a year ago was assistant pastor at Queen of Angels Church here, received the citation from Rear Admiral T. S. Wilkinson, deputy commander of the South Pacific area.

Father Neagle Experiences War Conditions In Serving Men On Maneuvers In South

By MARYROSE BARRON

AUBURN.—Rev. Ralph F. Neagle, son of Mrs. Alice Neagle of Osborna Street, and the late Thomas Neagle, is with the men of the 100th Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Father Neagle enlisted in the Army as a chaplain last October and after completing his course at the Chaplain's School at Harvard University was assigned to Fort Jackson. Chaplains were greatly interested in Father Neagle's Christmas services at Fort Jackson and they will be just as glad to know that his Holy Week Program was a real success.

During Passion Week Father Neagle was out on maneuvers with the men of the 100th Division. The men stayed out all day and all night amid the scolding rain. Father Neagle tells us that he raised the entire work and when it rains in South Carolina it comes down in torrents. The 80th Field Artillery were "at war" that week and practice bullets were being fired thirty inches above the ground.

In order to reach his men that he might say Mass, Father Neagle was obliged to crawl on his hands and knees under wire fences with bullets whizzing over his head, for they were being fired thirty inches above ground. He says it was a real experience.

Perhaps most of us will be amazed to know that every day that week except Sunday Father Neagle said Mass for his men in the field where imaginary war was taking place (not as imaginary as one might think) that all his men included at Mass despite the fact that they had been out all night, and despite the deluge they were experiencing. He even held Novena services on Thursday evening and his men attended faithfully.

Each Sunday to Father Neagle was different from any other Sunday since he becomes a priest. Instead of the elaborate communion to which we have accustomed in the Rochester Diocese, he said Mass in a field at five o'clock in the morning and it was still raining in sheets, so he had to offer the Holy Sacrifice in the back of a truck while his men stood in the rain and "took it." Father Neagle says that saying Mass in a truck is not as simple as it sounds for he is fairly tall and had quite a time to turn around and bend over without bumping his head against the top of the truck. He had to move slowly and carefully in order to avoid disaster.

Father Neagle's Chapel was decorated beautifully on Holy Thursday, he tells us. The Holy Trinity vestment was as nice as any he has ever seen. Two men came from the city to decorate it for him and he had a Guard of Honor composed of men from the 100th Division who watched with Our Lord all day and all night. The morning came to see the religious and were greatly interested in the service. A "Holy Week" of their day evening Mass was held and he had a beautiful service.

Answers Navy Call

DUBUQUE.—Reverend Dr. James J. Neagle of Merry Hospital, Dubuque City, the Rev. Francis J. Chene, D.D., has returned to the Navy as a chaplain. He entered the Naval Chaplains' Training School at Williams and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., last week.

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