

'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 congratulations 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 Ferrer, a member of the Marist Order, will be on hand from his headquarters in Dayton, and will speak in some of the elementary high schools in Rochester. Corning and Elmira, Father Ferrer made a survey of conditions in South America recently, and is now concerned with spreading information on the growing needs for missionary vocations there.

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

List Maristist Father For Catholic Hour Radio Talk

The Rev. William Ferrer, a member of the Marist Order who comes from Dayton, Ohio for Vocation Week in the Rochester Diocese, will be the speaker on the Catholic Hour on Sunday, 12:30 p. m., Station WYAM. Father Ferrer will discuss "America—The Jewel of Tomorrow."

Delgan, Geneva, Waterloo, Seneca Falls and Albion.

The Rev. Gregory Flynn, from the Franciscan 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.

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 M. 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. Hummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, was celebrant at the Mass and the Cathedral was filled with members of the hierarchy, the clergy, religious and laity.

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 1783 by Pope Pius VI at the request of King Charles IV of Spain. It began with 21 priests, 22 parishes and a population of 24,000. It comprised ten States in the Mississippi Valley, parts of five other States and all of Florida.

Present-day Louisiana, Archbishop Lucey pointed out, is partitioned into 17 Archdioceses and Dioceses and has Catholic population of nearly 3,000,000 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 civilization. Our supreme challenge is partly 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 as constituting one human race, one world community, separated by rivers and oceans, by languages and customs, but not 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. To 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 Mahaffy, of St. Louis, a chaplain in the U. S. Army forces in India.

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



Approving before the spring meeting of the Administrative Board, National Catholic Officers' School, were Archbishop and Bishop who also the Board of Trustees of the National Catholic Officers' School, one of the U.S.O. organizations, Francis P. Matthews of Omaha reported on the visit of United States Army Surgeon in England, Ireland and Scotland which he conducted in the past year and directed the N.C.O.S. work. Mr. Matthews was in England, Ireland and Scotland in the past year and directed the N.C.O.S. work. Mr. Matthews was in England, Ireland and Scotland in the past year and directed the N.C.O.S. work. Mr. Matthews was in England, Ireland and Scotland in the past year and directed the N.C.O.S. work.

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 F. J. Kennedy & Sons, New York. While 28 dioceses report no change in their Catholic population, and 27 report slight decrease, the advance indicated in 11 dioceses show substantial gains, so that the new total represents an increase of 200,000 over last year.

Archdioceses with Catholic populations in excess of one million are Chicago, with 1,800,000; New York with 1,111,718 and Boston with 700,000. Brooklyn, with 600,000, continues as the largest diocese, while Pittsburgh, with 500,000 is the second largest diocese.

The 1943 issue of the Official Catholic Directory is published at a time when vitally the entire world is at war and, as always, the Church comes forward in times of crisis. Catholics have again risen to the defense of their country in great numbers. It is estimated that 70 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 728 to 746, 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 notation of their Diocese and the simple appellation "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.

Forty Hours

The Forty Hours Devotions will be held in the following churches of the Rochester Diocese: Sunday, May 16.—Immaculate Conception, Rochester; St. Thomas, Sunnysville; St. Aloysius, Auburn; St. Patrick's, Elmira; Albany; Avon; Hammondsport; Livonia; Ludlowville; Lyons; Macedon; Mendon; Ovid; Port Byron; Rodan.

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

By MATTHEW BARNETT

AUBURN—Rev. Ralph F. Neagle, son of John Neagle of Colburn Street, and the late Francis Neagle with the men of the 100th Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Caroline Father Neagle, called to the Army as a chaplain in October and after completing his course at the Chaplain's School at Harvard University was assigned to Fort Jackson. Subsequent reports from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, were greatly interested in Father Neagle's Christmas services at Fort Jackson and they will be just as glad to know that his study week program was a real success.

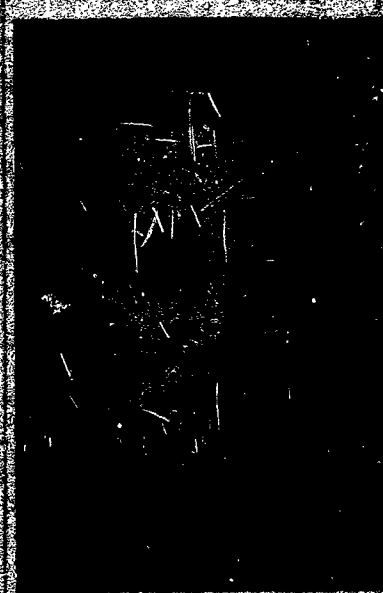
During Passion Week Father Neagle was out on maneuvers with the men of the 100th Division. The men stayed out all day and all night amid the pouring rain for Father Neagle tells us that it rained the entire week and when it rains in South Carolina it comes down in torrents. The 100th Field Artillery 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 sailing over his head as 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 Saturday Father Neagle said Mass for his men in the field where imaginary war was taking place (not so imaginary as one might think) that all his men assisted 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.

Palm Sunday to Father Neagle was different from any Palm Sunday since he became a priest. Instead of the elaborate ceremonies in 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, as 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 in his letter. His report 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 ceremony was greatly enjoyed. He also conducted a "Holy Mass" at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, on Good Friday afternoon from six to nine. He reports that the men of the 100th Division were sold again in the evening at "black."



Chaplain Ralph Neagle

On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross were said in the field and again it was raining. Father Neagle also conducted Holy Mass on the Seven Last Words on Good Friday afternoon from six to nine. He reports that the men of the 100th Division were sold again in the evening at "black."

On Easter Sunday the church was crowded and the attendance was excellent. Besides the Stations of the Cross in the field for his men, he also conducted Mass for the Negro Catholics at Ft. Oyster which is known as Camp 22 at Fort Jackson. There are 100 Negro troops at Fort Jackson and the chaplains of the different faiths had services for the various groups.

Father Neagle, a native of Auburn, served as a assistant priest in Rochester, Geneva and Elmira. He is a graduate of St. Mary's School, Auburn High School, attended Syracuse University, and was ordained in Rochester with the Class of 1922 of St. Vincent's Seminary.

Answers Navy Call

PUBLICIZE.—Leaving the Chaplaincy of Mary Hospital, Albany, the Rev. Francis J. Chappin, III has entered the Navy as a chaplain. He entered the Navy Chaplain Training School at Williams and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., this week.

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