

### Priests Volunteer To Preach Missions To Men In Service

CINCINNATI — (NC) — The Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Military Delegate is receiving communications from members of the diocese and regular clergy throughout the country volunteering their services to preach missions to the men in the armed service.

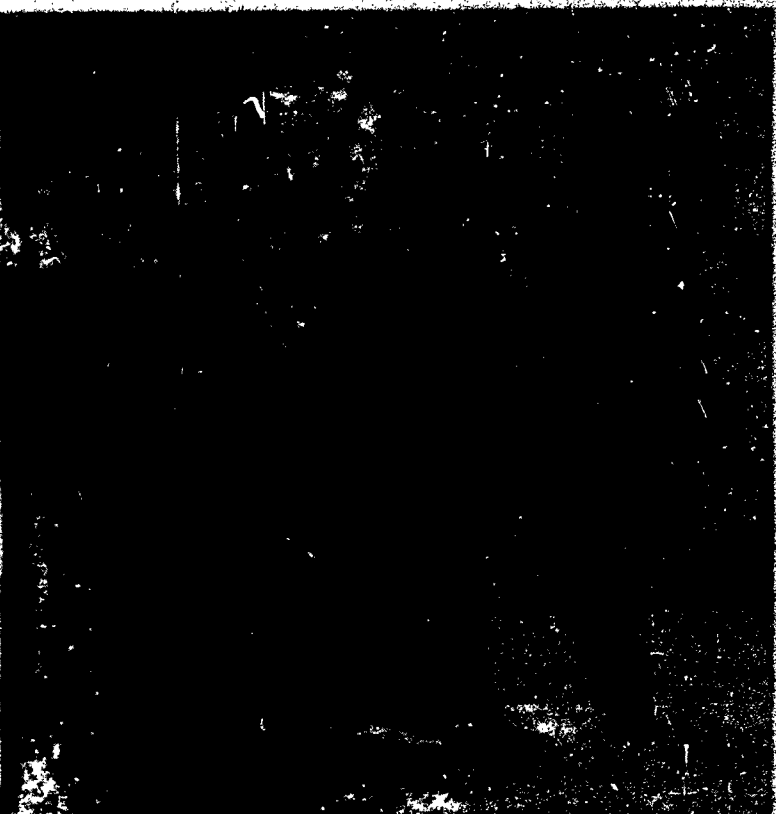
Many of the communications have been in response to an appeal from the Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference, here, of which the Very Rev. Magr. Edward A. Freking is National Spiritual Director.

"The movement of missions for our men in the armed service is becoming most popular," Bishop O'Hara said today. "Even abroad, just behind the front lines, missions have been held with great success."

The letters from volunteers are being received by Bishop O'Hara at the Military Ordinariate, 402 Madison Ave., New York City.

The priests who are volunteering to preach missions in the soldiers' camps will work in cooperation with the Army chaplains who will make the arrangements for these spiritual exercises. The Laymen's Retreat Conference reports an increased number of retreatants throughout the country despite the handicaps of transportation and food rationing. Many soldiers on furlough and many inductees are joining the increasing number of retreatants.

The need of religion as the support of morale has been pointed out by many chaplains and by officers and men, in the various branches of the armed forces. Writing from the African front, a Catholic boy who had just made a mission, wrote to Monsignor Freking: "Thank God for my religion. The men who scoffed at religion and were tough behind the lines, are the first to crack under fire. Nearly three weeks of it is enough to shatter any man's nerves and the men who laughed at religion back there are the first to call on God for help when the going is tough. We who have had the consolation of our Faith have learned to be calm. There is one thing that is a mystery to me. I can never seem to understand during those dark moments on the battlefield what the men do who are unfamiliar with God and prayer. What does he do to calm his nerves? I have thought of but one logical answer: Somewhere, someone is praying for his protection. Prayer, I have found, is that vital to our safety."



TOURING BATTLE ZONES — Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, of New York, Military Vicar of the Armed Forces, continues his tour of U. S. Army camps overseas where he confers with Catholic Chaplains and troops. He is shown above at Valletta, Malta, which he toured with the mayor and parish priest, whooping for himself the suffering which the Maltese have endured in the most bombed spot in the world. Associated Press photo. (NCWC).

### 4 Diocesan Priests To Mark Silver Jubilees

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Sunday, June 6 at 11 A. M. will be the highpoint in his celebration. Father Weismann will be assisted by: Deacon, the Rev. F. Williams Stauber; Rubensson, the Rev. Arthur E. Fierock; The Rev. Joseph Falsetti, S.T.D., will preach the Jubilee sermon. A dinner for the clergy will be held in St. Philip's Hall, Sunday, June 6 at 1 P. M.

At the Jubilee Mass, Father Weismann will be assisted by St. Bernard's Convent, No. 272, Knights of St. John, in command of Capt. Charles Miller. St. Philip Neri's Men's Club will conduct a party on Saturday evening at the hall, 1300 North Goodman Street in honor of the Jubilation. The Parish Reception will take place on Monday, June 7 at 2 P. M. Committee in charge is headed by Oscar Rosenbater, chairman.

### 25 Year Priestly Service Of Four Pastors Reviewed

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The Rev. Lee G. Schwab was born in Rochester. He was educated in Blessed Sacrament School, Rochester; St. Andrew's Seminary, St. Bernard's Seminary. He sang his First Solemn High Mass on Sunday, June 9, 1918, and on July 20, 1918, was appointed Assistant Pastor at Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester. On Dec. 17, 1918, Father Schwab was transferred to become Assistant Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira. Under the Rt. Rev. Magr. James J. Bloomer as Pastor, Father Schwab served until the former's death on Nov. 10, 1921. In May, 1922, the Rev. William J. Brien was appointed second pastor of St. Patrick's, Elmira. On July 2, 1924, Father Schwab was appointed Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Leicester; St. Lucy's, Retard, and St. Raphael's, Pittard.

On May 28, 1926, Father Schwab was appointed by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, to become the first pastor of the new Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Under Father Schwab's supervision the beautiful new church, cornerstone for which was laid on Apr. 20, 1921, was built and dedicated by Bishop Kearney, Oct. 26, 1921.

The Rev. George J. Weismann was born in Rochester. His education was received at Holy Family School, West High School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary. His first assignment was as Assistant Pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, 1918 to 1922. While serving as Assistant Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester, from 1922 to 1927, he was appointed Administrator of Annunciation Church, Rochester, and served from 1928 to 1938.

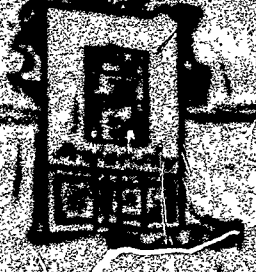
Named Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in 1938 he was also Administrator of St. Philip Neri Church from 1938 to 1939.

When in 1939 the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Rochester, was closed and the Church of St. Francis Xavier was assigned to the care of its parishioners, Father Weismann was assigned to the then resident parishes of St. Philip Neri where he is serving at the present time. Since then a rectory has been purchased at 1128 North Goodman St. and a Church Hall has been erected.

Father Weismann has also been, since 1938, Moderator of the St. Peter Claver Society of which he was the founder. This Society has its headquarters at the St. Peter Claver Center, 11 Rosse St., Rochester. Purpose of this Society is to unite the colored people socially under Catholic auspices. Membership is open to all Catholic colored people and to all others who are interested in getting exact information about the doctrine and practice of the Catholic Church.

### Requiem For Famous Ball Player

SCRANTON — (NC) — Requiem Mass was celebrated here for the repose of the soul of William ("BUD") Conahan, who played third base for the Detroit Tigers baseball team when his friend and neighbor, the late Hughie Jennings, was manager of three pennant winning teams. The two attended the same Church here. Mrs. Jennings, widow of the famous manager, instructed here from Scranton to attend the funeral Mass.



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