

SCENE OF "CATHOLIC HOUR" PROGRAMS



The new religious studio of the National Broadcasting Company in New York, where soon the Sunday "Catholic Hour," produced by the National Council of Catholic Men, will be held, as well as other religious programs. The studio will seat 300 persons. The credits to the work of Alfred James Turk, of Stamford, Conn. (N.C.W.C.)

Catholic Hour Message

High Morale, Morals Will Assure Victory Says Navy Chaplain

NEW YORK (NC) — Combination of a high morale and a high moral standard, which is the constant objective of the Navy chaplains, prevails among men of the Navy today and "victory then cannot be denied them. Christian Warriors, but become a certain as God's stars above our fighting forces," the Rev. John R. Bolet, Catholic Assistant to the Navy Chief of Chaplains, asserted here Sunday evening in a "Catholic Hour" radio address.

Father Bolet, who holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander, related the duties of the assistant Navy chaplains on the radio program, produced by the N.C.W.C. and carried on a country-wide N.E.C. network.

Primary duties of the Navy Chaplain, Father Bolet explained, are those of the ordained minister of God, "to bring God to men and men to God." To achieve this objective, Father Bolet explained, the chaplain makes use of every channel available to him, "divine services, administration of the Sacraments — private consultations and men to men talk."

Victory in the present war and progress in the peace to come, Father Bolet said, depends upon the unity of all Americans, and that unity must be free from "racial mistrust, class hatreds and religious bigotry. The Navy chaplain, he said, exercises a powerful and lasting influence in the development of "the true American spirit by bringing 'this desired mutual respect, understanding and tolerance' to all men."

"Navy Chaplains are always interested in explaining and defending the true liberty for which our nation is waging war today," Father Bolet said, "namely, the 'freedom to do what is right' — right before God and right before man. Moreover the Navy Chaplain realizes that the fine youthful lives of your sons are not built by physical well-being or intellectual training alone."

Basic Belief in God. "True — there are necessary and important helps to his well-being; but as the foundation for everything else, there must be the basic belief in God, knowledge and observance of His Commandments and constant awareness of God's design for living and God's love for your son — the creature of His creation."



ROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHAPLAINS

Sgt. Jim Boland, in death, who was a convert to his faith, Chaplain writes.

V-Letter he takes back home tells 4,000 to Communion on Easter, Mother's Day.

Chaplain's Letter describes Easter Masses in Southwest Pacific, Australia.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New Guinea. The Rev. Father E. Freeman, O.S.B., Army chaplain, writing from the wilds of New Guinea, said, "I believe the Military Ordinate should have a medal for men like First Sgt. Jim Boland" and then proceeded to tell the reason why.

On his last boat trip, Father Freeman wrote, he met Sgt. Boland, who served his Mass and that's "a bit unusual by the way for First Sergeants." Father Freeman continued, "I didn't know him very well but I noticed him receiving Communion at every opportunity as I dared to strike up a 'cheering the rag' session with him and promised to be a thorn in his side in future calls for assistance, but he was Irish and smiled broadly."

Father Freeman said he also soon noticed the Sergeant had an inseparable companion, a Chinese boy turned American soldier, who was at Mass, everytime the Sergeant was. Later the priest discovered the boy had been told he could do everything the Sergeant did, but he couldn't receive Communion.

Then tragedy struck and Sgt. Jim was killed in action, leaving the Chinese boy, whose name was Gee terribly alone. Father Freeman struck up an acquaintance with Gee, who continued coming to Mass, reading the Sunday Missal that Sgt. Jim had given him. The chaplain continued:

"Finally, Gee came to me and in his best English told me he would like to go to Communion like Jim used to do, and I told him about the initiation that preceded reception. Gee was thoroughly sincere and this time was lost in the preliminaries — Baptism came and the name I thought Eugene would rhyme with Gee, but Gee straightened me out on this point. He wanted Jim and that's his new name. I often think of Sgt. Jim and marvel at the big things he did in such a quiet, silent way."

North Africa. Writing from North Africa, the Rev. Joseph M. Clark, S.J., told of how 5,000 Catholic soldiers, many of whom had been away

from the Sacramento for years, were brought into a campaign to receive Holy Communion on Easter and on Mother's Day through the simple medium of a First V-Letter to the folks back home.

Father Clark said the letter was composed by one of the chaplains on duty with him and contained a pledge to receive Communion on Easter and Mother's Day for the intention of Total Victory and for Loving Christian Peace. There was a request for the folks at home to do likewise. Father Clark reported the letter first was introduced in a hospital, later generally circulated among the men and "so far we have passed out over 4,000" and "believe it or not, not one refused and plenty had been away from the Sacramento for years." He added there were a few who had neglected to make their First Communion and came to him asking for instructions as they could make their Communion by Easter and send one of the letters home.

Southwest Pacific.

Every Catholic in camp at a Southwest Pacific base attended Easter Sunday Mass, the Rev. Austin Henry, Army chaplain, of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, reported in a letter. With him are the Revs. Edward Connolly, C.P., Bernard P. DeGrance, of the Diocese of Cleveland, Stephen J. Dziewis, of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Joseph Whelan, of the Diocese of Lansing. The letter continued:

"One of our engineer units built us a beautiful altar, superimposed with a Cross seven feet high. One of our Catholic officers trained a 60-voice choir so they were perfect in singing the Mass. We had a guard of honor with full battle equipment of eight men during the Mass, these men presented arms at both Elevations and at the Eoan Agnus Dei. Instead of bells, we used four buglers to blow an especially beautiful flourish at the Consecration. Previous to the Mass we used two military bands to play a concert of sacred music."

Crippie Attends Mass Five Times Daily

LONDON — A Bathgate, West Lothian, Scotland, member of the Catholic Young Men's Society attends Mass five times every morning between 4:30 and 5:15. He is a cripple.

WRITE TO THEM IN SYMPATHY

Second Decoration

Available to Staff Sgt. Henry Aris Jr. of this city, an alumnus of Father Ryan High School, was his second decoration for distinguished service over the

front lines in the Pacific war. After the Oak Leaf Cluster for "extraordinary achievement in the line of duty," he was awarded the Medal of Merit for his distinguished service in the Pacific theater.



Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Meet Rev. Francis A. Sullivan, S.J., President. St. Ann, Mount Vernon, N.Y. National Secretary. Rev. Thomas A. Vothman, S.T.D., Assistant Secretary.

Great Apostles. St. Cyril and St. Methodius are known as the Apostles of the Slavs. Wednesday, July 7, is their feast-day. Ask your pastor to offer a Triduum or Novena of Masses for God's blessing on our hope and work to bring Christ back to Russia.

HAVE REMOTE MISSIONS. BISHOP PLEADS

Ten years ago the clergy of the Diocese of Erie, Pa., established a mission station in the poor region of Transylvania, Rumania. In those ten years, one of our youngest brothers has been brought into the fold of Holy Mother Church. Today Bishop Paul Scharbert and assistant priests spend intensive study for weeks in his remote area which is sparsely settled and largely forest. Bishop Scharbert writes a touching appeal.

"Altogether my plans have succeeded all difficulties and hardships. By the past three years and more, but when the harvest season of life is over, we are ready to be sown. Our prayers to God must be helped, or we shall have to abandon Transylvania. This we do not want to do. I need an average of twenty dollars monthly for each of my priests to carry on."

SELECT ONE. For Ten Dollars you can give a Missal, a Tabernacle Salt or a Ciborium, a beautiful object. Which one or more will you choose?

HELP SOUL AND BODY. Besides standing in the needs of the soul, our missionary priests and sisters conduct dispensaries for the bodily sick. Will you give a missionary's medical kit? One costs Fifty Dollars.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD. July is the month of the Precious Blood. Our Divine Lord shed His Blood for the salvation of all men of all times. Our missionaries are working to bring the fruits of salvation to souls. Send an offering to help them.

USED EVERY DAY

A set of Vatican, Catholic, Holy Bible, After Liturgy, Quizzes and Catechisms are necessary when they come to school. All these you can give for an offering of Twenty-Five Dollars to the mission.

TACKLING A TASK

We always need children in our mission school. We give them to families who are poor. We need abandoned and parentless children. We need to Christ, with living Bibles.

HAVE YOU DONE SO?

You can be getting better for a successful venture of about \$200. Have the Dominican Mission offered. Have you done up?—that is, have every day an early cooperative days.

OSTENSORIIUM

That sacred vessel, often called the monstrance, is used to hold the Blessed Sacrament at Benediction. This beautiful gift you can afford to be blessed by your pastor of Twenty-Five Dollars.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Why not have your family share in the benefits of Holy Mass offered daily. This you can do by enrolling your family in our Association. By family, we mean husband, wife and children, or mother, father, sisters and brothers. The offering for family membership is Five Dollars a year. One Hundred Dollars for Family Perpetual Membership.

OUR BOOK DRIVE

Often we have asked for donations to buy Catholic prayer books for school children and children. Little response has been made. Ten Dollars will buy a hundred. We are in need of thousands.

PICTURE OF OUR LADY

A beautiful one picture a large picture of Our Lady. Pray for Holy for the mission school or shop for Five Dollars.

Send all communications to Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 400 Lexington Ave. at 40th St., New York, N. Y.