



PRE-CHRISTMAS ORDINATION by His Excellency Bishop Keareny, of these five St. Bernard's Seminary graduates will take place Saturday morning, December 18, at 9 A. M. in Sacred Heart

Cathedral. These ordinandi are: the Rev. Leo E. Lynch, the Rev. Joseph H. Lynch, the Rev. Edward J. McAniff, the Rev. Gennaro J. Ventura and the Rev. John A. Widman.

Soviet-Poland Break Causing Concern For Anglo-Americans

WASHINGTON—The treaty of mutual assistance between Russia and Czechoslovakia will be the signal for a new Anglo-American effort to bring together Russia and Poland, two of the United Nations which severed diplomatic relations last April. This is the belief of William Phillip Simms in his column of the New York World Telegram, of Dec. 14. Columnist Simms continues: "The question of Soviet-Polish relations came up at the Tehran meeting of Marshal Stalin, Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt, according to reports, and this week British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden will see the Polish Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk. "In discussing the treaty, Moscow said other victims of Nazi aggression might also be brought in. The pact pledges mutual aid in case of attack, no separate peace with Germany or her allies, no agreement between either and a power hostile to the other, and no interference in each other's internal affairs. "Opening the pact to others is regarded as an invitation to Poland. And there is reason to believe that Poland would like to sign provided she could do so on a basis of equality with other signatories. "In fact, her relations with Soviet Russia at the outbreak of the war were already based upon a series of understandings not unlike the Czech-Soviet pact. In July, 1932, the countries signed a treaty of nonaggression renouncing war between themselves and further certifying their frontiers. In May, 1934, the treaty was renewed until the end of 1945 and, as late as Nov. 25, 1938, Moscow and Warsaw issued a joint note stating that their relations . . . are and will continue to be based to the fullest extent on all the existing agreements."

Father Loughlin With Marines In Tarawa Fight

HONOLULU — With the United States Marines attacking Tarawa in the "toughest battle of their history" was Chaplain John L. Loughlin, priest of the Rochester Diocese. Going ashore with the first assault wave of Marines, Father Loughlin remained throughout the entire engagement and came through uninjured. Ordained from St. Bernard's Seminary in 1932, Father Loughlin was a member of the St. Bernard's Seminary faculty prior to his enlistment, May, 1942, in the United States Navy. A native of Elmira, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Loughlin, members of St. Patrick's parish, Elmira. He was chaplain of Rochester-Knights of Columbus before enlisting. Besides Father Loughlin, three other Catholic chaplains accompanied the initial Marine assault on Tarawa. They are: Rev. Francis W. Kelly of Philadelphia, the Rev. William O'Neill of New York and the Rev. Joseph Weber of Lansing, Mich.

First Solemn Masses Set Sunday, Dec. 19 For Newly-Ordained

Their First Solemn Masses will be celebrated by the five St. Bernard's Seminary graduates, being ordained on Saturday, at their respective home parish churches on Sunday, Dec. 19. Time of the Masses, assisting priests and data on the young Ordinandi are as follows: The Rev. Joseph H. Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Lynch, 108 Wolcott Ave., Rochester; attended Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, Brockport; graduated from St. Theodore's School, Gates; Aquinas Institute, Niagara University with degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, St. Andrew's Seminary, First Solemn Mass, St. Theodore's Church, Gates; Sunday, Dec. 19, 9:30 A. M.; Assistant Priest, the Rev. Raymond J. Epping; Deacon, the Rev. Leo J. Daily; Subdeacon, the Rev. Howard P. McCasland; Preacher, the Rev. John J. Baier. Reception, Sunday, Dec. 19, 108 Wolcott Ave., 3 to 4 P. M. The Rev. Leo E. Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Lynch, 108 Wolcott Ave.; attended Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, Brockport; St. Theodore's School and St. Andrew's; First Solemn Mass, St. Theodore's Church, Gates; Sunday, Dec. 19, 11 A. M.; Assistant Priest, the Rev. Raymond J. Epping; Deacon, the Rev. Julius S. Guardalini; Subdeacon, the Rev. John T. Walsh; Preacher, the Rev. Michael J. Kreib; Reception, Sunday, Dec. 19, 108 Wolcott Ave., 3 to 4 P. M. The Rev. Edward J. McAniff, son of Mrs. Bernard J. McAniff, 92 Normandy Ave.; attended St. Augustine's School, St. Andrew's Seminary; First Solemn Mass, St. Augustine's Church, Sunday, Dec. 19, at 11 A. M.; Assistant Priest, the Rev. Dr. James C. McAniff, brother of the newly-ordained priest; Deacon, the Rev. Mr. Lawrence Brady; Subdeacon, the Rev. Mr. Howard Manny; Preacher, the Very Rev. Edward M. Lyons. Reception, Sunday, Dec. 19, 92 Normandy Ave., 3:30 to 4 P. M. The Rev. Gennaro John Ventura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Ventura, 450 Lyell Ave.; attended Holy Apostles School, Aquinas Institute, St. Andrew's Seminary; First Solemn Mass, Holy Apostles Church, Sunday, Dec. 19, at 11 A. M.; Assistant Priest, the Rev. George V. Fitzgerald; Deacon, the Rev. Richard J. Toner; Subdeacon, the Rev. Francis P. Hanrahan; Preacher, the Rev. John J. Nacca; Reception, Sunday, Dec. 19, at 40 Lyell Ave., 3:30 to 4:30 P. M. The Rev. John A. Widman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Widman, formerly of Canandaigua, now of St. Joseph's New Cathedral parish, Buffalo; attended St. Mary's School, Canandaigua Academy, Canandaigua, and St. Andrew's Seminary; First Solemn Mass, Sunday, Dec. 19, in St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua; Assistant Priest, the Rev. Michael C. Weil; Deacon, the Rev. Edward C. Widman, uncle of the newly-ordained priest; Subdeacon, the Rev. Joseph E. Schneider; Preacher, the Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien; Reception, St. Mary's Hall, Canandaigua, Sunday, Dec. 19, 4 to 5 P. M.

Japanese Girls Halt Repatriates With 'Praise The Lord'

"Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition." Little Japanese girls being repatriated from America to Japan sang this song for American repatriates when exchange ships met recently at the Portuguese port of Goa. This amusing anecdote was related by the Rev. George Foffel, S.V.D., who returned to the United States a week ago on the exchange ship Gripsholm. Being asked by returning Americans what was the latest song in the United States, the Japan-bound girls promptly replied, "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition." "And they sang it for us, too," stated Father Foffel. A veteran of six years in the Chinese missions, the American priest was interned in the Japanese internment camp of Weihai on the day of Pearl Harbor. Explaining his release from Weihai, the missionary told: "We were brought by train down to Shanghai where we were to board ship. Ordinarily it is a trip of twenty-four hours. In protest against our leaving, the Chinese underground fighters bombed the train, but the tracks ahead of us. It took us eighty hours to make the trip." Recalling that Chiang Kai-shek, President of China, has appealed for Catholic missionaries, Father Foffel expressed the hope that he may be able to return to Free China and resume his missionary work.

NON-CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN LAUDS USO-NGCC SERVICE

BENE: One letter from a non-Catholic Army Chaplain praising the fine spirit of service found in the USO club operated by the National Catholic Community Service here, has been received by Harry O'Grady and Anna McLoughlin, directors. The writer, who accompanied a battalion from a Washington military post on maneuvers to the Bend area, said: "As the maneuvers are drawing to a close I want to take this opportunity to say thanks from the bottom of my hearts to you both for your aid for the men of my battalion. Your unselfish spirit and utter freedom from prejudice toward any race or creed will ever be an inspiration to me. I can make that statement with perfect freedom because you're Catholic and I am a Baptist. The best praise is given during the month of June in the Sacred Heart of Jesus by stating His meekness and sympathy."

Fr. Wheaton To Receive Purple Heart

Chaplain John E. Wheaton, U.S.N.R., senior Catholic Chaplain at the Sampson U. S. Naval Training Station, will be awarded the Purple Heart, Sunday, Dec. 19. The ceremonies of presentation and a dramatization of the sinking of the U.S.S. Helena in Kula Gulf, will be broadcast over Station WSAV, Sunday at 5:30 P.M. By the way—BUY BONDS

President Sets January 1 As National Day of Prayer

WASHINGTON—President Franklin D. Roosevelt has issued a proclamation setting aside January 1, the Feast of the Circumcision, as a national "day of prayer to give thanks to Almighty God for His constant providence over us in every hour of national peace and national peril" and to seek "strength and guidance for the problems of widening warfare and for the responsibilities of increasing victory." The text of the President's proclamation follows: "At the end of the year 1943, which has not only made manifest the devotion and courage of our Nation's sons but has also crowned their efforts with brilliant success on every battlefield, it is fitting that we set aside a day of prayer to give thanks to Almighty God for His constant providence over us in every hour of national peace and national peril. "At the beginning of the new year 1944, which now lies before us, it is fitting that we pray to be preserved from false pride of accomplishment and from willful neglect of the last measure of public and private sacrifice necessary to attain final victory and peace. "May we humbly seek strength and guidance for the problems of widening warfare and for the responsibilities of increasing victory. May we find in the infinite mercy of the God of our fathers some measure of comfort for the personal anxieties of separation and anguish of bereavement. "Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Saturday, the 1st day of January, 1944, as a day of prayer for all of us, in our churches, in our homes and in our hearts, those of us who walk in the familiar paths of home, those who fight on the wide battle fields of the world, those who go down to the sea in ships and those who rise in the air on wings."

CATHOLIC NEWS WORKERS WED AT DIALOGUE MASS

LONDON—A dialogue Nuptial Mass marked the marriage of Andrew Boyle, former Catholic Herald reporter, now in the forces, and Christina Galvin, from Tipperary, secretary to the editor of the Catholic Herald. The editor, Count Michael de la Bedoyere, was the lector for the dialogue; the news editor, F. Fulford, served the Mass which was offered by the Rev. Dr. John Heenan.

Philadelphia Seminary Given \$9,500 Estate

PHILADELPHIA—Under terms of the will of Miss Sarah C. Young, who died here last May, the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo at Overbrook, will receive her \$9,500 estate. The document, which was filed for probate, bequeathed the estate to the seminary with the provision that if she died within 30 days after the execution of the will, the estate would be vested in His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty. The Cardinal will use the estate for the benefit of the seminary.