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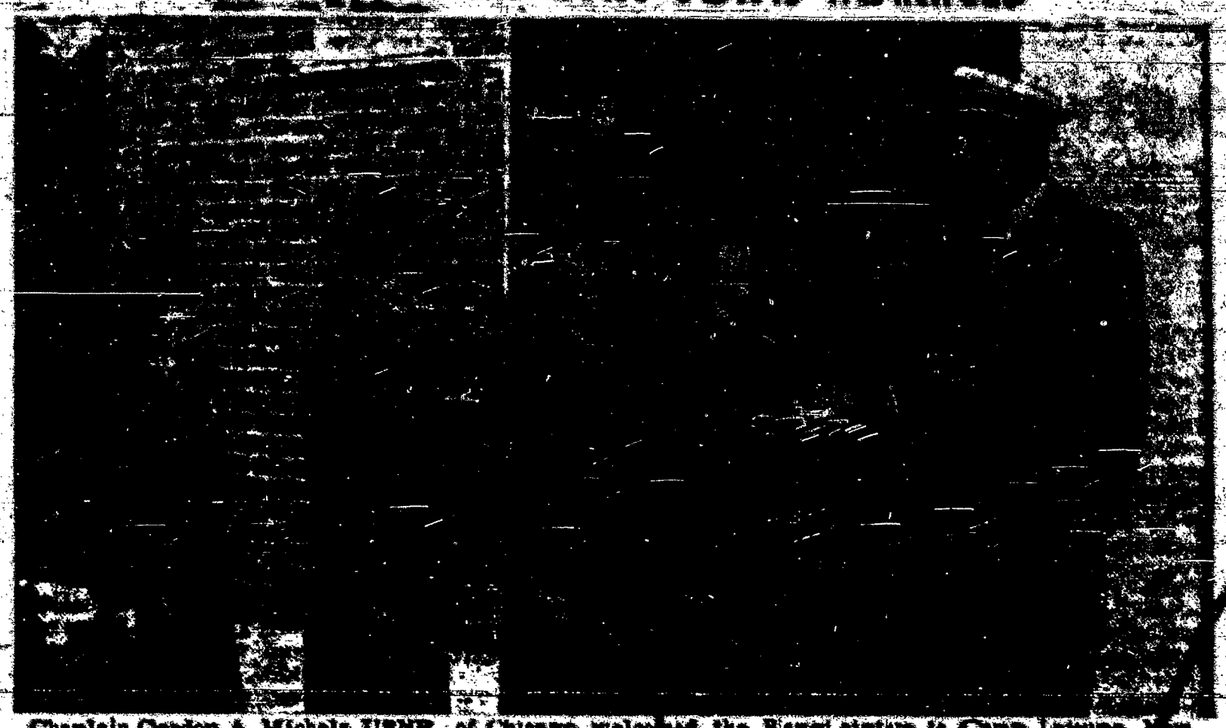

Chaplain Gordon A. Michels, USNR., of Chicago, welcomed the Biaggi sisters to Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., when they arrived for "boot training" in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, believed the first quartet of sisters to enlist, at the same time, in any of the women's services. Parishioners of St. Gall's Church, Gardnerville, Nev., they enlisted from Sacramento, Calif. Left to right: Privates Flora, Ida, Muriel and Delphine Biaggi, with Father Michels. Official Marine Corps photo. (N.C.W.C.)

## Family Breakdown Said Cause Of World Ills

NEW YORK.—Disintegration of the family caused by "the absence of the virtues of religion and obedience" is responsible for the "deplorable condition of society today," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Flannelly, administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral, declared at Solemn Mass Jan. 9. The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presided in the sanctuary at the solemn ceremony marking observance of the Feast of the Holy Family.

Monsignor Flannelly urged American families to rededicate themselves to the virtues of the Holy Family as a means of restoring peace to the world.

### Elect Writer-Convert

Garden City, N. Y.—Mrs. Dorothy Fremont Grant, noted Catholic writer and convert, has been elected president of the Nassau County Council of Catholic Women. The work of the council in Nassau County has increased 100 per cent during the past year.

## *Nuns In Amazing Discovery Boost Output Of Penicillin*

Penicillin, the product of a soil mold, is declared by some physicians to be the most effective disease-fighting chemical so far discovered by man, in many particulars more potent than even the famed sulfa drugs.

This week, six men and a 7-year-old boy who had been doomed by a fatal heart disease stood smiling before an audience of physicians at a Jewish hospital, Brooklyn, snatched from death by the last-minute intervention of the miracle-working drug.

Astounding recoveries among wounded fighting men have been reported. Administration of the drug has expedited physical rehabilitation and made possible major operations within a few days after injuries have been inflicted.

The difficulty is in obtaining adequate supplies of the drug, which is secreted very slowly in very small amounts. All our chemists have been able to produce has gone to the armed forces.

This makes of great importance an announcement this week that three Catholic nuns working in the biology department of St. John's College, New York, have discovered that penicillin can be developed from almost any edible foodstuffs.

Bread and soups, vegetables, eggs, meats and various other types of food, inoculated with small portions of penicillin, are used to develop molds in which small, yellow penicillin crystals can be found.

The nuns began their experiments eight months ago as a contribution to the war effort.

## Only Three Persons Are Able To Exist In Godhead

By Linus Riordan, Litt.M.

By faith we know that there are Three Persons in the Godhead. Some may ask why are there not five or six, or even 50 for that matter, instead of just three, since God is all-powerful. The answer is found in another de fide article: There are in God two processions and two only.

Because the soul of man is spiritual, the operations of a spirit are not entirely unfamiliar to us. We know that man's spirit, his soul, possesses two faculties, intellect and will. We know that the proper object of his intellect is knowledge, and that his will, by nature, tends toward the good that it loves. We know these actions, moreover, are immanent, that is, they begin and terminate in ourselves. Thus our thoughts take place entirely within ourselves and are distinguished from the physical acts such as walking, eating, etc., that terminate in some act outside. We know, in addition, that these actions of thinking and of loving are the highest functions that man is capable of. Because this is the life of a finite and inferior spirit that is man, the inward life of God, who is true spirit, will be a life of thinking and loving.

By revelation we know that the Son proceeds from the Father and that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son as one principle. As explained before, the term procession as used here is meant merely to designate an order of origin congruous to the Divine Persons and does not in any sense denote dependency or causality in the Divine Persons.

Because God is a pure spirit, the only manner in which the processions in the Godhead could take place is according to the immanent action of knowing and willing, for those are the only two immanent actions that can be predicated of God. Thus the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, called by Scriptures the Word, could proceed from the Father only in a manner analogous to that in which a thought is generated by man in all acts of natural knowledge. Just as the Son proceeds after a manner analogous to the immanent act of intellect, so the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son in a manner analogous to the immanent action of the will and thus He is called, by the inspired writers of the Bible, the Spirit of Love. It remains, therefore, that there can be no other procession in God except that of His Word and of His Love. As St. Thomas says: "God knows all things by one simple act and in the same manner wills all things, whence there cannot be in Him a procession of word from word or love from love; but there is in Him one only perfect Word and one perfect Love."

Scripture implicitly and equivalently teaches that in God there are but two processions, for many passages declare that the Word is begotten of the Father and is in a proper sense His natural Son. Likewise it teaches that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and is sent by the Father and the Son together. Tradition, too, is strong on the point, and thus creeds of the Church teach that the Word is of the Father and the Holy Spirit is eternally from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly, since there are but two processions in the Godhead, it follows that there cannot be five or six or 50 persons in the one God; there can be only Three Persons: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.—The Western Catholic

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### Mission Intention

## "PRESERVATION OF AFRICA FROM MOHAMMEDANISM"

NEW YORK.—The mission intention of the Holy Father for the month of January is "Preservation of Africa from Mohammedanism," it has been announced here by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

In announcing the intention, Monsignor McDonnell issued the following statement:

"With the invasion of Europe paramount in today's headlines, Turkey's role in the present warfare assumes new importance. This former 'sick man' may indicate the open door for the Allied Balkan invasion or a flanking attack by the Axis. There is another significance, however, in the trend of today's events since it focuses attention upon the problems of Mohammedanism, which, to most of us, seems to have its stronghold in Turkey. It was the scimitared Turk who epitomized Moslem fanaticism to the majority of us but the danger for the future lies in his working in a great continent. Hence, the plea of the Holy See for the prayers of the faithful for the 'Preservation of Africa from Mohammedanism.'"

## Bishop Gunnarson Safe In Iceland

WASHINGTON.—The Most Rev. Johannes Gunnarsson, Titular Bishop of Holar and Vicar Apostolic of Iceland, who was consecrated in this city last July, has reached Iceland safely, the Bureau of Immigration of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has learned.

Bishop Gunnarsson, who is the first native Bishop Iceland has known in almost four centuries, was consecrated in St. Patrick's Church here.

### Personal

GENEVA.—A son was born on Sunday, Jan. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharlow of Ambridge, Pa. Mrs. Sharlow was formerly Miss Adele Tolan of this city.

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