Jesuit Missioner's Ordination Set in China War Prison

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On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Those who saw the motion picture of the "Battle of Midway" may remember the final "shots" of a little chaplain priest burying the Yanks who died to save our island defense outpost. That little chaplain is Father Woloch, Navy Chaplain John F. Woloch, priest of the Diocese of Rochester, was on Midway Island during those dark June days following Pearl Harbor when a cocky Japanese force steamed up in two strong columns to take over our now historic outpost in the Pacific. Father Woloch saw that gallant little group of Midway defenders—"The Men of Midway"—dig in and finally route the hosts of Imperial Japan. Father Woloch was the last man to bless the heroic "expendables" of Midway. He gave the final absolution to these Yank pilots, few in number, who kept their "flying forts" in the skies over Midway long enough to check the enemy onslaught until an American task force could rush up to save the day.

FR. WOLOCH

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Now holding the rank of Lieutenant Commander, Chaplain Woloch is presently stationed at Quoddy Village, a Naval Training Center in Maine. Like his patron saint, John the Baptist, who came out of the desert to confound the faithless worldlings of his day, Father John Woloch has come back from the Pacific not with a story of heroism of war but with a sermon of reproach to America! His story is not about the Doughboys who were killed by enemy fire. His story is about the men who have cracked up because their hearts were broken by faithless American women who betrayed them.

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Insisting that he is not "an alarmist," Father Woloch points out that despite our commendable efforts to entertain and help the servicemen, "we have forgotten about Johnny Doughboy's longing to be back at the fireside, which he dreams about nightly under the stars." Johnny Doughboy," he continues, is fighting, and fighting intelligently, for what he considers the best form of government in the world. But underlying all his actions, is the dream of a girl. It may be his wife, or it may be his wife to be."

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No author of Greek tragedy ever created a play so poignantly bitter or cruel as some of the "many, many" tragedies of G. I. heartbreak which Father Woloch witnessed out there in the Pacific. "First," says the righteously angry little chaplain, "let's take the case of Bill. (Bill, of course, is not his real name.) Bill married shortly before going overseas. She was his dream girl, if there ever was one. The long tiresome days of hard work could be turned into child's play if at the end of day he could count on receiving a letter from her. Anything and everything he did from early morning, throughout the day in the hot scorching tropical sun, till late at night, was lightened to a featherweight by the thought that he was doing it for HER. In his honest and unpretentious way he avoided feminine companionship that could have been his for the asking in Honolulu, Pearl Harbor, or any one of the other islands, because of a promise he made to HER before leaving. Then came the blow . . . It was

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SOUNDS LIKE HOME—The name Rochester is like home to these three of the U. S. Armed services greeting, in the name of Bishop Kearney, Canon John Ryan (second from left) in Rochester, England. Shown overseas delivering their message are: (from left) Chaplain John S. Maloney, Captain Jean A. Geherin, Chaplain Donald M. Cleary.

Service Emissaries Bring Bishop's Message Overseas To Rochester in England

Greetings of the Bishop of Rochester in America were brought personally to the pastor of the Catholic Church in Rochester, England, by three members of the U. S. Armed forces from the Diocese of Rochester now overseas, it was reported in a letter from one of them, this week.

At the special request of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, U.S.A., Chaplain Donald M. Cleary, Captain in a Fighter Group, U. S. Air Force; Chaplain John S. Maloney, Captain in a Paratroop unit, and Capt. Jean A. Geherin of the WAC, and former Nazareth College teacher called upon Canon John Ryan of the Rochester, England, church.

This was reported in a letter from Chaplain Cleary who stated that Canon Ryan showed his visitor the Sanctuary he has had redecorated as a result of funds donated, among which were those from Bishop Kearney.

The Canon also gave Father Cleary a steel engraving of St. John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, England, to be given to Bishop Kearney upon his return, Father Cleary stated.

Chaplain Cleary before going into service was Catholic Chaplain at Cornell University, Ithaca; Chaplain Maloney, native of Elmira, was at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, and Captain Geherin's home is in Auburn.

Bishop Lists Memorial Rites at Navy Center

Two ceremonies for Navy men who have made the supreme sacrifice will be conducted by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney at the U. S. Navy Training Center at Sampson on Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30.

The Bishop will preside at a 5 minute tribute in the Drill Hall at 11 A. M. to be offered for all Sampson men who have died. At 12:10 P. M., His Excellency will celebrate Holy Mass in Childwick Chapel for all Navy men who have given their lives in the present world struggle.

REQUIEM MASS IN ROME FOR CARDINAL O'CONNELL

VATICAN CITY. — A Month's Mind Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, was offered in the Basilica of St. Peter on Monday, May 22. The Mass was requested by Harold H. Tittman, United States charges d'Affaires at the Vatican.

It is a custom when a member of the Sacred College has died for the diplomatic representation of the respective country of the deceased to request that Requiem Mass be offered.

'Osservatore' Now Published Weekly

VATICAN CITY. — Because of difficulties of circulation, Osservatore Romano, heretofore a daily newspaper, now is being published only once a week. The first issue of the weekly edition appeared on Wednesday, May 17. Articles dealing with the most important happenings now are recorded over the course of a week, rather than from day to day.

Minister Cites Cause For Broken Homes

NEW YORK. — Divisions among Protestants, causing difficulties in providing religious instruction must share responsibility for houses broken by divorce, declared the Rev. Dr. George A. Buttrick, a Protestant minister, addressing a group of Protestant clergymen here.

Pointing out that there is so little time under present arrangements for religious instruction, Dr. Buttrick suggested that teachers in church schools become more realistic and that they not yield to a temptation to linger "on the periphery of the Christian faith" in their religious education programs.

"If we do not recover some religious thought in secular education," he said, "Protestants might feel it necessary to establish their own schools in defense of truth."

Every day Aunt Jennie's bakes something special you like. AUNT JENNIE'S BAKE SHOPPE, 516 Monroe Ave.—"The Home of 300 Tempting Desserts."—Phone [illegible] Adv.

Catholics Total 30,000,000 in U. S. Writers Say

Catholics in the United States can safely be estimated to number at least 30,000,000, which is 6 to 7 million in excess of the *Catholic Directory*, according to an article currently appearing in the Ecclesiastical Review.

This surprising discovery is advanced by the Rev. George A. Kelley and the Rev. Thomas Coogan of the Catholic University of Washington. They reached their conclusion after applying the scientific rules of population experts to the Catholic population in the United States.

In their joint article in the Ecclesiastical, Fathers Kelly and Coogan reveal that their study was inspired by the "hunch" of population experts that Catholics in the United States are more numerous than previous estimates indicate and by the reports of Catholic chaplains who hold that the armed forces contain a larger proportion of Catholics than the published estimates of the Catholic population would seem to warrant.

Pre-War Estimate

The Washington priests actually aimed at establishing an estimate of the Catholic population in the United States as of 1940. The year 1940 was chosen in order to avoid the difficulties involved in estimating any war-time population.

Contrary to the Catholic Directory which estimates Catholics in the United States to number 22,000,000 in 1940, the results of this study state: "It is safe to conclude that the 1940 Catholic population in the United States was about 30,000,000.

(The 1944 Catholic Directory published last week in New York by P. J. Kenedy and Sons estimates the present Catholic population of the United States at 23,419,701. Based only on Catholic Directory figures this represents an increase of about 1½ millions since 1940. If we accept the scientific population analysis as presented in the Ecclesiastical Review, and also allow for the 3 to 4-year increase since 1940 it would seem reasonable to conclude that a more accurate estimate of the 1944 Catholic population of the United States should be about 31,000,000, which is between 7 and 8 million higher than the estimate of the Catholic Directory.)

Have Own Estimates

Declaring that the Catholic Directory estimates are "too low,"

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Bishop's Mass For Service Mothers Mon.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, will celebrate Holy Mass for the mothers of servicemen and servicewomen at St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St., on Monday morning, May 29, at 9:30 A. M.

Mothers of boys and girls in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine are invited to assist at the Bishop's Mass.

Quebec Cardinal Appeals For More Chaplains

QUEBEC. — His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, has made an appeal for more priests to become chaplains of the Canadian Armed Forces. New military chaplains are required without delay, His Eminence states.

Clothing for Italy Drive Opens Sunday

The Clothing Campaign for Italy, under the national auspices of the War Relief Services, will open in the Diocese of Rochester this Sunday, May 28, and close on Sunday, June 4.

Diocesan directors are encouraged by the donations of clothing already received following the announcement of the campaign on last Sunday by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, who is Honorary Chairman of the drive in the Diocese.

Appealing to the Italian people of the Diocese on last Sunday, Bishop Kearney stated:

"My Dear People:

"According to recent reports reaching the Bishops of the United States, the fourteen million Italians living in that section of Italy now occupied by the Allies face actual want and suffering. Nearly all of them, both the poor and the once well-to-do, are absolutely destitute of the necessities of life. American Army government officials are distributing food to the Italian people. Clothing, however, is so scarce that even those with money cannot buy it.

"Your generosity will have a double effect. The clothes you send will relieve in some measure the physical wants of a people who have suffered much; moreover, your gift will give these victims of war more than material comfort. The knowledge that their own people in America have not forgotten them should instill their souls with new courage for the long period of reconstruction which lies ahead."

Rev. Charles J. Azzi, pastor of Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, is General Chairman of the diocesan effort in behalf of war-stricken Italy. He will be assisted by the following Area Chairmen: Rev. John Nacca; [illegible] John Smith; [illegible] Simonetti; [illegible] O'Brien.

Lay groups [illegible] organized in the various diocesan areas to arrange for the collection of the used clothing and its subsequent shipment to Europe.

Those wishing to have clothing collected are asked to call the Chairman in the area, or in the towns the local pastor.

(Rochester residents wishing to donate clothing for Italy, may call Stone 5139.)

A Civic Committee to assist the campaign in the Rochester area has been announced by Father Azzi as follows: Jeremiah Hickey, Carl Hallauer, [illegible], James P. B. Duffy, Mrs. [illegible], [illegible] B. Crowley, Mary [illegible], Edward Meyer, Cris D'Amanda, Angelo Brindisi, Charles [illegible], Dr. Joseph Gumetta, Charles [illegible], Angelo Di Nieri, Dr. Joseph [illegible], Charles Lombardo, [illegible] Manning, Frank [illegible], [illegible] Annano, Pasquale [illegible], Mary Pollasi and Jerry Lonardo.

[illegible] Lake, Geneva.