

Pope Honors Chancellor of Military Ordinariate

BROOKLYN—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has conferred upon the Rt. Rev. James H. Griffin, Chancellor of the Military Ordinariate, the rank of Domestic Prelate on the recommendation of the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar. It has been announced here by the Most Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn. As Chancellor of the Military

Ordinariate, Monsignor Griffin supervises the work of Catholic Chaplains of America in the armed forces throughout the world.

Founder of O. P.

St. Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans, was a Spaniard by birth (1170-1221). After a brilliant university career he became a priest and worked hard to wipe out heresy. At Toulouse, says a tradition, the devotion of the Rosary was revealed to him. It was at Toulouse, in 1215, that he founded the first house of his order, now world-wide. His feast is kept Aug. 3.

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Multi Decorated Chaplain Expected Home on Visit

NEW YORK—Capt. Albert C. M. Steffens, a priest of the Archdiocese of New York and multi-decorated Army chaplain who has served 21 months overseas, may come home on a visit in the near future, according to a story appearing in *The Stars and Stripes*, Army newspaper.

Father Steffens, formerly Prefect of Discipline at Cathedral College, New York City, left this country in August, 1942, and three months later was with the U. S. forces that invaded North Africa.

He won a citation—equivalent to the Legion of Merit—for "outstanding service" during maneuvers in 1941. In February, 1943, the Army paper relates, Father Steffens was awarded the Silver Star. The citation stated that he proceeded "between the opposing lines, amidst heavy fire" and assisted in evacuating the wounded, administering the Last Rites "both to the enemy and to our own troops lying mortally wounded on the field of battle, in complete disregard of his own safety." The story also says that a few weeks later he was awarded the Croix de Guerre. Previously, on September 1, 1942, he was decorated with the Soldier Medal for the rescue of two officers from drowning during amphibious training in preparation for the Sicilian campaign.

Sacred Heart PTA Staff Installed

New Officers for the Parent-Teacher Association of Sacred Heart School were installed on Monday, June 5, with Mrs. Raymond Macomber as installing officer.

Mrs. Lawrence Kenbury is the new president, with Mrs. Ray Connor, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Frank Corcoran, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Donald Lam, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James Leary, recording secretary, and Mrs. Philip Fitzsimmons, treasurer.

The following committee chairmen were also installed: Ways and Means, Mrs. William Feldman and Mrs. Earl Ogan; hospitality, Mrs. Jerome Roche and Mrs. Charles Skuse; program, Mrs. George Vegt; membership, Mrs. James Gallagher; nominating, Mrs. Oscar Traub; school representative, Mrs. Robert Leonard; Girl Scout representative, Mrs. Bernard Legier; Boy Scout representative, Mrs. Brennan; N.C.W. representative, Mrs. Francis Bonn; spiritual advisor, Rt. Rev. Mgr. George V. Duran; trustee, Mrs. Ward McDonough; Mrs. William Reegan; Mrs. Eugene Anderson; custodian, Mrs. Sue Gibbons.

BEAUTY

"The soul is the form of the body and imparts thereto its beauty." — St. Thomas.

Shout with joy, all the earth; sing ye a psalm to His Name.

'All Our Scouting Must be For Christ' Says Prelate

HERSHBY, Pa.—In an address before the first Catholic Scout Chaplains Conference for Region Three of the Boy Scouts of America, the Most Rev. George L. Leach, Bishop of Harrisburg and host to the conference, pointed out that scouting is highly important as one of the agencies of the Church in the development of her youth.

"When we see the theory and mechanics of scouting, we don't take it on a merely natural plane," Bishop Leach observed. "It must be supernaturalized. Otherwise it has no relation to our lives. By Baptism we have been raised to the dignity of Christians, so everything we do must be treated in the light of God, of Christ and of Eternity. All our scouting must be

for Christ. His teaching and his interpretation of life must be in the making of every boy and girl, of every man or woman. We must educate them, both body and soul, for time and for eternity. This is the principle by which we utilize scouting."

CHARITY

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