

Rome, Africa Posts Call Two Nuns from Rochester

Two Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Holy Ghost, who left their native Rochester for the mission fields have been given responsible assignments overseas, it was revealed at departure ceremonies which took place Sunday, August 5, at the Motherhouse in Techy, Ill.

Sister Jane LeFrois, daughter of Mrs. Lillian E. LeFrois, 222 Wimbeldon Road, has been appointed Superior of an African mission and has departed with 10 other Sisters for Accra, the Gold Coast, West Africa.

Sister Pierre Fischette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco M. Fischette, 80 Laurelton Rd., will officiate, on arrival, as Novice Mistress in the Generalate at Rome, Italy.

Sister Pierre is a graduate of Nazareth College and as a Missionary Sister has done catechetical work in summer classes at Erie, Girard and Marquette. Most of her professional work has been in the high school and college departments at Holy Ghost Academy, Techy.

Sister Jane is a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy. Sister

Joins Franciscans

Hornell — Richard Judd was received into the Order of Friars Minor on August 13 at solemn ceremonies held at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Paterson, N. J. Frater Andrew Jerome Judd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Judd of Hornell.

has taught in the high school and college at Techy and has done catechetical work in the Erie diocese. For the past 3 years she has been teaching and supervising at St. Peter's School, Mauston, Wis.

The two nuns from Rochester together with 16 other Missionary Sisters were bid Godspeed at the departure ceremonies conducted by the Very Rev. Msgr. Frederick E. Hillenbrand, Very Rev. Peter Welland, Rector of St. Mary's Mission House, Techy and the Rev. L. Datig, S.V.D., a future Missioner to

Africa, were deacon and subdeacon, respectively. The Rev. Bernard LeFrois, S.V.D., was master of ceremonies.

In an address to the departing Missioners, Monsignor Hillenbrand declared that the House of the Servants of the Holy Ghost has been signed by Christ Himself in the late martyrdom, as he termed it, of the many Sisters, Servants of the Holy Ghost who lost their lives on the Japanese Prison Ship en route from New Guinea.

Among these was the late Sister Theophane Miler of Rochester. The prelate told the Missionary Sisters that though they may not be called upon to become martyrs, to offer themselves wholly in the profession of their vows to their Spouse and King, Christ our Saviour.

The conferring of the crucifixes and the profession were followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Servicemen Have 'Found' Religion Says Fr. Woloch

Aboard a carrier in the Western Pacific — The pilot returning from a mission to his "base" aboard this carrier literally comes in on a wing and a prayer.

For up on the signal bridge or on the very light deck itself, the Chaplain, Lt. Cmdr. John F. Woloch, USNR, is looking on — and praying for the pilot's safe landing aboard.

The prayers of Father Woloch, who is senior chaplain on this big flat-top, are constantly with the men in the air as well as those on the ship. For whenever planes are taking off, whenever they are out on a mission, whenever they are coming back, Father Woloch is at flight quarters — and flight quarters is prayer time for the chaplain.

Chaplain Woloch, who left his parish at St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, in 1941, to enter the Navy, has returned to the Pacific after service in Newport, R. I., and Quoddy Village, Maine, following a previous tour of duty at Pearl Harbor Midway and other central Pacific islands.

After almost four years of duty, the chaplain is convinced that "the men in service have not, as many feared, lost their religion."

"On the contrary," he said, "Many have found their religion."

As an example, Father Woloch pointed to the eagerness with which a priest is met when he pays a visit to a smaller vessel which does not "rate" a regular chaplain.

To hold services and hear confessions, the chaplain frequently has himself ferried above the waves from his carrier to a nearby destroyer or other craft in a sack-like breeches buoy.

"The men," he related, "just about mob you. You would think I were the paymaster instead of the priest."

Father Woloch is a native of Auburn, where his mother, Mrs. Rose Ann Woloch, lives at 48 Pulaski St. He attended Kanty College, Erie, Penna., and St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester.

Upon being ordained in 1932, he was assigned to the Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, and thence to the St. Stanislaus Church in the same city, where he remained five years before being transferred to St. Mary's Church, Corning, in 1938 and was later transferred to St. Casimir's.

The chaplain recently visited the leper colony in Hawaii, made famous by the martyred Father Damien, and met a nun, Sister Carmelita, who used to be stationed at Mercy Hospital in Auburn.

Gift Parcels May Now be Sent Sicily, Sardinia

Washington — The Italian Embassy has announced that gift parcels now may be sent to any place in Sicily and Sardinia. The Embassy said that extension of such service to other regions of Italy also is under consideration.

Up until now gift parcels have been limited to Rome, Palermo and Naples.

Parcels may not weigh more than four pounds.

6 Catholic High Students Win State Scholarships

Three Nazareth Academy graduates of the June 1945 class have been informed by the State Department of honors attained in recent examinations. Three Aquinas Institute students have been awarded state scholarships.

Kathryn Kanka, Blessed Sacrament Parish girl of Nazareth Academy has been awarded a special scholarship of \$200 per year for four years at any approved college as one of the three recipients in Rochester of awards for children of New York State soldiers.

Rose Marie O'Hara, St. Charles Borromeo Parish and Patricia Gantert, St. Boniface Parish, have been awarded State Scholarships from Monroe County. Miss Gantert was number twelve in Monroe County.

Both Miss O'Hara and Miss Gantert are also winners of tuition scholarships to Nazareth College; both entered Nazareth Academy in 1941 as winners in competitive examinations. Miss O'Hara holding the Sister M. Marcella Scholarship and Miss Gantert, the Sister M. Teresina

Archbishop Cushing Plans Leper Colony in Bahamas

Woburn, Mass. (HNS) — Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston says he hopes to establish a leper colony in the Bahamas.

The Archbishop told 2000 persons who made the pilgrimage of peace at St. Theresa's Convent, that the Bishop of Nassau had asked him to found a leper colony in the Bahamas similar to the one in the British East Indies.

Memorial Scholarship. All three winners plan to use their scholarship for Nazareth College.

The Aquinas scholarship winners announced are: Walter J. Kala, 6 Superior Terr; Robert G. McAvoy, 111 Ridgewood Drive and Leo C. Koclanak, 731 Hudson Ave.

Diocesan Women Study Clothing Campaign

Among ten Archdiocesan Councils and 21 Diocesan Councils of Catholic women pledging cooperation in a special appeal made to the National Council of Catholic Women by War Relief Services — NCCW, for clothing for the children and Sisters in Europe, the Philippines and China is the Rochester unit, a dispatch from Washington reveals this week.

Plans for this diocesan unit's cooperation are being made by board members following a meeting held Tuesday in Auburn.

Miss Ruth Craven, Executive Secretary NCCW reports that 800,000 copies of "A Special Appeal for Children in Need," outlining what can be done by women's groups in this war relief project, have been distributed to societies of Catholic women in the United States.

Renewed affiliations with National and Diocesan Council, NCCW have been received from Ladies District Auxiliary No. 1, Knights of St. John, Rochester and Sodality of Our Lady, St. Patrick's Church, Elmira.

Results of the meeting of the Diocesan Council officers held Tuesday in Auburn will be reported in next week's CATHOLIC COURIER-JOURNAL.

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