

MARRIED 55 YEARS AGO IN DOUBLE WEDDING



Two Catholic couples, two brothers and sisters, are pictured on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary in Brooklyn. They were married in a double wedding ceremony in Brooklyn. They went to housekeeping in Old Flatbush in houses side by side and there each couple reared three boys and three girls. Today James Murphy and his wife, Rose, left above, and John Murphy and his wife, Mary Ellen, are well over 80 years of age. Between them they have 29 grandchildren and in addition the John Murphys boast two great grandchildren. (NC Photos)

U. S. Priest Heads Fourth Relief Convoy for Reich

Vatican City (NC) — In response to an urgent appeal from the Papal Relief Mission operating at the Mittenwald Camp for Displaced Persons, the fourth convoy of relief supplies was dispatched, under the direction of an American priest, from the Vatican to the camp in Germany this week.

left here under the direction of the Rev. John Donovan of Detroit, who is pursuing special studies in Rome. He volunteered to spend his Christmas holidays serving the Papal mission. After conducting the convoy to Mittenwald, Father Donovan will make a tour of other Papal relief

The Mittenwald camp is one of the largest and presently is taxed to full capacity. Its occupants include Italians returning from imprisonment in Russia. Reports received here state that thousands of former prisoners and refugees arrive at the camp daily all of them in critical need of clothing, shoes and medical assistance.

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Priest Faces Nazi Guns Refuses to Flee His Parish

Paris (NC) — "As long as there remains one of my parishioners, I have no right to leave my church."

With these words Abbe Louis Rosillon, in the village of St. Gingolph on the French-Swiss frontier, rejected the plea of his flock to seek safety from the Germans by crossing the border into neutral Switzerland. He was shot and killed on July 23, 1944, and a monument will be erected on the spot where the heroic priest died under a hail of Nazi bullets.

Abbe Rosillon's parish was partly on Swiss and partly on French soil. There was a German garrison in the French part of the village and on July 22, 1944, franc-tireurs, led by an escaped Russian officer, attacked the Germans. The villagers, fearing Nazi reprisals, fled to Switzerland, only a few old persons and a young girl and invalid remaining behind.

The priest said he could not abandon one of his parishioners who had died and whose body was lying in the church. The next morning Abbe Rosillon offered Mass and consumed all the Hosts, to avoid any possibility of profanation. His parishioners, watching from the Swiss bank of the river that forms the border, saw him walking outside the Church.

At noon, motorized German troops arrived. They set fire to all the houses, lined up the old people and the young girl against the wall of the churchyard and shot them.

The Abbe was the ribbon of a military decoration awarded to him for military service during the last world war. This aroused the suspicions of the Germans that he might be the leader of the local resistance group. The

mayor of the Swiss half of the village, who had crossed the border, pleaded with the Germans, pointing out to them that the church was Swiss property. But all his efforts were in vain. He could not save the priest. The Nazis took Abbe Rosillon to a spot near the church where a grave had already been dug and killed him with machine gun fire.

Masses for Slain Labor Leader Set in Berlin

Berlin (NC) — The Wehrmacht Military Masses will be held in Catholic churches here for Nikolaus Gross, German Catholic labor leader, who was hanged by the Nazis for taking part in the July, 1944, plot against Hitler. The Masses will be said on January 23 next, the 50th anniversary of Gross's execution.

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