

### 906 Men Made Retreats in '47 Report Shows

A total of 906 laymen made the annual retreats at the diocesan Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, during 1947, the Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.B., announced this week as plans were being completed for the 1948 season.

Father Aylward, at a meeting of the Laymen's Retreat League in St. Joseph's Hall, Rochester, said, following tribute to the intense and growing interest manifested by the retreatants.

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Charles Rozzomero, 22; St. Margaret Mary, 31; St. Monica's, 31; St. Augustine's, 27; Holy Cross, 26; St. Andrew's, 24; St. Thomas, 24; (all of Rochester); St. Mary's, Auburn, 22; Immaculate Conception, Utica, 21; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester, 20; St. John Evangelist's, Rochester, 19; Holy Family, Auburn, 16; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester, 15; St. Louis, Fillmore, 13; Holy Trinity, Webster, 13; St. Ann's, Rochester, 12; St. Peter and Paul's, Rochester, 12; St. Raphael's, Geneva, 12; Holy Family, Rochester, 11; St. Mary's, Canastota, 11; St. Francis, Geneva, 11; St. Jerome's, East Rochester, 10; St. Patrick's, Elmira, 10; St. Rose, Lima, 10.

### K.C. State Head In Newark Talk Hits Red Aims

Newark — The Catholic press was calling attention to the threat of Communism nearly 30 years ago, William E. Burke, State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, recalled in an address at the annual Communion breakfast of Newark Council Sunday, Apr. 4.

A group of 176 members attended the Newark breakfast in Grange Hall, which marked the first time in more than 40 years that the state head of the Knights of Columbus had visited the Newark Council.

For his topic, State Deputy Burke, who is the youngest leader in the history of the state council, chose "Now Is the Hour." He will preside at the state convention in Rochester, May 27, 28 and 29.

AS FAR BACK as 1919, Mr. Burke reminded the Knights, Editor Patrick Scanlon of the Brooklyn "Tablet" was pointing out the dangers of Communism, then known as Bolshevism. The same organization which then threatened the way of life of freedom-loving peoples is on the march again today, Burke declared. The power of Communism has increased and has enveloped many nations, he said. He condemned the philosophy which would make of man a mere cog in the machine of the all-powerful state, a philosophy which has become a religion displacing the religion of one God.

### New St. Hyacinth Rectory to Rise



With the Rev. Jerome Holubowicz, O.F.M. Conv., pastor handling the shovel, ground was broken for the new Romanesque Rectory to be built on Pulaski St., next to the Church. The structure will contain 19 rooms and will connect with the church via bridge. Excavation has started and completion is expected about Oct. 1. Taking part in ground breaking ceremonies were: (From Left) Chester Wells, job overseer; Rev. Constantine Kwiatkowski, O.F.M. Conv., assistant; Pro. Frank Cleas, organist; Wallace Beardsley, architect; Matthew Noga, trustee; Anthony Tokarz, sexton; Father Jerome; William Bouley, contractor and Rev. Alphonse Bozack, O.F.M. Conv., assistant.—S. Powell Hill photo.

### Last Maryknollers Leave Manchuria

Peiping — (NC) — Withdrawal of American Maryknoll missionaries from Manchuria has been completed with the arrival at Peiping of the Revs. Joseph R. McCormack, M.M., pro-vicar of the Fushun diocese, and Thomas N. Quirk, M.M., pastor at Fushun.

None of the Maryknoll Fathers and few of their Chinese co-workers have been able to exercise their ministry freely outside of Nationalist-held Fushun since last June.

Father Quirk related the death, near Hamaho, on January 17, of Rev. Maurus Pal, a 65-year-old Chinese priest. Advised months ago to leave his post inside Red territory, Father Pal decided to stay. Local Red officials were friendly and told him he had nothing to fear.

In December, however, a new group of Red officials came from the north. They accused Father Pal of preaching "the American religion," and imprisoned him. Taking him outside the town on January 17, the Reds killed him with three revolver shots and left his body in a ditch.

The pace of persecution in the Fushun diocese has been quickened since last summer. At Erh-patan, for instance, the Reds removed the altar from the church and placed pictures of Chinese communist leaders and of Stalin on the walls. They now hold propaganda classes in the church, teaching hatred of the Nanking government, of religion and of all things American.

No only Catholicism but all religions are under Red fire. At Shanghai a Korean Protestant pastor was executed because his work had been supported by American funds. In the same city Buddhist temples were destroyed or desecrated.

Usually one of the great granaries of the world, Manchuria is now threatened by famine because the Reds have mobilized most of the men who worked the fields and have put draft animals at the service of their armies.

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### Taft Bill Favoring Secularism Hit By Fr. Flynn In First Friday Talk

Auburn — "The Taft education bill, if it passes, is a step towards Moscow," Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, editor of the Catholic Courier Journal, declared in an address denouncing the evils of secularism at the inaugural meeting of the First Friday Club last Friday night.

Charging that the Taft Federal Aid to Education bill "lays out secularism and a single state-controlled school system," Father Flynn asserted that the bill discriminates against parochial school students.

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### Prague Prelate Cites Aims

Prague — An official statement issued by Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague emphasizes again that he has authorized no one to act in his name or under his authority.

"I want to stress again," he says, "that the only correct attitude of myself and of Catholic priests is to devote ourselves fully to the fulfillment of priestly and religious duties, and to distinguish carefully religious activity from political activity, which latter should be a matter solely for laymen."

### Sacred Heart CWV Schedule Communion

At the Corporate Communion members of Sacred Heart Post, Catholic War Veterans, prayers will be offered on Sunday, Apr. 11 for the intention that Italy may be spared Communist overthrow in the April 18 elections.

The Sacred Heart veterans will comply with the appeal of Monroe County Chapter, Catholic War Veterans by receiving Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass next Sunday.

A meeting will be held Monday evening, Apr. 12, in the school hall when final plans for the Catholic War Veterans convention in May will be made. The baseball team will also be discussed.

### Bermuda Bans Catholic School

Hamilton, Bermuda — (NC) — Bermuda's educational authorities have refused to permit the opening of St. Anthony's convent school, and Dr. E. F. Gordon, Trinidad-born president of the Bermuda Workers' Association and the only Negro member of the Bermuda legislature, has expressed a determination to get the school open.

Dr. Gordon charges that the reason the government has objected so strongly to St. Anthony's school is that it would allow black and white children to be educated together. "Bermuda's educational system is riddled with racial segregation policy of the ruling white oligarchy," he asserted.

### Bishop's Letter Cited In Antarctic Claims

Santiago, Chile — (NC) — A letter presented to Pope Clement XIII in 1762 by Bishop Manuel de Alday of Santiago, Chile, on the occasion of an ad limina visit has been widely published in the Chilean press as evidence that this country has rights in the Antarctic.

The letter, preserved in the library of the Dominican Fathers here, is a Castilian translation of the original Latin and states that the Diocese of Santiago "extends to the Antarctic pole in this Southern America, and has been erected since 1561."

### Catholic 'Hater' Kills Boy of 16

New York — (NC) — A 16-year-old boy, Thomas Brady, who had intended to study for the priesthood, was killed here by the bullet of a 64-year-old man, believed to be a Catholic hater.

The shooting occurred at the Power Memorial Academy conducted by the Christian Brothers, where about 40 students were watching 300 of their classmates drill for a St. Patrick's Day parade. The six-foot heavy set man opened fire and then fled when his pistol jammed. The Brady boy had gone to confession just fifteen minutes before he was shot.

### Largest Alaskan Church Underway

Anchorage — (RNS) — Holy Family, geographically the world's largest Catholic parish, will soon have the Alaska Territory's largest church.

Work on the new church began last July has progressed to the point where Mass can now be said in the basement chapel. The new church became a necessity with the arrival of great numbers of Catholic seamen and civilian construction workers during and after the late war.

### Apostolic Delegate Tells Of Pioneer Ordinations

Omaha — (NC) — The Catholic Church has travelled a long road since the first priestly ordination in this country, the Apostolic delegate to the United States, His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, said at the installation ceremonies here for Archbishop Gerald J. Bergan of Omaha.

Thirty Bishops took part in the ceremonies in St. Cecilia's Cathedral at which Archbishop Bergan became the sixth head of the archdiocese. Omaha was set up as a Vicariate Apostolic in 1857, became a diocese in 1885 and an archdiocese in 1945. There are now approximately 120,000 Catholics within its 14,000 square miles. Archbishop Bergan, who had served as Bishop of Des Moines from 1934 until his transfer here, is a native of Peoria.

### New School On Site Planned for Gambling

Reno, Nev. — (NC) — What might have become a palatial gambling establishment had original plans not fallen through, will be opened as a Central Catholic high school for the Reno area next September.

This result was assured this week when Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of Reno purchased the Flick ranch, together with its elaborate installations and buildings, for school purposes. Two years ago Flick sold the residence to a syndicate for a gambling establishment. However, State authorities refused to issue the necessary license.

### Girl Scout Troop Assists Auburn Parish Librarian

Auburn — Troop 12 of St. Alphonsus Parish enjoyed a party recently at the Roller Drome in Clark Street Rd. Under the direction of Mrs. Olyve Garbinsky, troop committee chairman, the girls met at St. Alphonsus parish house at 1:30 and were taken to the rink by Rev. Robert Dobbertin, chaplain of the Girl Scouts. After an afternoon of skating and fun the girls returned at 5 o'clock.

The Girl Scouts have been busy working on their second-class badge and their first-aid badge. They have helped with preparing books for the librarians to catalogue in the recently established St. Alphonsus library. Mrs. Harvey Clark, head librarian, has asked for the aid of Girl Scout Troop 12 in preparing scrap books for use in the library. The girls are now looking forward to a mothers and daughters Girl Scout party which they plan to have in May.

Troop 12 is made up of 24 girls headed by Miss Catherine Anton and Miss Caroline Casper acting as leaders. Mrs. Raymond Conley is assistant troop committee chairman. Rev. Robert Dobbertin, assistant to Rev. F. G. Straub, pastor, is chaplain of the troop.

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