

# Fathers J. Widman, J. Cloonan Named As Navy Chaplains

Two diocesan priests have been appointed chaplains in the U. S. Navy, it was announced this week.

They are the Rev. John A. Widman, assistant pastor of St. Philip Neri Church, Rochester, and the Rev. Joseph Cloonan, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, Rochester. They will be chaplains with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.



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Father Widman will be Chaplain at the New Orleans Naval Base, Louisiana, and Father Cloonan will have a similar post at the San Diego Naval Base, California. They were sworn into the Navy on Monday in Pittsburgh.

FATHER WIDMAN, who currently is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Widman, 59 Oxford St., Buffalo, before leaving for New Orleans, attended St. Mary's School, Canandaigua, and Canandaigua Academy before entering St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

Ordained on Dec. 16, 1943, he was appointed assistant pastor at St. Andrew's Church. He later was transferred to assistant pastor at St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, and subsequently to St. Philip Neri parish.

FATHER CLOONAN, son of Mr. Catherine Cloonan, 815 Seward St., and the late Michael T. Cloonan, attended Immaculate Conception School before entering St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's.

Ordained June 3, 1944, he was assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport, and St. Leo's Church, Hilton until 1943, when he was transferred to the assistant pastorate at Holy Family Church.

He left Tuesday to drive across country to the San Diego Base, where he is due to report Aug. 18.

Only one other priest of the diocese is in Navy service. He is the Rev. John K. Wheaton, a Lieutenant Commander, who recently was transferred to the Panama Canal Zone as District Chaplain of the 13th Naval Reserve, Chaplain Wheaton, who served in the combat areas of the Pacific and was awarded the Purple Heart, will have four chaplains under him at the Balboa base.

## Catholic Heads Liberal Party In Canada

Ottawa—(NC)—Louis Stephen St. Laurent, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, has been elected national leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. He is the second Catholic to head the Liberal Party since the confederation of Canada and succeeds Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, who has held the post since 1919.

For the time being, Mr. Mackenzie King is continuing as Prime Minister but on his retirement, which may come at any time, Mr. St. Laurent, 66-year-old son of Quebec, will assume the task of directing the Canadian Government until a new general election is held.

AT THE PARTY convention here Mr. St. Laurent was elected on the first ballot, receiving 848 votes. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture in the King government, received 313 votes and C. G. Power, Minister of National Defense for Air during World War II, 56 votes.

Mr. St. Laurent is considered one of the three or four top-ranking lawyers of Canada. His father was a French Canadian merchant, and his mother was Irish. Mr. St. Laurent, a quick-witted, gracious, courtly man, speaks both French and English with equal fluency.

The first Catholic Liberal leader was Sir Wilfrid Laurier, also from Quebec, who was head of the party from 1887 until his death in 1919 and Prime Minister from 1896 to 1911. The Canadian Conservative Party has also had two Catholic leaders since confederation. Sir John Thompson, a convert from Methodism, who was leader and Prime Minister from 1892 to 1894, and Dr. Robert J. Manion, leader from 1938 to 1940.

## Sweden Catholic Ban To Be Lifted

Munch—(NC)—A new law is pending in Sweden which is to abrogate the restrictions still prevailing against the Catholics in that country, said Bishop Johannes Erik Muehler, Vicar Apostolic of Sweden, in an interview during a visit to his native Steinkirchen, a Bavarian village near here.

Swedish citizens, the Bishop explained, until 1860 were not permitted to become Catholics. Since then the situation has changed, but certain restrictions still prevail, particularly as far as religious Orders are concerned. These now are to be rescinded, and the outlook is hopeful that the new law will be adopted by the Swedish parliament, he said.

Bishop Muehler observed the silver jubilee of his consecration early this year.

It will pay you to see Bill Thorne for an accurate watch or a beautiful diamond. Elgin, Waltham, Longines and Bulovas. William S. Thorne, Jeweler, 318 East Main St., opp. East Ave.—Adv.

## St. Cabrini Feast Ranking Is Raised

Cincinnati—(NC)—The Holy See has granted a petition of the American Bishops that the feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, first American diocesan saint, may be observed with the liturgical rank of a double of the second class. Archbishop John T. McNicholas of Cincinnati has informed the other members of the U. S. Hierarchy in a circular letter.

Archbishop McNicholas was authorized to present the petition to the Holy See as Chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference after the general meeting of the Bishops in November.

The Rescript granting the petition came from the Sacred Congregation of Rites and was signed by His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Micara, prefect of the congregation. The feast may be observed, it said, "under the rite of a double of the second class with the proper and approved Mass and Office."

## Children's Camp Opened in Rome

Rome—(NC)—An international camp for needy children between the ages of six and twelve years has been opened under the auspices of the Pontifical Relief Commission's summer camp program. It was announced here.

Located at Ostia, near Rome, the camp will occupy the site of one of the largest of the pre-war international summer camps sponsored by the old Fascist regime. It will accommodate about 2,000 children. One thousand will be Italian, 250 Austrian, 250 German, 200 Swiss, 150 American and German Italians and 100 from the small republic of San Marino.

## Bishop Kearney to Address Newman Chaplain's Meeting

St. Paul, Minn.—The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, will give the principal address at the annual Institute of Newman Club Chaplains to be held at the College of St. Thomas here on Sept. 1 and 2.

Bishop Kearney, who is Episcopal Moderator of the national Newman Club Federation, will speak at the closing general assembly of the Institute. It will be preceded by a dinner at which Archbishop John G. Murray of St. Paul will speak.

The Rev. Donald M. Cleary, chaplain of the Newman Club at Cornell, will be among several

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## Bishop's Pastoral Asks Diocesan Consecration To Immaculate Heart of Mary

Solemn consecration of the Diocese of Rochester to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held in all churches of the diocese on Sunday, August 22, His Excellency Bishop Kearney has announced.

The date selected for the diocesan consecration is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which was raised to a special rank among the Church's feasts by the present Pontiff, Pope Pius XII.

Purpose and importance of Bishop Kearney's newest effort to spread Marian devotion among his people are explained by him in a special pastoral letter prepared for public reading at all Masses this Sunday.

In his letter the Bishop expresses concern that popular interest in the famous appearances of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima may tend to obscure "the very definite message She gave to the world."

This message, he explains, is her plea for "devotion to her Immaculate Heart, the need of penance, the power of the Rosary, and the consecration of all nations and individuals to her Immaculate Heart."

The pastoral letter also outlines a program which the Bishop asks all churches to observe on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Specifically, he asks that in every church, the Blessed Virgin's altar be "richly decorated" with flowers provided by the faithful themselves; that all receive Holy Communion; and the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary be recited publicly by the people at all Masses on the feast day.

By way of tribute to the Blessed Virgin, the Bishop directs that on the same day the annual collection be taken for the completion of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

The new pastoral is the second which the Bishop has issued to promote devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In a letter given last October he established the First Saturday devotion in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in all churches of the diocese.

The whole world was consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 31, 1942, by Pope Pius XII in a radio address marking the Silver Jubilee of the Blessed Virgin's apparitions at Fatima.

Recalling that His predecessor Pope Leo XIII had consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart, Pope Pius XII saluted the Blessed Virgin as follows:

"So we in like manner consecrate ourselves forever also to the Immaculate Heart, our Mother and Queen, that thy love and patronage may hasten the triumph of the Kingdom of God."

The Holy Father renewed this Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on December 8, 1942 in the Vatican Basilica. This public act was the starting point for the general consecration throughout the world of dioceses, parishes, and communities.

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LADY OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

## Catholic Worker Newspaper Corrected on Pacifism Stand by N. Y. Catholic Weekly

New York—(Special)—Strong opposition to military service, a policy long advocated by The Catholic Worker, a monthly periodical published by laymen in New York, is the subject of editorial criticism in the current issue of The Catholic News, official weekly of the Archdiocese of New York.

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## School Grab Hits Church

Bucharest—(RNS)—More than 4,000 Catholic priests, nuns and lay teachers have become "unemployed" as a result of legislation nationalizing all church schools in Hungary, Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, declared in a pastoral letter read in Catholic churches throughout the country.

THE CARDINAL "deplored" the "tragic fate" of the Catholic education, but reiterated the determination of the hierarchy not to permit them to work in schools under the control of the Communist-dominated government.

According to Catholic officials here, some members of the Benedictine, Cistercian, Plarist and other teaching orders in Hungary will be sent to parishes to serve as assistants, while others will be sent to posts abroad. However, the fate of most of the Catholic educators remains uncertain.

All indications are that when the former Catholic schools reopen in September they will have no Catholic teachers on their staffs. It is recalled that early in July a group of Catholic teachers began negotiating with the Ministry of Culture and Education for some agreement that would permit the teachers to resume their work, but these overtures were disavowed by Cardinal Mindszenty and the negotiations ordered stopped immediately.

## Upholds Busses For Catholics

Albany, N. Y.—(RNS)—Appeals by parents of nearly 50 Capital District pupils asking that transportation to parochial schools be provided by school districts have been upheld in a special order issued by the New York State Department of Education.

Dr. Lewis A. Wilson, acting commissioner, sustained the appeal of Mrs. Florence Sikorad, of nearby Watervliet, from previous action taken at the annual meeting of School District 12, Colonie.

The district refused to grant transportation and ordered the trustees to provide and pay the cost of carrying some 25 pupils to the nearest parochial school.

About 20 other students at St. Augustin's Catholic Academy, Troy, were affected by a similar order, sustaining an appeal filed by Ralph Koubick of Rensselaer County. The appeal followed a special meeting of the school district in May when voters directed district trustees to provide the transportation.

## State AFL Backs Ban on 'Nation'

New York—(NC)—The New York State Federation of the American Federation of Labor commended Dr. William Janssen, New York City Superintendent of Schools, for barring The Nation from the public school reading lists because of its attacks on the Catholic Church, in a resolution adopted at its annual convention here.

The resolution, one of the first to be passed, was introduced by Thomas Murphy, international representative of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers Union.

It declared that the "recent vicious attacks on the Catholic religion" appearing in The Nation, weekly magazine, "are entirely contrary to the basic concepts of American democracy which through the Constitution of the United States guarantees to all the right to worship God as they see fit."

It also pledged Dr. Janssen "full support in all similar actions which it may be necessary to take to preserve the rights of the people of our country."

## Anti-clerical's Kin Ordained a Priest

Paris—(NC)—The grandson of a former French Minister of War whose anti-Catholic bias caused scandal more than 40 years ago that he was forced to resign his post, has been ordained a priest in the Carmelite chapel here.

The newly ordained is the grandson of General Andre, who as Minister of War kept a careful file of all French Army officers who were practicing Catholics and studiously prevented their advancement. Discovery of this discrimination forced General Andre to resign.

## School Grab Red Romania Rules State Seizure Of All Catholic Schools

Bucharest—(RNS)—All church-owned schools in Romania have been taken over by the Communist-controlled government under a new law which provides that "all confessional and private schools are the property of the State."

Announcement of the edict, which also closed all foreign schools, was made here by Scantela, chief organ of the Communist Party in Romania. The school property requisitioned, the newspaper said, includes buildings, furniture, libraries, and laboratories belonging to churches, congregations, religious communities, and private societies which operated or supported general, technical or professional education.

ACCORDING to Scantela, the purpose of the new law is to place all education under State control and to destroy "the ancient undemocratic system." Resistance to government acquisition of the schools, it was made clear, will be considered an sabotage.

Scantela said the measure specifies that properties "which exclusively served cults will be returned to the respective cults," an indication that theological seminaries might escape the general requisitioning.

Roman and Greek Catholics were hardest hit by the law. Bishops and Advantages being unaffected since neither has any parochial schools, but only one seminary each.

Roman Catholic circles apparently believed up to the last minute before publication of the law that such a move would not be made because of an anticipated government difficulty in obtaining a sufficient number of teachers to man the schools.

## Chancellor Back From Rome Saw Holy Father

A special audience with His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, was the highlight of a 11-day pilgrimage conducted by the Very Rev. Magr. James C. McAniff, S.T.D., chancellor of the Rochester Diocese, and St. Thomas Moore, and Westminster Cathedral.

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## Urges Dismissal of Action To Halt Released-Time Plan

Brooklyn, N. Y.—(RNS)—A motion for dismissal or transfer to Albany of an action which would halt religious instruction in New York public schools during regular school hours was made in Supreme Court here by the State Commissioner of Education.

Plaintiffs in the case are two Brooklyn parents who contend the released-time program conflicts with the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision banning religious instruction in the public schools of Champaign, Ill.

Reason for the motion for dismissal or transfer was that a similar action was argued in Albany last May and when acted upon would also decide the Brooklyn case.

Kenneth W. Greenawald, attorney for the plaintiffs, said he would like the issue decided here instead of in Albany, where, he said, the plaintiff is Joseph Lewis, an atheist and president of the Free Thinkers of America. The court was urged to grant the motion by the New York City Board of Education and the Greater New York Coordinating Committee of Released Time, which represents Catholics, Protestants and Jews.

## WAR CHAPLAIN ENDS SIX-YEAR ARMY SERVICE

Honolulu, after more than six years' distinguished service as a chaplain in the United States Army, Major Elmer W. Heindel is awaiting assignment in the Diocese of Rochester.

Father Heindel returned this week from his post at the Army's Proving Ground, Maryland, to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Heindel, 40 Florence Ave., Greece.

AFTER ENLISTING in March, 1942, when an assistant pastor at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, Chaplain Heindel was assigned to the Proving Ground, the Army post later in the Pacific resulted in his being decorated with the distinguished service cross for exceptional bravery by General MacArthur in 1945.

The citation carried with it commendation for aiding the wounded under fire. He has also received the Silver Star and a bronze star medal.

In November, 1944, Father Heindel was the subject of a special article in "Yank Down Under," weekly magazine of the armed forces in the Pacific. The Rochester priest's high standing with his men and his coolness in battle were extolled by the article. Describing battle conditions, the article said when "we saw Father Heindel walking around about 50 yards in front of us like he was out for a stroll" that "gave us courage."

FOLLOWING four years in the Pacific area, Father Heindel returned to the United States to be assigned in March 1946 as chaplain at Rhoads General Hospital, Utica.

He conducted the Army-Cana Conference held exclusively for and by military personnel on any post, when Chaplain Heindel was Proving Ground, his last Army post. His work at that post resembled greatly that of the parish priest, he declared on a visit home.

Father Heindel also served in Rochester diocese at St. Mary's Church, Canastota, and St. Alphonsus, Auburn prior to service duty.

## Reduced Belgium Aid Hits Mission Schools

Brussels—(RNS)—Catholic mission schools in the Belgian Congo may be forced to close if the government carries out its plans to reduce state subsidies to those schools.

This warning was issued by Catholic spokesmen here as they announced that the government has presented a mission schools with a new form of contract which involves a reduction of 30 to 40 per cent in the state subsidy previously granted the schools.

Also according to the Catholic officials, the contract makes no mention of salaries for teaching personnel.

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