Joseph Hwalek Heads St. Stanislaus HNS

Joseph Hwalek, 32 Peckham St., is new president of the Holy Name Society of St. Stanislaus Church. Serving with him for the 1952-52 term are the following:

Stanley Pluskiewicz, vice president; Richard Wroblewski, secretary; Edward Napierala, treasurer; Walter Macikowski, marshall.

The Rev. Chester M. Klocek, assistant pastor, is spiritual director. Committee chairmen include William Wilko, program; Leo Reeder, arrangements; Charles Witkowski, sick and vigil; Walter Czarniak, publicity; Stanley Napierala, sports; Richard Wroblewski, military; Walter Rybacki, youth; Florian Balcerak, history. Delegates to the Diocesan Holy Name Union are Czarniak and Raymond Cowan, with John Czerwiec, Henry Zurowski and Bernard Lester as alternates.

Hawaiians To Enter Syracuse Convent

Homolulu, T. H.—(NC)—Five Hawaii-born girls are on their way to Syracuse, N. Y., to enter St. Anthony's Convent Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters. They are Myrnanette Saclausa, Floence Ah Moy, Evelyn Barboza, Vivian Leite and Cecelia Goo.

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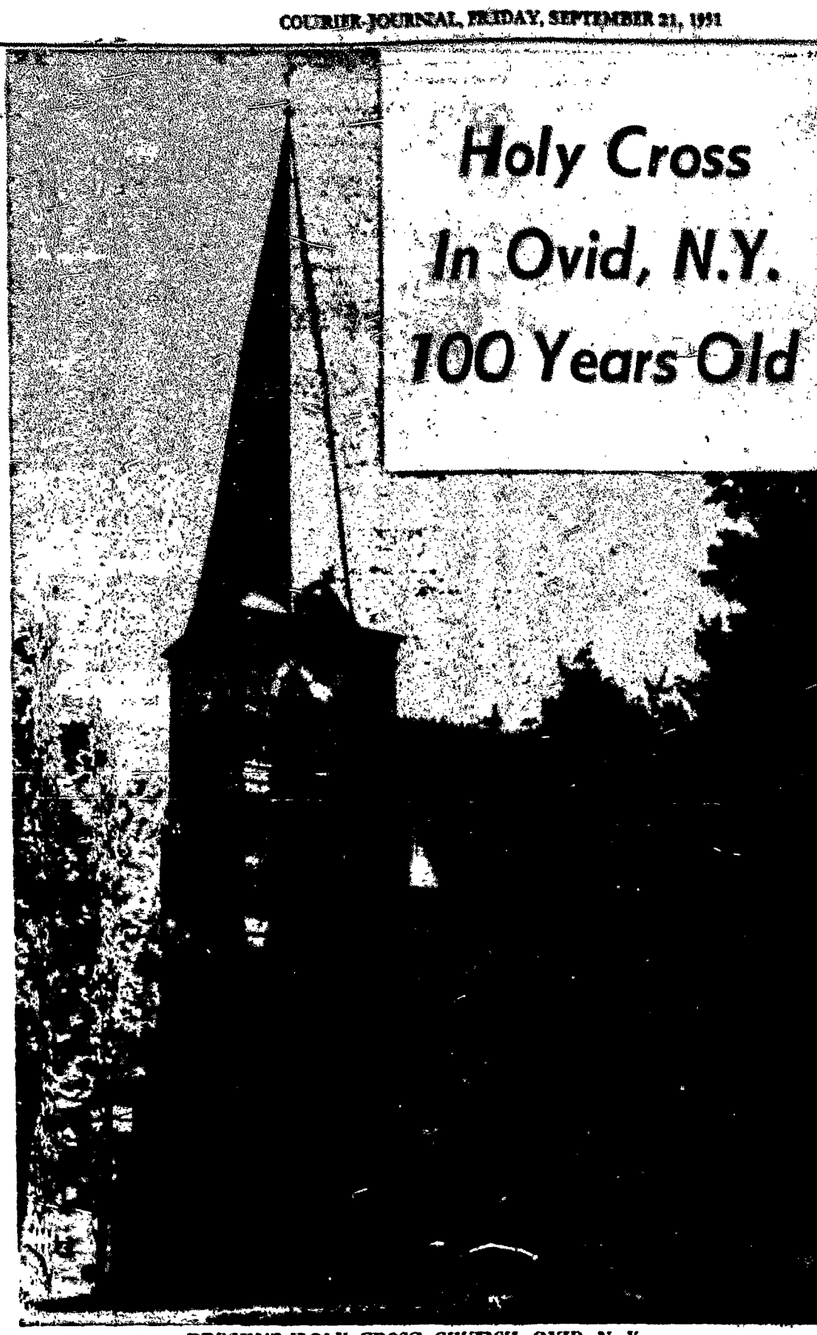

PRESENT HOLY CROSS CHURCH, OVID, N. Y.

Centennial Mass Slated Sunday In Ovid Church

REV. THOMAS P. STAFFORD
Pastor

REV. HENRY C. BLEIER
Assistant Pastor

One hundred years of service to God in the town of Ovid will be commemorated by Holy Cross parish, its priests and people, in the newly redecorated church interior of Holy Cross Church on Sunday, Sept. 23.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Centenary Mass at 10:45 a.m. and will preach the sermon for the occasion. The Bishop will also administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Holy Cross Church has been in charge of the Rev. Thomas P. Stafford, pastor, and a graduate of Holy Family School, Rochester, since Oct. 30, 1917. His assistant is the Rev. Henry C. Bleier.

FATHER STAFFORD was ordained by Bishop McQuaid on June 11, 1904 after studying at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary. He served as assistant pastor of St. Alopsius, Auburn, for seven years and at St. Patrick's, Elmira, for seven more before being appointed to Ovid.

During his 34 years of pastoral work in Ovid, Father Stafford has also extended his spiritual ministrations to Willard State Hospital where he or his assistant celebrate one Mass, each Sunday. He also has charge of Sacred Heart Mission at Romulus.

JOINING IN the celebration will be the Ovid parish's two trustees, Frank E. Lochren and Fred B. Parker. Organist and choir director who will have charge of the Centenary music is Miss Frances Delaney.

Collectors and ushers are: Frank E. Lochren, Fred B. Parker, L. T. Kearley, George Lynd, Richard Hilliard, and Patrick Herron.

The parish is proud of three boys of the parish who became priests. Ordained from this parish were: the Rev. Felix O'Hanlon, the Rev. John R. FitzSimons and the Rev. Thomas Lochren.

Young women who left the parish to enter Sisterhoods were: Ella Feehan, Sara FitzSimons and Elizabeth Murphy.

AMONG THE Assistant Priests who have served Holy Cross parish in Ovid were: Father Curran, the Rev. J. Kennedy, Rev. Thomas Harrington, Rev. Joseph Diasett, Rev. Victor J. Hurley, Rev. Edward Lynch, Rev. James Tischer, Rev. John L. Maxwell, Rev. P. J. O'Donnell, Rev. E. F. O'Neil, Rev. Daniel McCarthy and the present assistant, Father Bleier.

Holy Cross parish at Ovid was organized by Father Gilbride in 1846. Mass was celebrated in the house of James Murphy. In 1850, a 40 x 50 foot church was built and was dedicated in May 1851.

Spiritual needs of the parish from 1853 to 1876 were cared for by Father Kinney, Rev. William Gleeson, Father McGuire, Rev. Martin Kavanagh, Father Stephens, Father Cannon, Rev. Denis English, Rev. James T. Mahanus, Rev. Father Keenan and Rev. James O'Connor.

ON APRIL 28, 1876, the Rev. Thomas J. O'Connell, traveled to Ovid to become pastor and erected the present church building which was dedicated in the spring of 1884. Father O'Connell died in April 1898. Bishop McQuaid preached the eulogy and Bishop Thomas A. Henrick of Cebu, Philippine Islands, celebrated the funeral Mass.

Father O'Connell was succeeded by the Rev. Joseph Hendrick who served as pastor until October, 1917 when he was transferred to St. Francis de Sales, Geneva. Father Stafford was named pastor on Oct. 30, 1917.

During these 34 years, Father Stafford has diligently worked for the spiritual advancement of the parish and continues to do so. Under his direction the Centenary arrangements have been made to mark in a fitting way, the great work for Holy Mother the Church achieved in the 100 years of parish life in Ovid.

Laywoman Missionary On Visit To U. S.

Washington—(NC)—A missionary of a Maryknoll society, who is on her way to the United States after spending nine years on the Island of Formosa in the Pacific, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Kathleen Fiske, and family in Washington. Relaying the missionary needs of the Formosan people, which are numerous, Miss Mary Ann Hoffman, of the Maryknoll Sisters, Mrs. Fiske takes care of all cooking and house work while her sister spends her time in the construction of the new church, school and convent buildings.

While in San Francisco and New York Mrs. Fiske hopes to give lectures and show colored slides about the mission. She also hopes to spend some time here in Honolulu on her way back to Formosa in approximately six weeks.

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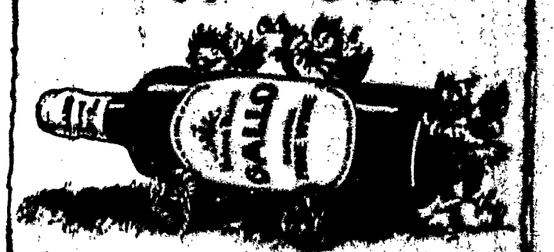
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Senate Group Approves Admissions Tax Exemption

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—The Senate Finance Committee has tentatively agreed to recommend repeal of the 20 per cent federal admissions tax on benefits by religious, educational and charitable groups.

Sen. Walter F George (D., Ga.), chairman of the committee, said, however, that the committee would "tighten up" the exemptions previously voted by the House.

He said that the exact language has not yet been agreed upon by the committee. The House-approved tax bill would grant exemption from the admissions tax to all public programs given by non-profit institutions except college football contests. But apparently the Senate committee will not be quite as generous.

The Treasury Department, which opposed any lifting of the levy, estimated the potential loss of revenue under the House bill at $16,000,000 a year.

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Work For Negroes

Vacherie, La. (NC)—Two Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross have come to this area at the invitation of Archbishop Joseph F Rummel of New Orleans, to conduct missions and catechetical classes among the Negroes.

Catholics Granted Posts In Greece

Athens—(RNS)—For the first time in recent history, seven Roman Catholic priests were appointed teachers of religious courses for Catholic children attending Greek Orthodox primary schools in the Aegean islands of Syra and Tenos.

The decision to appoint the priests was made by the Greek government. It was greeted by non-Orthodox Greeks as a notable development in the solution of problems affecting the country's religious minorities.

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"Maid of the Mist"

In night one be tempted to name the Chapel of Our Lady on a rainy day at Alqosh, Iraq, for there's scarcely a corner to be dried where the water does not leak through the dilapidated roof. The fires of Faith burn brightly, though, in the hearts of a devoted priest and his little flock, and especially is it enkindled in the souls of converts who are applying every day to live together the Catholic Religion.

1400, says the Pastor, will do the necessary repairs. It is our hope that our good friends will aid the shepherd and his flock. Could your pair be $25 or maybe 10?

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18 000 Catholics spread over a territory bigger than several of our States and served by 29 native priests. That's the story of the "Bigos" district of Eritrea in East Africa. Lacking chapels these hard working missionaries set up a make shift Altar in a bamboo and mud hut and behold—the jungle becomes a Cathedral. Portable Mass Kits are needed. Perhaps you can supply one for $100. Breaking down—Chalice and Paten 40. Vestments 30. Missal 20 and linens and candles 10. Picture what your gift will do!

GOD'S BEAVERS

Ceaseless activity for the souls of all around them describes the 7-day work week of the devoted Basilian Sisters based at Cheik-Mouhammad in the Akkar district of Lebanon. Schools, medical dispensaries, catechism classes in the surrounding villages—this goes on summer and winter, rain or shine. A gift to the work is like a pile of logs put near a stream for these beavers. Could you send them $15, that they may have food, clothing, and the booklets needed for their classes?

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

Remember, there'll be nothing but a bamboo roof and no walls for the CHURCH at PAZHANJI, India, if our CHAPEL OF THE MONTH plan doesn't raise $4600 for the ground and completely equipped building. What a pity if Bishop Severios cannot put through the CONVERSION PROGRAM that is sure to follow if the natives get their chapel. Altar Furnishings such as Candlesticks, $10 a pair, Chalice, 40; Monstrance, 40 have not been given. The land alone is costing the Bishop $1000. Your 1, 5, 10 or 20 donation will do its part. Please don't fail us!

"BOYS WILL BE MEN"

To give a kid a break in life and to train good Catholic fathers for the children God will someday give them—To this the priests who conduct the Orphan Home in Rezaveh Iran dedicate their lives. 22 lads have found a home there and the number could be doubled if the means were at hand. It's getting harder each day though to keep the place going. $220 will feed them for a month. Maybe you will see in it that some of this is guaranteed.

"ON YOU I LEAN"

Devout Catholics feel than an offering given to support a priest when he says Mass for their intentions is little enough for so much return. On the other hand, to a missionary whose feet show thru his shoes and whose cassock is worn threadbare in God's service the offering is his staff of life. Don't forget our Middle East poor when some spiritual need must be presented at Heaven's Court thru the Holy Sacrifice.

ROSE OF THE NILE

Fairer than all the flowers of Egypt is the ideal budding in the soul of young Sister ROSE TEWFIK, a novice with the Sacred Heart Nuns at SOHAG. Planted by God and watered by His Grace, this vocation must not die for lack of material support. That her work for souls may blossom forth, we beg that you adopt her and offer the $150 needed both this year and next to see her through to final vows.

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