

### Bishop Asks Youths Who Took Statue Be Forgiven

Columbus —(NC)— Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus has asked "full forgiveness" for three Ohio State University students who confessed to taking a statue of St. Joseph from a Christmas crib erected on the lawn of St. Joseph Cathedral, here.

Bishop Ready noted that the youths on their own initiative had reported their implication in the matter to the university officials, and that the university had taken immediate steps to return the property and to arrange appropriate discipline.

The three young fraternity members, who admitted taking the statue from a Nativity group in front of the cathedral on December 22, called upon Bishop Ready to apologize for their action.

The university was reported to have placed the youths on a period of probation, the terms of which require them to donate to a blood bank, to take a course in ethics and to pay for any damage that may have been done to the statue.

Installation Of Bp. Lamb Set Jan. 16  
Greensburg, Pa. (NC)— Bishop John F. Dearden of Pittsburgh will deliver the sermon at the installation of the new Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Most Rev. Hugh L. Lamb, on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 10 o'clock, at St. Ignace Cathedral, here.

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### Paralyzed, Bedridden Girl Fills Bill On Catholic Newspaper

By ROBERT KELLY  
(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

Crookston, Minn. Paralyzed for 15 years! A handicap? — Yes and no. Physically, she can only move her head, neck, arms and shoulders. Mentally, she's right on top with the best of them. There, in part, Minn., contributing editor of Our Northland Diocese, official publication of the Diocese of Crookston.

This is a woman who was forced by illness to give up plans for a college education, the pleasures of life and a normal everyday program to face the future from a sickbed or wheel chair. But it didn't stop her from leading a useful life.

**VIVIAN DROPPED** her pen and turned to her typewriter. She began to write. Since she couldn't attend college, she did the next best thing. The University of Minnesota heard from her, and she began taking correspondence courses in creative writing.

It took her six years to place her first national magazine article, eight years to make a national sale that scored any success. By now she has contributed articles in the Extension, the Maristist, the Messenger of the Sacred Heart, the Catholic Digest and the Valley Farmer.

Miss Murphy was born in 1919 in Ada, Minn., where she attended grade school and high school. She planned to enter college in the summer of 1936 but was stricken with paralysis due to a spinal abscess. She spent the next year in hospitals in Fargo, Minneapolis and Rochester.

**SHE BECAME** associated with Our Northland Diocese after a visit from Bishop Francis J. Sisk of Crookston, who told her he planned a diocesan newspaper and asked her to contribute articles to it. She became a regular contributor in July, 1947.

For the sake of comfort, Miss Murphy has to be placed on her side with her knees flexed as far as they can be. Occasionally a sandbag is placed in position to still the involuntary movements of her legs. In a wheel chair her legs are bound to the chair to keep them flexed and quiet. She seldom uses the chair except when making a trip or leaving the house.

**HER MOTHER**, Mrs. Edward J. Murphy, has been in constant attendance since she returned from the hospital in 1937. Her two brothers, Daniel and Vincent, have been a source of transportation for her whenever she has traveled.

While her mother is a valued critic, Vivian does all her writing unassisted. In spite of her handicap, Miss Murphy is well groomed and in her own words dresses as attractively as possible.

A dressmaker who often sews for Miss Murphy was talking a colorful plaid taffeta dress for her. She showed it to a neighbor who knew of her illness. "I had never seen much of you," the woman said to the dressmaker. "But can she wear that?"

"OH," said the dressmaker, "she's dead." Miss Murphy said that one of the nicest things ever said to her.

As for being confined to her bed, she has a philosophy about leads a more interesting life than most of us, something interesting keeps happening to her out more clearly. "She really all the time."



Many readers of her diocesan paper, Our Northland Diocese, Crookston, Minn., will be surprised to know that their favorite columnist, Vivian T. Murphy, of Felton, Minn., has to do all her writing in bed. That she makes light of her work can be seen from her smile. She is also a contributor to several national Catholic magazines.

### Catholic Church Employees Up 50% In 21 Years

Washington —(NC)— During the 21 year period ending in 1930, less than all-occupation average of \$3,024.

**THE** Department of Commerce reported that in 1929 churches and other religious organizations had 722,000 employees, of which 54,000 were lay and religious.

These facts were disclosed through analysis of figures compiled by the Department of Commerce, whose statistics on Catholic Church employees are based upon the Official Catholic Directory and the last tabulated census of religious bodies in 1936.

The figures on other denominations are based on the 1936 census and on statistical samplings taken since that time. Apparently reflecting a great proportional increase in Catholic religious whose pay, if any, is nominal, the Department of Commerce study showed that pay of church workers, above average in 1929, had become low average in 1930.

Average church worker pay in 1929 was \$1,610 or about 14 per cent more than the average for all occupations of \$1,431. In 1930 according to Commerce estimates it was \$2,276, or about 23 per cent more.

**Judge of Rota** (NC) Magr. Giovanni Maria Pigna, defendant in the trial of the marriage bond of the Sacred Roman Rota, has been named a judge of that body by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

### Modern Home For Care Of Aged Started

New York —(NC)— Bishop Joseph F. Flannery, Auxiliary of New York, blessed the first of three modernized buildings here which will comprise the \$700,000 Mary Aged Home, which will provide New York with one of its first modern geriatric clinics as well as up-to-the-minute recreational facilities for hundreds of men and women over 65.

Named in memory of Mrs. Thomas J. Walsh, who bequeathed funds for use by the New York Archdiocese, the home will have accommodations for 370 aged men and women. It also will feature a day-care center for hundreds of non-resident aged, who will be able to obtain treatment at a clinic with divisions for physical medicine, occupational therapy and physiotherapy.

Recreational facilities will include an auditorium with a stage and motion picture screen, a men's billiard room and den with a television set, arts and crafts shops, a snack bar, a coffee shop and sun decks on every floor. There will also be a barber shop and a beauty parlor.

The group of buildings, formerly the New York Orthopedic Hospital, was purchased last summer by the New York Archdiocese, Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm, under the immediate supervision of Mother Bernadette de Lourdes, who staff the home. It will be operated under the direction of the archdiocesan Catholic Charities.

**New Orleans School Head Listed For 'Church Of The Air'**  
The Very Rev. Msgr. Henry C. Bezou, pastor of St. Patrick's Church of New Orleans, La., will speak on CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" Sunday, Jan. 13, (CBS Radio, 10:00-10:30 a.m. EST).

Msgr. Bezou is Superintendent of the Catholic Schools in New Orleans and director of the Catholic Committee of the South Summer School.

Musical will be sung by the Holy Name of Jesus Choir, directed by the Very Rev. George Francis of St. Agatha, New Orleans, and accompanied by Guy Bernard.

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