

### Glis in Rome Meet Priests From Home



FOUR SERVICEMEN from Rochester at the NCCS operated USO Club, the American Catholic Club in Rome for the Christmas holidays, greet two priests from their home town. In photo (from left) Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan, NCWC News Service correspondent, Cpl. Sam

Sutera, Rev. George Cocuzzi, Cpl. Sam Tripl, PFC David Wattel and Cpl. Anthony Sansone. Soldiers are members of "C" Company, 42nd Armored Infantry Battalion, 2nd Armored Division. Father Cocuzzi is making advanced studies in Rome. Father Sullivan is on special assignment with the News Service.

### Fr. Hilbert Tells Of Red Peril To China Missions

Geneva — Effects of Communism on the missions in China were told Wednesday night by Rev. Charles Hilbert, Maryknoll missionary, as St. Stephen's Rosary society met in Woman's building.

Father Hilbert who was a missionary in China for 24 years, was captured by the Communists and held prisoner for six months. He returned to the United States a year ago and is now in charge of Maryknoll missions for Western New York, with headquarters in Buffalo. He formerly was vicar general of his diocese in south China and once was rector of the seminary there.

FATHER HILBERT showed pictures of his mission field in China and told of the difficulties encountered in the early days when there was much poverty, sickness and distress among the people. He told of the organization of "bread lines" for the poor.

described Communist efforts to block his work, and how he was finally jailed along with other missionaries. Brutal treatment of the Communist captives, particularly the priests and nuns, was described by Father Hilbert.

Most of the mission property and the program set up by the missionaries were destroyed by the Communists, he said. Many of the priests and nuns are doing slave labor.

Despite conditions in China, Father Hilbert expressed a desire to "go back to my people" and to his mission in that country.

Father Hilbert's home is in Rochester, but he is now connected with the Maryknoll mission headquarters in Buffalo.

He was introduced by Rev. Donald Lux of St. Stephen's Church, moderator of the Rosary society.

### A. G. Stenson Rites Held At Holy Rosary

Funeral services for Anthony G. Stenson, 468 Emerson Street, were conducted from the funeral parlors of Joseph J. Buckley and at Holy Rosary Church, Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Elmer J. McDonald assisted by the Rev. Paul G. Wohlrab, deacon, and the

Rev. James J. Marvin, subdeacon.

Bearers were Robert Schneider, Joseph Schmeier, Roger Wall and Donald Flack.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where Father Wohlrab gave the final blessing. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Stenson, his mother, and several nieces survive.

### Baptisms Up In '51 In Greece Parish

For the first time in the history of St. John's Church, Greece, a total of 100 Baptisms was reached within one year according to "Our Parish Messenger," parish publication.

On the last Sunday in December, five babies received the Sacrament of Baptism bringing the 1951 total to exactly 100. Of these 100, 98 were infants and 2 were adult converts.

"It is interesting to note," the Messenger said, "the growth of our parish as indicated in the Baptismal records of the past 10 years:

"In 1941, 28 were baptized. In 1946, 51 were baptized and in 1951, 100 were baptized, which is a 400 percent increase in 10 years."

The Rev. John J. Baler is pastor and the Rev. Henry Atwell, assistant at St. John's.



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### Rites Conducted For Pfc. Male

Funeral services for Pfc. Robert L. Male, killed in action in Korea, July 29, 1950, were held from the funeral parlors of Joseph J. Buckley and at Holy Rosary Church, Saturday, Jan. 5.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Male of 539 Augustine St., Private Male was first reported missing in action in August, 1950 but it was not until last month that his parents were notified by the Defense Department that he was dead.

Besides his parents he is survived by five brothers, Lawrence, Donald, Charles Jr., William and John; three sisters, Alberta and Mary Male and Mrs. Mildred Fox, and one nephew, all of Rochester. Bearers were James, Michael and Jerry Walsh; Arthur, Robert and Lawrence Izzo.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Paul G. Wohlrab assisted by Rev. James J. Marvin, deacon, and the Rev. Elmer J. McDonald, subdeacon.

Interment was in the Soldiers and Sailors Plot, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where Father McDonald said the final blessing. Military services at the grave site were conducted by the Monroe County American Legion Honor Guard.

LIBERTY Liberty is always dangerous, but it is the safest thing we have.—Fosdick.

### 6 Rochesterians Meet In Rome Club During Holidays

Two priests from the Diocese of Rochester had a holiday meeting with four Army boys from this city at the NCCS-operated USO Club, the American Catholic Club in Rome on Jan. 2.

In the Club just down the street from St. Peter's Basilica, the six Rochesterians got together to compare notes and to swap stories of home, according to a dispatch from Rome.

All the Army boys are in the same outfit, "C" Company, 42nd Armored Infantry Battalion of the Second Armored Division. They had come to Italy for Christmas furlough.

THE TWO PRIESTS are the Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan, NCWC News Service correspondent, on special assignment in that work and the Rev. George Cocuzzi who is studying Canon Law at the Gregorian University in Rome.

The soldiers are Cpl. Sam Sutera, 147 Hillcrest St., Cpl. Sam Tripl, 125 Hillcrest St., both of Annunciation parish; Pfc. David Wattel, 64 Nelson St., Blessed Sacrament parish and Cpl. Anthony Sansone, 330 Central Park, St. Francis Xavier Parish.

Drafted on the same day in November, 1950, they've been together every minute since in the service and they say there are many more Rochester and Buffalo boys in their outfit.

WATTEL SPENT several days seeing Rome quite thoroughly while the other boys all headed

for Sicily to visit relatives they had never seen and to see the native homes of their parents. Tripl went to Valguarnera near Catania, Sutera to Fervati near Agrigento and Sansone to Termini Imerese a short distance outside Palermo. They all found many more cousins than they ever dreamed they had and got great kicks out of seeing their parents' birthplaces not so greatly changed in the 40 or so years since they left there.

All the boys got to see the Holy Father, too, but since he had more time Wattel made it twice.

### Oratoricals Set Tonight by Legion

Annual Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Monroe County American Legion will be held this evening, Jan. 11, at 8:00 p. m. in the small hall of the Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited to attend.

Three County schools will be represented. Hilton Central, Pittsford Central, and Brockport Central High School. City schools will be Our Lady of Mercy, Nazareth Academy, Edison Technical, East, and Aquinas Institute.

Chairman of the contest is Thomas J. Craig, Jr., and the judges will be Judge Thomas J. Meagher, Children's Court; Rev. John P. O'Meara, C.S.B., dean of St. John Fisher College, and Prof. Richard Kennedy of the English Department of the University of Rochester.

CONTESTANTS will compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cash prizes. The winner of the Monroe County Contest will represent Rochester in the American Legion District finals which will be held on either Feb. 10 or 17. The location of the finals will be announced at a later date.

Theme for the orations will be the Constitution of the United States. Faculty and students from all city and county high schools have been invited.

### West Webster HNS To Sponsor Dance

Holy Name Society of St. Rita's Church, West Webster, will sponsor a series of dances, round and square, it was announced by President William S. O'Brien.

Scheduled to open Saturday, Jan. 12, the series will be held in the newly remodeled "Earrn" on the church property. Chairman of the dance committee is John Madley.

Other dances are scheduled for Jan. 26, Feb. 9, 16 and St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

### John Fisher Club To Honor Father Nolan

The Rev. William F. Nolan, assistant pastor of the Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be guest of honor of the St. John Fisher Club Thursday, Jan. 17.

Carol Barrett, a Webster attorney, will be guest speaker. Father Nolan, who served as a chaplain in the Navy and saw duty in the Pacific during World War 2, has been recalled into service.

A program of entertainment arranged by club members will follow the dinner. During the evening the guests will select six candidates for Queen of the Speeches Dance scheduled for February.

### 16,864 Pilgrims Make Holy Year Tour By Bus

A total of 16,864 pilgrims in the Rochester area made the 1951 Holy Year pilgrimage to the four churches designated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, using 397 buses according to William A. Lang, vice president of Rochester Transportation Corporation.

Blessed Sacrament parish with 26 buses and 1,092 pilgrims led the groups. Pilgrimages made by automobiles or on foot increased the total number but no record was kept of these.

The bus report follows:

Parish	Buses	Pilgrims
Blessed Sacrament	26	1092
St. Monica	21	835
St. Ambrose	19	827
Sacred Heart	21	814
Holy Family	16	766
Holy Cross	15	740
St. Joseph	15	673
St. John the Evangelist	12	610
St. James	12	448
St. Andrew	10	428
St. Michael	11	477
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	11	470
Our Lady of Good Counsel	11	416
St. Josephat	10	410
St. Francis of Assisi	9	402
St. Bridget	9	400
Immaculate Conception	9	390
St. Charles Borromeo	8	385
Holy Rosary	8	382
St. Anthony of Padua	7	377
St. Boniface	7	374
St. Augustine	7	368
St. Peter and Paul	7	365
Our Mother of Sorrows	7	363
Corpus Christi	7	362
St. Helen	7	266
St. Stanislaus	7	266
Holy Apostles	7	266
St. Patrick	6	266
St. Theodore	6	260
St. Jerome (East Rochester)	6	235
Holy Redeemer	5	219
St. Salome	5	219
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	5	188
St. Thomas	4	186
Knights of St. John	4	183
St. Anne	4	182
St. Margaret Mary	4	161
St. Lucy	4	149
St. Cecilia	3	135
St. Philip Neri	3	130
St. John the Evangelist (Greece)	3	117
Church of the Annunciation	2	83
St. George	2	81
Our Lady of Victory	2	81
Holy Trinity (Webster)	2	83
Most Precious Blood	2	79
Our Lady of Lourdes	1	66
Catholic Women's Club	1	45
St. Mary of the Lake (Ontario)	1	44
St. Mary	1	40
Nazareth College	1	39
Nurses-St. Mary's Hospital	1	29
Newman Club-University of Rochester	1	37
Total Buses	397	
Total Pilgrims		16,864

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