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Graduation Talks Like 'Old Generals'

New York—(NC)—"Commencement speeches never end, they simply fade away." So quipped the Very Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., president of Fordham University, at the Fordham College commencement here.

He noted that in Fordham's commencement of the past century "enough words of eloquence have been distilled upon the air of Rose Hill to keep perpetually green with wisdom our ancient ivied walls."

Enrollment Up 35% In Nation

(NOW) News Service
The Church is more than keeping pace educationally with a postwar increase in population which has added another Catholic for every four members of the faith at the end of World War II.

At its 100th anniversary, the National Catholic Educational Directory for a postwar enrollment rise of over 35 per cent, and by expanding religious instruction classes for public school pupils, instruction classes jumped in attendance more than 70 per cent in the last five years.

These are findings of an N.C.E.D. News Service analysis of current and past statistics compiled by the National Catholic Directory. Salient points disclosed by the analysis include:

Over three and a half million students were in Catholic schools during the last January 1. More than a million and a half public school students were receiving

Aquinas Rated 'Superior' School

Superior rating as an educational institution has been awarded to Aquinas Institute by an 18-member committee of educators representing the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The committee made an extensive evaluation of the Rochester Catholic boys' high school conducted by the Basilian Fathers during a three-day visit to the school last March.

Howard C. McElroy, principal of McElroy High School, McElroy Park, served as the chairman of the committee and reported that Aquinas is "quite evidently meeting all the needs of the Catholic youth of Rochester."

Under the committee's system of evaluation an average of Point 5 (Excellent) is the highest possible score than any school can attain.

Reporting the results of the evaluation, the Rev. William A. Callahan, O.S.B., Aquinas principal, expressed gratification that Aquinas had scored "an average of 4.9 (Very Good) which places us in the category of superior rating."

In five of the seven points of evaluation Aquinas scored over a 4-point average. These included: Pupil Activity Program, Library Services, School Plant and School Staff and Administration.

The committee also gave Aquinas a Point 4 rating for its Program of Studies.

Father Callahan also reported that the visiting committee was deeply impressed with the respectful regard manifested by the student body toward the teaching staff.

PHASES OF THE school program staged out for commendation in chairman McElroy's report included:

Program of Studies: "We commend the effort made to combine instruction in religion, English and Social Studies for a common educational purpose."

Teaching Staff: "The staff is well informed; their police, general preparation and enthusiasm are excellent."

Art: "Students evinced keen interest in and appreciation of art. They have won many awards in competition; their (Continued on Page 6)

Tortured Bishop Reveals Ordeal Under China Reds

Hong Kong—(NC)—Details of brutal torture and humiliation at the hands of Chinese Communists were bared here by American-born Bishop Adolph Paschang of Kongmoon, 30-year veteran of the China missions. Bishop Paschang arrived here via the Portuguese colony of Macao where Red police guards took away all his money and sent him across the border penniless on the morning of June 6. He was forced to borrow money to complete his journey here to Hong Kong.

HIS ORDEAL of suffering began last November when the Communists subjected him to torture to force payment of "food protection fees" amounting to some \$7,000 in United States money. The demand was based on the pretext that he owed this assessment for repair work on dikes carried on over the past 20 years. During most of that time, Bishop Paschang was not even in Kongmoon.

Bishop Paschang recalled that, when he refused the Reds' demands, he was taken by members of the Communist "Farmers' Union" to a detention meeting, with his hands tied behind his back and a rope around his neck. The date was November 30, the 14th anniversary of his consecration as a Bishop.

AT THE MEETING, Bishop Paschang was ordered to kneel before the Communist leaders. When he refused, 20 Reds manhandled him until he fell flat on his face. He was asked why he had not paid the food protection assessment, and replied that he had not been in charge of the Kongmoon diocese for 20 years, and during the time he was Bishop of the authorities had never asked for money for the diocese.

"For three hours," Bishop Paschang related, "and then women stepped on me with their open hands as I knelt bound before them. Women struck me across the eyes, which stayed black for two weeks afterwards."

After midnight, the Bishop, still refusing to meet the extortion demand, was brought to the village temple where he was tied to a table for the rest

"The next day, still bound and half-dead," Bishop Paschang continued, "I was taken back where I had to sign over whatever money we had there. This did not meet the assessment, and they ordered me to leave Hong Kong for more funds. Then they released me temporarily, threatening that further treatment would be forthcoming if the money wasn't."

BISHOP PASCHANG stated that when ten days passed with no more money being received, the Farmers' Union accused him of sending a secret message, advising his superiors against paying the assessment. They charged him with sabotaging the Communist land reform.

The Communist order banishing him from China came suddenly on last June 1st, the 57-year-old prelate revealed. On that day he was summoned to appear before Kongmoon's Security Police who told him: "You haven't kept the law. The people don't want you anymore. You must quit the country within five days."

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\$27,000 In For Bishop's Church

Catholics of the diocese so far have contributed a total of \$27,000 for the new church now being erected in honor of St. John Fisher in the martyr-Bishop's ancient See town of Rochester, England, the Chancery reported this week.

THIS REPORT marks a generous response to the recent appeal of His Excellency Bishop Kearney, who enlisted the aid of his New World Diocese of Rochester in retreating the Catholic Church to "old" Rochester, England. The Catholic Church in Rochester, England, was confiscated by the state 100 years ago when St. John Fisher was martyred for the Faith under Henry VIII.

Bishop Kearney has designated two diocesan priests, Monsignor Donald Cleary and the Rev. Richard T. Torney, to present the check representing the gifts of this diocese for the Rev. Thomas O'Riordan, pastor of the new church in Rochester, England. Monsignor Cleary and Father Torney are leaving early next month for a summer trip to Europe.

BISHOP Cyril Corderoy of Southwark, England, will lay the cornerstone of the new St. John Fisher Church on Sunday, July 6.

Those not yet reached in collections and wishing to contribute to the St. John Fisher Church in Rochester, England, may do so through their pastor or directly to Bishop Kearney at the Chancery, 4 Chestnut St., Rochester 4, N.Y.

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Pontiff Names Four Diocesan Priests To Monsignor Rank

Four diocesan priests, including two golden jubilarians, have been honored by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, according to the announcement made this week by His Excellency Monsignor on the day they were celebrating fifty years in the Holy Priesthood were:

Rev. Mr. Louis W. Edelman, Ph.D., pastor of St. Louis Church, Pittsford.

Rev. Mr. Joseph H. Goff, S.T.D., Chaplain, Sisters of St. Joseph, Nazareth Motherhouse.

Both the new prelates wore their robes at their anniversary Masses on Sunday, Monsignor Edelman at St. Louis Church at 11:30 a.m. and Monsignor Goff at 9:30 a.m. in the Nazareth Motherhouse Chapel. Bishop Kearney presided at both Solemn Masses.

Elevated to the rank of Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor were the following:

Very Rev. Mr. Dennis W. Hickey, Secretary of the Diocesan Tribunal, Chancery.

Very Rev. Mr. Joseph E. Vort, Catholic Chaplain, New York State Agricultural and Industrial School, Industry.

Biographical data on the new Monsignors follows:

MONSIGNOR EDELMAN, whose 50 years in the Priesthood were recorded in a handsome souvenir booklet distributed last Sunday, attended Holy Redeemer and old Cathedral Schools in Rochester before attending St. Andrew and St. Bernard Seminary. He earned his B.A. degree at Canisius College, Buffalo and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at St. Bonaventure College.

He was ordained June 14, 1902 in old St. Patrick's Cathedral and served first at St. Andrew's and then at St. Bernard Seminary. He was assigned to the Diocese of Rochester in 1924 as pastor of St. Mary's and St. Bernard Seminary. An honorary degree in Sacred Theology was conferred on him by the University of Freiburg in Freiburg, Germany, in 1925.

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Daughter Of Italy's Premier Takes Vows

Rome—(NC)—Lucia de Gasperi, daughter of Italy's Premier Alcide de Gasperi, made her final vows as a Religious here on Sunday.

She is a member of the Congregation of the Religious of the Assumption, a community founded in France in 1839 by Maria Eugenia Milleret de Broi.

The profession ceremony was strictly private, with only members of the De Gasperi family and close friends attending. Among the latter were several cabinet members and other government officials.

Abbot Amelmo Albaredo, O.S.B., prefect of the Vatican Library, officiated in the presence of the two Archbishops of Constantinople—Archbishop Celso Costantini—Archbishop Celso Costantini, secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, and Archbishop Giovanni Costantini, Titular Bishop of Colossae and Archbishop of Lund, near Stockholm.

Present among those attending the ceremony was Monsignor Giovanni Balista Montini, Substitute Vatican Secretary of State.

Seeing Eye Dogs Go On Retreat

New York—(NC)—Seeing Eye Dogs will accompany their masters to the Brooklyn Zoo's annual retreat for the blind for the second year in a row, as a result of a successful experiment with the dogs in 1951.

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Jewish Merchant Donates Typewriters To Help Nuns Launch Business School

Washington—(NC)—Through a series of coincidences, plus a generous helping of charity, the House of Good Shepherd here is now well equipped to conduct a business school.

The helping of charity was supplied by a Jewish businessman, Leon Weinraub, who operates Leon Typewriter & Adding Machine Co. in New York City. He gave \$5,000 to the House of Good Shepherd five typewriters and stands as the business school could be opened.

THE HOUSE is a protective institution for some 55 girls. Mother Mary St. Veronica, superior, and the nuns for some time planned to open a business course for 20 interested girls, but lacked typewriters and the wherewithal to obtain them. Then the series of coincidences started.

Coincidence No. 1: Someone overheard the nun's plan and mentioned it to Eddie Gallagher, popular "dice" jockey for Radio Station WYOP here. Mr. Gallagher, in turn, mentioned it to one of his 5:30 a.m. broadcasts that anyone who had a typewriter to spare could serve a good cause by donating it to the Sisters of Good Shepherd.

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Cardinal Gives \$5,000 To Jewish Hospital

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The gift was named by Charles E. Silver, hospital president, a symbol of "the deep understanding and brotherhood that is rooted in our glorious democracy."

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Army Colonel Ordained Chief Of Staff On Iwo Jima

Pittsburgh, Pa.—(NC)—A former Army Chief of Staff on Iwo Jima in World War II, sang his first Solemn Mass as a Catholic priest at St. Bernard's Church here.

The Rev. Joseph A. Friedman, O.S.B., was ordained at the Holy Ghost Fathers' seminary in Norwalk, Conn., on June 6. He was one of eight World War II veterans at the ceremony.

While in the service, Father Friedman held the rank of lieutenant colonel and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding service in the supply section.

Released from the Army in 1945, he studied at Queens University for one year and then entered the Holy Ghost Fathers' seminary to study for the priesthood.

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80% Gain Cited In Half Century

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Students in Catholic elementary schools have increased in number by more than 80 per cent in less than half a century.

Figures supplied by the National Catholic Educational Directory show that in the last 50 years enrollment rose from 1,137,841 to 2,177,337.

The number of Catholic elementary schools increased by over 50 per cent and now totals 1,150.

Instruction in the Catholic faith, adding pupils in Catholic parochial institutions, 5,141,951, was the same under Catholic instruction of some type. The gross enrollment was 1,137,841.

Since World War II, Catholic elementary and high school enrollment has increased with over a third. Elementary students numbered 2,177,337 last January 1, and high school students 558,480.

Catholic colleges and universities, despite a drop in the enrollment took in the number of GI Bill students doubled, and more than twice as many students last January as they had in January of 1944. The 1952 figure was 204,937.

The vast expansion in Catholic education was made possible in large part by doubling the number of lay teachers, and increasing the number of full-time priest teachers by 50 per cent. A total of 30,057 nuns, however, continues more than three-fourths of the present Catholic teaching staff.

Despite past achievements, the scope of the task still facing Catholic education is enormous. Infant Baptisms now total fewer than a million a year. This means that almost 500,000 more Catholic children will be starting this year than in 1950 at the age of 7 than entered schools last fall.

FURTHERMORE, THE National Survey of the National Catholic Educational Directory estimated that over 4 1/2 million Catholic children were attending public schools in 1950. This was almost 1,000,000 more than the National Catholic Directory reported were attending Catholic schools—including colleges—that year.

Since 1950, Catholic school enrollment has increased a total of 200,000 according to the directory. Thus it is indicated that in the school year just ended approximately a million more Catholic children attended public schools than attended Catholic institutions. We are still far from the goal of every Catholic child in a Catholic school.

Tremendous progress has been made in preserving the faith of the Catholic children attending public schools. Official Catholic Directory statistics show a 75 per cent rise within the past five years in the number of these children attending religious instruction classes. The National Center of the National Catholic Educational Directory says the number has actually increased 100 per cent.

Youth, TB Victim
Attains Priesthood

St. Louis, Mo.—(NC)—A seminarian who was stricken with tuberculosis in his last year in 1947, has fought his way back to health and attained the priesthood.

The Rev. John G. Barnes, ordained this month, celebrated his first Mass at St. Mary's Church here in his native town.

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