

# Negro Priest Consecrated Bishop Of African See

Bay St. Louis, Miss. — (RNS) — The Most Rev. Joseph O. Bowers, S.V.D., was consecrated Bishop of Accra, West Africa, by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, in colorful ceremonies here.

Bishop Bowers, 43, is one of the first Negro members of the Catholic hierarchy to be consecrated in the United States and the first Negro member of his order, the Society of the Divine Word, to be raised to the episcopacy.

Co-consecrators were Bishop Richard O. Gerow of Natchez, Miss., and Bishop Adolph Noser, S.V.D., Vicar Apostolic of Alexandria, New Guinea, who is the predecessor of Bishop Bowers at Accra. The sermon was preached by Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans.

**THE CEREMONIES**, which took place in the Church of Our Lady of the Gulf here, were attended by leading Church dignitaries from all over the country.

Archbishop Rummel told the congregation that the new prelate's missionary activity in the Gold Coast under Bishop Noser's direction "undoubtedly had a large share in the zealous work which produced the glorious picture of Apostolic achievement in that region."

Addressing himself to Bishop Bowers, he said: "You may therefore well enter upon your episcopal responsibility with confidence and the high hope that under God's blessing the work so auspiciously begun will grow to ever-increasing proportions."

Bishop Bowers, an alumnus of St. Augustine's Seminary, Bay St. Louis, served in the Gold Coast from 1939 to 1950.

## Relations With Iran Denied By Vatican

Rome — (RNS) — Reports from Tehran that the government of Iran was establishing diplomatic relations with the Holy See were denied by the Vatican Secretariate of State.

Teheran dispatches had quoted Foreign Minister Hossein Fatehi as announcing the impending ties with Vatican. He was represented as saying that the Iranian Minister to Switzerland would serve as Minister to the Holy See.

A predominantly Moslem country, Iran has only 17,873 Catholics out of a total population of some 17,000,000.

## Pontiff Honors Altar 'Boy', 65

Coteau, La. — (NC) — Remy Comeaux at 65 may not be the oldest "altar boy" in the nation, but Father Charles Fortier, his pastor, has rated him as one of the most faithful.

As a reward for his fidelity, the aged "altar boy" and daily communicant at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church here has been awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

A widower, Mr. Comeaux resides at the parish rectory and in addition to acting as "altar boy" serves as superintendent of the parish buildings. He is the father of 10 children.

**Honorary Degree** Kansas City, Mo. — (NC) — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, was presented with an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at Rockhurst College.

## Korean Parish Started With One, Now Has Over 1,100 Parishioners

Ham Pyong, Korea — (NC) — This south-west Korean parish, which began as an out-mission with one Catholic in 1937, now has more than 1,100 parishioners.

On Holy Saturday the pastor, Father Paul Kim, Korean priest working with the Columbian Fathers, baptized 158 converts here.

Ham Pyong went through a fiery ordeal under the communists in 1950. They burned the new church and imprisoned Father Kim. They released him but came looking for him again to execute him. He spent 25 days hiding under the floor of a house.

During that time 19 Koreans who had been taking instruction came to his sister saying: "The Reds may kill us and we want to be baptized first."

# Marine, Army Chaplains Cited On Korea Role

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Six Catholic chaplains have recently been cited for service in Korea, including one Purple Heart recipient.

Marine Corps chaplain, Father (Lt. J.G.) John P. Byrnes of Trenton, N. J., received the Purple Heart for injuries suffered on February 27 in Korea.

**THE BRONZE STAR** was awarded to Father (Capt.) Dominic A. Bonomo of Baltimore for his "high standard of spiritual leadership" while serving with the 36th Engineer Combat Group in Korea.

Marine chaplains who received Bronze Stars were Father (Lt. J.G.) Paul J. LaDuca, O.F.M. Cap., a Marine aircraft group chaplain and Father (Lt.) August G. Mendonsa of Providence, R.I., a Marine infantry chaplain.

Letters of commendation were awarded to Father (Lt. J.G.) Charles T. Duggan of Boston, chaplain with a Marine artillery battalion, and Father (Lt. Cmdr.) Joseph P. F. Gallagher of New York, Marine infantry regiment chaplain.

# NEGRO BISHOP CONSECRATED



Bay St. Louis, Miss. — The Most Rev. Joseph O. Bowers, S.V.D., (center), gives his blessing following his consecration as Bishop of Accra, West Africa, at ceremonies in the Church of Our Lady of the Gulf here attended by leading Church dignitaries from all over the country. With him is Bishop Richard O. Gerow of Natchez, Miss., one of his co-consecrators. Bishop Bowers, 43, is one of the first Negro members of the Catholic hierarchy to be consecrated in the U. S. and the first Negro member of his order, the Society of the Divine Word, to be raised to the episcopacy. His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, was the consecrator.

## Trial For Priest Set By Yugoslavs

Belgrade — (RNS) — The Rev. Vinko Rasol, a Catholic priest from Zadar on the Dalmatian coast, will shortly be brought to trial on charges of "illegal dealings in foreign currency." It was announced here.

Communist authorities accused Father Rasol of pocketing money obtained from Yugoslav emigres in the United States for church activities.

They also alleged that the priest made parishioners who received financial aid from American relatives pay fees for religious rites in "hard dollars." According to the Yugoslav

# Pope, Truman Letters Issued By Taylor

New York — (RNS) — A 45-page book, containing correspondence exchanged by Pope Pius XII and former President Harry S. Truman, has been privately printed here by Myron C. Taylor, personal representative to the Vatican for both Mr. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Of the 325 letters in the new volume only two had been made public previously.

**COVERING THE** years between 1945 and 1949, the correspondence stresses Mr. Truman's desire to join with Pope Pius in establishing a world order based on peace, justice and freedom. The book is a companion piece to a similar one entitled "Warline Correspondence Between President Roosevelt and Pope Pius XII," privately published by Mr. Taylor in 1948.

In his introduction, Mr. Taylor states: "It is impossible to read the messages exchanged between the President and His Holiness without being strengthened in the conviction that faith in God and the spiritual and moral stamina that springs from it are the final and irresistible forces through which truth, and decency, and a just peace will prevail."

"Only as those forces inspire our minds and hearts will our generation accept whatever sacrifices may be necessary to meet and overcome the forces of evil which today challenge everything that free men and women prize most."

**FOUR OF THE** letters in the collection deal with Mr. Truman's decision in 1946 to return Mr. Taylor to the Vatican as his personal representative and the Pontiff's replies.

The next exchange came in August of 1947 and received world-wide publicity. In his letter, Mr. Truman described the world's greatest need as a renewal of religious faith. Replying, the Pope said that "man's first duty is to God, then to his fellow man," and "that man serves his country best who serves his God most faithfully."

**Science Grant** New Rochelle, N. Y. — (NC) — The first grant for scientific research at the College of New Rochelle has been received by Dr. Mary K. Rogick from the National Science Foundation.

# New Ambassador No 'Greenhorn' On Irish Lore

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — American Ambassador to Ireland, William Howard Taft, III, received an impressive farewell testimonial dinner last evening from some 150 Irish lore.

Expressing his thanks to a distinguished Washington gathering, the Ambassador who "would like to be regarded as a returning Irishman," gave out with facts on Irish lore that even Irish Americans stumped.

**AMONG THEM:** "According to many Galway men, Columbus stopped in at Galway to pick up his pilot before he would venture forth into the Atlantic Ocean."

"St. Brendan seems to have arrived in the United States, possibly at Martha's Vineyard, many centuries before Leif Ericson is said to have discovered Vineland."

"When Irishmen wish to be especially flattering, they refer to the United States as 'the next county to the West.'"

"We should remember that the Marshall Plan came to Ireland but that more than six-sevenths of the funds expended were in the form of loans and are to be paid back."

"Let us remember also that Ireland for its size and circumstance has contributed much to international good will and constructive thought . . . that Prime Minister DeValera was the first president of the Council, and the secretary of the League of Nations . . . that Ireland has contributed much to the unified success of the Marshall Plan, the Council of Europe, the OEEC and the FOA."

**THE AMBASSADOR** also pointed to Ireland's cultural history ("Ireland despite its privations has for its size probably given more pleasure to the world through its art and literature than any other nation"); her proud heritage ("Irish was the spoken language of the people until the 1550's and 40's despite every effort to destroy it and penalize the speakers"); and her present prowess ("The best English in the world is spoken in Dublin.")

Mr. Taft spoke at a gathering of 300 which included Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washing-

ton, Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Ambassador to Ireland in the U. S. John J. Flinn, Ambassador of Spain to the U. S. Jose Felix de Lozano, Lake Superior Secretary Martin P. Durkin and Magr. Howard J. Carroll, general secretary, N.C.W.C.

**THE SON OF** Senator Robert A. Taft and grandson of President William Howard Taft, the new ambassador spent three years in Ireland working for the Marshall Plan. He is known as one of the leading Gaelic scholars in the U. S.

Senator Taft told of his "extreme happiness that my boy was chosen as the best man to be Ambassador to Ireland."

**SENATOR DIERSEN** of Illinois, and applicant, stated he had introduced a bill to recognize Ireland, and prophesied "I expect the unity to be realized in my lifetime."

Said the new ambassador: "I claim the privilege of tutoring one potential visitor to Ireland in the arts of statecraft and diplomacy and he is a poor, underprivileged, un-Irish man, the majority leader of the Senate."

**Military Ordinariate Appointment Made** New York — (NC) — Magr. Thomas J. McCarthy, director of the Bureau of Information, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, D.C., has been named Vice Chancellor of the Military Ordinariate. He will assume his new duties July 1.

The appointment was announced here by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who is Military Vicar also. Magr. McCarthy has been director of the N.C.W.C. bureau for the last four years. He is a native of Worcester, Mass., an alumnus of Holy Cross College and of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md. He was ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese on May 22, 1937.

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