

Eight Priests To Mark Silver Jubilees



MONSIGNOR CLEARY FATHER AYERS FATHER BURKE FATHER HARTMANN
FATHER JANKOWSKI FATHER MAXWELL FATHER FOX FATHER REYNOLDS

Cardinal Given Top Ranking In Australia

Sydney, Australia — (NC) — His Eminence Norman Thomas Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney, will outrank other church leaders, including the Primate of the Church of England in Australia, at all functions of the federal government.

This decision, important in principle and marking a distinct historical trend, means that Cardinal Gilroy will take precedence over other churchmen at the official civic functions of the Australian Commonwealth in connection with the visit of Queen Elizabeth II early next year. The six state governments have not yet announced the order of precedence to be followed at state functions.

Under new rules issued by the Federal Government with the approval of the Queen, all churches in Australia are divided into two groups. The first includes the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodists and Presbyterians. All other denominations are in the second group. In each grouping, the cleric who has been his church's senior dignitary, will take precedence.

THE HEAD of the Church of England in Australia is Archbishop Howard West Kilvington Mowll. He did not attain this rank until 1947, although he became Archbishop of Sydney in 1933. Cardinal Gilroy became Archbishop of Sydney in 1940 and was created a Cardinal in 1946. Hence, the Australian federal authorities have taken the view that the Cardinal is "senior" to the Anglican Primate.

Throughout Australia the decision has aroused great interest. Although Australia, a Dominion of the British Commonwealth, differs from Britain in that there is no established church here, the Church of England has been regarded by many as the "unofficial" established church and, normally, Anglican prelates have been accorded precedence at civic functions.

Fighting Irish Break Record Of Blood Donors

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Notre Dame students have contributed a record-breaking total of 3,119 pints of blood to the American Red Cross in a mammoth five-day blood donor drive.

Flowers are emblems of a Bright and Better Land. Perry's Flower Shop, Inc. 411 Chalm Ave., GE. 0199; Hotel Seneca Arcade, RA. 2940.—Adv.

Jubilarians To Celebrate 25th Anniversary Masses

Eight priests of the Diocese of Rochester will mark the silver jubilee of their ordination during the month of June. The priest-jubilarians, all ordained June 8, 1928, by the Most Reverend Emmet Michael Walsh, D.D., present Bishop of Rochester, are:

Very Rev. Magr. Donald M. Cleary, chaplain to Cornell University, Ithaca, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled Sunday, May 24, at 9:30 a.m. in Anabel Taylor Chapel, Cornell Campus.

Rev. William J. Ayers, presently on sick leave and residing at Holy Apostles Rectory, Rochester, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 7 at 11 a.m. in Holy Apostles Church, Rochester.

Rev. John J. Burke, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Churchville and St. Fechan Church, Chili, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 7, at 10 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Church, Churchville.

Rev. Robert J. A. Fox, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Rochester, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 14, at 11 a.m. in St. Peter and Paul Church, Rochester.

Rev. Edward H. Hartmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Scottsville, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 7, at 10 a.m. in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Scottsville.

Rev. Peter J. Jankowski, pastor of St. Mary Church, Geneseo, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 7, at 10 a.m. in St. Mary Church, Geneseo.

Rev. John I. Maxwell, pastor of St. Leo Church, Hilton, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 28, at 11 a.m. in St. Leo Church, Hilton.

Rev. Charles E. Reynolds, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Leicester, St. Lucy Church, Retof, and St. Raphael Church, Piffard, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 14, at 10:15 a.m. in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Leicester.

All the priest jubilarians are graduates of the Rochester diocesan seminaries of St. Andrew and St. Bernard. They are members of the 1928 Ordination Class of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Two other members of the 1928 Class, also ordained for the Diocese of Rochester, are deceased. The Rev. J. Edward McKay died in August, 1948, and the Rev. Leo A. Smith died in May, 1942.

Plans for the anniversary observance by the jubilarians and record of their priestly careers follow:

Very Rev. Magr. Donald M. Cleary is a graduate of St. Andrew and St. Bernard Seminaries. He received a Master of Arts degree from Cornell University and attended Harvard Chaplains School.

During his 25 years in the

priesthood, he served as assistant pastor at Holy Family Church, Auburn, from 1929 to 1932, with duties as chaplain to Auburn Prison. From 1932 to 1936, he retained his position at Holy Family while teaching at Holy Family High School.

Monsignor Cleary was appointed Catholic chaplain to Cornell University in 1936. From 1942 to 1946, he served with the U. S. Army Air Corps as chaplain. He was appointed of Papal Chamberlain by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII in June 1952, with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor.

Monsignor will celebrate Low Mass at 9:30 a.m. on May 24 in Anabel Taylor Chapel, with Bishop Kearney presiding. He will be assisted by his brother, Rev. Thomas Cleary and Rev. Charles Langworthy.

Breakfast following the Mass will be sponsored by the Newman Club of Cornell and served in Anabel Taylor Hall.

A reception for the faculty, administration, students and friends will be held in the Memorial

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Bishop McCormick Dies in Capital

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Patrick J. McCormick of Washington, D. C., rector of the Catholic University of America, died in Providence Hospital here after a long illness.

San Diego, Calif. — (NC) — "Mommy, why can't I be a Catholic?" the little girl asked. The question brought a whole family into the Church—through tragedy and through faith.

Mrs. Dorothy Paul of Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., described it this way:

"I didn't realize my little nine-year-old daughter was serious when she told me she wished she was a Catholic. . . . I asked her to tell me why she thought she would prefer the Catholic Church, and to my surprise she simply replied, 'because I would learn more about Jesus there!'"

"I THANK GOD that I decided to speak to a priest after that. When I did he told me she could start catechism lessons and he gave me a book to read to help me understand the fundamentals of the Catholic religion."

"One day, two weeks later, she came home and explained the lesson she had about a little boy who went straight to Heaven and who would help his family here on earth by praying in Heaven for them."

"The next afternoon our little

Bishops Greeted On Patron's Day



ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE men at the Second Annual Communion and Breakfast, on May 20, the day honoring the college's patron saint, assisted at Mass celebrated by Bishop Kearney (left) and greeted Bishop Casey (right) seated, on his first visit as Bishop to the college. James Gaffney, breakfast chairman, is seated center. Standing are Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president and Rev. John E. O'Brien, C.S.B., dean of the college.

Italian Red Converted By Mrs. Clare Luce

Rome — (NC) — Veteran diplomatic observers here think Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, new U. S. Ambassador to Italy, is going to make out all right. The famous convert to Catholicism and author proved her mettle during her first trip to the impoverished tip of southern Italy's boot.

Women haven't made much headway in public life in Italy, and news of Mrs. Luce's appointment as American envoy here was originally greeted by a good deal of skepticism. The former congresswoman's trip to the south, however, made a lot of doubters change their minds.

Mrs. Luce was visiting southern Italy to see for herself the land reform project which she had been promoting. And while she was standing in the main square in a small town near Bari, a thick-set man pushed his way through a crowd of admirers to speak to her. Handing her a card, he explained he was renouncing communism. As proof of his sincerity, he said dramatically, he was giving her his Communist Party membership card.

The man turned out to be Aldo Ramiera, a prominent local Red and president of a communist cooperative.

"Nobody here sees any coming mass defection from the party because of Mrs. Luce's presence. But old-time observers now see in her a woman of charm and polish who should be a little asset to the cause of democracy in Italy."

Tragedy Brings Faith

"IN MY SHOCK" one sentence in the book the priest had given me stood out in my mind. . . . A person can be baptized within two hours after death. At my request the priest was called and baptized her minutes after death.

"I felt then that God had been preparing me through my little one for the day when He would call her to Him and that I should follow her in the religion she had chosen."

"THE DAY OF" four year old son was baptized was the first time my husband was ever inside a Catholic Church and as he knelt beside me I saw the tears come to his eyes and I knew that God had blessed him with the Faith too and our whole little family would always be united in the same beautiful religion.

"We thank God that through the precious little child He blessed us with He also brought us into the Catholic Church."

Dispensation

The Most Reverend Bishop, in virtue of faculties granted by the Holy See, dispenses the faithful of the Diocese from the obligation of fast and abstinence on Ember Saturday, May 29, which is also Memorial Day. The faithful are exhorted to perform some pious act of prayer or charity in gratitude for this favor from the Holy Father.

Blind Sisters Join Nuns, Do Well In Convent Life

Wheeling, W. Va. — (NC) — Two blind sisters who entered the Monastery of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge here have received the habit of the Order and will enter their novitiate after six months of postulancy.

The Misses Josephine and Sadie Attanasio of New York have been completely satisfactory in the religious life, the religious superior of the convent, Mother M. Cecilia, stated. Josephine, a private secretary before her entry into the convent, is now secretary to the Mother Superior, taking dictation in Braille and by dictaphone.

Sadie Attanasio is assigned to the monastery pantry and to the laundry which is the institution's sole support. Both girls participate in all community activities, including chanting the Office of the

Trappist Monastery B Scheduled On Memorial Day

Another step toward the permanent establishment of the Observance, better known as the Trappists, in the Diocese of Rochester is scheduled for Memorial Day, May 30, (Decoration Day) in ceremonies at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Refuge near Piffard.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass for the Trappist Monastery at 10 a.m. in the morning. The ceremony will be followed by a solemn benediction of the new monastery.

JOINS CATHOLIC CHURCH



Scarsdale, N. Y. — The Rev. James Harry Price, for 25 years a Protestant Episcopal clergyman, is shown in his office here after announcing his conversion to Catholicism. The 54-year-old rector of the Episcopal Church of St. James the Less here was received into the Catholic Church in Washington, D. C. In commenting on his conversion, he said that "the change I have made is the fruit of years of thought, study and prayer."

Mr. Price's assistant at the St. James Church, the Rev. William C. Kernan, also resigned in 1952 to become a Catholic convert. (RNS Photo.)

Protestant Rector Follows Curate Into Catholic Faith

Scarsdale, N. Y. — (NC) — The former rector of a Protestant Episcopal church here has embraced the Catholic Faith. He followed the footsteps of his former assistant minister, who a year ago became a convert to Catholicism.

James Harry Price, 50, who resigned April 20 as a rector of St. James the Less Episcopal church here, announced that he had been received into the Catholic Church in Washington, D. C., on May 16.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT came as a surprise to his mother, Mrs. Mable Tully Price, who resides at the rectory of the Episcopal church. She said the first she knew of her son's conversion was when he phoned her after he had been received into the Catholic Church. Mr. Price would have completed 25 years as an Episcopalian clergyman on July 1.

A year ago, William C. Kernan, who was Mr. Price's assistant minister for 12 years, left his post and announced he would become a Catholic. Mr. Kernan, 53 and the father of six children, still resides in Scarsdale. He is active in the work of The Christophers, the organization founded and directed by Father James Keller, M.M.

During his career as an Episcopalian clergyman, Mr. Price was a leading figure in the fight against communism and other subversive forces. He led a fight against communist infiltration in the Scarsdale public schools.

MR. KERNAN is the author of a recent autobiography, "My Road To Certainty," published by David McKay Co., Inc. of New York, in which he recounts the story of his conversion.

After his reception into the Catholic Church, Mr. Price in a telegram to Bishop Horace W. E. Donegan of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York, renounced his orders as an Episcopalian clergyman.

Mr. Price announced that he intends to devote himself to work in the educational field.

Conant Scores Soviet Terror Against Churches

Bonn, Germany — (RNS) — Dr. James B. Conant, United States High Commissioner for Germany, said here the stepped-up campaign against the Church in East Germany reflects the unaltered policy of the Soviet Union.

Dr. Conant, who spoke to the Foreign Press Association, said "this effort to reduce the Church in the Soviet Zone to a ghetto-like existence is not an encouraging sign to those looking for evidence of Communist acts of conciliation."

Doctors of Church officials, ministers and priests have been arrested, and some sentenced in show trials to long terms of imprisonment for alleged sabotage of democratic institutions," he said.

"A horde of police spies has been assigned to attend church services and to report on 'deviations' from the official Communist ideology. In some places, youthful Communist rowdies have even been given tasks of breaking up religious services."

1 Million Granted To Sisters Hospital

Sheepport, La. — (NC) — The U. S. has allocated an additional one million dollars for construction of a new building for the T. E. Schumpert Hospital here. The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word announced. The original hospital was willed to the Sisters by Dr. Schumpert, in whose honor it was named.

Franciscans Plan Monthly Magazine

St. Bonaventure, N. Y. — (NC) — The Franciscan Fathers here announced plans for a new national Catholic monthly magazine, scheduled to make its first appearance next January.

To be printed on slick paper, slightly larger than the regular "digest" size, it will be called "Franciscan." A spokesman at St. Bonaventure University here said that Father Rudolf Harvey, O.F.M., professor of philosophy in the graduate school and seminary of Christ the King, has been named editor.

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