

Jesuits Set McQuaid High Ceremonies

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney and the Very Rev. John J. McMahon, S.J. Provincial for the New York Province of the Jesuit Fathers, will lead ground-breaking ceremonies for the new McQuaid High School at Elmwood Avenue and Clinton Avenue South next Tuesday, June 23 at 4 p.m.

Bishop Kearney, whose fiftieth anniversary as Ordinary of the Rochester Diocese, was marked by last fall's successful jubilee fund drive will turn the first spadeful of earth to signal the start of construction of the new \$1,500,000 high school for boys.

BOTH BISHOP Kearney and Father McMahon as a representative of the Jesuits who will operate the school will speak briefly at the ceremonies on the 26-acre plot.

The Rev. James R. Barnett, S.J., principal of McQuaid High



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Catholics Work To Meet Increase In School Pupils

By BOB CREAM
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With a building boom of more than 600 elementary and high schools in the past three years, Catholic schools in the U. S. are battling to meet enrollment increases that are piling up almost five per cent faster than in public schools.

Four hundred elementary schools went up in dioceses throughout the nation in 1950-52, and 150 more were under construction as the past school year started. Catholic high schools at the same time increased by 80 new buildings with almost 40 more underway last year.

These are estimates from the latest biennial survey of the Department of Education, N.C.W.C. — central source for statistics on U.S. Catholic education. A comparison of that office's figures with a "Statistical Summary of Education," newly released by the U.S. Office of Education, gives one of the first accurate pictures of what U. S. school systems — parochial and public — are facing today.

CATHOLIC elementary school enrollments which have been almost tripled since 1920, were tallied at an accurate 2,560,815 in 1950. Various estimates since then have placed enrollment at more than three million.

The most recent complete figures showed a two-year enrollment increase of 11.1 per cent in Catholic elementary schools as compared with a 6.2 per cent jump in public elementary schools. And Catholic High School enrollments were increasing 4.7 per cent while public high schools felt a 9 per cent rise.

As of June, 1950, almost 11 per cent of U.S. school children were in Catholic schools. The percentage has climbed since then and the figure keeps climbing.

A CONSERVATIVE estimate has some three and a half million pupils now enrolled in Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

The facts on school construction show that while building has advanced it still lags behind enrollment. In 1950 when Catholic schools received a nine per cent two-year increase in pupils, only three per cent increase in building was reached to provide for the influx.

The building boom which has gained speed since then will help remedy that situation. But it won't fill the bill. Catholic high

'I Was Prisoner Of Korean Reds'

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Korea Missioner Relates
Grim Ordeal Under Reds

By REV. WILLIAM E. BOOTH, M.M.

In this exclusive NC series of articles, Father William E. Booth, a Maryknoll missioner from Brooklyn, recalls the events of his recent imprisonment under the North Korean (Communist) and pays tribute to his heroic fellow prisoners and North Korean Catholics.

Since I arrived back in the United States a few weeks ago, I have been told time and time again how lucky I am to be alive when so many of those who were arrested with me are dead.

But luck had nothing to do with my survival. It was the providence of God which brought me home. All through



Father William E. Booth, Maryknoll missioner, is greeted by his mother, Mrs. Mary C. Booth, upon his recent arrival in New York after being held prisoner by the North Korean (Communist) for nearly three years. Today in the pages of the COURIER-JOURNAL, Father Booth begins the story of his long months of Communist imprisonment and the "death march" during which many of his fellow missioners perished.

my captivity it was the fact that I knew my friends were praying for me that gave me the strength to go on. Time and time again throughout my internment, even in the darkest days, I could feel the presence of God.

The most often asked question since coming back to the freedom of the United States is "What was the hardest experience you had to endure?" People expect me to tell of the Death March, on which people died and were murdered by the score, or one of the many inquisitions the Reds put me through. These things were hard and often suffering was terrible.

But the hardest thing for me was the spiritual loss I suffered in not being able to say Mass for almost three years. The lowest point in my whole internment was when we were quartered in a school house in Chungang directly opposite a Maryknoll chapel where I formerly offered Mass.

I would look out of my prison at the chapel, now closed and priestless. I would see the invocation of the Cross on its tiny steeple. I would long with my whole heart to be in that chapel once again, offering the same sacrifice that was made on Calvary. It is impossible to describe my feelings, just as it is impos-

Bishop Assigns 7 Pastors, Names 3 Pastors-Emeritus; Clergy Appointments Listed

Newly Ordained Assigned Posts

Ten priests, ordained for the diocese on June 6 by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, have been assigned to assistant pastorates as follows:

Rev. William Charbonneau to Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester.
Rev. Bernard Dolan to Holy Rosary, Rochester.
Rev. Robert Donovan to St. Patrick's, Elmira.
Rev. Frederick Eisemann to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester.
Rev. William Hickey to St. Stephen's, Geneva.
Rev. Gerard Krieg to St. Joseph's, Wayland.
Rev. Leo Mans to St. Ann's, Hornell.
Rev. Paul Schnacky to St. Michael's, Rochester.
Rev. Robert Smith to St. Mary's, Auburn.
Rev. Edwin Wedow to Blessed Sacrament, Rochester.

Appointment of 49 priests of the diocese to new posts were announced today by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. Included in the announcement are the resignations of 8 pastors and their appointment as pastors-emeritus; assignment of 7 priests to pastorates and 8 others to special posts; the transfer of 21 assistant pastors; and the appointment to assistant pastorates of 10 newly ordained priests.

The appointments, which take effect Friday, June 26 at 6 p.m., are as follows:

APPOINTMENT OF PASTORS

Rev. John Balcer, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, is appointed pastor emeritus of same.
St. Rev. Magr. Louis W. Edelman, pastor of St. Louis Church, Pittsford, is appointed pastor emeritus of same.
Rev. Michael C. J. Wall, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, is appointed pastor emeritus of same.
Rev. William Burns, principal of Elmira Catholic High, to pastor of St. Anthony's, Elmira.
Rev. Alphonsus F. Crimmins, pastor of St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport to St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua.
Rev. Francis Cristantielli, pastor of Annunciation Church, Rochester, to pastor of St. Gregory's Church, Marion.
Rev. Francis E. Hester, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Rochester, to pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport.
Rev. Donald E. Lux, assistant pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Geneva, to pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece.
John A. Reddington, assistant pastor of St. Ambrose Church, Rochester, to pastor of St. Louis Church, Pittsford.
Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, to pastor of Annunciation Church, Rochester.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Rev. William Burns, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, is appointed instructor of Christian Ethics at Elmira College.
Rev. John T. Callahan is appointed chaplain of the Convent of the Cenacle.
Rev. Patrick Grace — chaplain in the U. S. Navy.
Rev. John S. Hayes is appointed chaplain, Beth Veterans' Facility.
Rev. Louis Johnson is appointed spiritual director of St. Andrew's Seminary.
Rev. Joseph L. Hogan, M.A., S.T.D., is appointed principal of DeSales High School, Geneva.
Rev. Emer. McDonald — Chaplain in the U. S. Navy.
Rev. Eugene McFarland is appointed director of Youth Work, Rochester.

TRANSFERS OF ASSISTANTS

Rev. Charles Bennett from St. Patrick's, Rochester, to St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester.
Rev. Vincent Collins from St. Patrick's, Elmira, to St. Theodore's, Rochester.
Rev. John Connan from St. Ann's, Hornell, to Blessed Sacrament, Rochester.
Rev. Francis Donoghue from St. Augustine's, Rochester, to Mother of Sorrows, Mt. Read.
Rev. John F. Duffy from St. Mary's, Canandaigua, to St. Cecilia, Rochester.
Rev. Walter Fleming from St. John the Evangelist, Rochester, to St. Augustine's, Rochester.
Rev. Joseph Gorman from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester, to St. Ambrose, Rochester.
Rev. Raymond G. Hessel from Chaplain of the Convent of the Cenacle to St. Andrew's, Rochester.
Rev. Daniel V. Hogan from St. Vincent de Paul, Corning, to St. Thomas, Rochester.
Rev. Vincent LeFrois from St. Andrew's, Rochester, to St. Salome's, Point Pleasant.
Rev. Paul Lynch from St. Mary's, Auburn, to St. John the Evangelist, Rochester.
Rev. Robert Meng from St. Alphonsus, Auburn, to St. Patrick's, Rochester.
Rev. Norbert Nolan from Holy Cross, Rochester, to St. Ignatius, Hornell.
Rev. William Reed from St. Bridget's, Rochester, to Holy Cross, Rochester.
Rev. Lawrence Sansom from St. Theodore's, Gates, to St. Mary's, Corning.
Rev. James Slattery from St. Ignatius, Hornell, to St. Vincent de Paul's, Corning.
Rev. Jerome Schifferl from St. Michael's, Rochester, to St. Mary's, Rochester.
Rev. David Singerhoff from the Epiphany, Sodus, to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester.
Rev. John Steger from St. Joseph's, Wayland, to St. Alphonsus, Auburn.
Rev. Francis Vogt from St. Salome's, Point Pleasant, to St. Bridget's, Rochester.
Rev. William White from St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester, to St. Monica, Rochester.

FATHER WALL who was ordained June 12, 1897 by Bishop Bernard McQuaid is the oldest priest in the Diocese of Rochester. He marked his silver jubilee as pastor of St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua on Feb. 15 this year.

Many improvements made at the Canandaigua Church were preceded by zealous administration and service at the following churches, assistant pastor, Holy Family Church, Auburn from 1897; Pastor of St. Theresa's Church, Stanley and St. Mary's, Rushville, 1898; Pastor, St. Mary's, Horseheads and Elmira Heights, 1903; Pastor, St. Patrick's, Dansville, 1909 and Pastor, St. Agnes, Avon, 1921.

MONSIGNOR EDELMAN, who was elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate in June 1952, has a distinguished record as pastor and educator. He has been pastor of St. Louis, Pittsford for 25 years. He has served as assistant pastor at St. Bridget's, St. Mary's and Blessed Sacrament Churches, Rochester.

An outstanding member of the faculty of Nazareth College for women, he taught at St. Andrew Seminary, served on the Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal, the Diocesan Junior Clergy Board and as a trustee of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Appointed pastor of St. Louis Church, Pittsford, June 23, 1911, he handled the work of planning and establishing the first parish school in Pittsford.

FATHER BAIER has been pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, since Aug. 13, 1935.

A native of Rochester, Father Baier was born on March 14, 1886. He attended both St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and upon graduation was ordained on June 8, 1921.

Father Baier was first assigned to Holy Family Church, Rochester, as assistant pastor. In 1924 he was appointed pastor of St. Theodore's Church, Greece, where he served until given the pastorate at St. John's.

Ten Priests Go On Trial In Shanghai

Hong Kong (RNS) — Ten Roman Catholic priests have gone on trial before a Communist military tribunal in Shanghai, China.

THE REPORT, however, did not make clear whether the American priest was one of those being tried. Nor did it say whether other Americans were among those accused.

(The Jesuit Mission Office in New York said there was a Shanghai Regional Seminary operated by Jesuits for the training of parish priests and St. Robert Bellarmine Theological Institute in Shanghai for the training of Jesuits.

The acting rector of St. Robert Bellarmine, the office added, is the Rev. Charles McCarthy, S.J., of San Francisco.

(At San Francisco, the Rev. John K. Lipman, mission procurator of American Jesuits in China, said a Hong Kong priest had forwarded to him a letter written by Father McCarthy on March 26.)

In the letter, Father McCarthy said on Chinese and two Belgian priests had been arrested the day before. Writing guardedly, he hinted that he and other Jesuits might be next.

(A New York mission office staff member said there were at least four American Jesuits in Shanghai.)

The Shanghai Radio described the trial defendants as "two main criminals, Tien Wan Lin and Lin Jen, and eight accomplices."

It said, were charged with working for "imperialist agencies."

Archbishop Downey Of Liverpool Dies

Liverpool, England — (RNS) — The Most Rev. Richard Downey, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, died in a hospital here at the age of 72 after a long illness.

One of England's outstanding churchmen, Archbishop Downey was the inspiration behind the new Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

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announced that Mayor Samuel B. Dickler of Rochester and Supervisor Leonard Boniface of Brighton where the new school is located, will speak.

Invitation to attend the ceremonies have been extended to parish chairmen and their workers who were active in last fall's successful campaign which made the new school possible.

Delegations from the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus and the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John also will be in attendance. Music will be furnished by the Aquinas Band under the baton of Raymond J. Hasenauer. Members of the Loyola Guild composed of relatives of Jesuits, will serve as ushers.

FATHER BARNETT said the ceremonies will take place in the center of the 26-acre campus on the site of the proposed school chapel.

The new structure will be built in the form of the letter H and the chapel is to be located at the center.

Following the ground-breaking ceremonies, excavation work will get underway immediately to permit formal opening of McQuaid High in September, 1954. Plans call for the construction of necessary buildings to accommodate 1,000 students.

The new school, the first to be conducted by the Jesuit Fathers in the Rochester Diocese, will be in Monroe County. It has been named in honor of the Most Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester and a pioneer champion of Catholic education.

Nun's Blood Saves Mother

Rawalpindi, Pakistan (NC) — A nun in Pakistan not only has to perform the blood transfusion; she may personally have to provide the blood.

Sister M. Karen Gossman, a Medical Mission nun from Louisville, Ky., discovered this when she tried to care for a patient at Holy Family Hospital here.

An expectant mother was brought to the hospital in a critical condition. She needed a blood transfusion before delivery of her premature infant. The hospital has no blood bank. The Sisters begged the husband to get some blood donors. He was a stranger in the city and could find no volunteers. Then Sister Karen gave a pint of her blood and saved the life of the mother.

Parents Are Protestants

Her parents, both Protestants, declined to comment or give details on their daughter's plans. The religious community Miss Nimitz plans to enter has not been disclosed.

Miss Nimitz, who attended high school at the Dominican Convent in San Raphael, Calif., was an outstanding student and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Stanford.

Admiral Nimitz Daughter To Enter Catholic Convent

San Francisco, Calif. — (NC) — Mary Manson Nimitz, youngest daughter to Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, is to enter a convent within six months, it has been reported here.

Twenty-year-old Miss Nimitz became a Catholic shortly after entering Stanford University where she received a degree this month.

At Stanford she became a close friend of Clare Boothe Luce now, U. S. Ambassador to Italy, who built the university's Newman Chapel in memory of her deceased daughter.

Admiral Nimitz who is now regent of the University of California and Special Consultant to the Secretary of the Navy, has two other daughters and one son who is a Navy Commander.

Reds In Poland Work To Check Mass Attendance

London — (NC) — The Polish regime has made a new move to keep that country's Catholics from church on Sundays.

That is the reaction of informed sources here to a Warsaw Radio announcement that all stores will be kept open on Sundays. The broadcast said this would make it possible for working people to do their shopping and marketing on that day.

The regime previously had initiated the following moves to keep people from the religious observance of Sundays. It organized special "outings" for workers which begin early Sunday morning and lasted the entire day. Red officials frequently call party meetings during hours when church services are scheduled. Polish youth are frequently compelled to join the "voluntary work brigades" which labor on special Communist projects on Sundays.

Soviet Airman Now Priest

Plainfield, N.J. — (NC) — A Soviet flier, converted by the religious underground in Russia and now a priest, will attend the Fatima Congress here on July 12.

Father Pavel Blitmezev will fly from Portugal to participate in the three-day meeting of leaders in the Blue Army movement throughout the United States.

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