

Reformatory Chaplain Issues Report

Last of sixty Catholic school trainees and failure to practice their Catholic religion were evident among the 300 men who were admitted to Elmira Reformatory during the year from April 1952 to April 1953. It was brought out in the annual report of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, Catholic Chaplain.

The report released this week, cites the various religious activities carried on by the chaplain to remedy this defect.

News items, held, operation of a "Successful Living Class." Confessions and Holy Communion, good literature provided, visits to inmates' parents and other activities are reported.

THE CHAPLAIN'S Report follows:

"During the year from April 1952 to April 1953, three hundred and ninety-two men who claimed they were Catholics were admitted to the Reformatory. We use the word 'claimed' advisedly because the majority could hardly be called Catholics when one considers that over 80 per cent admitted they haven't attended Church regularly for some years previous to their arrest.

"Fifty-four of these never made their First Holy Communion, and 96 had never been confirmed.

"OVER HALF, or about 55 per cent come from broken homes. I. e., from homes where either one or both of the parents are deceased, separated, or divorced.

"Only twenty-two, or about six per cent received their education in a Catholic School exclusively, and only six ever attended a Catholic High School.

"Twenty of the 392 are married, and only one of these was married in the Catholic Church.

"During the period covered by this report we had an increase in the number of special addicts. These create a special problem and we have devoted a great deal of time explaining to them the evils of this habit and what it will mean in their future lives. They seemed most eager to correct the habit.

"OUR SUNDAY and Holy Day Services, Perpetual Weekly Novena in honor of St. Don Bosco were held regularly. Besides the usual special devotion, Father Lane and our regular Mission the first part of April.

"In November, at the suggestion of the Commissioner, we started a class described as 'Successful Living.' Six hundred and thirty-six men completed the course. Four hundred and sixty were new men, and 166 were returned men.

In order to secure suitable lit-

er. Besides 15,000 confessions, we held over 2,000 personal interviews this year.

"WE CONSIDER one of the most important phases of our work is our contact with the inmate's parents, for that purpose we made four trips to New York City. During each trip we interviewed between 80 and 100 parents and about 20 former inmates who are on parole. We deeply regret we cannot spend more time on these interviews but it is just impossible with only four trips a year.

"Besides the activities mentioned, we have spent an average of one day a week at Board Meetings, made regular visits to the Hospital, conducted classes twice a week for converts and those wishing to be prepared for their First Holy Communion and supervised a Class of Ethics in school.

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Bequests Made To Catholic Groups

Catholic institutions will receive the bulk of the estate of Miss Agnes C. Moran, 74 University Ave. It was disclosed at probate before Surrogate G. Robert Wiltner, Tuesday.

Miss Moran died May 5. Determination of the exact value of the estate awaits appraisal for tax purposes. The probate petition stated it includes \$7500 in realty and more than \$10,000 in personal property. Union Trust Company is executor and trustee. Former Supreme Court Justice James F. R. Duffy is the estate's attorney.

After bequests totaling \$100 and specific personal effects to two grandsons, a cousin and three friends, provision of \$1000 for upkeep of burial lots in cemeteries in Fleming and Ithaca and legacies totaling \$3,800 to eight institutions, the balance after expenses was left to St. Joseph's Church. Some of the bequests were for Masses.

THE SPECIFIC gifts to institutions include \$600 each to St. Ann's Home for the Aged, St. John Fisher College and St. Bernard's Seminary, all of Rochester, and two churches in Auburn, St. Mary's and Holy Family. Miss Moran also left \$500 to the Josephine Fathers in Baltimore, Md.; \$500 to the Rev. Joseph A. Skelly of Philadelphia, Pa., as director of the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, and \$100 to St. Bernard's Church of Sedro, N. Y.

She bequeathed her books to the Catholic Reference Library at the Columbus Civic Center. Specific personal effects also were given to St. Ann's Home for the Aged and religious organizations.

Fr. Gisel Named To Lloyne College

Rev. Eugene Gisel, S.J., native of Rochester was appointed rector to the Father Flexor at Lloyne College, Syracuse. It was announced by the Very Rev. John J. McManis, S.J., provincial superior of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus.

Father Gisel, who attended the old Cathedral High School in Rochester served at Fordham University after returning from Manila where during the war he was imprisoned by the Japanese in that city.

St. John Seminary Honor Students



AWARDS at St. John's Alton Seminary, Montour Falls were conferred by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey. In photo here are: (from left) Robert Hawes, college department honor student; Thomas Maley, gold medal in Latin contest winner; Fr. Roger Matzerath, S.A., rector; Bishop (Casey), Robert Cummings with Palatin (companion award from the Catholic Students Mission Crusade); Bernard Koelzer, high school department honor student. (Art Richards Photo).

Unanimous Decision

Judge: "What possible excuse have you for acquitting that criminal?" Foreman of Jury: "Insanity." Judge: "What, all twelve of you?"

Three More Priests Expelled From China

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Three more Roman Catholic missionaries reached here after being expelled from Communist China following a public trial. They are: Msgr. Angel Delatelle and Father Jacinto Turiso, both natives of Spain, and Father John Blon, S.V.D. of Germany. Msgr. Delatelle, 57, had spent 40 years as a missionary in China. He said that he and his companions were publicly tried on June 8 at the Yangtze mission, Hunan Province, of charges of hindering the "Independent church" movement.

Mass Guide Ready For Vacationers

Chicago — (NC) — The editors of Extension magazine have drawn up a guide giving Mass schedules of Catholic churches in resort areas, large cities and Cathedral towns of North America.

Published in pamphlet form under the title "God on the Open Road," it is designed to be "the most valuable object in your car's glove compartment, or your brief case, or your purse, or even your coat pocket." The brochure not only gives Sunday, Holy Day and daily Mass schedules, but also lists times for confessions and novenas. Covering Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico and the Canal Zone as well as continental United States vacation spots, the booklet sells for one dollar. It is being distributed by the Catholic Church Extension Society headquarters at 1307 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago 5, Ill.

O'Donnell Heads Mountain Climbing Pastor Of N. Zealand Visits Auburn

William F. O'Donnell was elected Faithful Navigator for the coming year, at a meeting of Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He succeeds Frederick D. Specchio.

Others elected to serve were: Frank J. Bonsignore, F. Captain; Rodney E. Strange, F. Pilot; James P. O'Leary, F. Comptroller; Lester B. Elliott, Scribe; Felix J. Kozdemba and Samuel M. Holleran, sentinels. Specchio will serve as Admiral.

The newly elected officers are planning a membership enrollment to present at the next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree scheduled to be held later in the year.

Bill Defines Obscene Literature

Concord, N.H. — (RNS) — A bill defining obscene literature for the purpose of making it easier to prosecute distributors was passed here by the Senate. It had previously been approved by the House. The bill labels obscene literature as any matter "whose main theme or a notable part thereof tends to impart, corrupt or deprave the moral behavior of anyone viewing or reading it."

Auburn — A mountain-climbing New Zealand priest who is visiting the United States declared here that the successful scaling of Mount Everest by New Zealander E. P. Hillary gave his fellow countrymen a great thrill.

Father Ronald J. O'Gorman, pastor of Our Lady of the Alps parish — located next to Frank Josef glacier on New Zealand's South Island called Mr. Hillary "ideally suited to be a mountain climber."

THE PRIEST has been studying and sitting in Europe, and visited friends here while seeing the United States. He said Mr. Hillary is a personal friend of his, and termed the Everest conqueror a man of "happy disposition" who had "realized the dream of every mountain climber" in his feat.

As Father O'Gorman's parish of 500 extends over many miles of mountainous terrain — and he sometimes has to travel as far as 125 miles to make a parish visit — he's well up on the problems mountains pose. But for himself, he says, "Mountain climbing is a cult. If you live in the mountains, you can't look up at a peak and say 'I can't climb that.'" Before he returns to New Zealand next month, Father O'Gorman would like to climb Alaska's Mount McKinley, but he's not optimistic about working it into his schedule. The priest while in Auburn was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Osborne of 25 William St. Mrs. Osborne, who was born in New Zealand has known Father O'Gorman all her life.

Former Nazi Slave Laborer Ordained in London Rites

London — (NC) — A former slave laborer of the Nazis became the first Pole to be ordained a priest in Westminster Cathedral here. He will work in Norway.

Father Leo Trawocki, a 30-year-old Polish exile, was ordained in the cathedral with 10 other seminarians by His Excellence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster.

Father Trawocki offered his first Solemn Mass in the Polish church in London.

Arrested by the Nazis when they entered Poland in 1939, Father Trawocki was deported to Germany and later forced to work on Nazi fortifications in Norway. The youth escaped from the labor gang and sought refuge by working on a Norwegian farm.

At the end of the war he decided to study for the priesthood and was encouraged by Bishop James Mangers, Vicar Apostolic of Oslo. The Bishop secured him a place in St. Edmund's Seminary here.

Father Trawocki is attached to the Oslo vicariate. But he has been given a promise that he may return to Poland to carry on the ministry there after his native land has been freed from Communist domination.

Nuns Win Awards For Lace-Making

Paris — (RNS) — Catholic nuns were among winners of the government's annual awards to the best women workers in France.

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