

Only Deaf-Mute Priest In World



DUE IN ROCHESTER on Sunday, August 23 is the Rev. Vincente de Paulo Burnier of Brazil, only deaf-mute priest in the world. He took a prominent role in the annual meeting in Detroit of the International Catholic Deaf Association. Above he is shown registering at the convention at which he "spoke" in sign language to some 600 deaf delegates attending the meeting. He is assistant secretary to Bishop Gualtino G. de Sant'Anna of Juiz de Fora. The young priest was ordained by special dispensation of Pope Pius XII. (Religious News Service Photo.)

3 Chaplains Join Noted Deaf Priest To Say Mass In DeSales Chapel

The only priest in the world who is totally deaf, the Rev. Vincente de Paulo Burnier of Brazil, will celebrate Holy Mass in St. Francis de Sales Chapel, Franklin St., Rochester on Sunday, Aug. 23 at 9:15 a.m., according to the Rev. John T. Gallagher, C.S.S.R., chaplain of the deaf in the Buffalo and Rochester dioceses.

All are invited to assist at the Mass, Father Gallagher said this week. Father Burnier was one of the featured "speakers" at the fourth International Catholic Deaf Convention in Detroit the week of July 13 at which more than 750 delegates and a score of priests attended.

Delegates from Rochester were Mr. and Mrs. George Barth, 1228 Cameron St. At the convention's close, Father Gallagher was re-elected national chaplain, Marcel Wamers of Toronto, Canada was named president.

The opening Mass was celebrated by Father Burnier from birth, he was ordained in 1951 by special dispensation from Pope Pius XII. He is adept at lip-reading in four languages—Portuguese, Latin, French and Italian and is picking up English too. In sign language to the delegates, Father Burnier said, "deafness should not prevent anyone from participating fully in religious activities."

At the closing banquet, Auxiliary Bishop Allen J. Babcock of Detroit said: "This has been a most unique experience for me. Your daily attendance at Mass and Holy Communion has been both an example and an inspiration to the diocese. I hope that you carry this enthusiasm

for making your faith better known back home when you leave Detroit. Your Bishop and priests cannot reach all people. You are Apostles."

The hope of the convention was that more Catholic deaf centers be established and more priests trained for the work. It was pointed out that many Catholic deaf have been lost to the Church because they were neglected.

Father Burnier exclaimed at the convention was one of nine children, five of whom were born deaf. He received special tutoring in Portuguese, according to Newweek but, like most congenitally deaf persons, he speaks in a flat monotone without inflection.

At 14 Vincente decided to follow two normal brothers into the priesthood. Priests, however, said it was impossible. A relative encouraged him by sending him a book about a French priest (now deceased) who was also deaf.

Encouraged, Vincente spent seven years in a minor seminary, then studied Catholic Philosophy and theology. He was never assured during his long training by his superiors that he would finally be ordained. His studies completed he was taken to Rome in 1950 and given a series of tests after an audience with the Holy Father. He passed and was given a special dispensation by the Pope whom he met again to thank.

Briens Observe 65 Years Married

Congratulations on their 65th wedding anniversary are being received today (Friday, July 31) by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Brien of 717 Glille St., Rochester.

Both Mr. Brien, 89 and Mrs. Brien, 87 are lifelong members of St. Peter and Paul's Parish, Rochester.

Joining in the observance are their two sons, Fred A. Jr. with whom the couple resides and Raymond of 322 Orange St. The jubilarians have 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

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Scottsville Church Sets Cornerstone Centenary

Observance of the 100th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Mary's Church, Scottsville will take place on Sunday, August 16, according to the Rev. Edward H. Hartmann, pastor and honorary chairman.

Following a Pontifical Mass to be offered at 10:30 a.m., a dinner will be served in the auditorium of Scottsville high school at 1 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children under sixteen. Reservations for dinner tickets should be made with Charles E. Coyle, 16 Rochester St., Scottsville, New York. Any one planning to attend should request tickets before August 10.

Harold McCadden and Mrs. Remington Resch are co-chairmen.

ASSISTING Russell Hayes chairman of the dinner committee are Joseph Hynes, Julian E. McVein, Donald Anderson, William Fritz, Ralph Bartle, Mrs. Florence Burns, Mrs. Ralph Bartle, Mrs. John Lattuca, Mrs. Joseph Shero, Mrs. James Martin, Mrs. William Fritz, Miss K. Monica Kelly, Miss Agnes Kelly, Miss Anne Schaeffer.

The ticket committee consists of Charles E. Coyle, chairman, George J. Skivington, Jr., Julian McVein, Donald Burns, Donald Anderson, William Fritz, William Torpey, Wilfred Duquette, Louis Argenti, Mrs. Lloyd Goossen, Mrs. Adrian Hanna, Mrs. Willis Unger, Mrs. Henry Elzenga, Mrs. Norman Dana, Miss Elizabeth Fritz.

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Monignor McPeak Honored By Pope

A graduate of St. Bernard's Seminary, class of 1903, the Rt. Rev. Monignor James P. McPeak, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Syracuse, has been appointed Prototony Apostolic by Pope Pius XII according to word received by Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse.

The honor was conferred on Monignor McPeak in recognition of his 50 years as a priest and his exemplary career as an official of the Diocese of Syracuse. Bishop Foery who is also a St. Bernard's graduate, said:

Monignor McPeak will celebrate his golden jubilee in the priesthood on Sept. 19. He was named a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monignor in 1926. He is a member of the diocesan board of consultants and other commissions serving the Bishop.

Conboys Mark 55th Anniversary

Auburn—The 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Conboy of 6 Burr Avenue was observed quietly by members of their family. The couple were married on July 20, 1898 in Holy Family Church, Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Conboy are the parents of five living daughters and three sons and the grandparents of twenty-seven.

Too Much Heat
The main trouble when a burning issue arises is the fact that it produces much more heat than light.

Two Redemptorists To Mark 50 Years Of Religious Profession

The Golden Jubilee of their religious profession in the Redemptorist order will be marked by two Redemptorist Fathers at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, the Rev. Joseph Strauss, C.S.S.R. and the Rev. James Trageser, C.S.S.R. on Sunday, August 2.

Father Strauss will offer a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving at 9 o'clock on Sunday with His Excellency Bishop Kearney presiding.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 9 a.m. Father Trageser will offer a High Mass with His Excellency Bishop Casey presiding.

BOTH PRIESTS made their religious profession at St. Mary's, Annapolis, Maryland on August 2, 1903 and were ordained to the priesthood on July 2nd, 1908 by the late Bishop Cusick at Mt. St. Alphonsus Seminary, Keopus, New York.

Father Strauss, a native of Buffalo, labored for many years as a foreign missionary in Puerto Rico—later he served as parish priest in Buffalo, Baltimore, Rochester and New York City.

While in New York City he served for 24 years as Director of the Little Flower Circle—a society for fostering vocations to the various religious orders of women.

Father Trageser, a native of Baltimore, during the years of his priesthood labored as a parish priest in the parishes served by the Redemptorist Order in Buffalo, New York City and Boston.

Before coming to Rochester six years ago, Father Trageser had been a member of the Redemptorist Mission Band for about 20 years—during which time he preached many missions and parish retreats in New England and the New York City areas. He also conducted many retreats for religious and the clergy.

Men of the First Friday Luncheon Club will hear the Rev. Joseph O. Gorman, assistant pastor of St. A. M. B. R. Church, Rochester on Friday, August 7 at the Sheraton Hotel.

The meeting will open at 12:15 p.m. with the Rev. Matthew Tobin, C.S.S.R., club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, sponsoring organization, presiding.

Father Gorman was ordained in June, 1936 after graduation from St. Bernard's Seminary. He was recently transferred to St. Ambrose Church after serving 14 years as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, He of St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua.

All Catholic men who received Holy Communion on the First Friday are eligible to attend the luncheons.



REV. JOSEPH STRAUSS REV. JAMES TRAGESER

Pro-Grid Game Sponsors Promised Lively Match

Sponsors of the National Football League exhibition game scheduled at Aquinas Memorial Stadium on Wednesday, August 26 at night were assured of a satisfactory, competitive encounter at kick-off.

dinner on Tuesday at Sheraton Hotel, Rochester.

The game will be between the power-packed Baltimore Colts and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Coach of the Steelers, Joe Bach, one of the famed Notre Dame "seven mules" said both teams will play to win.

He said that Coach Keith Moleworth of the Colts will be out to show his former coach mates at Pittsburgh of his team's worth. The Steelers, he said, figure that by winning exhibition games, they boost their home ticket sale.

MARY I. CROWLEY, prominent Rochester sports enthusiast, who was named to head a division committee to administer proceeds from the game was toastmaster at the dinner.

On the civic committee are also Robert Anderson, Alexander M. Beebe, John P. Boylan, George Clancy, Donald A. Dalley, Martin Gullen, Carl S. Hallauer, John Jardine, Hyman Mandell, Paul A. McGuire, Paul Miller, Morrey Silver, Al Skinner and Fred Tobin.

William E. Young, general chairman of the event to be sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus said advance ticket sales are brisk. Rochester charities will benefit from the proceeds.

The charities are: School of the Holy Childhood, Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy and Multiple Sclerosis.

The Pittsburgh Steelers opened their training season at St. Bonaventure University Wednesday. Coach Bach coached the Brown Indians of St. Bon's before the game was abandoned there. The Baltimore Colts are training at Maryland College, Westminster, Md.

Mrs. Monaghan Rites At St. Ann's Home

Funeral services for Margaret Monaghan, formerly of 87 Hamilton Street, were held at the Chapel of St. Ann's Home, Wednesday, July 22, 1953.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Bartholomew J. Quirk who also offered the final blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Nieces and nephews survive.

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