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St. Thomas More Church

Fr. Pegnam Named Pastor Of New Brighton Parish

Plans for the establishment of a new St. Thomas More parish in the East Avenue section of Brighton were disclosed today by the Chancery.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney has named the Rev. Francis J. Pegnam, former World War II Navy chaplain, pastor of the new parish, and the Rev. Chancery also announced.

A colonial type church and school to serve the new parish will be created on a 4 1/2 acre site at the northeast corner of East Avenue and Clover Street. The tract which has a 404-foot frontage on East Avenue and a 302-foot frontage on Clover Street was purchased last week by the Diocese of Rochester from Monroe County for \$18,000.

L. CONWAY TODD, architect, has drawings in preparation for the erection of the new parish plant. Tentative plans call for construction to begin next spring. Father Pegnam said. He also revealed that he is currently conducting a house-to-house census of the Catholic families in the rapidly growing section of Brighton which the new church and school will serve.

Official parish boundaries of the new parish will be defined in the near future by the Chancery, he said.

Father Pegnam, who has been assigned to establish the new parish, has served as assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, since 1946. A graduate of the diocesan seminaries of St. Andrew and St. Bernard, he was ordained to the priesthood in June, 1947, and assigned as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira.

IN 1948 he enlisted as a chaplain in the United States Navy. His four years of service as a Navy chaplain included 20 months of action in the Pacific during World War II. He holds the American Defense and Pacific Theater ribbons and nine battle stars, having served aboard the U.S.S. Belleau Wood of Admiral Halsey's famed "Task Force 58" from July, 1943, to November, 1944. He was aboard the Belleau Wood when a Japanese Kamikaze pilot hit it off Samar on Nov. 1, 1944. On his return from the service in 1946 he was appointed to Blessed Sacrament parish.

St. Thomas More, English martyr and statesman, was selected as patron of the new Brighton parish by Bishop Kearney. Along with St. John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, England, Thomas More, who served as Lord Chancellor to King Henry VIII, refused to take the oath of royal supremacy making the king head of the Catholic Church in England. Recognized as one of the most brilliant scholars of Europe during his day, Thomas More staunchly defended Papal authority against the king and as a result was executed on July 6, 1535.



FATHER PEGNAM

Cardinal Wyszyński Auxiliary Arrested

London—(NC)—The Polish communist regime has arrested Bishop Anton Baranik, Auxiliary of Gniezno, according to a report published here.

The arrest followed the banishment of His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, the Primate of Poland and Archbishop of Gniezno and Warsaw, the report stated.

Consecrated a Bishop in July 1951, Bishop Baranik accompanied Cardinal Wyszyński to Rome two years ago when the Primate paid a visit to the Holy See. The Bishop served as the Primate's secretary at the time, a post he had also held with the late August Cardinal Hlond, the former Polish Primate. With his consecration, Bishop Baranik became Cardinal Wyszyński's Auxiliary.

The arrest of Bishop Baranik brings to ten the number of Bishops whom the Polish regime now holds in jail or has otherwise impeded from exercising their office.

Polish Bishops Confined In Warsaw Prisons

London—(NC)—Bishop Czeslaw Kaczmarek, sentenced to 12 years imprisonment by the communist regime in Poland, is being held in Rakowicka Prison in the heart of Warsaw, according to reports received here.

THIS PRISON, near the Red Ministry of Justice, has become infamous. Here are sent the most obstinate religious and political prisoners for softening up, a process that sometimes lasts as long as three and one-half years.

However, once the prisoner cracks, he gets much improved conditions, including better food. The jail houses about 850 prisoners, about a third of whom have not come to trial. Some times "trials" are held in the prison itself and executions carried out in the basement.

Some 450 inmates serving life sentences operate state printing presses for the diocese. Identity cards and the like.

BISHOP Kaczmarek's health, already undermined under prolonged torture, is reportedly ready to break down completely. He is said to refuse obediently anything asked. His statements include contradictions, inaccurate dates and confusion about names. Meantime, other reports indicate that more Bishops have fallen into disfavor and are expected to be banished from their sees and replaced by the "patriotic priests."

\$44,000 Reported In Campaign For Waverly School

By Elizabeth Tuocinski

Waverly—The half-way mark in the campaign by the St. James Parish, Waverly, to raise \$75,000 toward a parochial school was passed Saturday night when Rev. C. Stuart Hogan, pastor, announced that \$44,000 in pledges had been received with several captives yet to report.

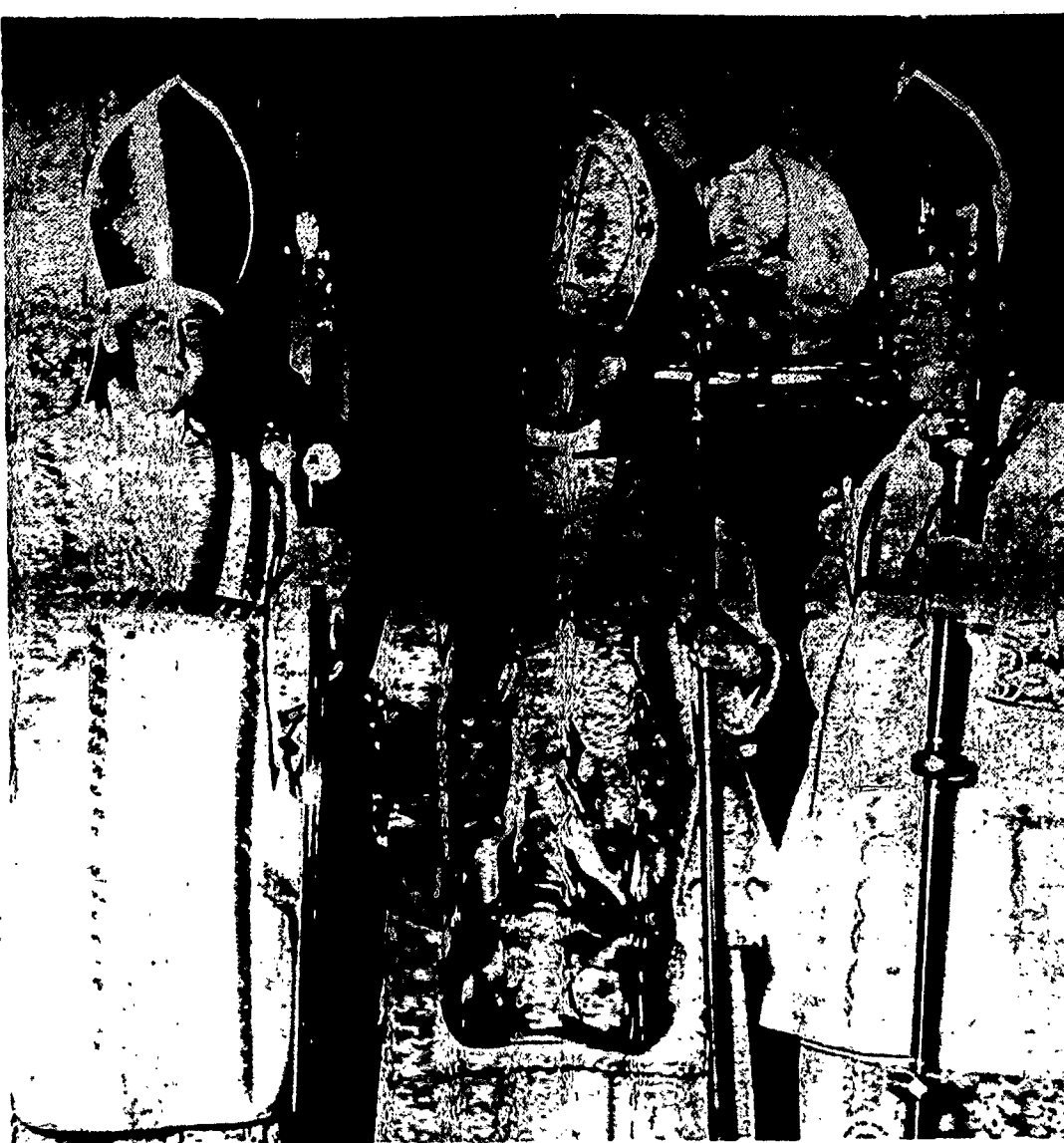
At the dinner given for the workers Saturday night, Rev. Joseph McCarthy, assistant pastor and principal speaker, stressed the dire need for the school in the parish in order to strengthen the faith of its young people.

Father Hogan also spoke briefly pointing out that in new parishes today, it is taken for granted the school goes up with the Church.

The parish of St. James celebrates its centennial this year, he reminded his listeners, and the ground for the new school will be broken to mark the beginning of its second century.

Thomas Carey, general chairman of the drive, presided at the dinner.

New York Auxiliaries Consecrated



New York—His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles (co-consecrator), consecrated two new Auxiliary Bishops of New York in the first double consecration in the history of St. Patrick's Cathedral here. The bishops were: the Most Rev. Edward V. Dargin, 55, vicar-general of the New York Archdiocese, named Titular Bishop of Amphipolis (left); and the Most Rev. Walter F. Kellenberg, 55, chancellor of the archdiocese, named Titular Bishop of Janna. Cardinal McIntyre presided at the rite, witnessed by some 4,000, in place of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who was ill at his residence next to the Cathedral. (Cardinal Spellman watched the consecration by means of a special television hookup. (RNS Photo)

Bishop Sheen Scheduled On New TV Station

The Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will be seen in Rochester on Tuesday evenings from 8 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Nov. 3 over Channel 19 (WRECC-TV), according to William J. Adams, program director.

Bishop Sheen's program, "Life Is Worth Living," will be viewed on the 142 stations of the Du Mont Television Network and sponsored by the Admiral Corporation.

Using a completely different approach to television programming, Bishop Sheen discusses the broad and general subject of life on his series. One of the main themes running through his discourses is the need of the individual to have a purpose in life—to know why he is on earth and where he is going.

Two New York Auxiliaries Elevated At Double Rites

New York (NC)—Historic St. Patrick's Cathedral here saw its first multiple consecration as His Eminence Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, consecrated New York's new Auxiliary Bishops Edward V. Dargin and Walter F. Kellenberg.

Illness prevented His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, from acting as consecrator. Cardinal Spellman, ill with a virus infection, watched the consecration ceremony on television at his residence.

Fifty members of the Hierarchy participated in the televised ceremony last Monday (Oct. 27) in 19-year-old St. Patrick's.

Cardinal McIntyre, who also presided at the sermon, and the co-consecrators Coadjutor Bishop William A. Scully of Albany and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph F. Flannelly of New York all had been consecrated in St. Patrick's by Cardinal Spellman.

ADDING AN Irish touch was the fact that both the new Bishops' shields have a green field. This is the color of Bishop Dargin's family shield in Ireland, but the color of Bishop Kellenberg's was changed from his family's black to recall St. Patrick as the patron of his native archdiocese and to mark the 18 years he spent as a priest at St. Patrick's.

Archbishop Paul Yu-Pin of Nanking joined American prelates at the ceremony.

In the sermon Cardinal McIntyre attacked "those who accept without question the most fanciful claims of scientific discoveries and yet reject the meaningful mysteries revealed by God Himself."

"There are those so inebriated with the wonderment of life which they possess, who are so confident of their self-sufficiency that they deny the existence of a Divine Power beyond themselves and attribute all greater power to the collective action of the state," he said.

"THEY REJECT the evidence of reason and the revealed word of God as spoken to them by Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Yet they accept the promises of false prophets, of scribes and pharisees, hypocrites and whitened sepulchers who defy the power of the state."

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Enrollment Soars To 40,548 For Gain Of 2,436

Enrollment in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Rochester has reached an alltime record high for the third straight year.

An increase of 2,436 pupils this year has brought the registration in diocesan schools to 40,548, the highest total enrollment in their history, Monsignor Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of diocesan schools, announced today. At the present time in Rochester, 37.5 per cent of the city's children are enrolled in Catholic parochial schools, Monsignor Mahoney said.

This is the first year that enrollment in Rochester diocesan schools has moved over the 40,000 mark. Last year the total enrollment figure was 38,112.

The total increase of the 86 Catholic elementary schools in the diocese is 2,349. The total gain in the diocese's 14 high schools is 87.

Rochester's Catholic elementary schools and high schools report a total increase of 784 pupils to bring the city registration to 22,152. This figure includes 18,017 in the elementary schools and 4,135 in the high schools. Catholic school enrollment in Monroe County also has reached

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a record figure of 29,223 which represents a gain of 1,797 over last year, the census report reveals.

Sacred Heart Cathedral School has a current enrollment of 1,123, the highest ever recorded by a grade school in the Rochester Diocese. St. Monica's School with 1,109 and Holy Rosary with 1,015 are second and third respectively among the enrollments of Rochester grade schools.

MONSIGNOR Mahoney pointed out that the current census of diocesan schools shows that most of the elementary schools report sizeable gains in registration. He noted as significant the large pupil increase in the elementary schools in the suburban areas of Monroe County. These increases, he explained, reflect in most cases construction of new school buildings or expansion of present facilities.

Largest registration increase—105 for a total of 430—is reported by Mother of Sorrows School in Greece which will dedicate its new parish school building this coming Sunday.

Highest registration among suburban parish schools is reported by St. Alphonsus School which gained 94 pupils for a total of 762. St. Mary's School, Elmira, increased its registration 59 for a total of 633 which is the top enrollment figure among parishes in the Southern Tier City. Enrollment gains were made this year by both Geneva parish schools. St. Francis de Sales gained 28 pupils for a total of 561 and St. Stephen's gained 8 for a total of 532.

Monsignor Mahoney's report also shows that there are 749 nuns and 79 lay women teaching in the diocesan elementary schools in the system which includes 86 schools. There are 222 religious teachers, including priests and nuns, and 20 lay teachers in the 14 secondary schools now operating in the diocese.

Vice-Chancellor Post Assigned



FATHER COONAN

The Rev. John J. Coonan, assistant pastor at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, has been appointed a vice-chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester, the Chancery announced today.

Father Coonan, who will now assist in the work of the Diocesan Chancery, was ordained in June, 1947, and assigned as assistant pastor of St. Ann's Church, Hornell. Last June he was assigned to Blessed Sacrament parish.

Polish Catholics Pray For Primate

London—(RNS)—Poland's Catholic faithful crowded into churches throughout the country as word spread that the government had banished His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński.

All morning of the day following announcement of the Communist action, people jammed Warsaw's churches to offer prayers for the Cardinal's welfare and the future of the Church.

Warsaw police acted promptly to prevent demonstrations at the Cardinal's palace, which adjoins the British Ambassador's residence in a fashionable section of the city. A guard was placed outside the palace and all streets leading to it were closely guarded.

Prayers Asked For United Nations

My Dear People: United Nations Week once again centers our attention on the efforts of this organization to establish peace and harmony among the nations of the world.

This week should not be allowed to pass without sincere prayers in our Churches to ask God to make United Nations the instrument of His peace, "a peace which," Christ says, "the world, alone, cannot give." The Divine Guidance and Inspiration of the Holy Spirit to direct the minds of these international leaders can be won by the sincerity of our individual prayers and by our corporate parish prayers on United Nations Sunday.

There is so much at stake in the success of United Nations that our Mass on United Nations Sunday should be marked by sincere prayer to God for the guidance of these leaders.

Sincerely in Christ,

James E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

'Only Miracle Can Save China'

Hoboken, N. J.—(NC)—A 67-year-old "dry martyr" who was exiled from communist China nearer dead than alive last April, for an hour and 20 minutes recounted some of his experiences as a Red prisoner at a testimonial dinner in his honor here.

Bishop Gilbert M. O'Gara, C.F., of Yunnan, China, told his listeners that communism can be met only on spiritual grounds and that only a miracle can save China from communism.

"Hope for China?" the Bishop said. "Politically there is not much; militarily, not much either, but the age of miracles is not over. The prayers of the Church, mounting unceasingly, and the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, can effect miracles. They have done so, and they can do so again."

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Confraternity Congress To Feature Lay Session Here

"The Parent as a Teacher of Religion" will be explained by two speakers at a session for the laity on Friday, Oct. 23, one of the highlights of the Fifth Regional Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine scheduled in Rochester on Oct. 23, 24 and 25 with His Excellency Bishop Kearney as honorary chairman.

The Regional Congress is under the patronage of the Cardinal Archbishop and Bishops of the Province of New York. Honorary Co-Chairmen are: His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York; His Excellency Bishop Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Albany; His Excellency Bishop Edmund F. Gibbons, Bishop of Buffalo; and His Excellency Bishop Joseph A. Burke.

SPEAKERS AT the laity session on Oct. 23 in Columbus Civic Center Auditorium will be His Excellency Bishop Foley of Syracuse and Ralph F. Castafano, Ph.D., Director of the Curriculum and Supervision, Ridgeway Area Joint School District, Ridgeway, Pa., in the diocese of Erie.

Formerly a supervising principal of the Brockport, Pa. public schools, Dr. Castafano is a mem-

ber of the Parish Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in St. Tobias Church, Brockport. Pa. Married, he is the father of four children.

A registration fee of \$100 has been set for the laity session. The Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, chairman of the regional congress of the CCD said today.

This session, he pointed out, will have an especial appeal to parents, members of mothers' clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations, family guidance groups and parents-to-be.

The regional congress is a meeting of priests, religious and the laity under the direction of the Hierarchy to promote the teaching and practice of religion, and to develop a laity interested in the spread of the faith.

FORMALLY CLOSING the sessions will be a Solemn Pontifical Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Flower City Park, on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. at which His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preach and His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey will be celebrant. The laity are invited to the Mass. Father Schnacky said.

All sessions for the Congress will be held at Columbus Civic Center. Sessions for the Clergy will be on Friday, Oct. 23 with an address by Bishop Matthew F. Brady of Rochester, N. H. at the luncheon as a feature of the program.

The Sisters' session will be on Saturday, Oct. 24. His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Rochester will speak at 10:30 a.m. on "Practical Hints in Teaching Religion."

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is the lay apostolate in action under the guidance of the clergy.

PARTICIPATION in the Confraternity takes the form of religious discussion club membership, as a visitor; as a parent educator, as a teacher, as a helper or and in the apostolate of Good Will.

Work of the Confraternity in this region will be graphically portrayed by more than 30 exhibits of Catechetical material and church goods to be erected around the walls of Columbus Civic Center Auditorium during the period of the Congress.