

## Abbot McGinley Blessed At Impressive Rite

By ROBERT SMETT

Solemn and impressive rites held for the first time this week in Rochester saw the Rt. Rev. Don M. Gerard McGinley, O.S.C.O., blessed as the Abbot of the Trappist Abbey of Our Lady of the Genesee and invested with the pontifical insignia of his office. These include: the mitre, the pectoral cross, the crozier, the ring.

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart was the scene of the unusual ceremonies held on Monday morning (Nov. 9) before a crowded congregation with His

Excelsiency Bishop James E. Kearney presiding.

The Pontifical Mass of Blessing which began at 10 a.m. also was celebrated by Bishop Kearney who welcomed the Trappist community to the Diocese of Rochester in May, 1951, when they made their first foundation in New York State near Pittsford.

Assisting Abbot McGinley were: the Right Rev. Vincent Daly, O.C.S.O., Abbot of Our Lady of New Melleny Abbey, Dubuque, Iowa, and the Right Rev. Edmund Futterer, O.C.S.O., Abbot of St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Mass.

**THE RIGHT** Rev. M. James of Gethsemani Abbey, Trappist, Fox, O.C.S.O., Abbot of Our Lady of Kentucky, preached the sermon at the Mass.

Much of the color and ritual so recently seen at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart when His Excelsiency, the Most Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester last May, was repeated at Abbot McGinley's blessing.

White-robed Trappist monks and lay brothers in their brown

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**ABBATIAL BLESSING**—Solemn moment in ceremonies conferring the abbatial blessing on the Rt. Rev. Don M. Gerard McGinley, new Abbot of the Trappist Abbey of Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey, shows His Excelsiency Bishop Kearney (photo above) imposing hands upon the new Abbot's head and praying for God's blessing on the Trappist prelate. (Other photos on page 5)



**FULL PONTIFICALS**—Wearing his pontifical vestments and insignia (mitre, crozier, ring, etc.) for the first time, Abbot McGinley (center in front) poses with other dignitaries following rites on Monday at Sacred Heart Cathedral where he was blessed as an Abbot. Shown with him are: (front left to right), Rt. Rev. Edmund Futterer, O.C.S.O., Abbot of St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Massachusetts; His Excelsiency Bishop Kearney, who conferred the Blessing; Abbot McGinley; Rt. Rev. Vincent Daly,

O.C.S.O., Abbot of Our Lady of New Melleny Abbey, Dubuque, Iowa; and Rt. Rev. M. James Fox, O.C.S.O., Abbot of Our Lady of Gethsemani Abbey, Trappist, Kentucky. In rear, (left to right), are: Rt. Rev. M. Columban Hawkins, O.C.S.O., Abbot of Our Lady of Guadalupe Abbey, Pecos, New Mexico; and Rt. Rev. M. Robert McGinn, O.C.S.O., Abbot of Our Lady of the Holy Ghost Abbey, Conyers, Georgia. This unusual photo includes six of the ten Trappist Abbots now in the United States.



**TRAPPIST ABBOTS**—The Rt. Rev. M. Gerard McGinley, (center in photo) enters Sacred Heart Cathedral to be blessed as Abbot of Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey at Pittsford. He is escorted by two other Trappist Abbots: (left and right in photo) Abbot Barry of Our Lady of New Melleny Abbey, Dubuque, Iowa; and Abbot Futterer of St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Mass.

## Reds Fail To Stop Vocations In Poland

London — (NC) — Despite intensive efforts by communists in Poland to curtail the religious life of the people, the major religious seminary in Nyssa, Poland, has an overflow enrollment of 337 students, according to word received here this week.

Students at the seminary come from all parts of Poland, including the eastern area annexed by Soviet Russia. Upon ordination, the men will minister to the faithful in the western parts of Poland.

## Czech Red Film To Rid Youth Of Notion Of God

Vienna — (NC) — The Communist-controlled Czechoslovak film industry has begun preparations for shooting anti-religious, popular "science" movies on Lourdes and Fatima, according to reports reaching here.

The idea of the films originated with Prof. Zdenek Nejedly, Communist Minister of Education and an avowed enemy of religion and the Catholic Church. He is the driving intellectual force to turn Czech schools into anti-God institutions and to replace Catholic doctrine with materialism. Nejedly himself was indoctrinated during his long exile in Moscow.

**THE AIM** of the Lourdes film, according to Nejedly, is to help school children get rid of the remnants of capitalistic conceptions of the supernatural and to replace these religious superstitions with a materialistic conception of life.

The film will be directed by Joseph Vacha, who was responsible for the full-length color film, "What is Life," completed last March in Prague. Nejedly has approached Soviet scientists to cooperate in producing the Lourdes movie.

The anti-religious film, "What is Life," now showing in secondary State schools, deals with the controversy between the "old, idealistic concept" of the origins of the world and life and the "modern, materialistic" concept.

## Philadelphia Archdiocese Plans 6 High Schools

Philadelphia — (RNS) — A multi-million dollar building program to provide six new diocesan high schools for the Philadelphia archdiocese has been projected by Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C.

The Archbishop estimated that the several-year program would cost roughly between \$12,000,000 and \$18,000,000. In a pastoral letter, he called upon the archdiocese to raise at least \$3,000,000 within the year to pay for initial costs of construction. Architects' plans are in progress.

**THE PROGRAM** will provide new classroom facilities for upward of 25,000 youth and relieve serious overcrowding in the existing nine diocesan high schools of the city.

Five of the schools are to be located within Philadelphia, and the sixth at Pottstown, Pa. One-half of the construction cost will be met through an annual collection throughout the ten-county archdiocese, and the other half by parishes to be served by the new schools.

Narrates have been assigned to two of the proposed schools. One will be the Bishop Neumann High School, as a memorial to the Venerable John N. Neumann, C.S.S.R., fourth bishop of Philadelphia, 1852-60. His cause for canonization is under consideration at the Vatican.

The other will be named for the Rev. Thomas A. Judge, a Vincentian, who founded the orders of Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity for men, and the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity for women. He died in 1933 and is buried at Trenton, Pa. Philadelphia, on the grounds of the motherhouse of the women's order. The new school will adjoin the motherhouse.

# President Replies To Abp. O'Boyle's Plea For Cardinal, Raps Red Tyranny

Washington — (NC) — In a strongly-worded condemnation of communism, President Dwight D. Eisenhower has expressed the conviction that Red tyranny never will be successful in attempts to subvert the religious faith of Poland and "extinguish the national tradition in which that faith plays so strong a part."

"Until the Polish people regain their freedom and independence," the President declared, "the peaceful policy of this Government will be to expose, and in every appropriate way to oppose the shameful series of acts by which the Polish people are being denied the free exercise of their inalienable rights."

**THE PRESIDENT'S** views were expressed in a letter to Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington. The Archbishop, as acting chairman of the National Catholic Welfare Conference administrative board, had issued a statement of indignation on the arrest of His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, and on other acts of religious persecution by communists in Poland. The prelate also had written to the President to record the protest of his faithful in the Washington archdiocese over the Polish situation.

The Archbishop also wrote a letter of protest to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

In his reply, Secretary Dulles pointed out that Poland, like all other members of the United Nations, pledged itself to "promote respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

The Secretary added: "The deliberate steps of the present communist regime in Poland directed toward the tyrannous subjection of religious organizations by the

## British Hierarchy Seeks English Ritual

London — (RNS) — The Catholic Hierarchy of England and Wales have authorized the translation into English of certain parts of the Church Ritual with a view to submitting the translations to the Holy See for approval, the Catholic Herald reported here.

The weekly said that the translations are already in progress, and it is expected by the Vatican will be used in this country for some rites and blessings now exclusively in Latin.

At the same time the paper said that Bishops in the United States are petitioning for the use of translations in English, and it is hoped that the Holy See will give permission next year.

According to the Catholic Herald, the translations which have texts of the Ritual in their own languages are Austria, Germany, France, Indonesia, Japan, China and India (for the Hindi language).

## MARIE DIONNE ENTERS CONVENT

Quebec — Dressed in her new religious garb, 19-year-old Marie Dionne, last born of the famous Dionne quintuplets, bids farewell to her mother at the convent door of the Servants of the Most Blessed Sacrament where she has become a postulant in that cloistered order of nuns. For the first six months, Marie will be a postulant after which she will take temporary vows and become a novice for two years. Following this, for three years she will make annual professions of the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience before taking her final vows to devote the rest of her life to the order. Marie said the life of a nun would give her an opportunity to repay the many thousands who prayed for her during her first week of life when she was struggling for survival. (RNS Photo).

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"In connection with the recent series of acts in suppression of freedom of conscience in Poland, it will be noted that Poland, like all other members of the United Nations, pledged itself to promote respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms. The deliberate steps of the present communist regime in Poland directed toward the tyrannous subjection of religious organizations by the police state clearly violate these standards. As such these acts are resented and condemned by the people of the United States. The United States delegation to the current session of the United Nations General Assembly has been requested to make every effort to see that this flagrant denial of religious freedom is not exposed before the United Nations.

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