

Dallas-Fort Worth Diocese New Name Of Texas See

Dallas — (NC) — The Diocese of Dallas will be known henceforth as the Diocese of Dallas-Forth Worth.

St. Patrick's Church in Fort Worth has been made a Co-Cathedral.

These changes are announced in a decree of Sacred Consistorial Congregation just received from Rome. The changes were petitioned by Bishop Joseph Patrick Lynch of Dallas and Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, Coadjutor to Bishop Lynch with the right of succession.

Under the decree the Bishop of Dallas may pontificate at the Co-Cathedral of St. Patrick's and "may have an episcopal residence in Fort Worth if he so desires."

The decree was signed by his Eminence Adeodato Giovanni Cardinal Piazza, Secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation.

The Diocese of Dallas, now Dallas-Forth Worth, was erected in 1890 and embraces nearly 50,000 square miles of northeast Texas.

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Acting Superior Toyko, Japan (NC) Father William Mackesy, M.M., veteran of almost 20 years in Japan, has been named acting superior in Japan of the Catholic Foreign Society of America (Maryknoll Fathers).

Father Hubbard Talks On Far North



EXPERIENCES AS an explorer in the far North are told student nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing by the Rev. Bernard R. Hubbard, S.J., on a visit to Elmira. In photo (from left) are: Lois Price, Father Hubbard, Rita Clark and Joan O'Neil.

Motorists Warned On Moral Duties

St. Paul, Minn. — Archbishop John Gregory Murray has issued a message which warns that "each individual who puts his hand on the wheel to operate any vehicle must become aware of the fact that he is a potential killer."

The message, devoted to traffic safety, was sent to all priests of the archdiocese for reading at Masses.

"The appalling loss of life, resulting in our day from the operation of the power-driven vehicles," the archbishop wrote, "calls for concerted effort by every citizen to eliminate an increasing callousness in the widespread disregard of the sanctity of human safety."

He called on each individual to accept "moral responsibility" when driving so he will protect himself and his fellow passengers and avoid injury to all others "whether pedestrians or operators of other vehicles."

"If he fails to operate his machine in a way to avoid becoming a menace to others," Archbishop Murray stated, "he passes from the category of potential killer to potential murderer and will be held accountable before God for an injury done to another, even though he may escape condemnation by a civil court."

Famed Glacier Priest Tells Nurse Students Of Alaska

The Rev. Bernard R. Hubbard, S.J., famed explorer and noted scientist, known as the "Glacier Priest" paid a visit last week to St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, and spoke before an audience of nearly 200, including Sisters, student nurses and guests.

For the past 28 years Father Hubbard has been engaged in research work in the far North, working out of Santa Clara University, California.

He told of the great future there is for Alaska and of the abundance of raw materials that we so badly need for industrial progress and their use in electronics, such as cobalt and tin.

THE SPEAKER claimed there are enough minerals in Alaska to last until the end of time and stated emphatically that the surface of that great Country has not been scratched.

Uranium deposits are extensively available in Alaska, continued the speaker, but he did urge great caution in the use of that substance for although it is very valuable it could at the same time be harmful.

He presented two fine films on Alaska, showing the topography and glaciers that abound. These colored films were taken by the speaker and were processed in the Mission Laboratory at Santa Clara University.

Sister M. Alfonso, Sister Superior at the Hospital introduced Father Hubbard.

Theologian Discusses Torture Confessions

Washington — (NC) — The problem of torture confessions is discussed in the December issue of Catholic Men by Father Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., dean of Catholic University's school of theology.

Writing as a guest editor in the monthly publication of the National Council of Catholic Men, Father Connell discusses the extent of guilt of those American boys who signed confessions they knew to be false.

"THE SAME problem," he writes, "appears regarding Catholics in Europe who, under pressure of torture, have made statements derogatory to the Church or opposed to the principles of the Catholic faith."

The answer of Catholic theology is that a person is never permitted to make or sign a statement that is contrary to the Catholic faith or which would unjustly incriminate his country; nor to reveal military secrets of great value, no matter what violence or pain may be inflicted upon him. He continues:

"The Church knows full well that heroic courage may be needed to be staunch under torture; but she believes that God will give grace to those who seek His help."

"Nevertheless," he writes "Catholic theology also recognizes the possibility of such extreme torture that a person yields to the demands of the persecutors and makes the statements demanded without being guilty, subjectively, of sin. In other words, for the time being the victim has lost the power of free will because of the effect on his faculties of the physical violence he is suffering. In that event, God will not account him guilty, even though what he says or does is a violation of Divine law."

"ONLY GOD," he continues "can know in individual cases just who is guilty in conscience and who is free from blame in fact."

Magr. Thomas J. McMahon, president of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine, was present at the Mission's main store in Belmont, but many of their names were not known and little evidence was available to prove their martyrdom.

Milk Cargo Sent Palestine Refugees

Beirut, Lebanon — (NC) — A shipment of 7,368 barrels of powdered milk donated by War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference was received here by the Pontifical Mission for Palestine for free distribution among Palestine refugees scattered in various countries of the Middle East.

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POPE OPENS MARIAN YEAR



His Holiness Pope Pius XII kneels at a prayer stool to read the prayer he composed for the opening of the Marian Year. Shown with him in the Basilica of St. Mary-Major in Rome, is Monsignor Nardone, Prefect of the Vatican ceremonial staff for civil ceremonies. The Marian Year, proclaimed by Pope Pius XII marks the centenary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. (NC Photos).

NATIONAL SHRINE TO MARY



The Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, (center) Apostle Delegate to the United States inspects the model of the completed National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, on the campus of Catholic University of America, in Washington, D. C., following the solemn pontifical Mass held in the crypt of the church, December 8, opening the Marian Year celebrations. Shown with his Excellency are Bishop Bryan J. McElegari, (left) rector of the University and Monsignor F. J. O'Gannon, national director of the Shrine. (NC Photos).

Foreign Missionaries Honored In Japan

Many American missionaries have received the first Japanese award for their services in the Far East.

The three priests, Fathers John Hill, Kevin Muldoon and Anthony Glynn, were guests at a civic reception in tribute to their "heroic work in the half of the needy following recent floods that inundated almost half the city."

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