

Woman To Head Graduate School

Washington —(NC)— Dr. Regina Flannery Herzfeld became the first woman to head a department of the Catholic University of America's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the university announced.

Dr. Herzfeld was named head of the Department of Anthropology in a list of appointments and reappointments at the university by Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, rector of the university.

Also named as department heads were: Msgr. Maurice S. Sheehy, Department of Religious Education; Father (Dr.) Louis F. Hartman, C.S.S.R., Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages; and Msgr. Francis J. Houlihan, Department of Education.

Seventeen faculty members were advanced in rank and the deans of all the schools in the university were reappointed.

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Cardinal Spellman Leaves For Christmas With GI's

New York — (NC) — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman left New York's International Airport (Dec. 19) on the first step of his Christmas trip to Korea where he will offer Mass for United Nations troops.

The prelate left on a Northwest Airliner for Anchorage, Alaska, where he will visit American troops before taking off for Tokyo and his third Christmas with troops in the Far East.

He was expected to arrive in Tokyo on December 22 and to be in Korea from December 23 to 31. The Cardinal said he planned to celebrate three Masses in Korea on Christmas and return to Tokyo on January 1 for a series of visits to military hospitals.

Cardinal Spellman told reporters that 25,000 medals and 25,000 holy pictures were among the presents he plans to distribute to servicemen.

Traveling with the Cardinal was Msgr. George Carroll of Maryland representing War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference. Members of the hierarchy, the clergy and the laity bade farewell to the Cardinal at the airport.

'Man Of The Year'
Rev. St. Louis, Ill.—(NC)— Joseph R. McCarty, a founder of the American Legion and Notre Dame University's "Man of the Year" award winner in 1950, died at St. Mary's Hospital here at the age of 61.

Priest Stricken With Polio To Say Mass in Wheelchair

Buffalo — (NC) — A courageous young Buffalo priest will celebrate Mass on Christmas day for the first time since he was stricken with poliomyelitis a year ago in Brazil.

Father Kevin E. Walsh, a member of the Order of Holy Hermits, has received a special dispensation from the Sacred Congregation of Rites in Rome to say Mass from his wheelchair.

The 28-year-old priest, a patient in the University of Buffalo Chronic Disease Research Center, will be taken to the chapel of Holy Angels Church Christmas morning. His immediate family will attend the Mass. After Christmas, Father Walsh will say Mass wherever arrangements can be made to take him to a church.

Stricken in the middle of Mass, he was taken from the Church to the hospital in Sao Paulo, and then flown here in a respirator. The flight was arranged by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the Buffalo and Erie county chapters.

The military priest had been in the jungles of Sumatra, Brazil, only 13 months when stricken. Although almost totally paralyzed when he was returned, he has never regained use of both his arms. Spoken for by the Institute say his courage and patience have been an inspiration to other patients.

Church in England, Wales Gain 61,500 in Year

London — (NC) — The Catholic population of England and Wales increased by 61,500 last year to an official estimated total of 2,918,700, according to the Catholic Directory for 1954.

These are the Catholics who live regularly in one parish and are known to the clergy. However, there are many more, and the general figure is actually put at between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 or a tenth of the whole population.

SCOTLAND HAS another 1,000,000 (the latest official estimate was 740,463) and Northern Ireland 500,000, making a round total of anything up to 5,500,000 for Great Britain outside the Irish Republic.

A large shifting population of Catholics who attend Mass and the Sacraments faithfully, especially in the industrial areas. It is noticeable that Liverpool and Leeds, former the same Masses total of 400,000 and 181,000 respectively. There are also a few thousand refugees from Europe who are not listed in the new statistics but, as every one who "resettles" Catholics who show their children up in the Catholic faith.

In any case, the increase in Masses of 61,500, which includes 11,300 adult conversions, is one of the best of recent years.

There are also 526 private chapels, with at least weekly Mass, compared with 518 last year.

Clergy total 6,989—4,217 diocesan priests and 2,772 order priests—against 4,560 and 2,459 twelve months ago. Sacred ministers increased by 15,964 to 522,182. Infant baptisms by 602 to 28,645. However, marriages—only figures to show a decline—were at 36,825 down by 49. The previous year they showed an increase of 1,717. Convents now total 1,153 which is 25 more than the previous year.

The clergy include 118 chaplains for the Army and Navy, voluntary workers.

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Check With Doctors Urged On Patent-Medicine 'Ads'

Washington — (NC) — Catholic periodicals should consult with reliable physicians before carrying advertisements for any patent-medicine, a theologian has stated.

Answering a physician's question in the American Ecclesiastical Review, Father Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., dean of the School of Sacred Theology of the Catholic University of America, said that in addition to drugs that promise "impossible cures," drugs "which competent medical men agree to be of little value should also be banned" from Catholic newspapers and magazines.

Some readers may use the remedies they see advertised with the feeling that they will surely cure their ailments, and this false sense of security may prevent them from going to a reliable doctor for proper treatment.

STATING THAT "some Catholics ascribe special value to medicine advertised in a magazine under Catholic auspices," Father Connell said:

"I suggest that any editor of a Catholic periodical who is asked to carry an advertisement for a patent medicine should consult a reliable physician as to the merits of this remedy before he allows the advertisement to be inserted."

The physician who submitted the question to the publication's "Answers To Questions" section, asserted that "many of the products advertised in Catholic journals are worthless, even though

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