

Missouri 'Boot Heel' To Get Priests

St. Louis, Mo., (NC)—A Missionary Apostolate plan to bring the church to neglected sections of the boot heel of Missouri is being initiated here, Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis has announced.

The mission movement will be aimed primarily at Missouri's "boot heel," the southwestern section of the diocese, where churches and priests are few. Young, newly ordained priests will be used to proselytize the faith and to reclaim lapsed Catholics in the neglected areas.

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Funeral Sermon
Monsignor Maselli

(The following sermon was delivered by the Rev. Sebastian Contigiacco, C.F.S., pastor of Church of the Most Precious Blood, at the funeral of the Very Rev. Monsignor Maselli in St. Lucy's Church on April 29, 1954.)

One September day a few years ago, three priests were enjoying one of the most beautiful scenes of nature from the top of White Flag Mountain. In ecstasy and admiration, one of them said, "You know, Father, looking from this mountain into the surrounding valleys, I feel so much nearer to God. I am so thankful to God for any vocation to the priesthood that makes me like a majestic mountain stretching to heaven."

It was Monsignor Maselli, or Don Benedetto to his folks, who will never forget the revealing expression of his eyes, that he was a true priest of God.

To be a priest of God had been the dream of the young man in the seminary at Trenton, and Chieti, the realization on his ordination day, the guiding light of his forty years of priesthood.

BREATHLESSLY after his ordination the first world war broke out in Europe. Like many other young priests, Don Benedetto was called to serve as an assistant chaplain. The kindness and gentleness of his nature, perfected by the grace of the priesthood, was a blessed consolation to the wounded and the sick in the hospital.

In 1923, he came to Rochester to care for the Italian-speaking people. Wherever he served, at St. Patrick's, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Rochester, at St. Francis in Auburn, he endeared himself as a good priest of God.

But it was here, at St. Lucy's, that he has dedicated the best part of his life, the energies of his vitality, the gifts of his soul.

He was a priest of God in the kindness with which he listened to the troubles of his people; he was a priest of God in the patient forgiveness of inevitable misunderstandings; he was a priest of God to all who came to him for counsel and help; he was kind and gentle as he was generous in his charity.

HE LOVED most of all his church, this church, and this love he showed in lavishing the best for the glory of God in His temple.

He loved his brother priests not only in words but as a priest he lived his life especially for them. He was especially kind to the young priests in need of the tragic and pitiful condition of the majority of the priests in the diocese in Italy since the war found a ready and generous response in his heart. Once he confided to me that he

Msgr. Maselli's Charity Lauded At Funeral Rites

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Fr. Francis Cristantello, Anthony J. Callahan, Frank W. Mason, John A. Reddington, Joseph M. Dalley, Paul R. Schanck, John H. O'Loane, C.S.B., Albert H. Schanck, Frank Valukewius, John J. Nacci, Dominic Mochewius, Lawrence J. Wasy, Paul Murphy, Robert J. Fox, Bernard Dolan, James Martin, Charles Bennett, Raymond Kerry and Louis Hoffman.

The members of the choir were: the Reverend Fathers, Frederick Elmendorf, Otto J. Vogt, Leonard Kujavski, Edward E. Steinkirchner, William H. Shannon, William White, William J. Charbonnet, James Callahan, and Charles Golding, under the direction of Rev. Charles J. McCarthy.

PARISHANES were the Reverend Fathers Sebastian Contigiacco, James O'Connell, Patrick J. Flynn, Eugene Golding, Francis Cristantello, Richard O'Connell, Albert Schanck and John D. Malley.

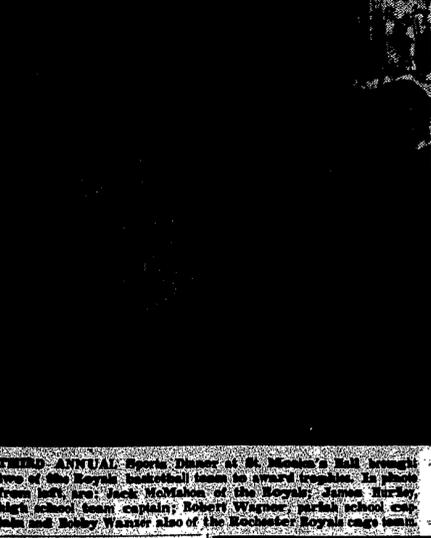
BENEFIT CASEY gave the final absolution at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where burial was made in Monsignor Maselli's family plot. Assisting Monsignor Casey at the grave ceremonies were Monsignor McAniff and Father John Whalen.

Present at the Office of the Dead on Sunday evening were the Rt. Rev. Monsignors James C. McAniff and John M. Duffy, the Very Rev. Monsignors Francis W. Hickey and John E. Maselli, and the Reverend Fathers John Whalen, Francis W. Luddy, George M. Kalb, Robert L. Kress, Robert J. Fox, Paul Wohlrab, John A. Morgan, Walter Fleming, James O'Connell, Patrick J. Flynn, Richard J. Orlando, Emmett Murphy, Raymond Moore, Anthony Callahan, George J. Wilmann, Robert P. McNamara, John D. Malley, John E. Resch, Sebastian Contigiacco, C.F.S.; Michael B. Bondi, C.S.B.; Wilfred J. Murphy, C.S.B.; William P. McGee, C.S.B.; John F. Onorato, C.S.B.; W. Oscar Fagan, C.S.B.; Eugene N. Golding; Charles J. McCarthy and Benedict A. Ehmman.

MONSIGNOR MASELLI was born in Italy. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Trenton, N. J., in 1913. He served as a military chaplain with the Italian Army during World War I. Monsignor Maselli served as assistant pastor at the former St. Patrick's Cathedral and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Rochester, before being assigned as pastor of St. Lucy's. He was named a Papal Chamberlain in 1948 in recognition of his personal charity to the city of Trenton during and after World War II.

He was survived by two brothers, Alexander Maselli of Dorchester, Mass., and Anthony Maselli of Akron, Ohio; and a sister, Christina Sarno of Medford, Mass.

'ROYALS' HONOR ATHLETES



THIRD ANNUAL Sports Dinner at St. Monica's Hall brought out the Rochester Royals football team to award trophies to the high school athletes who were the winners of the annual sports dinner. From left to right: Coach Robert Wagner, sports director, and Bobby Weaver also of the Rochester Royals (captain).

Registration Listed For New Pupils

Registration for all new pupils who wish to attend St. Agnes Grammar School in September, 1954, will take place at the school, 314 Main Street East, Wednesday and Thursday—May 5 and 6 from nine o'clock in the morning until seven in the evening.

With the removal of the high school department to the new building on East River Road, it will be possible to increase the facilities for accommodating the elementary children. Opportunities for special instruction in instrumental music will continue to be offered. A hot lunch is provided for all students.

The before and after school supervised care given to pupils of the first and second grades, who formerly will be attended in the home, will be discontinued. Such children may report at seven-thirty in the morning and remain until five-thirty in the afternoon.

Annual Memorial Dinner Scheduled By Harps Club

The Harps Gaelic Football and Hurling Club will hold their third annual Padric Pearse Memorial Dinner on Saturday, May 1, in Doud Post, Buffalo Rd., at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Eugene McFarland, national chaplain of Gaelic Athletic Association of America, will be principal speaker, according to Tom Hanley and Peggy Waters, co-chairmen.

Padric Pearse was a leader in the Irish Rebellion of 1916. He died along with 1000 other patriots when the Post Office in Dublin, Ireland, was held out for four days, proclaiming the Irish Republic.

14 of the rebels were executed two weeks later, among them was Padric Pearse.

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Toledo Catholics Plan High School

Toledo, O.—(RNS)—Plans for the construction of a high school for boys to be operated by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales were announced here by Bishop George E. Gehring.

A \$750,000 fund campaign will be held in June. Ground-breaking is expected about September and the school will open for freshmen and sophomores only in September, 1955.

The school will have a capacity of 750. Central Catholic High School here will continue to operate as a diocesan co-educational institution.

The Oblate Fathers operate boys' schools in—Wilmington, Del.; Philadelphia and Erie, Pa.; White Plains, Lockport, and Buffalo, N. Y.; and Detroit.

Oratorical Test Finals Slated For Six Schools

Winners from each of six Catholic high schools in the city of Rochester will compete in the finals of the Bishop's Oratorical Contest on Wednesday, May 5, at Aquinas Institute starting at 8 p.m.

Gold medals bearing the Bishop's coat-of-arms will be presented to the boy and girl winners at the conclusion of the contest. Presentation will also be made of a plaque to the winning school and of a war bond to the winning boy and girl by the New York Fifth District, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

PARTICIPATING in the contest will be each winner from his or her own high school. They will be: Academy of the Sacred Heart; Marylyn Fe Garlick, topic, "Peace."

"Atomic Power—Friend or Foe?" Aquinas Institute; Donald Gray, topic, "The Spirit of the Constitution." The Spirit of the Constitution; Massena Academy; Marie Cornelia, topic, "Education's Abandoned Keystone." Our Lady of Mercy High School; Christina Wickert, topic, "Grateful Petition." St. Agnes High School; Ann Fay, topic, "A Saint in the Vatican." St. Andrew Seminary; John Glogowski, topic, "The Pope of Peace."

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