

## Father Tormey Describes English Church Dedication

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 scription and persecution, through prejudice and ostracism.  
 "But bright days have now dawned and after a hundred years of emancipation, the Church in England is making an ever increasing appeal to men of good will to listen to its claims," he said.

"We are grateful for the tolerance which enables us openly to profess the ancient religion of our forefathers. Everywhere we are building churches. With special joy, I have opened twenty-four new churches in the four years of my episcopate," the bishop stated.

"Here in Rochester," he continued, "so long deprived of a church, we now have a Catholic church due, in a very great measure, to the generosity of Bishop Kearney of Rochester, N.Y., and his flock. The new world has been brought in to redress the balance of the old," the bishop said.

Bishop Cowderoy quoted from a letter of Bishop Kearney in which the letter expressed his sorrow at not being present at the ceremonies. He assured Bishop Cowderoy that he was with them in spirit and that he would always cherish this church dedicated to St. John Fisher.

To the priests and pilgrims from the Rochester, N. Y. diocese present at the dedication, Bishop Kearney commended the new church as "a bastion of faith in the city where the valiant Fisher was arrested for steadfast adherence to the truth."

In conclusion, Bishop Cowderoy expressed the hope that through Masses, the Sacraments and preaching "this church may be a place of sanctification for the faithful and, through it, many other sheep not of this fold may hear the voice of the one, true God."

Two hundred fifty guests attended a banquet following the ceremonies, at which the American group was seated at a table of honor.

Addresses were briefly given by Bishop Cowderoy, Father Tormey on behalf of Bishop Kearney, Mayor Skipper and the Rev. Thomas McKenna, pastor of St. John Fisher Church, who urged that American Catholics persuade Bishop Kearney to visit the new church for its consecration when the final debt is paid.

The new edifice dedicated to St. John Fisher is described as being of simple line, constructed of red brick with large windows

which afford a bright interior. A graceful white stone altar is surmounted by a portrait of the martyred Bishop. Decorations are in blue, green and buff pastels, with a side chapel dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Seating capacity of the church is 350.

Lately from the Rochester, N. Y. diocese present at the dedication ceremonies included: Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kelly, Miss Eileen Fetzner, Miss Emma Witz, Mrs. Sarah Martin, Mrs. Eleanor Russner, Mrs. Minnie Senz, Mrs. Florence Wahle, Mrs. Arthur H. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Janick, Joseph Entress.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Oehl of Brooklyn and Mrs. Vera McAllister of Manhattan.

## U. S. Bids To Free Red-Held Missionaries

Geneva, Switzerland — (NC) — The United States, through British intermediaries in Geneva, is seeking the release of 32 Americans — 13 of them Catholic missionaries — jailed in communist China.

Because the United States does not recognize Red China diplomatically, most attempts to gain release of the Americans have been made in the United Nations or through Britain, Russia or some other intermediary.

The imprisoned Catholic missionaries include Bishop Ambrose Pinger of Chow Tung, a Franciscan of Lindsay, Neb. Negotiations with Chinese delegation officials at the Geneva conference are going on in informal, behind-the-scenes talks. Western officials declined to say what progress, if any, is being made.

## Boxer Rebellion Martyrs Studied

Vatican City — (NC) — The cause of 56 people martyred during the Boxer rebellion in China has taken under study by the Sacred Congregation of Rites here.

One group of these martyrs was beatified in November 1946. This is the third group being investigated. The new candidates for beatification include Leo Ignatius Mangin and Paul Denn, Jesuit missionaries, Peter Tchou and Anna Wong, two Chinese people, and 52 other Chinese Catholics. Their cause was introduced in May 1948.

## Rochester Priest Ordained Outdoors



CANDIDATES FOR the Priesthood prostrate themselves during the outdoor ordination at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in the Mission of Nombre de Dios, St. Augustine, Fla. The ceremony was the first outdoor ordination of Catholic priests ever held in the United States. Ordained were: the Reverend Fathers Nell A. Sager of Rochester, N. Y.; Richard H. Seymour of Limona, Fla.; and Bryan G. Walsh and Thomas Anglim, both of Ireland. They were ordained by Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine (left). The Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche was the first in this country erected in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## First Outdoor Ordination Of Priests Held In Florida

St. Augustine, Fla. — (NC) — In the first outdoor ordination in the history of Florida and possibly in the United States, Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine, ordained four young men to the priesthood.

One of the four, the Rev. Nell A. Sager, a native of Rochester and member of this year's graduating class of St. Bernard's Seminary will celebrate his first Solemn Mass in St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, on Sunday, May 29, at 11 a.m.

The ceremonies took place on the grounds of America's oldest mission, the Mission Nombre de Dios, the site of the first parish Mass in this country.

ORDAINED FOR the Diocese of St. Augustine are Nell Sager of Rochester, N. Y.; Thomas Anglim of County Clare, Ireland; and Bryan Walsh of County Loughs, Ireland. Richard Seymour of Limona, Fla., was ordained for the diocese of Alexandria, La.

Speaking after the ordinations, Archbishop Hurley called the new priests "the shock troops of western civilization . . . the

chosen fighters against all that is error and all that is evil. Go out from this hallowed spot to be conquerors for Christ," he said, "to give your lives and if need be your deaths for the sake of Jesus Christ."

"ON THIS SACRED SITE," continued Archbishop Hurley, "where America began, where never let it be forgotten—America began in the Faith of Jesus Christ, four more missionary priests have been ordained . . . to walk in the path traced for priests who landed here on Our Lady's birthday in 1565 and founded America's first Christian community in this aged but ever young Florida."

He paid tribute to Ireland, "Florida's greatest modern benefactor," and to Spain which sent the first priests here nearly 400 years ago and three more priests within the last few weeks.

The ceremonies were attended by delegations from parishes and schools from all parts of Florida.

## Tito Bars Bishops From Pius X Rites

Innsbruck, Austria — (NC) — Five Yugoslav Bishops, including Archbishop Joseph Ujic of Belgrade and Auxiliary Bishop Francis Salls-Sewels of Zagreb, who intended to go to Rome for the canonization of Pope Pius X, have been refused passports by the Tito government, it was reported here.

His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac is reported to have ordered special Masses celebrated throughout his archdiocese on the day of the canonization.

At the same time it was reported that all requests made by Hungarian and Slovak Bishops for permission to leave their countries to attend the ceremonies have been turned down by the communist governments.

Oldest Priest

Erie, Pa. — (NC) — Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for Magr. Stephen H. Cauley, 87, oldest priest of the Erie diocese, was offered in St. Patrick's Church here where he had been pastor for 16 years.

## East German Rites Honor St. Boniface

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 Bonn, Germany — (NC) — Some 80,000 Catholics from the Soviet zone of Germany gave a stirring demonstration of faith as they attended a Pontifical Mass offered on the steps of St. Mary's Cathedral in Erfurt, eastern Germany. The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Aloisius J. Muench, Papal Nuncio to Germany and Bishop of Fargo, N.D.

The Mass and a Holy Hour were part of five-day ceremonies in Erfurt commemorating the 1,200th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Boniface, Apostle of the Germans.

ERFURT WAS established as a diocese by St. Boniface and continued by the Holy See in 1422. It was later amalgamated with the archdiocese of Mainz and is now part of the Fulda diocese. The remains of two of St. Boniface's companions, who were martyred with him, SS. Adolar and Eoban, are still preserved at St. Mary's Cathedral in Erfurt.

Preaching during the Holy Hour, Archbishop Muench emphasized the love of the Holy Father for the faithful in all parts of Germany. The Archbishop expressed his own gratitude for the loyalty of the Erfurt Catholics to the Holy See.

The Papal Nuncio arrived in Erfurt on Friday evening. Accompanied by Bishop Johannes Dietz of Fulda and Bishop Joseph Freusberg, Auxiliary of Fulda for Erfurt, the Nuncio met a large group of Soviet Zone Catholics at the cathedral and chatted with them on Saturday morning. As the Nuncio left, the faithful broke spontaneously into the traditional German Catholic hymn: "Fest soll mein Taufband immer stehen" (My baptismal band shall ever remain firm).

Teenagers Design Modest Formal  
 Minneapolis — (NC) — A "Create Your Own Formal" contest urged teenagers Catholic girls to design and sew "smart and modest" gowns as part of a decency-industry drive here.

Fifteen finalists out of 83 entries modeled their creations at a convention of 300 youths at the Catholic Youth Center. College students and working youths served as preliminary judges with the final decision left to New York fashion columnist Maureen Daly.

The contest was sponsored by Contact, Minneapolis Catholic youth organization.

## Parishes Churches Schedule First Mass Celebration

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 Charles Bauer, deacon; the Rev. Frank Mason, assistant priest; the Rev. Charles F. Adams, O.F.M., deacon; the Rev. Francis R. Davis, subdeacon; the Rev. Edward Christoph, preacher. Reception, St. Ambrose Hall, Culver Rd., 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ordination sponsor, the Rev. W. Oscar Regan, C.S.B.

REV. JOHN J. HEMPEL, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Hempel, 398 Brownville Blvd., Rochester. Attended St. Ambrose School, Aquinas Institute, Fordham University and St. Andrew's Seminary. Five years in the army during WW II, 21 months in the European Theater. First Solemn Mass in St. Ambrose Church, Rochester, June 6 at 10 a.m. The Rev. Frank Mason, assistant priest; the Rev. J. Emmett Murphy, deacon; the Rev. Paul Morgan, subdeacon; the Rev. Donald Mulcahy, preacher. Reception, 2294 Mantou Rd., 2 to 6 p.m. Ordination sponsor, the Rev. Theodore Winterroth.

REV. ROBERT G. KRECKEL, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip G. Kreckel, 49 Washburn Pk., Rochester. Attended St. Boniface School, Aquinas Institute and St. Andrew's Seminary. First Solemn Mass in St. Boniface Church, Rochester, June 6 at 9 a.m. The Rev. Walter J. Kohl, assistant priest; the Rev. E.

REV. JOSEPH F. REINHART, Son of Mr. Joseph F. Reinhart and the late Mrs. Reinhart, 1716 Ridge Rd. East, Rochester. Attended St. Margaret Mary School, Aquinas Institute and St. Andrew's Seminary. First Solemn Mass in St. Cecelia's Church, Rochester, June 6 at 11 a.m. The Rt. Rev. Magr. Wilfred T. Craugh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, assistant priest; the Rev. Gerard C. Krieg, deacon; the Rev. Richard V. O'Neill, subdeacon; the Rev. Robert F. McNamara, professor of Church History at St. Bernard's, preacher. Father Reinhart will be the first priest to offer his first Solemn Mass in St. Cecelia's Church. Reception, St. Cecelia's Hall, Culver Rd., 4 to 7 p.m. Benediction at 7 p.m. in the church. Ordination sponsor, the Rev. Edward J. Eschrich.

REV. JOHN V. ROSSE, Son of Mr. John H. Rosse and the late Mrs. Rosse, 44 Briardlife Rd., Rochester. Attended St. Thomas Grammar School and St. Andrew's Seminary. First Solemn Mass in St. Thomas Church, June 6 at 10 a.m. The Very Rev. Magr. James D. Cuffney, assistant priest; the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, deacon; the Rev. John X. Morgan, subdeacon; the Rev. Edward A. Zimmer, preacher. Reception, 44 Briardlife Rd.; 3 to 6 p.m. Ordination sponsor, the Rev. William J. Riefer.

REV. FREDERICK W. STRAUB, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse J. Straub, 17 Maryland St., Rochester. Attended Holy Rosary School, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and St. Andrew's Seminary. First Solemn Mass in Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, June 6 at 10:45 a.m. The Rev. James Mahon, assistant priest; the Rev. Nell A. Sager, deacon; the Rev. William Lambert, subdeacon; the Rt. Rev. Magr. Charles F. Shay, preacher. Reception, Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 3 to 5 p.m. Ordination sponsor, the Rev. Bernard Dolan.

Niagara Falls Discoverer Recalled  
 Brussels — (NC) — Belgian-born Franciscan Father Louis Hennepin, said to have been the first European to see and describe Niagara Falls, will be shown on a series of stamps issued by the Belgian postal authorities in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the famous explorer's death.

Father Hennepin, born about the year 1640 near Brussels, first came to the New World in 1675, landing at Quebec. He is said to have discovered the Niagara Falls on February 28, 1660. However, some claim that the French Jesuit missionary and explorer, Father Paul Ragueneau, saw and mentioned Niagara Falls 35 years earlier.

Father Hennepin died in Rome, the exact date of his death not being definitely known.

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