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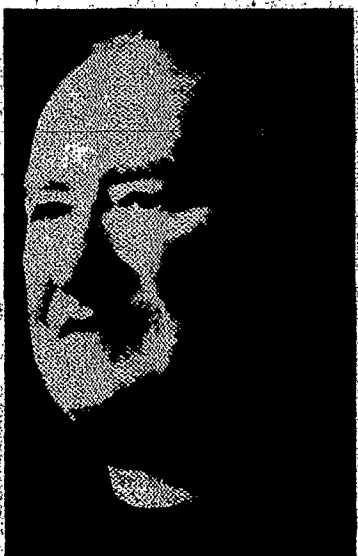
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## 50 Years In Priesthood



FATHER STAFFORD



MONSIGNOR CONWAY



DR. ZWIERNICKI

## Jubilarians To Offer Masses.

Three churchmen of the Rochester Diocese will mark their 50th anniversaries in the Holy Priesthood during this month of June with celebration of Solemn High Masses.

The three priest-jubilarians are:

**Rev. Fr. Stafford**, pastor of Holy Family Church in Auburn and Dean of Cayuga County.

**Rev. Thomas P. Stafford**, pastor of Holy Cross Church in Ovid and Sacred Heart Mission Church in Romulus.

**Rev. Frederick J. Zwiernicki, D.S.M.**, professor-emeritus of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary and nationally known authority and writer on Church History.

Graduates of St. Andrew and St. Bernard Seminaries, all three priests were ordained by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, first bishop of Rochester, in the former St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 11, 1904. Brief biographies of the jubilarians and their plans for celebrating their golden anniversaries follow:

**MONSIGNOR CONWAY**, pastor of Holy Family Church, Auburn, was first assigned to St. Mary's Church, Rochester, as assistant pastor. In 1907 he was appointed as the first Catholic chaplain of Elmira Reformatory. This was first time a full time Catholic chaplain had been appointed to any penal institution in New York State.

Monsignor Conway founded and became first pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Corning, in July 1913, where he remained for 10 years. In 1923, he received his present pastorate appointment to Holy Family Church, Auburn. Holy Family High School in Auburn was established in 1930 by Monsignor Conway. He was appointed Dean of the Auburn Deanery in 1932. In the reorganization of deaneries in April of this year, Monsignor Conway was appointed Dean of the Cayuga Deanery.

On Nov. 19, 1947, he was made a Domestic Prelate by Pope Pius XII with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

Monsignor Conway will offer his anniversary

Mass on Sunday, June 13 in Holy Family Church at 11 a.m. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside.

Officers of the Mass will include: the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy, deacon; the Rev. John B. Crowley, subdeacon; and the Rev. William E. Davis, assistant priest. Other offices will be filled by seminarians of Holy Family parish.

**FATHER STAFFORD**, pastor of Holy Cross Church, Ovid, received his first appointment after ordination to St. Aloysius Church, Auburn, as assistant pastor. In 1912, he was assigned as assistant priest to St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, where he remained for five years.

Father Stafford was appointed pastor of Holy Cross Church, Ovid, and Sacred Heart Church, Romulus, on Oct. 12, 1917.

The golden jubilarian will celebrate his anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 6 in Holy Cross Church, Ovid, at 10:45 a.m. His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey will preside and deliver the jubilee sermon.

The Rev. Henry C. Bleier will be deacon of the Mass and the Rev. Thomas J. Florack, subdeacon.

**DR. ZWIERNICKI**, professor emeritus of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary, is a nationally known authority on church history and the author of many historical works.

After ordination he attended Columbia University in Belgium where he received his doctorate in Moral and Historical Sciences and pursued studies in Christian Archaeology in Rome.

Dr. Zwiernicki held the position of professor of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary from 1904 until 1938. He is the author of "Religion in New Netherland," "The Life and Letters of Bishop McQuaid" and is a frequent contributor of historical articles to national publications.

Dr. Zwiernicki will celebrate his anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 13 in St. Leo's Church, Fulton, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Raymond Epping will be deacon of the Mass and the Rev. John L. Maxwell, subdeacon.

## New Parish Lists Masses At College

Sunday Masses for the parishioners of the new St. Thomas More Parish in Brighton will begin this Sunday (June 6) in the chapel of St. John Fisher College, the Rev. Francis Pegnam, pastor of the new parish, has announced.

Three Sunday Masses have been slated at the College Chapel as follows: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon. If necessary, more Masses will be added to the schedule later, Father Pegnam said. The College Chapel has a capacity of about 200 and there is ample off-street parking facilities, he also advised.

Arrangements for the use of the College Chapel were made by Father Pegnam in cooperation with His Excellency Bishop Kearney and the Very Rev. John Murphy, C.S.B., president of the St. John Fisher.

Establishment of the new Brighton parish was announced last Fall by Bishop Kearney. Since that time Father Pegnam has been engaged in a house-to-house census of his parishioners. Although the census is not complete, those who have been contacted this week received letters urging them to attend the first services of the new parish this Sunday.

Future plans for the parish will be discussed in detail during the coming weeks, Father Pegnam said.

## Pius X Called 'Saint Of Today' At Canonization

By MSGR. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN  
(Radio, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Vatican City, May 29.—His Holiness Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed Pope Pius X a saint on what the Holy Father described as one of the "happiest days of Our pontificate, to which Providence has allotted so many sorrows and cares."

The Pontiff told of his joy at the privilege of canonizing Pius X in an address which he delivered right after the formal proclamation of sanctity.

He spoke to what was one of the largest gatherings of Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and members of the laity ever to come together in St. Peter's square. The convalescing Pontiff noted that "for perhaps the first time in the history of the Church the formal canonization of a Pope is proclaimed by one who had the privilege of serving him in the Roman curia."

In the tremendous crowd witnessing the solemn and colorful ceremonies were two Cardinals, 11 Archbishops and 27 Bishops from the United States, as well as a large number of priests and hundreds of lay people. The Cardinals were Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, and Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. Also present was Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, whose brother Gaetano Cardinal Cicognani made the formal petition to the Pope at the ceremony for the canonization of Pius X. With his canonization here Pope Pius X became the first occupant of the chair of Peter to be proclaimed a saint in 242 years. He was the first Pope in history to be both beatified and canonized by the same successor. The present Pontiff had beatified Pius X in 1951.

Speaking under a great painting depicting the newly proclaimed saint ascending to heaven in glory, Pope Pius XII cited the heroic virtues and accomplishments of the man he had just canonized.

"It was this sanctity even more than the supreme office he held that made Pius X the outstanding hero of the Church and as such today the Saint raised up by Providence for our time," the Pontiff said.

The Pope listed three outstanding marks in the life and work of St. Pius X: his unswerving aim to "reestablish all things in Christ," his indomitable championship of the Church, and his sanctity, which was the inspiration and driving force for his accomplishments.

The solemn ceremony, enacted on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica, ended with the imparting of the Apostolic Blessing, in which the Pope for the first time publicly invokes the name of the new saint in prayer.

The bells of the churches throughout Rome, led by the

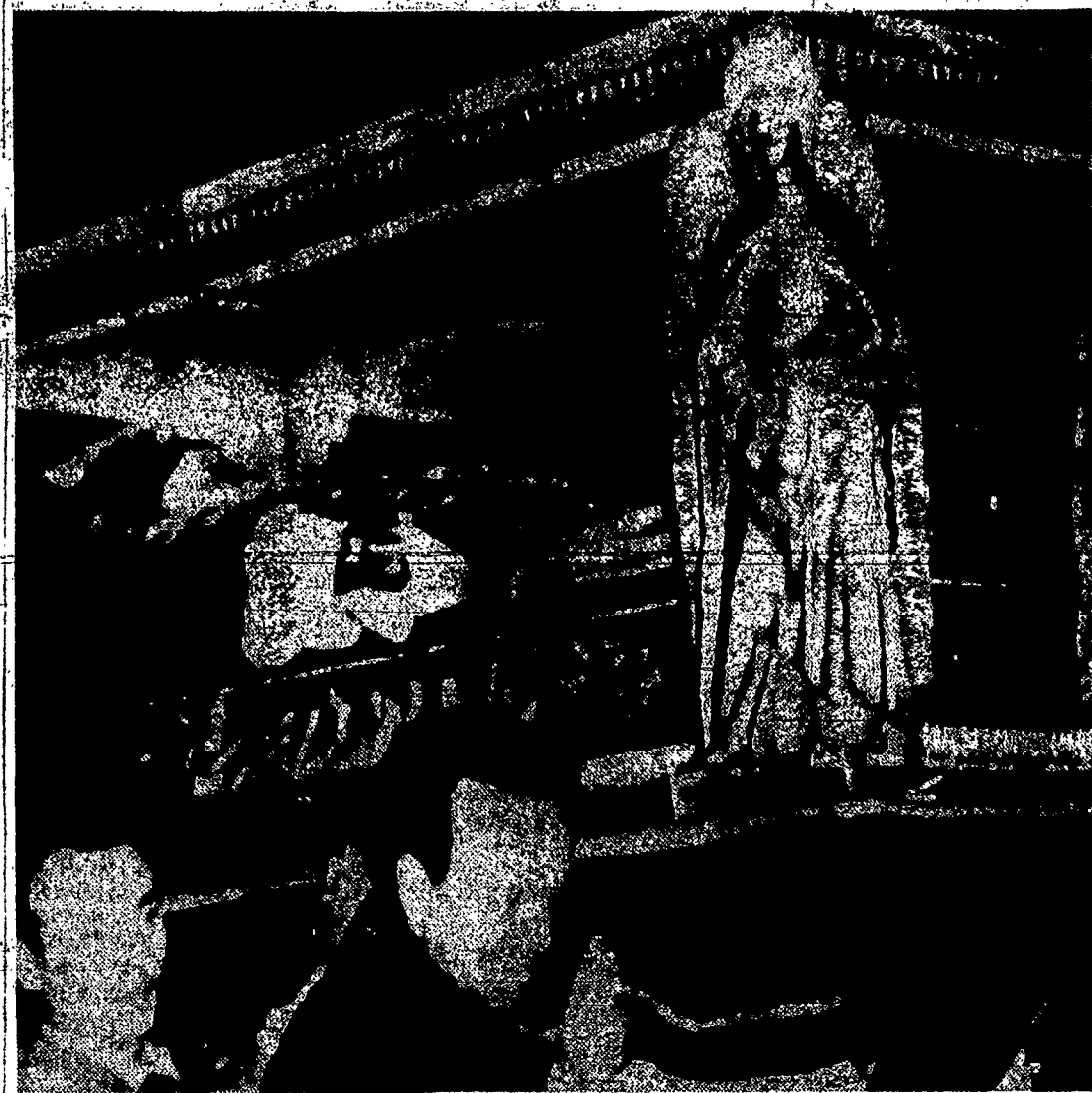
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## POPE AT CANONIZATION



Vatican City—Pope Pius XII blesses pilgrims in St. Peter's Square here as he is borne on his sedia gestatoria during canonization ceremonies for Pius X. An estimated 500,000 pilgrims from all over the world witnessed the ancient and colorful rites as Pius X, "The Pope of Christendom," was raised to sainthood. (ENS Photo.)

## Remains Of St. Pius Venerated



Rome—Exposed in a crystal coffin, the body of St. Pius X is carried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major here for veneration by thousands of pilgrims during three days of prayers and ceremonies. The new saint was borne in a golden coach drawn by six white horses from St. Peter's Basilica the day following his canonization by Pope Pius XII. The remains were wrapped in white embroidered robes and a cape of scarlet and gold trimmed in white ermine. (RNS Photo.)

## St. Pius X Feast Day Slated On August 20th

Vatican City—Huge St. Peter's Basilica was packed and resplendent for one of the most colorful of all Church ceremonies—the pontifical canonization Mass.

Almost equally colorful was the procession carrying the remains of newly canonized St. Pius X from St. Peter's Basilica to the Basilica of St. Mary Major later in the day.

The feast day of the new Saint, it was announced, will be celebrated throughout the Universal Church each year on August 20, the anniversary of his death.

The fact that the canonization itself had occurred the night before took nothing from the brilliance of the Mass at which His Holiness Pope Pius XII presided.

Uniformed units of the parish will parade from the Red Wing Stadium to the rectory and will escort the Ecclesiastical Procession to the church.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Jubilee Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. The Rev. Frank J. Hoefen, pastor, will be assistant priest; the Rev. Arthur F. Florack and the Rev. Charles J. McFarland, John C. Newcomb, and James F. Baker, assistant masters of ceremonies.

From 1 to 5 p.m. that afternoon there will be a parish wide campaign for a new school and distribution of the souvenir booklet.

Tuesday, June 8 there will be a Solemn Memorial High Mass for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Scheilhorn, first pastor of the parish at 7:30 p.m. Father Hoefen will be celebrant. A pastor's reception will follow in the hall.

Thursday, June 10 there will be a Memorial Mass for deceased priests and sisters of the parish at 8 a.m. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a Jubilee Banquet at the Powers Hotel Ballroom. His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey will be guest of honor. The Rev. Albert Shamon will be speaker, and Father McFarland, toastmaster.

A Solemn High Memorial Mass for deceased servicemen of the parish will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 12. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a children's festival and from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be a bazaar and at 9 p.m. a dance on the parish grounds.

Trinity Sunday, June 13 there will be a Memorial Mass for all deceased members of the parish at 8:30 a.m. and Marian Year Services at 7:45.

School Fund Campaign workers will have report meetings in the hall on Monday and Wednesday, June 7 and 9 at 8 p.m.

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## THE LIFE OF CHRIST

By BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

THE LAST SUPPER

## Christ Prepares for the Cross

### CHAPTER XXV

Some things in life are too beautiful to be forgotten, but there can also be something in death that is too beautiful to be forgotten. That is why we have a Memorial Day—to recall the sacrifices of our youth for the preservation of freedom. Freedom is not an heirloom, but a life. Once received, it does not continue to exist without effort, like an old painting. As life must be nourished, defended and preserved, so freedom must be re-purchased in each generation. What Washington won, had to be re-won in Lincoln, and then won again in World Wars I and II.

All the blood that crimsoned Valley Forge and Bunker Hill and Gettysburg, and then, later on, reddened the soil of France, Korea and the Pacific Islands cried out like Abel's blood for remembrance. Our hearts, knowing that we live because they died, answer their mute pleas by instituting a Memorial Day to recall in thanksgiving, prayer and reverence, the sublime truth that "greater love than this no man hath, that he lay down his life for his friends."

### Christ Born to Die

These youths, however, were not born to die; soldiering was an interruption to their summons to live; neither they nor their parents would that their ship of life should be sunk so soon after launching into the sea of life. In this, all men differ from our

Blessed Lord, Who came into this world to die. Even at His Birth, His Mother was reminded that He came to die, as the Wise Men brought myrrh for His burial. Never before, did any mother in the world see Death wrap its sketched arms so quickly about an Infant Birth; never before did the shadow of the Cross fall so quickly on a crib.

When Christ is still only an infant, the old man Simeon, looked into the face of Him Who turned back eternally and was made young and said that He was destined to be a "sign to be contradicted"—a sign that would call out the opposition of the deliberately imperfect. The Mother, on hearing that word "contradicted," could almost see Simeon's arms fade and the arms of the Cross take their place to wrap Him in death. Before two years of His Life had been lived, King Herod sends out horsemen pounding like thunder bolts, and with swords flashing like lightning attempts to decapitate His Infant Head, not yet strong enough to bear the weight of a crown!

### Institutes Own Memorial

Since, then, Our Divine Lord came to die, it was fitting that there be a Memorial of His death. If we keep a memorial of soldiers who died that we might be free from political oppression, then should not the Divine Soldier have a memorial for preserving us from the spiritual tyranny of sin? Since He is God, as well as man, and since He never spoke of His Death without speaking of His Resurrection, should He not, Himself institute the precise memorial of His own death and not

## Dien Bien Phu Nurse Faced Reds With Trust In God

Paris—(NC)—"God is here to protect me," Lt. Genevieve de Galard Terraupe, French Air Force nurse captured by the Reds at Dien Bien Phu, wrote in her last letter home before the fortress fell.

Lieutenant de Galard, since released by the Vietnamese, is a Catholic. Already given two of her own country's highest awards, the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with palm, she has also been recommended to receive the top Red Cross honor, the Florence Nightingale Medal. At the same time a resolution has been introduced to the United States Congress to invite her to visit the U.S. as an honored guest.

On France's recent Memorial Day, French President Rene Coty paid a visit to Lieutenant de Galard's mother, the Viscountess Olga de Galard Terraupe, who is an active member of the French Women's League for Catholic Action.

## 'Father Brown' Film To Open In London

London—(NC)—A film on Father Brown, amusing and orthodox hero of G. K. Chesterton's crime stories, will have its world premiere here during June. The movie—"Father Brown"—has been filmed mostly in the London area by a British company and with British players in collaboration with Columbia Pictures. The part of the priest is played by Alec Guinness, well-known actor.

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## Father Tormey:

## St. Pius X Rites Thrill Diocesan Pilgrims

By REV. RICHARD TORMEY

Rome—(Special)—The canonization of St. Pius X last weekend amid the most glittering and dramatic ceremonial the Church ever uses, next to the coronation of a new Pope, gave 17 Rochester diocesan priests and lay-pilgrims three special lifetime memories of eye and heart.

Privileged to see and hear the ceremonies from specially reserved positions, the Rochesterians agree that the experience topped every other Marian Year observance they had shared in Europe.

Rochester representatives who marched with Church prelates in the ceremonial processions of Saturday and Sunday were the following: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, vice rector of the North American College of Rome, Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan and Very Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Cleary, Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione was chaplain to the Archbishop of Cuzco, Portugal, and Rev. Thomas K. Cleary walked with American clergy.

SPECTATORS in the stands on Saturday afternoon, at the

## 'Age Before Dignity'

## Pope Yields Elevator Seat To Aged Cardinal Verde

Vatican City, May 31 (Radio, NC)—Convalescing, 78-year-old Pope Pius XII gave a gracious example of "age before dignity" at the end of the pontifical canonization Mass in honor of St. Pius X here.

The Pope approached the elevator in the rear of the basilica to ascend to the upper level to bless the huge crowds in St. Peter's square. Approaching the elevator at about the same time was 89-year-old Alessandro Cardinal Verde, who was planning to use it after the Pope had been taken upstairs. Both men were understandably fatigued after the two-hour ceremony.

When the Pope noticed Cardinal Verde, he motioned the Cardinal forward, urged him into the elevator first and made him sit in the single chair there for the Pope's use. The Pope himself remained standing.

## Rome Ceremony On WHAM-TV

WHAM-TV will carry a special NBC-TV program of the canonization ceremonies of St. Pius X Sunday, June 6 at 3:30 p.m. EDT. The half-hour program will present film highlights of the actual ceremonies of canonization held last weekend in Rome.

from the throne at the altar of St. Peter's chair. The celebrant of the Mass, offered at the papal altar, was His Eminence Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

BETWEEN THE Pontiff at the far end of the sanctuary and the papal altar were seated 43 Cardinals, 200 Bishops and a large number of monsignors.

Flanking the members of the hierarchy were rows of brightly uniformed diplomats and their wives, representatives of special governmental missions, and countless men and women Religious.

In prominent places were relatives of St. Pius X and the two people whose miraculous cures through the intercession of Pius X led to his canonization. They were Francesco Belmonte, a Navy lawyer, and Sister Maria Luisa Scioria of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

A glass and gold urn, containing the remains of St. Pius X, was placed on a special platform before the main altar during the ceremonies.

THE PAPAL procession into St. Peter's before the Mass was briefer than the one the night before for the canonization rites, but it was none the less colorful. Bishops had taken their places in the sanctuary before time, and the Pontiff, seated on the gestatorial chair, was escorted by the usual members of the papal court and the Swiss guards.

The crowd of 40,000 in the Basilica, one of the largest ever assembled there, was particularly enthusiastic in its reaction.

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