



The five heroic Sullivan brothers who gave their lives for their country in World War II are pictured here as they served together on the USS Juneau. Left to right, they are Joseph, Frank, Al, Mait and George. A statue of Our Lady of Peace has been dedicated to their memory in their home parish at Waterloo, Iowa.

### Namesakes Honor Five Sullivan Brothers

Waterloo, Iowa — (NC) — Made possible by persons named Sullivan throughout the nation, a statue of Our Lady of Peace was blessed by Dubuque's Archbishop Leo Binz and dedicated as a memorial here to the heroic five Sullivan brothers who lost their lives in World War II.

### Smut Seen On Increase In Magazines

Notre Dame — (NC) — The magazine industry "has let down every barrier of restraint" in the past year, the executive secretary of the National Organization for Decent Literature has charged.

### Jewish Leader Sends Tribute To Pontiff

New York — (RNS) — Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, wrote Pope Pius XII "on behalf of 1,000,000 Reform Jews" lauding the Pontiff for "the many acts you have performed to keep high the banners of humanitarianism, compassion and equity."



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## Tax Exemption For Private Schools Attacked In Court

Washington — (NG) — Property tax exemption for private schools means "forced public tax support" for institutions "conducted primarily to advance sectarian doctrine," it was charged here.

This charge is in a statement filed before the U.S. Supreme Court by an opponent of California's controversial 1951 law which exempted private, non-profit elementary and secondary schools from property taxes. The law brought the state into line with the 47 others.

THE BRIEF asks the nation's highest court to review the case and overturn the June decision of the California Supreme Court which held that the exemption legislation was valid.

The jurisdictional statement was filed by attorney Henry C. Clausen of San Francisco on behalf of Paul W. Helsey, one-time Oakland City Council member.

Attorneys for Alameda County and other California areas, plus representatives of the intervenor in the case, the Roman Catholic Welfare Corporation of San Francisco, will present replies to Mr. Helsey's brief within 30 days.

IF THE court determines that there is a Federal question in the case which warrants assuming jurisdiction, it is generally agreed that the result will have a strong effect on all exemptions granted churches, schools and religious organizations. Such exemptions are ordinarily granted as a matter of course in most areas.

### American College Story Recalls 'Drama Of Ages'

(continued from page 1) system and students used their own ingenuity in trying to warm themselves against the chill of Roman winters. Despite its humbleness, the old college, as Father McNamara's story reveals, will be remembered as the place where American churchmen in Rome often gathered to confer and make decisions which charted the destiny of the Church in the United States.

DURING ITS 100-YEAR-OLD CAREER, the American College, centered as it is in the shadow of the Holy See, found itself drawn many times into great moments of history. This was true when the American Civil War broke out shortly after the opening of the College and the North American found itself caught in the struggle of North and South to win papal diplomatic approval. The College narrowly missed being involved with John Surraat, one of the alleged assassins of Lincoln.

Another dramatic hour, recalled by Father McNamara, came in 1870 when the Kingdom of Italy wrested the papal states from Pius IX and the American College students proudly volunteered to serve as the Pope's personal bodyguard during the siege of Rome. Father McNamara's book also rehearses the details of Theodore Roosevelt's notorious refusal to have an audience with Pope Pius IX. The American College also was drawn into this embarrassing controversy.

THROUGH ITS PRIESTS, THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER, it is pleasing to note, has an honored place in these annals of the historic American College.

Besides former Rochester bishops, Cardinal Mooney and Bishop John Francis O'Hern, there is the name of the late Archbishop Edward Hanna, one time professor of Rochester's St. Bernard's Seminary. Prominent in this story, too, is Monsignor Richard K. Burns, now pastor of St. Thomas Parish in Rochester. As vice-rector of the American College from 1947 to 1954, Monsignor Burns played a leading role in the postwar re-opening of the College and in the erection of the new college building.

#### THE MONUMENTAL TASK OF WRITING THE HISTORY OF the American College, as Father McNamara has done, involved years of patient and tireless research. It was during the war, in 1943, that the St. Bernard's Seminary professor first proposed that "Somebody should write the history of American College."

McNamara decided that he would take up the challenge. Even more experienced historians than himself were appalled at the magnitude of the task. Some like the late Dr. Peter Guilday, well known American Catholic historian, thought it was foolhardy for Father McNamara to launch such an undertaking during the war years. Others, however, like the late Cardinal O'Connell of Boston, encouraged the ambitious young historian and told him to go ahead. Father McNamara did go ahead but it was not easy.

The story behind the publication of his book this week is one of 13 years of careful research and study and at least six years of writing. Besides a full summer of research in Rome where he studied the College archives, Father McNamara consulted official diocesan records here in the United States, read letters and student memoirs (a "lucky" source of data for the probing scholar) and carried on almost an endless correspondence.

The American College is a scholarly contribution to the history of the Catholic Church in the United States and its publication must necessarily give Father McNamara recognition among the church historians of this country.

### Requiem Held For Brooklyn Auxiliary

Brooklyn — (NC) — Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York presided here in the presence of more than 1,800 religious and 1,200 laymen at a Pontifical Requiem Mass for Auxiliary Bishop Raymond A. Kearney of Brooklyn.

Bishop Kearney, Chancellor of the Brooklyn diocese, died of a heart attack in his home in Queens at the age of 54.

Among the prelates attending the funeral was His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester.

THE PONTIFICAL Requiem Mass was offered in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lord by Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn. The eulogy was given by Auxiliary Bishop John J. Boardman of Brooklyn.

He recalled Bishop Kearney's labors as priest and Bishop and referred to him as a prelate "who visited the sick and suffering, never resting for the rest that was badly needed by a man who gave himself entirely to God."

### Police Order Halts Sunday Business

Colorado Springs, Colo. — (RNS) — Police here ordered owners of ten downtown clothing and furniture stores to stop doing business on Sunday. They based the action on a Sunday closing ordinance adopted years ago by voters.



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