

Retired Clyde Priest

Missions Everybody's Business

One of the most mission-minded priests of the Rochester Diocese is Monsignor Joseph V. Curtin, retired pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Clyde.

The veteran pastor, forced by advancing age and ill health to retire from active duty this past June, still urges callers at the Clyde rectory to "say a prayer for the missions."

His study is piled with mission books and magazines. Curious and trinkets sent him from grateful missionaries decorate the mantle and bookcases.

IN ROCHESTER, Propagation of the Faith Society officials report he has personally supported a score of native seminarians in mission outposts enabling them to complete studies for the priesthood.

His parishioners at St. John the Evangelist Church, Clyde's only Catholic church, hold an enviable record, one that tops many larger parishes, in contributions to the missions, according to the Propagation reports.

Typical of the near thirty years Monsignor Curtin served as pastor at Clyde is the mission report for 1936. In that year, Clyde's 300 Catholic families sent over \$3,000 to the Propagation of the Faith Society.

Children in St. John's parochial school caught the pastor's mission spirit and saved pennies to ransom 25 pagan babies through the Holy Childhood orphan aid program.

contributions, said Father Paul J. Cuddy, present pastor of St. John's, there are unrecorded donations.



MONSIGNOR CURTIN

patrons to individual mission areas.

"A good share of these donations," said Father Cuddy, "are right from the Monsignor's own wallet."

Monsignor Curtin added "Well if I ask the people to give to the missions, I guess I should give too."

Asked if all his parishioners shared his missionary outlook, he stated quite emphatically, "Every real Catholic is interested in the missions!"

His missionary reputation began during his days as history and literature professor at St. Andrew's Seminary, then located

next to old St. Patrick's Cathedral on Plymouth Ave. North.

He organized the Catholic Students Mission Crusade, a mission club still flourishing at both St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

He met seminarians with his familiar question, "Want a good book?"

Students, always anxious to please a professor, would then be given one of the latest mission publications.

FATHER CUDDY reports his own interest in the Church's mission activities dates from his days as a student under Monsignor Curtin.

As a seminary professor, Monsignor Curtin helped organize the Charles Settlement House on Jay Street, in the present St. Francis of Assisi parish Seminary, in the 1920's recall his after school hikes to the Charles House his pockets bulging with Rosaries, to teach catechism to children of Italian immigrants and help the newcomers adjust to the American way of life.

He is no longer able to celebrate Mass every day but he assists at Mass in the village church he has served since 1929. "And I try to make a visit to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament later in the day," he said "to pray for the missions."

"By the way," he added, "here's a good book 'It's about the White Fathers in Africa.'"

Monsignor Curtin you see is still a missionary at heart.



Guatemalan Meets Catholic Women

Washington, D.C. — (NC) — National Council of Catholic Women Directors discuss cooperation among women in the U.S. and Latin America with Dr. Graciela Quan, of Guatemala City, during the NCWC's board meeting here. From left, Marie Thompson, Salt Lake City, Utah; Dr. Quan; Mrs. Robert H. Mahoney, Hartford, Conn., national President, and Dr. Cecela McGovern, Brookline, Mass.

Funeral Rites In Corning

Corning — Funeral of Mrs. Sofia Borich of 321 Baker St. was held Thursday morning, Jan. 16 with Requiem Mass celebrated in St. Vincent de Paul's Church.

The Rev. Joseph Guilfoil, pastor, conducted the funeral Mass with the Rev. James Wolfe, assistant pastor in charge of the communal in St. Mary's Cemetery. Bearers were Stephen and Richard Borich, Donald Whitehead, Marion Scott, Marion L. Smith and Dorothea List.

Mrs. Borich died the previous

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Monday evening at Corning Hospital where she had been a patient a few days.

Surviving are three sons: Peter of Corning, Walter of Watkins Glen and Paul of Gibson; two daughters, Miss Mary Bozich at home and Mrs. Robert Whitehead of Painted Post RD 1; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Corning — Requiem Mass was offered in St. Mary's Church Wednesday morning, Jan. 15, for John S. Muller of 180 Pine St. Corning Glass Works official and recently coordinator of the company's nationally publicized Pyroceram development program. Mr. Muller, 43, died the previous Sunday in Corning Hospital following an extended illness.

Prayers were said at the A. W. Beilby and Son Funeral Home, followed by Mass celebrated by the Rev. Thomas Brennan, pastor, with the Rev. James Malley, assistant pastor, in the sanctuary. A large delegation of Corning Glass Works officials attended the service. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery with Father Brennan in charge of the communal service.

As Pyroceram coordinator he was directly responsible for research, production and sales activities required for the manufacture of products made of Pyroceram, the Corning Glass Works new family of crystalline materials.

Mr. Muller was a member of St. Mary's Church, the Chamber of Commerce and had been active in Kiwanis work.

Surviving are: his wife Marion, the former Marion J. White whom he married in October of 1935 at Corpus Christi Church, New York City; three sons, Roger, a student at Notre Dame University, Kenneth and David at home; three daughters, Donna, Paula and Maryanne, all at home.

Post Office Nabs Charity Racketeer

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Post Office Department inspectors put such a quick stop to a fake Catholic charity that the promoter was able to take in only \$800 from his mail solicitation before he was halted into federal court to face charges of using the mails to defraud.

The department identified the promoter as Julius D. Kahn of San Jose, Calif. They said that using the name "The Handicapped Brothers of St. Jude Thaddeus," Kahn was mailing letters containing a small Crucifix and chain and asking for donations.

Upon ascertaining that the charitable organization was non-existent, postal inspectors quickly arrested Kahn and blocked his mail.

Chief Inspector D. H. Stephens made the disclosure in a special report to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield concerning policing of the Christmas mails.

Rebirth

By MARGENE BETTS
The February gusts blow round
To meet the shuddering cold of dawn.
The earth in winter's grasp is bound,
With autumn's blazing beauty gone.
But every March the sun comes back
To warm the earth and hearts of men.
When April's green replaces blackened
Snow, the miracle of life begins again.

Funeral Rites Held For 2 In St. James, Waverly

By Elizabeth Tuccinardi

Waverly — Funeral services for two members of St. James Parish, Waverly were held this past week.

A Solemn High Requiem Mass was celebrated last Friday morning for Mrs. Katherine E. Kerrigan of 499 Fulton St., Waverly.

The Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, pastor, was celebrant; Rev. John E. Walsh, Deacon and the Rev. Laurence Sansom, subdeacon.

Mrs. Kerrigan who died Monday, Jan. 13, 1938 at the age of 89 is survived by a daughter, Miss Katherine Kerrigan at home. She was a member of Court Joan of Arc, Catholic Daughters and St. James Altar and Rosary Society.

The Catholic Daughters formed an honor guard and attended the Rosary recitation in a body with Father Sansom leaving at Russell Funeral Home, Thursday.

Bearers were A. F. Button, Ira Martin, William Donnelly, John Miller, Harold Flynn and George Falley.

Burial was in St. James Cemetery, Father Sansom recited the prayers at the grave.

Father Hogan celebrated Requiem High Mass in St. James last Thursday morning for Mrs. Nellie N. Barry, late of 21 Spring St., Waverly who died Monday of last week at the age of 89.

Mrs. Barry, widow of the late James J. Barry was a resident of Waverly for more than 50 years and a member of St. James Altar and Rosary Society.

Survivors are: a brother, Daniel, of South Waverly; three sons, Donald and George with whom she resided and Joseph of Waverly; three daughters, Miss Marie Barry of Waverly, Mrs. John Kelly of Washington, D.C. and Mrs. Matthew McDermott of Elmira; five grand children; three great grand children, several nephews and nieces.

Rosary Recitation was held at the late home.

Bearers were Edward O'Brien, George Falley, Robert Covey, John Coleman, John Murphy and Robert Rumble.

Father Sansom imparted the blessing at the grave in St. James Cemetery.

Reports on Finances

Waverly — The church financial report for 1937 was published this week by Father Hogan, pastor. A substantial increase in parish revenues was pointed out since 1950 with the peak in 1954 when the new St. James School was opened.

With the Parish Financial Drive now in full swing, Father Hogan expects that revenue for 1958 will be well over that of 1957 which was \$44,744.

Inquiry Class Started

Waverly — An Inquirers Class opened Monday night at St. James Rectory. Father Hogan extended an invitation to non-Catholics interested in the Catholic Church.

Catholics Plan Bible Week

Washington — (NC) — The seventh annual Catholic Bible Week will be observed all over the country from Sunday, Feb. 9.

This was announced here by Father Thomas Aquinas Collins, O.P., national chairman of the sponsoring committee of the Catholic Biblical Association.

He said that more than 21,000 promotional kits for the week are being sent to parishes and schools throughout the country. The kits include a scriptural reading program, a sermon for Bible Sunday, and a folder on how to promote the week, he declared.

Father Collins, an instructor in the Old Testament at the Dominican House of Studies here, said the annual observance is intended to emphasize the value of reading and meditating upon the Sacred Scriptures.

Catholics Prepare New Encyclopedia

New York — (RNS) — A 15-volume Encyclopedia of Catholicism edited by Henri Daniel-Rops, member of the French Academy and author of the international best seller, "Jesus and His Times," will be published in English by Hawthorne Books, Inc. here. It is expected that two books a month will be produced, beginning in mid-1958 and extending over six years.

Described as the most comprehensive project of its kind and the largest French work ever to be put out in English, the Encyclopedia is the work of a corps of experts who have labored on it for years. So far 40 volumes have been completed and translators are working on the English version.

Mr. Daniel-Rops was admitted to the famed French Academy in March, 1936, succeeding the late Edouard Le Roy, Catholic philosopher. His sponsor was Georges Cardinal Grante, Archbishop of Le Mans, who also is a member of the Academy.

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