Still Needed

Seven young men are about to step into the ranks of the priesthood to serve souls in the Rochester Diocese.

Their ordination on next Saturday, May 31, will bring the number of priests in this Diocese well over the 500

Diocesan authorities are quick to comment, however, that as many as 25 more priests are needed to meet all the demands currently being made for priestly services.

New parishes are waiting to be established, high school pupils need priest teachers and chaplains, children need to be instructed in catechism, adults of other faiths seek instruction in Catholic beliefs, the sick are to be visited, problems wait for priestly counsel-besides routine duties of administering the complicated program of modern Catholic parishes.

MANY PRIESTS ARE ACTUALLY doing double and treble the duties expected of any one man, lay people are generously aiding in apostolic and catechetical work.

But the fact is plain, more priests are still needed.

So while we say a prayer of thanksgiving for the newly ordained, we need to add a prayer, especially at Pentecost time, that the Holy Spirit will give the grace of a priestly vocation to many more boys of the Diocese.

We can take consolation, however, in the fact that our Diocese is blessed with a higher proportion of priests than many other sections of the Church in this country or abroad. We average one priest for every 670 Catholics, but

New Orleans, for example, has one for every 1,011 Catholics, and Corpus Christi diocese has only one priest for every 2.700 Catholics. In the Philippines there are over 6,000 Catholics for

each priest to take care of. The Rochester Diocese averages better than even Italy where the ratio is one priest per 757 Catholics.

We should, therefore, add to our prayers for increased vocations within our Diocese a sincere prayer for more missionary vocations too.

As Catholics we must have a world wide vision and seek to save souls not only in our own backyard but across the broad frontiers of the faith.

Our generous alms and our sincere prayers for all the Church's vocational programs will certainly win from God the gift of more priests to perpetuate His Kingdom on

Equality For POAU

Lost week the U.S. Navy surrendered to POAU protests about a St. Christopher medal on the orbiting Vanguard satellite—only Navy satellite so far to make it into the spaceways fround and fround the world

THE FREQUENTLY PROTESTING organization of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (abbreviated, fortunately, to POAU) objected to the alleged favored position given the Catholic Church in the United States because Vanguard designers attached the religious medal to the Navy's satellite,

Rear Admiral D. C. Varian told the POAU that the medal is in orbit "without the sanction of the Navy."

He said "similar departures from science" will not be tolerated in the future. The Admiral said he spoke for Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy.

We don't think the Navy's decision is fair.

As Americans we believe in equality for everyone and every organization.

ACCORDING TO THE POAU CHARGES, the St. Christopher medal is a "sectarian project" giving, it would seem, a preferential status to the Catholic Church out in the wide blue vonder.

Since POAU doesn't have medals—superstitious and secturian, you know—we think the Navy should contact Glenn Archer, POAU president. Then when the next count. down comes, let's put him into orbit.

That seems to be the fair solution in this controversy -equality in space for both sides!

Meantime we wonder if POAU has ever noticed that a good number of Navy boys wear religious medals around their necks. These sailor lads range the high seas to defend our nation against enemy attack and we are sure they would not surrender their St. Christopher medals at the first protest of some POAU spokesman.

Strange But True

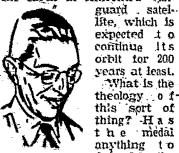


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> JOSEPH BREIG

Satellite Medal

A medal of St.-Christopher. patron of travellers, is circling the earth in America's Vanguard satel-



What is the theology of this sort of thing? Has the medal

anything to do with the fact that Vanguard III succeeded, where Vanguard I and II had failed?

Not the medal in itself, of course not. But the faith to which the medal testules is another matter. To spiern that is to spure the idea of asking the help of Go I in human

It is to miss, too, the deepest meanings of the United States of America, and the motives that moved the Founding Fathers and their greatest successors. Abraham Lincoln said:

"I have been dilyen many times to my knees by the over-whelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for the

What Lincoln fight was feld by some of the gradients who had labored heartherakingly on the first and second Vanguards, only to see something go wrong at the lest moment.

To F. Paul Lipirsid, an engineer for the Martin peronautical company, there came the thought that human wisdom seemed insufficient for the day.

Lipinski suggested that some thing be done to give open acknowledgement (th) Arrerica's traditional reverence for, and dependence upon, the Creator of the universe.

ELEVEN OF HIS fellow-sclentists on Project Vanguard-Catholies, Jews, Protestantsmitting a request for permission to install the Christopher

Their theology was as sound as their science,

On an official form paper, headed "Drawing Change Request," they sketched a St. Christopher medal with a nois-tion that the disc of attaching it would be borne by field crew members.

In the forms "Reason for Change" section, Lipinski and his associates wrote the theologically precise statement: "Addition of Divine Guidance."

They attributed no power to the medal lisely. Adding it to Vanguard would be a recognition of the Ruler of the heavens, and a testimony of prayer for His Help.

The medal symbolized faith, as does a church tower or bell, In addition, it was an appeal to St. Christopher to compan-ion the scientists in their peli-

The suggestion made on of ficial form was approved.

THIS TIME, Vanguard worked to perfection. Its moon . went into orbit in a fremendous ellipse which is carying it, on each round, 2,500 miles out into space but bringing it also within 405 miles of earth.

This facilitates both the assembling of information about outer space, and its easy transmission to the listening stations

Vanguard III is also a dramatic reminier to the world that America has never ceased to be a land of noble ideals and of firm belief in God's fatherhood and man's brotherhood,

Against godless communism's spuiniks, Vanguard III writes in the heavens the message that the Declaration of Independence was also a Declaration of Dependence on Golt:

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred

Such is the meaning of the Christopher medal in Vanguard III.

(Editor's note Subsequent to Mr. Breig's writing this article, the U.S., Navy has said religlous medals will not be attached to its satellites. See editorial on this page,

Church In Red Hungary

Communist Terror Worse Than Ever Bishops Virtual Prisoners Of Regime

By C. M. STRACHWITZ (N.C.W.C. News Service)

Vienna — (NC) — Despite the efforts of Hungary's bishops to relax the Red government's anti-religious policies, the Church in that satellite nation is under greater pressure than ever before.

Church authorities there are virtual prisoners of the so-call-"bearded bishops," name given to the commissars appointed by the communist regime to the Hungarian Office for Church Affairs.

Hungarian National Assembly. Minister of State Gyula Kallai spelled out the Red regime's policy in regard to the Church. He declared:

In a recent speech in the

The relationship between Church and state must be placed on a fundamentally sound basis. It must take the shape not merely of 'irlendly coexistence, but of positive cooper-

"In our opinion the Hungarian hierarchy, whose loyalty toward the government has been repeatedly underlined, must not allow this logalty to be extended also toward the reactionary priests who are busy sowing the seeds of vicious weeds in their dioceses . ; . We also cannot understand why the leaders of the Roman Catholic church in Hungary are giving so little support to the democratic-minded , clergy"

THE MEANING of these words is clear: communists demand the active cooperation of the Church To them, active cooperation means that the Church must become a willing tool in communist hards.

It is in the light of these facts that the widely publicized photograph of Archbishop Jozsef Greesz of Kaioesa shaking hands with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev should be understoed.

This picture, coupled with the news that a confirgent of Hungarian clergy led by Bishop Endre Hamvas of Csanad is in Moscow, is intended to create the impression in the free world that the Catholic Church in Hungary has managed to reach a satisfactory understanding with the Red regime.

But to obtain a true picture of the situation it is necessary to recall the recent history of the Hungarian "peace priests"

This group was founded in the summer of 1950 after the mock trial of Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary. The communists had decided to use methods more subtle than open terror to undermine the authority of the Church and drive a wedge between the faithful and their spiritual

This organization of priests. officially sponsored by the government and using the motto "Working for Peace," sought to justify the policles of the communist regime. Using perverted quotations from Scripture, they also attempted to prove the compatibility of communist ideology with the Christian faith.

APART FROM mese activitles, which had the long range goal of destroying the unity and spiritual foundations of Catholicism in Hungary, the "peace priests" had the clandestine task of informing on loval members of the Hungar-

Can Catholic Be President? 'Yes,' Says Harvard Historian Minneapolis, Minn.—(RNS)— faced greater problems in

A Roman Catholic could be elected president of the United. States today, a Pulitzer prizewinning historian said here.

"The factors that prevented Al Smith from being elected in 1928 no longer prevail," said Dr. Oscar Handlin, professor of American history at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

"EVEN THE changes in American political thinking since 1944 have been remark able," he added.

Author of "The Uprooted." which won a Pulitzer prize in letters in 1952, Dr. Handlin said "the current revival in churchgoing has not been accompanied by a revival of church bitterness" that existed

in the 1920's. He suggested that Sen. John Kennedy (D. Mass.), a leading -contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1980,

rounding up delegate strength than in overcoming his religious background,

feelings, other factors that dethe Ku Klux Klan, Smith's op-

is a better basis for under-

Midwest has elected a number of Catholic governors and senafors and television has brought urban thinking to the farmer. Finally, foreign relations have shown a need for unity at

compelled, a fter long re-sistance, to appoint Entirer Mag as the organization's director. of Opus Pacis in all the large provincial towns and saw to it that at least one of his agents

ARCHBISHOP JOZSEF GROESZ

he shook hands with Khrushchev

Led by Fathers Richard Hor-

vath, a Cistercian monk who

has since been formally ex-

communicated by the Holy

Male and Bela Mag, the move-

ment set up an esplonage net-

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garlan Office for Church Af-,

fairs with detailed information

concerning every event or de-

velopment in the nation's Cath-

Examination of the archives

of the church affairs office

durling the Hungarian revolu-

tion of 1956 revealed that the

'peace priests'"; also, gathered

information regarding the poli-

cal learnings and pastoral activ-

liles of every single priest in

Thus, a parish priest who

had successfully increased the

religious zeal of his flock

would be denounced - many

such denunciations were un-

covered which bore Dr. Hor-

vatli's signature - and remov-

ed by the church affairs of-

fice. This office then replaced

him with another priest whose

moral defects would quickly

undo all the good accomplished

For such services as these,

Dr. Horvath and the other

leading "peace priests" draw substantial salaries from Hun-

One of the first things Car-

dinal Mindszenty did during

his few days of freedom in No-

vember, 1956, was to remove

the more prominent "peace

priests" from the high posts

given them by the government

and to move them from Buda-

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ON JANUARY 21, 1957, the

Holy See issued the decree ex-

communicating. Dr. Morvath and ordering all other "peace

priests" to resign from any ec-

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their diceses and submit to

their bishops, or beexecommuni-

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This decree practically par-

alyzed the "peace priest" move-

ment and it seemed that it was

a thing of the past when, in

May, 1957, the Hungarian Bish-

Archbishop Groesz, anmounced

own for the "promotion of peace" colled Opus Pacis.

DESPITE THE threat of ex-

communication, three "peace-

priests" - Fathers Florvalle,

Beresztoczy and Mate - held on to their seats in Parliament

as "representatives of the truly

democratic and pregressive

Hungarian clergy." More than

that, no avowed ecramunist

could have spoked more vlo-

lently than they against Hun-

gary's "reactionary, var-mon-

gering, anti-democratic hier-arche." All three were then

formally excommunicated

In addition the "peace

priests" began to inflitrate

Opus Pacis. On December 8,

1957, Archbishop Groesz was

The latter arranged meetings

was always present to remind

priests of "a true peace par-tisan's duties." At the end of

March the situation had reach-

ed the point where the excom-

municated prest, Father Beresztoczy, attended a meet-

ing of the Opus Pacis execu-

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At has also been reported

Salt Pathers Horyath and

state that the third excommuni-

cated priest, Father Mate, has

been named to a new Church

post. According to the report

tor" of St. Ellzabeth's chuight

in Kekskemet, about 50 miles

from Budapest.

by Archbishop Groesz,

it had formed a group of its

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against the Church.

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Senator Kennedy is a Catho-

IN ADDITION to Church feated Smith in 1928, Dr. Handlin said, were prosperity, a Democratic split in the South, position to prohibition, antiforeign sentiment and a rural. urban split.

Beresztoczy are accom panying Bishop Hamvas on his trip tox "Now," he pointed out, "there the Soviet Union." The most recent reports standing between groups. reaching here from Hungary

"The South has changed, the

Making Marriage Click Virginity Honors Marriage

By MSGR, IRVING A DEBLANC (Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

"I sometimes get the impression from your columns that marriage is the greatest spiritual adventure. Virginity is never implied, even as a poor second," Sister B.

Am grateful that you mentioned this. Sister. For with you I would no doubt agree that the most beautiful way to Heaven is

virginity; not marriage. The question you imply can best be answered by comparing virginity to marriage. This I will at-

Monsignor

tempt. Weawill here use "virgin" in a sense which includes man and woman,

When a future priest or rellgious wants to give God some thing very special he or she holds the right to marry in his hands, as it were, wraps it into a vow and offers it to God in a gesture of complete renouncement. He is making a supreme gift. In this way virginity itself glorifies marriage.

It is because marriage is to magnificent that a priest offers it to God. He is not a priest because he despises Mairimony, but rather because God deserves the best he can otler. We cannot really explain or justify virginity except in this context of marriage.

Not being married is by no. means the essence of virginity. There are innumerable people who remain single through no fault of theirs. They do not quality for this strict title of virgin.

of the "old maid" who kept an immaculately cleam room but allowed dust to pile high underscath her bed. Asked for an explanation, she could be spended in a seightrance. The good deard said. Remember. min' that thou art dust.' Well." I am hoping." The is rely a virily only when marriage is deliberately

The story is humorously told

essociated with God or it is not . strictly singular it is just bad luck. sociation with Gol' precisely "" you bot I do." she replied. en. 1337 a secolation breduse he or she has surren-

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dered a right of special association with man to be more directly and completely associated with God. There is a be ginning of eternity in virginity, because in Heaven there is no generation, and, as such, no

It was fitting that the Mes. slah, the God-man, was born of a Virgin and He Himself remained a Virgin.

In a certain sense, unless virginity is associated with God, it represents an inferior way of life in comperison to marriage. For then, virginity would not hand down life whereas marriage does, That would be an imperfection by comparison. Virginity achieves its greatest perfection in being associated with God and eternal life.

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Daily Mass Calendar

Sunday, May 25 - Perstacost (red), Mass and Pentacost Canon prayers as in missal.

Monday, May 26, through Sat-urday, May 31 - Mass each day as in missal. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday are also Ember Days.

Observance of the May 31st feast of the Queenship of Mary is postponed until June 2 due to the Pentecost octave.

Fatal Cure

A psychlatrist advised his timid little patient to assert himself "Doil't let your will hully you. Go home and show. her who's boss." . "

The patient went home, slammed the door loudly and roughly selved his wife. "From now on." he snarled, "you're taking orders from me, see? You're grant make my supper this minute and when it's on the table you're going upstoils and lay out my clothes, see? Tonight I'm going out alcher; and do you know who's going, to dress me in my tuxedo and black the?"

"The undertaker!"

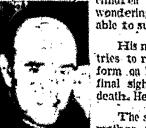
SERMONETTE

By REV. JAMES D. MORIARTY

"O Divine Master Grant That I May Not So Much Seek To Be Understood As To Understand"

The new born babe in the line of bassinets behind the protective glass of the nursery walls lets out a whimperingwall. He wants to be understood.

At the other end of the hospital's halls an old man, sick unto death breathes with great difficulty. His loyal wife and children stand at the bedside, anxiously wondering, "How much longer will he be able to suffer?"



His mind is stronger than his body. He tries to raise his hand, ... in vain. Words form on his lips, His voice is gone, With a final sigh he slumps away in the sleep of death. He dies trying to be understood.

The six year old stomps his foot at his mother, And sometimes he gets away with k. His childish mind tells him that his . mother does not understand him.

The teen age, hobby soxer stands before the Juvenile Court Judge. It has become necessary to take her from her home and commit her to the care of an institution for problem girls. She is convinced that no one understands her, Every adult, at one time or another, has said in one

sentence something that he has spent anxious hours trying to explain, His listeners misunderstood. And so man goes through life from the first ery in the

cradle to the labored last sigh of his deathbed striving to be St. Francis gives an excellent piece of advice when he tells us to pray not so much to be understood as to understand.

Will you be happy? Free from frustration? Then, . . . understand. Will you be molded in the image of Christ as God the

Father would want you? Then be understanding. Pray daily with St. Francis his simple prayer:

"O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be understood. Just make me understand."

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