

## Laity Called To Active Mass Role

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave to His Church as its supreme duty—the two-fold task of giving glory to God and grace to souls.

In obedience and in union with her divine Founder, the Church through the sacred liturgy fulfills this command of Christ, keeping alive His memory, praising God, and saving souls.

Through the centuries, the Church of God has guided the people of God in the proper ways of worship and has always sought the most effective means to enable them to understand and participate in the sacred rites.

In recent years, due to many and complex circumstances, people no longer took the active part they should in the Church's ceremonies. Pope St. Pius X and his successors have sought to remedy this situation.

In order to prevent any further delay and to assure a world-wide and coordinated program, the Congregation of Rites with the special approval of Pope Pius XII issued an instruction dated September 3, 1958. Following is a summary of this instruction:

1. The Sacred Liturgy of the Catholic Church, with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as its principal rite, is the public worship of the entire Mystical Body of Christ of which we are all members.

There is, therefore, no such thing as a "private" Mass. Every Mass is an act of public worship officially offered by a priest on behalf of the entire Church.

Liturgical ceremonies are to be performed as prescribed by the Apostolic See.

Latin remains the official language of the liturgy.

2. The Mass, by its very nature, demands that all present should participate in it.

This participation must first of all be interior—that is, by a sincere desire to love and serve God.

Participation is to be exterior also, by rite and word.

Perfect participation is achieved when to this interior and exterior participation is added the devout and worthy reception of Holy Communion after the priest has received the Sacrament.

The active participation of the faithful at Mass and other Church ceremonies may, in many instances, be aided by the use of a lector. His role is to lead the people in making the responses, explaining briefly the rite as it unfolds, and reading to them the Scripture lessons such as the Epistle and Gospel.

If a priest or cleric, the lector is to be in the sanctuary; if a layman, then outside the sanctuary but in front of the congregation.

All Catholic schools should train their students in practical methods of active participation in addition to the basic instruction in the nature and excellence of the Church's sacred liturgy.

Adults also are to be trained and instructed through sermons, classes, study groups, and other appropriate methods.

3. At High Mass, the people are to be encouraged to take an active part by singing the responses and chanting other parts of the Ordinary of the Mass, such as the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei.

The decree specifies that the faithful should learn the Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei according to Mass XI of the Roman Gradual, the Gloria and Deo Gratias of Mass XV, and the Credo according to numbers 1 and III. Thus Catholics throughout the world may join in corporate worship wherever they travel.

The principal Mass in parish churches on Sundays and feast-days is to be a High Mass sung in this manner by the clergy, choir and people.

The Sanctus, Benedictus, when sung in Gregorian chant, is to be sung as a unit before the Consecration and not divided as heretofore.

The Communion antiphon is henceforth to be sung while the priest gives Holy Communion to the people and it may then be continued as a Communion hymn alternating the antiphon with its psalm verses or another appropriate psalm.

Gregorian chant is the official music of the Church but

other approved types of music may be used. Texts prescribed to be sung by priest or choir are not to be omitted. If the full melody cannot be sung, then the text is to be intoned.

Choir directors and organists are to learn the specific rules concerning the playing of the organ or other instruments during church ceremonies. Pastors are to see to it that the rules are observed.

4. At Low Mass, the people are no longer to be mere silent spectators. They are to take an active, intelligent part in the Mass by using a missal or prayerbook according to their ability.

At Low Mass, the celebrant is to read clearly those parts of the Mass which pertain to the people so all in church may hear him. He is to use a public address system if the church is so large that some of the people might not otherwise hear him.

It is permitted for the people to use appropriate prayers or hymns in the vernacular which are suited to the individual parts of the Mass, such as saying or singing together of the Introit or Communion prayers or hymns. However, these prayers may not be verbal translations of the Latin text.

The best way, however, is for the people to participate in the actual liturgical text itself. This may be done in one of four ways:

(1) By making the easiest, swelling responses.

(2) By making all the responses with the servers plus the triple Domine non sum dignus before Communion.

(3) By saying with the priest the Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei, but only in the Latin text.

(4) By reading with the priest the Latin text of the Introit, Gradual, Offertory and Communion antiphons. This fourth way will be best done in convents, seminaries or by specially trained lay groups.

The people may also recite the Pater Noster in Latin with the priest at all Low Masses.

Despite the emphasis placed upon the role of the laity, no one usurps the place of the celebrant or exercises his powers. Thus, at Mass it is the celebrant, and not the ministers or the people, who consecrates the Eucharist.

Furthermore, in the dialogue Mass no one is to recite aloud the prayers that properly belong to the priest. The collect, the offertory prayers, the canon, are reserved to the celebrant alone. No one else is to recite them aloud, whether in Latin or in English. The lector must not read them aloud, either in explaining the Mass.

Convent and monastery Masses are preferably to be High Masses, but if such is impossible, then a Low Mass is to be said as outlined in point number (4).

Organ playing at Low Mass should be restricted to those times when the priest prays silently. Especially throughout the canon prayers, the organ is to be so modulated as to deepen the sense of devotion and to harmonize with the silent prayer of the celebrant.

Loudspeakers may be used so the celebrant can be heard by all.

### Girls Home Opens Jan. 4

St. Elizabeth Guild House, a residence for working girls 18 to 25, will open at its new location 1475 East Avenue, Rochester, on Sunday, Jan. 4.

Single and double rooms, with meals, are available.

Information may be obtained from Mrs. John J. Heffernan, HAMillor 6-3400.

Former quarters at 1 Field St., have given way to highway construction for a Thruway feeder road.

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# New Cardinals To Receive 'Red Hats' In Papal Rites

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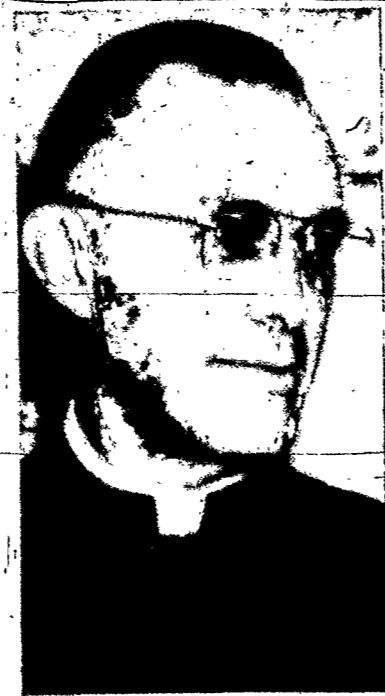
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FATHER TOOLE



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## Death Takes Toll Of Three Priests

The hand of death hammered hard at the ranks of the diocesan clergy this week taking a toll of three priests.

All three have had long careers in serving souls.

Rev. George T. McCall, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, 49 years a priest of the Diocese, died Tuesday, Dec. 9. His funeral will be held tomorrow, Saturday, in the Waterloo church at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Thomas J. Toole, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Elmira, in his 36th year as a priest, died Saturday, Dec. 6. His funeral was held Tuesday.

Rev. Alfredo Morotti, ordained in 1938 at the age of 58, died Thursday, Dec. 4. His funeral was Saturday.

### Fr. Toole, Noted Elmira Pastor

Bishop Kearney was the celebrant of the solemn Requiem Mass for Rev. Thomas J. Toole at St. Mary's Church, Elmira, Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor John M. Duffy preached the eulogy.

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FATHER TOOLE, pastor of St. Mary's Church for the past 15 years, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 1958, at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he had been confined for the past month.

A priest for 35 years, Father Toole had suffered a heart attack last June and had been hospitalized several times following that initial attack.

Monsignor John M. Duffy in his eulogy, said that Father Toole was an untiring worker as shepherd of his flock and was a most able administrator in tending to the spiritual and physical needs of his parish.

In his career as pastor of the largest parish in Elmira, Father Toole became known as one of the ablest administrators in the Rochester Diocese.

His failing health was attributed to his untiring work for his people.

Among his major accomplishments while serving at St. Mary's was the construction in 1951 of a \$300,000 two-story parochial gymnasium, which was recognized as the finest and most modern building in Chemung County.

He also supervised the construction of an addition to the convent to house the St. Joseph nuns teaching at St. Mary's School. The addition doubled the capacity of the convent to accommodate 22 sisters. The cost of this addition and the complete renovation of the existing convent was about \$250,000.

Father Toole also completely rebuilt and modernized the church in the last five years of his pastorate. He also planned at the time of his death, the construction of a new rectory. All told, parish improvements during his 15 years at St. Mary's, totaled over one million dollars.

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### Funeral Rites Saturday For Father McCall

Solemn funeral Mass for Waterloo's pastor, Rev. George T. McCall, will be offered tomorrow, Saturday, at St. Mary's Church there at 10:30 a.m.

Bishop Kearney will say the Mass and impart final absolution.

The 75 year old priest has been pastor of St. Mary's for over 29 years.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1958.

Priests of the Diocese will pray Vespers of the Dead in that church tonight, Friday, at 8 p.m.

Father McCall was known as a forthright, "absolutely honest" priest. He was revered by the Waterloo citizens of all faiths and especially won the affection of the children of the village.

He was a familiar figure as he walked on his parish calls, often along country roads to visit-farm families.

During the depression era, he personally tended a fruit and vegetable garden to provide food for poor families. He has a wide-spread reputation for his kindness and generosity to those in need.

AS PASTOR at Waterloo, he supervised a complete renovation of the Gothic-style parish church, painted and repaired the school built in 1912, adapted a house near the school to serve as a convent and changed the former convent into a rectory.

He made a pilgrimage to Rome, the Holy Land, and the shrines of Europe in 1939 and had an audience with Pope Pius XI.

Prior to his appointment to Waterloo in 1929, Father-McCall served as pastor of St. Michael's Church, Livonia Center, from 1915. There he renovated that church and installed electricity in church and rectory to replace a gaslight system.

Following ordination June 12, 1909, Father McCall was named assistant pastor of Holy-Family Church, Auburn, and transferred to St. Mary's Church, Rochester, in 1911.

He was born in Rochester Sept. 1, 1883, the son of Patrick and Ellen Finn McCall. He studied for the priesthood at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, Rochester, and was ordained in old St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey.

ASSISTING Bishop Kearney in tomorrow's Mass will be Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, assistant pastor, Rev. Leo Sullivan, deacon, and Rev. Edwin Wedow, subdeacon. Fathers Sullivan and Wedow are relatives of Father McCall.

The sermon will be given by Very Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan, also a relative of the late pastor.

Rt. Rev. Edward K. Ball and Rev. Edward B. Simpson will be deacons of honor and Rev. Edward McAniff, master of ceremonies.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Waterloo.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. John Sullivan of Rochester.

### NEXT WEEK

Features For Your Christmas Reading

FOR THE GRAVES of your loved ones, Evergreen Blankets, Sprays, Wreaths, Bouquets which will keep all winter are now ready. Stop in. We are open daily 11 to 8 p.m., Sunday 11 to 6 p.m. Free parking on our premises, Blanchard Flouit, 58 Lake Ave. For de-very phone RA. 5-9404.—Adv.



Father Albert J. Shannon autographs his just-published "First Steps To Sanctity" book of rules for a holier way of life.

## Priest Authors 'Sanctity' Book

Father Albert J. Shannon's third book has just been published—a layman's guide to a holy life—"First Steps To Sanctity."

FATHER SHANNON, who teaches English at St. Andrew's Seminary, has two other books also in print—"Treasure Untold," essays on the Apostles' Creed, and "Behind the Mass," which explains the Church's annual series of feasts and a history of the Mass rite.

His latest book is the first of a proposed 4-volume series aimed at helping ordinary people deepen their spiritual life. This book stresses the need for good reading and thoughtful meditation as basic "steps" towards sanctity.

Chief obstacles to progress, Father Shannon writes, are the well-known "world, flesh, and devil." To counteract these problems, he has a separate chapter for each with practical, day-to-day remedies.

"Steps to Sanctity," a 130 page book, is published by the Newman Press of Maryland and is available at Catholic book stores. Price is \$2.75.

Father Shannon, besides his duties at St. Andrew's, also conducts classes for novices and nuns at the Morey Motherhouse and is moderator of the First Saturday Luncheon Club, Rochester.



### Red Hats For New Cardinals

Vatican City — (RNS) — Standing beside a row of lofty mitres, a Vatican City worker puts the finishing touches on one of the traditional red hats, destined for the 23 new cardinals named by Pope John XXIII. The cardinals designate will be invested with the symbols of their new rank at solemn ceremonies here on Dec. 15.

### Charities Appeal For Poor

The Catholic Charities renewed its appeal this week for funds to give a Christmas dinner to poor families of the Rochester Diocese.

"Contributions of any amount will be appreciated," said Father Donald J. Mulcahy. "We need \$1,000 if we are to provide for all the families who look to us for Christmas dinner."

Donations may be sent to the Catholic Charities Christmas

Three day Vatican rites beginning Monday, Dec. 15, will raise 23 Catholic prelates to the Sacred College of Cardinals.

The colorful ceremonies will climax Wednesday when Pope John XXIII gives the broad-brimmed red hats, symbols of the Cardinal's rank, to the new princes of the Church.

TWO AMERICANS and America's Apostolic Delegate are already in Rome for the highest honor the Pope can give.

Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, 25 years papal representative in the United States, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston and Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia, will be this country's "huk with the age-old ritual."

Three consistories or meetings follow ancient laws for the naming of Cardinals.

At Monday's private consistory, the Pope will officially announce the names of the new candidates to the present members of the Sacred College. They will approve his nominations.

Notices will then be dispatched to the candidates.

Briefings will be given at the second consistory, a semi-public ceremony open to invited guests.

THE FINAL RITE, the public consistory on Thursday will be the brilliant climax to the initiation ritual of the new Cardinals.

The last such ceremony took place Jan. 12, 1953 under Pope Pius XII.

Highest number of cardinals named at any one consistory was in 1517 when Pope Leo X gave the red hat to 31.

The new College of Cardinals will total 74 members—highest number since Pope Sixtus V. In 1586 set a limit of 70, a tradition kept by his successors until the present Pontiff.

Following this week's rites, the Cardinals will include prelates raised to that rank by three popes—23 by the present Holy Father, 38 by Pope Pius XII and 13 by Pius XI.



### BISHOP'S OFFICE PRIESTS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

to be conducted at NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE 246 Alexander St. Wednesday, Dec. 17 10:30 A.M. to 3 P.M.

under the direction of VERY REVEREND THOMAS FALLON, C.S.S.R. Priests who will be present for dinner, please notify the Retreat House.