



REV. DR. J. EMIL GEFEELL

Diocese Mourns Pioneer Priest

The Rochester Diocese lost in death this week one of its pioneer priests.

Solemn Requiem Mass for the late Rev. Dr. J. Emil Gefeell was offered by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey on Wednesday, May 13 in St. Peter and Paul Church, Rochester.

Father Gefeell, ordained longer than any priest in the Rochester Diocese, died Sunday, May 10, 1959 in St. Mary's Hospital. He was 83.

A priest for over 63 years, Father Gefeell was pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church for 25 years, 1907-1932, where he attended school as a child and was the first boy of the parish to become a priest. He retired in 1930 and continued to reside at the rectory as pastor emeritus.

In the history of the Diocese, Father Gefeell was one of only four men who lived to celebrate 60 or more years as a priest.

Besides his brother, Father Gefeell is survived by a niece, Mrs. Eugene Fess, and two priest-nephews, Fathers Joseph G. and Gerald L. Gefeell, chaplains with the U.S. Army stationed in Alaska.

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At the same time he was the chaplain at the old St. Mary's Orphanage and in charge of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Father Gefeell established two parishes in the city for Rochesterians of Italian descent, Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony's.

The present St. Peter and Paul church, rectory, convent and school were built under the direction of Father Gefeell.

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Prelate Charges

Whites Create 'Blight' Areas

Chicago—(NC)—The Archbishop of Chicago said the gloomy predictions of whites about the impact of colored families moving into their neighborhoods often come true because whites make them come true.

Archbishop Albert G. Meyer told the President's Civil Rights Commission that a chain of "gloomy and confused" predictions sweeping through white neighborhoods often panics the people and neighborhood institutions into acting "as though this sootysaying was demonstrated fact."

The finishing touch to the dire predictions is provided by "the few individuals in the city known as 'block-busters,' men who are accused of fostering community panic in order to manipulate real estate prices artificially and thereby gain a profit," he said.

The prelate said in a prepared statement read for him by

Mgr. John J. Egan that the answer to these problems is constructive cooperation between individuals, churches and business institutions.

Had such planning taken place, he continued, "we believe that many communities could have been stabilized so that a truly free market (for homes) would have been created."

"A free market would have permitted the entrance into white middle class communities of a proportion of Negro families who could only be considered an asset in any neighborhood," he said.

Archbishop Meyer was one of several witnesses to present statements to the Civil Rights Commission during its two-day inquiry into housing problems in this city.

He told the commission that instances of Negroes being able to get equal housing with whites in Chicago are "distressingly rare." What has happened instead, he said, is that the Negro ghetto merely expanded as whites fled from their neighborhoods.

Washington—(NC)—A priest told a Senate subcommittee here it would be highly desirable to enact proposed amendments that would extend the minimum wage to \$1.25 per hour for workers covered under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The suggestion was made by Mgr. George G. Higgins, director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference. He expressed the department's views at hearings conducted by the subcommittee on labor of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

THE HEARINGS dealt with proposed amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act. Mgr. Higgins said that the NOWC favors the early enactment of S. 1045 and related bills that would: (1) extend the protection of the Fair Labor Standards Act to several million workers exempted from coverage in the original statute as amended, and (2) set a minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour for covered workers.

He declared that "a wage below the present standard of \$1 an hour, or even below the proposed standard of \$1.25 an hour, is utterly inadequate to support even a single person in view of present living costs."

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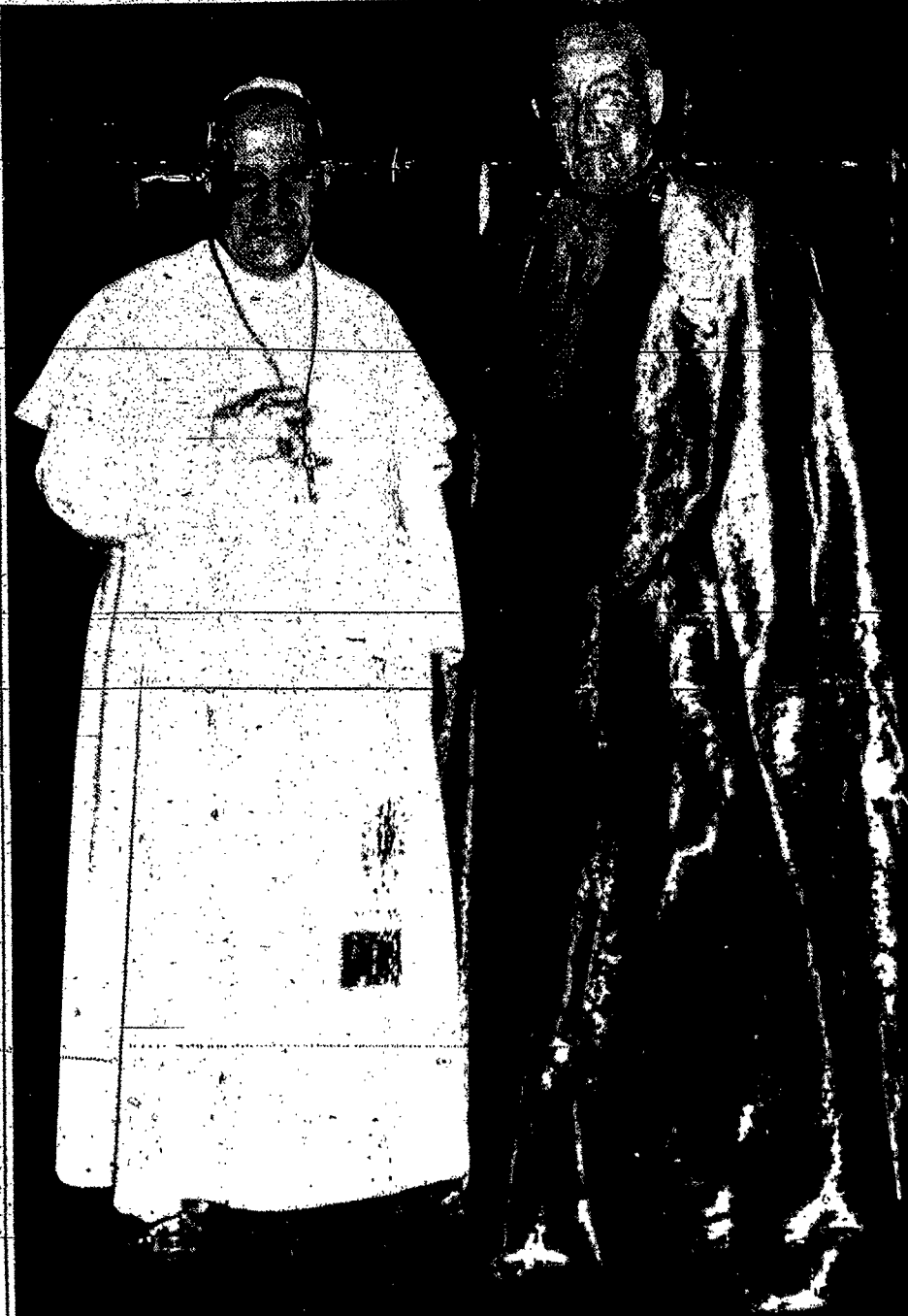
Sen. Keating said the Cardinal's "inspiration to faith and good work... has been immeasurable."

Nothing will bring more cheer to a slum than a love story, after earning a doctorate in philosophy and a licentiate in sacred theology.

On his return to Rochester...

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Persecution Said Mission Era Dawn



Bishop Kearney At Papal Audience

Pope John XXIII and Bishop Kearney are shown in this special photo following their Saturday evening, May 2, meeting. It marked the first time in recent years that a private audience was granted in the evening. The audience, which lasted approximately half an hour, was held in the Holy Father's library. The Bishop earlier visited St. Peter's basilica and St. Paul's basilica as required during his "ad limina" visit to Rome. The picture was taken by the Vatican photographer Felici and sent air mail by Bishop Kearney to the Courier Journal. The Bishop returns home today.

Asia, Africa Seen Ripe For Faith

Rome—(NC)—Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York told 800 future missionaries here that Asia, Africa and Oceania are "the Church of the future."

He predicted that conversions to Christianity would mount spectacularly when the present wave of persecution is spent, pointing out that every period of persecution is followed by "a great missionary era."

The Bishop spoke at the Pontifical Urban University, which specializes in the training of missionaries. He came to Rome for the annual meeting of national directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He is American director.

BISHOP SHEEN said: "We who come from any part of the Western world come from the Church of the present. But Asia and Africa and Oceania—that's the Church of the future."

He predicted that India would make a great contribution to the Church of the future.

The Bishop said that all missionary activity hinges upon the primacy of Peter.

"Our new Holy Father is one of the most newsworthy men throughout the United States. But he is newsworthy not only because he makes news, but because of what he stands for," he added.

He said today's world seems offers many "negative arguments" for the primacy of Peter, and that one of these arguments is drawn from the current persecution of the Church in communist China.

HE EXPLAINED that the communist rulers of China take great care that the ceremony of consecration of new bishops be valid, but that they just as carefully omit the apostolic mandate, the part of the consecration ceremony which makes clear that the new bishop is being consecrated by express order of the Pope.

"One seeks a reason," Bishop Sheen said. "Why should the communist insist on validly consecrated bishops, illicitly consecrated priests?"

He said the answer might lie in Christ's words at the Last Supper, when He said that Satan desired to sift the Apostles, but that He would pray for Peter so that he might strengthen his brethren.

"Now you see the diabolism of the communists," he continued. "They appear to be saying: 'We will detach the bishops from Peter. Without that divine support, they will fall.'"

"The communists have an uncanny sense of the divine, even though they do not believe," the Bishop concluded.

Bishop Sheen's Rome Book

Rome—(NC)—Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York revealed here he is working on a new book—a photographic tour of Rome.

The Bishop, who is here for the annual meeting of national directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, said that in the book he will be depicted showing the shrines of Rome to his nine-year-old nephew, Jerome F. Cunningham.

The photographs are being taken by Yusuf Karsh of Ottawa, and British travel author H. V. Morton is writing the commentary.

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Postmaster Appeals

Report Smut
Mail Promptly

Washington—(NC)—Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has made a special appeal for prompt public reporting of receipt of obscene material through the mails.

Mails Clean Up Citizens' Job

Chicago—(NC)—Chicago Postmaster Carl A. Schroeder said here that the American public can put an end to mail distribution of obscene literature if it wants to.

\$17 Million For Missions

Rome—(RNS)—A total of \$17,000,000 was collected by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith in countries throughout the world last year, according to a report here.

The report was issued as the Society and two other pontifical mission aid organizations—the Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle for the Nation's Clergy, and the Pontifical Missionary Union of the Clergy—met here for their annual meetings.

It said that although the 1958 collections were higher than those in the previous year, they still fell short of actual needs.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it stated, maintains a special reserve to meet demands for new churches, chapels, schools and hospitals in the mission areas, as well as emergency needs arising from floods, fires and other catastrophes.

Electric Shavers: Sunbeam, Remington, Schick, Freg trial, William S. Thorne, Jeweler, 318 Main St. East—Adv.

Shopping Center To Have Chapel

Boston—(RNS)—Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, disclosed plans here for a unique chapel and information unit at the North Shore Shopping Center at suburban Peabody, Mass.

THE NORTH Shore religious center project will be directed by the Very Rev. Frederick T. Motion, Carmelite Prior of Our Lady of the Brown Scapular Seminary, Hamilton, Mass. He is expected to arrange construction plans for a chapel of ultra-modern design to conform with existing structures in the shopping area. Completion of the project is planned for the fall of 1959.

Keating Lauds N.Y. Cardinal

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Spain Prince, Malta Knight

Madrid—(RNS)—Prince Juan Carlos de Bourbon, 20-year-old son of Don Juan, pretender to the Spanish throne, is created a knight of the Order of Malta in El Sacramento church by Auxiliary Bishop Jose Maria Garcia Lahiguera of Madrid. The Knights of Malta, founded around 1100, is the oldest order of laymen and prelates in the Church.



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