

Father Toole, First Pastor

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McCann home located on the newly acquired site became the rectory and now the new church is situated immediately adjacent, with ample room for the future construction of a school, convent and the needed playground area.

Assuredly the wisdom of the purchase is more evident at this time.

PASTORS since the establishment of the Parish: Rev. Thomas J. Toole, 1935-1944; Rev. William M. Cannan, 1944-1949; Rev. Daniel R. Sullivan, 1949-1954 and Rev. Joseph G. Merkell, 1954.

Two assistant pastors have also served at St. Charles Borromeo, they are Father Leo D. Ward, 1944-47 and Father Joseph M. McNamara, 1947-49. At the present time assistance for the weekends is being supplied by the Fr. of the Atonement from Montour Falls and the Franciscan Friars from Watkins Glen.

During all these years a tremendous amount of catechetical work has been done by the Sisters from Elmira parishes. Up to 1944 the work was done by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Since then the Sisters of Mercy from St. Patrick's convent have cared for the weekly instruction of children in grades one through six, conducted religious summer school classes and prepared and trained the children for their First Holy Communion and the sacrament of Confirmation.

Present Trustees of the parish are Theodore A. Doran and Francis H. Orsley. Mr. Doran has served as trustee since the establishment of the parish.

William L. Aber and Howard C. Payne are the present auditors.

During most of the parish years the formation and direction of the choir was cared for by Mrs. Faustine Clune. She faithfully continued in that capacity until a recent illness forced her retirement.

Pope Happy At UN Drive

Valley City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII expressed his "immense happiness" over the forthcoming five-year "Freedom from Hunger" campaign to be launched this summer by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

During an audience granted here to delegates to FAO's tenth international conference in Rome, the Pontiff said the drive "will find support in the hearts of all men as well as in private and public institutions."

He observed that "millions of human beings suffer hunger, and many others cannot get sufficient quantity of essential foodstuffs. The Pope stressed that 'we are all responsible for the world's undernourished populations.'"



Painting over main altar of new Elmira Heights church shows St. Charles Borromeo, patron of the parish, giving Holy Communion to victim of the plague in sixteenth century Milan.

Puerto Rico Bishop

Scores Governor On Released Time

San Juan, Puerto Rico — (NC) — A Catholic bishop has criticized Puerto Rican Gov. Luis Munoz Marin for his opposition to released-time religious education programs in public schools.

Bishop James P. Davis of San Juan pointed out in a statement that despite the Governor's doubt on the matter released-time programs have been upheld as constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bishop Davis said also that on the released-time issue Gov. Munoz Marine "has freely and deliberately chosen the place himself against Puerto Rican Catholics." He said his statement also expresses the views of Bishop James E. McNamara, C.S.S.R., of Ponce, Puerto Rico.

A BILL TO establish released-time education programs in public schools is pending in the Puerto Rican House of Representatives. Gov. Munoz Marine has stated that he opposes such legislation.

Under released-time programs, public school students are allowed to leave school at their parents' request at specific times during the week to receive religious instruction from the denomination of their choice.

Puerto Rican Catholic leaders recently issued a call for Catholics to join in a mass rally here May 22 to demonstrate their support of the released-time bill.

Bishop Davis said in his statement that natural law obliges the state to give parents the means with which to exercise their natural right to educate their children according to their own religious beliefs, and not according to a so-called official morality imposed by a decree.

THE BISHOP said the released-time question is not a partisan political issue, but is supported by Catholics in all Puerto Rican political parties.

Award Given
New Book

Chicago — (RNS) — "The Image Industries," a moral critique of mass communications, received the annual award of the Thomas More Association here as the "most distinguished contribution" to Roman Catholic literature.

Sheed & Ward of New York, publishers of the volume, was presented with the award at the association's 21st annual meeting. Author of the book was the Rev. William Lynch, S.J., of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

The association is a non-profit organization for the promotion of Catholic reading. A feature of the meeting was a debate on "The Intellectual is Ineffective." Participating were Joseph Breig of Cleveland, O., columnist for some 25 Catholic papers, and Donald McDonald of Milwaukee, editor of *Man and the World* magazine and columnist for a number of Catholic periodicals.

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Windows Depict Doctrine

Father Joseph G. Merkell, pastor of new St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira, describes in the following article the significance of the specially designed windows in the just completed edifice. Father Merkell personally supervised the selection of symbols and the design of the new windows.

The 84 stained glass windows in the new St. Charles Church are catechetical and picture in figure and symbol the teachings of the Catholic Faith as set forth in the Council of Trent Catechism, a work prepared in 1546 under the personal supervision of St. Charles Borromeo.

These teachings of our Faith portrayed in the beauty of stained glass, follow the traditional headings of St. Charles Catechism: the Creed, the Sacraments, the Lord's Prayer.

One after another, the twelve articles of the Apostles Creed, the ten Commandments, the seven Sacraments, and the seven petitions in the Lord's Prayer, are shown in symbol in the upper clerestory windows and in the rose window.

Special attention is then given in the twenty large windows in the nave of the church to the Life of Christ, following the sequence of the mysteries of the rosary and including other important points in Our Lord's public life.

The four vestibule windows in the front entrance set forth the unity of the Church; the two vestibule windows in the side entrances introduce us to Our Lady and St. Joseph; the sixteen door panels throughout the church show the purpose of the church building as a house of prayer; while two windows in the priest's sacristy direct the mind of the celebrant as he prepares for Holy Mass.

Life of Christ
First to strike the attention are the figures in the window in the church nave. Beginning on the Epistle side at the front of the church are five windows devoted to the infancy and childhood of Christ. These follow from Our Lord's life, five scenes that point out His identity and His work.

In the first window of this latter series, the identity of Christ as the Son of God is established; the scene chosen is that of Our Lord in the Temple (John 10) when He proclaims the fact in unmistakable language: "I have followed you these twelve years, and you have not known Me." Next are two windows showing Christ founding the Church on Peter, and giving to His followers the means of grace.

The latter subject is shown in the scene of the Last Supper, selected as representative of the Sacraments, in that it portrays Our Lord giving us the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood.

On the Gospel side, beginning at the rear of the church, with five scenes portraying His sufferings and death on the cross. The five concluding scenes are of the triumphant Christ, following the subjects of the glorious mysteries of the rosary.

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Buddhism To Be Burma State Faith

Rangoon — (RNS) — Prime Minister U Nu of the Union of Burma, in a step to fulfill a campaign promise made before his recent election, has appointed an Advisory Commission for making Buddhism the state religion.

Heading the commission is U Thant, a former chief justice of the predominantly Buddhist land. The group will visit more than 40 towns throughout the country to interview leaders of Christian, Hindu, and Islamic communities as well as Buddhist leaders and legal experts before making a report to the government.

PURPOSE OF the contacts with non-Buddhists, said the commission chairman, is to enable them to express freely their views, if any, regarding establishment of a state religion and to suggest how their rights should be safeguarded.

In a policy speech before the Chamber of Deputies, Premier U Nu pointed out that the constitution already protects rights of all religious groups and pledged that "none of these rights will be infringed by any action we take in order to make Buddhism the state religion."

Buddhism has been in a strong position in Burma for the past decade. Some observers have seen the government's support of Buddhism as a move to thwart Communism, strengthen the regime and unify national consciousness and culture.

Daily Mass Calendar

Priests of the Rochester Diocese whose names are listed below died on the date indicated. Your prayers are requested for them.

- Sunday, May 15 — Fourth Sunday after Easter (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. John Baptist de la Salle, Creed, Preface of Easter, 1958—Rev. Emmett Dougherty.
- Monday, May 16 — St. Urbanus (white), Gloria, 1936—Rev. Francis Kunz.
- Tuesday, May 17 — St. Paschal Baylon (white), Gloria.
- Wednesday, May 18 — St. Veronique, martyr (red), Gloria.
- Thursday, May 19 — St. Peter Celestine (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Pudentiana.
- Friday, May 20 — St. Bernardine of Siena (white), Gloria, 1916—Rev. John Cassidy.
- Saturday, May 21 — Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary (white), Gloria, Preface of Our Lady, 1935—Rev. Eugene Hudson.

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