



Climbing aboard a Strategic Air Command KC-135 Strato-Tanker of the 4039th Strategic Wing, Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York are Chaplains William J. Gaynor, left, and Michael G. Vilse. Father Gaynor is pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario. (USAF Photo)

## Pastor Eyes Space Trip

When the Air Force gets its first spacecraft, one of the enthusiasts sure to volunteer to head off to the distant planets is Father William J. Gaynor, a Lieutenant Colonel Chaplain in the Air Force Reserve.

Assigned to Griffiss Air Force Base at Rome, N.Y., for the past two weeks to meet his annual active reserve obligation, Father Gaynor sought out his friend and a Chaplain too, Captain Michael G. Vilse of the 4039th Strategic Wing, to arrange for an orientation flight in one of SAC's huge KC-135 jet refueling tankers.

Thrilled with the request, the 4039th Flight Operations Section added the two as passengers on a scheduled KC-135 refueling mission. Dubbed the "Flying Chaplains," the two attended the crew preflight planning and briefing and went to Personnel Equipment for their flying gear.

Used to donning cassock and biretta, the pair got fitted out with flying suit, helmet, oxygen mask, and parachute for the planned 7½ hour flight.

Both have spent hours in the air before but this flight was their first on a Jet Strato-tanker.

Commanding the aircraft was Captain Leonard F. Martine, a former B-17 and B-29 Pilot with over 30 combat missions who impressed the Chaplains by lifting the wheels of the KC-135 off the runway exactly on the minute scheduled in the flight plan.

A mighty six engine SAC B-47 from Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, soon loomed up to get a drink of gas. Here the Boom Operator took over, and although tensely alert, he was cool as he maneuvered the big Bomber into contact through means of lights and signals. Frightening as it was to see the big Bomber hanging there so close, it was a unique experience that few people get. The speed of both aircraft during the refueling must be constant.

Father Gaynor recalled 1941,

## Conesus Mission Open House Set

St. Michael's Divine Word Seminary at Conesus, New York, will commemorate twenty-five years of progress in the Diocese of Rochester with an "Open House" on Sunday, June 18.

The "Open House" will consist of conducted tours through the seminary buildings, displays of the Society's activities, and movies showing the missionary priests and brothers in action.

The Divine Word Missionaries first came to the Rochester Diocese in 1924 when the Society purchased the vineyard and farm of Bishop McQuaid from the Diocese.

Ten years later, Reverend Hugo Aubrey, S.V.D., requested permission of Cardinal Mooney, fourth Bishop of Rochester, to erect a mission seminary in this Diocese. The Cardinal consented and a school for belated missionary vocations was started in 1936.

Gratifying results have rewarded the Missionaries' first efforts in the following quarter-century.

The Community at Conesus grew rapidly from one small seminary building to the present complex of buildings which house a Brother Candidates' School, a Brothers' Novitiate, a Clerical Novitiate and a School of Philosophy.

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## Five Aquinas Graduates To Be Ordained Basilians

Five Rochester men will be among the sixteen Basilian Fathers ordained to the Holy Priesthood by the Most Rev. Philip F. Pocock, Coadjutor Archbishop of Toronto, on Thursday, June 29 at 10 a.m., in St. Basil's Church, Toronto.

All five of the new priests graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1950.

The new priests are: the Rev. Philip C. Beers, C.S.B., the Rev. Samuel D. Femiano, C.S.B., the Rev. Alfred H. Graham, C.S.B., the Rev. John M. Neary, C.S.B., and the Rev. Richard J. Schiefen, C.S.B.

**FATHER PHILIP G. BEERS** is the son of Mrs. Raymond C. Beers of 166 Wendhurst Dr. and the late Mr. Beers. He attended St. Charles Borromeo School and Aquinas Institute before entering St. Basil's Novitiate, then located in Rochester, in 1950. Following his profession of vows in August of 1951, he was appointed to Assumption University of Windsor where he completed the requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in 1955.

He taught at Aquinas Institute from 1957 to 1958 having formerly taught at Catholic Central High School, Detroit. He received his theological training at St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, and in the fall of 1960 received a Bachelor of Theology degree from the University of St. Michael's College.

Father Beers will celebrate his first Solemn Mass in St. Charles Borromeo Church on

Saturday, July 1, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Robert Kelsner, pastor, will be assistant priest, and the sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Alexander Grant, C.S.B., of Assumption University. Fathers Arthur Looby, C.S.B., and Edwin Metzger will be deacon and subdeacon.

A reception will be held on Saturday in the parish hall from 3 to 5:30 p.m. followed by Benediction in the Church.

**FATHER SAMUEL D. FEMIANO** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Femiano of 97 Dorset St. He attended Holy Apostles School and graduated from Aquinas Institute before entering the Basilian Novitiate where he made his first profession of vows on August 15, 1951. He then began his studies at St. Michael's College, Toronto, and graduated in 1956 with a B.A. degree in Modern Languages and Literature.

He taught at Aquinas Institute for two years during which time he received a Master's degree in Education from the University of Rochester. For the past three years he has been pursuing studies in theology at St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto. He shall return to Toronto in September to conclude his theological training.

Father Femiano will offer his first Solemn Mass in Holy Apostles Church on Saturday, July 1, at 11 a.m. Sermon will be preached by the Rev. James Embser, C.S.B., of St. John Fisher College. Deacon will be Father Leon Hart, C.S.B., and Father Joseph Sasso will be subdeacon.

A reception will be held for Father Femiano on Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. John Fisher College. Benediction will follow the reception.

**FATHER ALFRED H. GRAHAM** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Graham Sr. of 9 Adrian Street. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart School and Aquinas Institute. After a year of study at St. Michael's College, Toronto, he entered St. Basil's Novitiate where he was professed on August 15, 1952.

He returned to Toronto, graduating from the University of Toronto in 1956 with a B.A. degree in Modern History. He taught at Aquinas Institute

from 1958 to 1960. He then continued his studies at St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, where he will conclude his theological studies in 1962.

Father Graham will offer his first Solemn Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, July 1, at 10 a.m. The sermon will be preached by the Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey. Deacon and subdeacon will be Fathers Maurice Taylor, C.S.B., and Joseph Abend, C.S.B.

There will be a reception for Father Graham in the parish hall on Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m.

**FATHER JOHN M. NEARY** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Neary of 102 Sterling St. He is a graduate of Holy Apostles School and Aquinas Institute. In 1951 he entered the Basilian Novitiate and the following year was sent to St. Michael's College, Toronto.

After obtaining his B.A. degree from the University of Toronto in 1956, he taught at St.

Michael's High School, Toronto, and St. Thomas High School, Houston, Texas. He then began his theological studies at St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto. He shall return to St. Basil's Seminary for another year in September.

Father Neary will celebrate his first Solemn Mass in Holy Apostles Church on Sunday, July 2, at 12:15 p.m. Sermon will be preached by the Rev. (Continued on Page 12)

## Academy Girls Receive Awards

Closing Day prizes on Monday, June 5th, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 8 Prince Street were awarded to the following: Jane Walton Award for excellence in French, Adele Gregory; Alumnae Essay Medal, Suzanne Blow; and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Award for the highest average in American history, Ruth Kennedy.

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