

## Requiem Offered For Father Gisel, Famed Missionary, Prisoner Of War

Pontifical Mass of Requiem for Rev. Eugene Alfred Gisel, S.J., Rochester native who was held prisoner by the Japanese in Manila during World War II was offered by Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse in Our Lady of Solace Church, Syracuse, Feb. 10.

Assisting Bishop Foery were assistant priest Rev. Francis X. Flood, S.J., deacon; Rev. Anthony N. Gisser, S.J., subdeacon; Rev. John F. Hurley, S.J., deacon of honor to Bishop Foery were Very Rev. John J. Shanahan, S.J., Provincial of Buffalo Province; Very Rev. Nicholas J. Sullivan, S.J., president of Le Moyne College; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Clark, Chancellor was master of ceremonies, Rev. Joseph F. Kane assistant master.

Also assisting were: Rev. Thomas P. Tuttle, S.J.; Rev. John J. Jennings, S.J., acolytes; Mr. Thomas E. Murray, S.J., usher; Mr. David J. Casey, S.J., bookbearer; Mr. Martin R. Tripole, S.J.; Mrs. Robert E. Quinlan, S.J., cross bearer.

Representing McQuaid Jesuit High School at the Mass were these Jesuit Fathers: John A. St. George, James T. Mulligan, William R. Messner, Severin E. Geppie.

Father Gisel, 65, administrator of the Jesuit Community at Le Moyne College, Syracuse and former administrator at McQuaid Jesuit High School, Rochester died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse, Friday, Feb. 7, 1964.

Born in Rochester, the son of the late Alfred and Catherine Riz Gisel, he was graduated from St. Boniface School in 1912 and attended old Cathedral High School before entering St. Andrew's Seminary. After his graduation in 1917 he attended the novitiate house, St. Andrew-on-Hudson, Poughkeepsie and studied at the Jesuit College, Woodstock, Md. where he was ordained in 1920.

Father Gisel was assigned to Manila, the Philippines as a chemistry teacher.

After a period as instructor of biology, religion, German and English at Canisius College, Buffalo, he returned to Manila in 1935 to establish a college of industrial technology at Ateneo de Manila, a Jesuit College.

WHEN THE Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the Japanese troops entered Manila in 1942, Father Gisel and his colleagues refused to leave the college.

They remained there 2 1/2 years providing food and shelter for natives fleeing the Japanese.

Father Gisel earned the title "the Priest who could make food out of wood chips" by using his chemical knowledge to produce foods from available materials.

Fight months before the war ended, the Jesuits were forced into Los Baños prison, where Father Gisel's weight dropped from 250 to 110 pounds.

During the prison years at the compound, Father Gisel gave fancy names as well as color to various food dishes he made from cracked wheat and what little meat that could be found because of a small steam plant he hid in operation. essences, liquids, preserves, such as they were, could be made by Father Gisel.

The natives and even to a certain degree the Japanese had great respect for the men "in the white habits."

## Mind of Catholic Layman Reviewed By H. Walz

"This isn't the last word about the layman in the Church — as books go, it's among the first, but it sets a high standard of exploration in a vital area." This was reviewer Herman, Wale's summation of Daniel Callahan's "The Mind of the Catholic Layman," which was analyzed at last Tuesday's Noonday Book Review at the Catholic Evidence Library.

Almost half the book is devoted to the history of the Catholic lay in America, said the reviewer.

"This is valuable background if we are to understand the influence — and lack of influence — of the Catholic layman in today's society. Callahan gives a well-documented history of American Catholic history," he went on.

(He quoted Church historian Msgr. John Tracy Ellis on the validity of Callahan's judgments in this area.)

"THE AUTHOR has read his history well — his interpretation of that literature will stand the test of time."

The latter half of the book is a study of "the mind" of the Catholic layman today, and here, noted Mr. Walz, the author is very selective.

"The layman he is studying is a minority — the well-educated, articulate Catholic, strong in his faith, but somewhat dissatisfied with his present opportunities to take part in the apostolate of the Church," observed the reviewer.

When Father Gisel came to Roche after his release, he wore a pair of the late Father Hubbard's shoes and overalls given him in San Francisco.

Two years after his release he was appointed head of the chemistry department, Fordham University. He headed a research investigation in high temperature circulation for the Air Force.

He was assigned in 1952 as administrator at Le Moyne College and in 1961 to the same post at McQuaid here.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. J. W. Miller of Williamstown, Mass. and an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gisel of Rochester, and cousins, Mrs. N. J. Ritzenthaler and Joseph Grundler of Rochester; Mrs. Albert Woodhead Jr., Perinton; other cousins, nieces and nephews.

Burial was in the Jesuit Cemetery at Auriclesville.

## Nurses Slate Ecumenism Talk

An "Introduction to Christian Unity" will be the topic of an address by the Rev. Theodorus Horgan, S.A., to the Elmira Council of Catholic Nurses, student body and staff of St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Elmira, on Tuesday night, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in the Dunn Memorial Building.

FATHER HORGAN, who is a member of the staff of St. John's Atoneinent Seminary, Montour Falls, is Graymoor Friar whose special apostolate is Christian unity. Prior to his ordination last June 8th, Father Horgan served as editor of "At-ONE-Ment," an ecumenical journal for seminarians.

Father Philip E. McGhan, moderator of the Elmira Council of Catholic Nurses, announced that Father Horgan was asked to speak on Christian Unity because "we live in an ecumenical age."

"The deeper our appreciation of this apostolate the more fruitful our catholic lives will be," Ecumenism is a part of Catholic life today."

Father Horgan will explain the meaning of ecumenism and outline the history of the ecumenical movement putting stress on the role of the layman in this apostolate.

Father Horgan entered St. John's Seminary as a student in 1950. After completing his studies there, he was received into the Graymoor community in 1958. He completed philosophical studies at St. Pius Seminary, Graymoor; and his theological courses at Atoneinent Seminary, adjacent to the Catholic University in Washington.

All nurses, as well as the general public, are invited. There will be no admission charge.

MISS CROSTON is a graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart and Rochester City Normal School. She was chairman of the board of Supreme Auditors of the LCBA for 15 years.

She was also treasurer of the Mother Cabrini Circle, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality and



MISS CROSTON  
diocesan treasurer of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

A member of the Rochester Interdenominational Council, Loyola Council, Blessed Sacrament Rosary Society, Sacred Heart Laumann, Third Order of St. Dominic, Miss Croston was medical secretary for Dr. Jerome Glassey, internationally known allergist and served as medical secretary at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, and as medical technician for the American Red Cross Blood Program.

## Miss Croston Named To National Post

Miss Virginia Croston of Rochester has been appointed Supreme Treasurer of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association to fill the unexpected term of the late Miss Dorothy Sullivan.

She was also treasurer of the Mother Cabrini Circle, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality and



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A program aimed at exploring different cultures of the world through outstanding motion picture film documentaries will begin at Nazareth College, Friday, Feb. 21. Rochester area residents are invited to attend the film festival which will consist of three Friday night programs.

FIRST PROGRAM, which will explore "The World of Modern Painting," will consist of three films showing Roman, French and American artists at work.

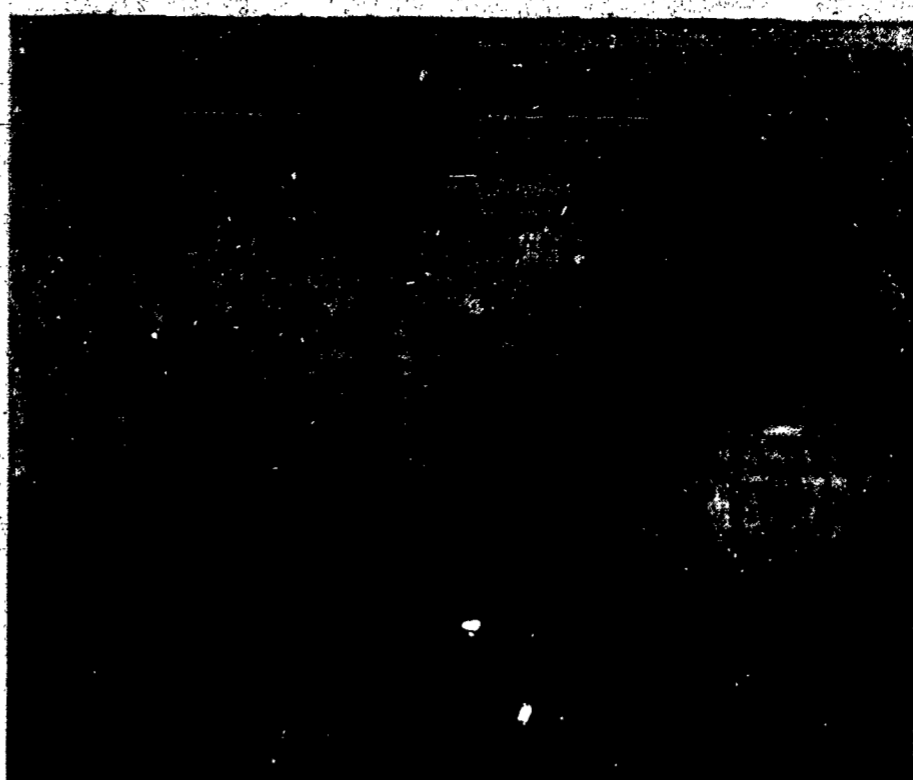
"Come Back Africa," a secretly made film documentary which deals with segregation

## Father Kueng Elected Dean

Tuebingen — (NC) — Father Hans Kueng, author and lecturer on the Second Vatican Council, was chosen unanimously as dean of the theological faculty at the University of Tuebingen for the current academic year. Father Kueng is director of the University's ecumenical institute, and the author of "The Council, Reform and Reunion."

## Customs Plans Trade Fair

The U.S. Customs Bureau of the Treasury Department, District No. 8, Rochester, has appointed John K. and Patricia S. Uta of the public relations firm Advertising Assistance, to administer and promote the celebrating of the 175th Anniversary of the U.S. Customs, according to Paul E. McNamara, Collector of Customs. Present plans call for a two week Import-Export Trade Fair and Exhibit of industry, commerce and business firms to be held at Midtown Plaza from May 26 through June 3.



## Trophies Won By Students

Runner-up trophies were won by two students at St. Pius X School. Showing the trophies to Sister Walter Anne, principal, are John Guilman, left, second place winner in the McQuaid Spelling Bee, and Edward Wurtz, second place in the Aquinas Forensic Scholarship.

## Diocese to Aid Missions in Eight Nations

Bishop Kearney has approved applications of missionary bishops from eight different countries this year for the Diocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan, according to word from Rev. John F. Duffy, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Missionary bishops, or priests, representing them, will come from Japan, India, Norway, Bahamas, Ghana, South Africa, Sweden, and West Africa to make appeals in the parishes of the Diocese of Rochester.

In our own country, bishops of Salt Lake City, Charleston, South Carolina and Areibo, Puerto Rico, will share in this annual mission appeal.

Fourteen of the 17-missionary in the plan this year are already known in the diocese because of work being carried on in parishes, retreat-houses, schools and seminaries. The Basilians, Fathers' Mission, and the Missions of the Jesuits, Redemptorists, and Divine Word Fathers, are all well known to the people of our Diocese.

Also included this year in the diocesan plan, according to Father, Duffy, are the Carmelite Fathers, Graymoor Fathers, Precious Blood Fathers, Sacred Heart Fathers, the Discalced Carmelite Fathers, and the Assumption Province of the Order of Friars Minor. Among the Mission Orders of women to be included are the Sisters of St. Joseph at Selma, Alabama, the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, the Missionary Servants

## Almost All Say Prayers

Princeton — (NC) — Sixty-three per cent of adults questioned in a Gallup Poll said they pray frequently and another 25 per cent reported they pray occasionally. The survey disclosed only 4 per cent said they never pray, while another 6 per cent said they seldom pray.

The poll said the highest proportion of those who pray frequently are among persons who attend church regularly. The poll said 78 per cent of Catholics and 81 per cent of Protestants said they pray frequently.

The survey also disclosed 47 per cent said they attend church regularly; 27 per cent occasionally; 5 per cent seldom, and 20 per cent do not attend.

## To Be Wed

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Janet Cristofalo to Private Robert McMichael, U.S. Army, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cristofalo, of Santee St., Private McMichael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton McMichael is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

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