

Open Doors To U.S.

Open wide the doors to the United States—this is the plea of government officials in Washington.

Sweeping liberalization of present restrictive immigration laws has been urged by spokesmen for President Johnson at a House subcommittee hearing.

Many church-affiliated agencies have endorsed the proposal.

Principal feature of the measure (H.R. 7700) would be the phasing out of the "national origins" system, under which immigrants are admitted to the U.S. on the basis of nationality.

Testifying in support of the bill was Auxiliary Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom of New York, executive director of Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference. He spoke on behalf of 26 voluntary agencies that make up the Committee on Migration and Refugee Problems of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service.

Among agencies represented on the committee are the Lutheran Immigration Service, International Rescue Committee, Church World Service, Tolstoy Foundation and American Friends Service Committee.

Bishop Swannstrom told the judiciary unit that the national origins system is a "lamentable injustice" which is in conflict with "our traditional American ideals" of equality. He charged that the system deprives the nation of "flexibility" in its immigration policy to meet changing needs.

The bishop contended that the proposed liberalization would contribute to international harmony and U.S. prestige.

"The goal of world peace and brotherhood in this or any other generation can be furthered only in a climate of increasing understanding and good will among nations," he said. "Important in the area of international relations are immigration policies and procedures. Inevitably, a nation's immigration laws reflect its attitude toward nations and races."

'Under God' Proposed In Preamble

Washington—(NC)—A proposal to insert the words "under God" in the preamble of the U.S. Constitution has been introduced in the Senate.

Sen. J. Caleb Boggs of Delaware, one of 12 sponsors of the resolutions (S. J. Res. 192), said such a step is necessary "to prevent further erosion of our spiritual heritage."

The constitutions of 49 of the 50 states refer to God. The words "under God" were inserted in the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954.

As amended, the preamble to the Constitution would read:

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish, under God, this Constitution for the United States of America."

Boggs said adding the words "under God" to the preamble "would neither establish religion nor interfere with it."

"It would, however, add a spiritual tone to our fundamental law and help extend this uplifting tone to the conduct of our public affairs," he said.

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A Lass from Alaska

An Indian child with a scar from a husky dog under her eye is a parishioner of Our Lady of the Snows Mission in north-west Canada. Oblate Father Bernard Brown of Rochester who mans the deepfreeze outpost of the faith this week sent us pictures of his mission. They are on page six.

Shortsville Pastor

Father Napier Funeral Held

"He worked with his head, his heart and his hands as a good priest of God for the people he loved."

This was the tribute paid by Monsignor Robert Keleher in summing up the life of Father John E. Napier in his funeral eulogy at St. Dominic's Church, Shortsville on Monday, August 24. (Text of eulogy, page 2)

Father Napier, 76, pastor emeritus of St. Dominic's Church died Thursday, August 13, at Clifton Springs Hospital after a long illness.

The solemn funeral Mass was offered by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey.

Father Napier, born November 6, 1887, was the son of the late John and Dora Brogan Napier of Rush. He attended public school in Lima, Honeyoye Falls High School, Genesee Wesleyan Seminary in Lima, N.Y., and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester.

Following his ordination in 1912, Father Napier was assigned assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Cathedral. While serving there he also taught chemistry and history at the Old Cathedral High School, serving as principal for a time. He also taught at Nazareth College for many years. His priesthood was marked by a continued interest in scholarly pursuits and the education of children.

Father Napier was named pastor of St. Dominic's parish in Shortsville in 1927, serving thirty-one years in that capacity. The new pastor rebuilt the church following a fire in 1927, purchased adjoining property and landscaped it to give the church a more beautiful setting. He redecorated the church, installing a new altar in 1954.

In 1955 he purchased a house in Manchester which was used



FATHER NAPIER

for Sunday Mass and as a parish center.

To cut down parish expenses, Father Napier personally did many chores—he was lawnmower, gardener, repairman.

Handicapped by an arthritic condition as he advanced in age, Father Napier resigned his pastorate in 1953. In June, 1962 he celebrated 50 years in the priesthood. Since his retirement he had lived in his own home in Shortsville near St. Dominic's Church and offered Mass privately in his own chapel.

Father Napier was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 1445, Canandaigua.

He is survived by his sister, Miss Marie Napier and one aunt, Miss Elizabeth Brogan, both of Shortsville.

Office for the Dead was chanted by the priests of the Diocese Sunday evening.

ASSISTING Bishop Casey at the funeral Mass were Rt. Rev. Msgr. James McAniff, assistant priest; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Ball, deacon, and Rev. Francis Turner, subdeacon. Rev. Gerald Aopley was master of ceremonies.

Other officers of the Mass were Fathers Raymond Nolan, John Healy, Bernard Kuchman, Alphonse Grimmans, Charles Bennett, John Quigley, William Spellacy and John Woloch.

IN ATTENDANCE were Rt. Rev. Monsignors Charles Shay, Adelbert Schneider and Robert Keleher, who preached the eulogy. Forty priests participated and the priests' choir was directed by Father Charles McCarthy of Macedon.

Burial was in the family plot in St. Paul of the Cross Cemetery, Honeyoye Falls.

Laymen Not Substitutes

Natal, Brazil—(NC)—Particular recognition must be given to the vital role of laymen so they will no longer be regarded as mere substitutes during a shortage of priests. 23 Papal Volunteers working in Brazil stressed in a statement issued here.

The document's recommendations were addressed to the national PAVLA office, to the U.S. diocesan directors, to the field in Brazil and to individual volunteers. They were the result of a meeting attended by elected representatives of PAVLA workers in Brazil.

The meeting represented the first attempt of the volunteers as a group to express their views on PAVLA policy and summed up a four-year experience in this country.

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'Path Deeply Blessed' Awaits Five Nuns

Five Sisters of St. Joseph from the Rochester Diocese will tread "a path of self-sacrifice, a path of generosity... a path that is deeply blessed" in distant Brazil.

This is the way Bishop Kearney described their vocation as he gave the nuns his blessing to launch a mission project in the heart of South America's largest nation.

He presided at a departure rite, first of its kind in diocesan history, in filled-to-overflowing Sacred Heart Cathedral last Thursday evening.

Hundreds of nuns representing the many different orders in the Diocese, and other hundreds of priests and lay people watched the dramatic climax of the ceremony when Bishop Kearney at his sanctuary throne gave each of the mission nuns a wooden crucifix, symbol of her assignment to Matola, 700 miles from Brazil's capital city of Brasilia.

Father John M. Duffy, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, led the congregation in a litany for God's blessing on their work.

Bishop Kearney, in his talk at the ceremony, said the story of the first apostles has been repeated "all through the ages of Holy Mother the Church."

The Savior's command to that little group of twelve "has now come to our very threshold," the Bishop said. "This call of Christ has come and touched us intimately." He described the event as "a great evening in the history of this Diocese."

The five new missionaries are Sister Rose Alma, superior, Sister Regis, Sister Annice, Sister Adelaide and Sister Michael Marya.

The Bishop assured them "when they reach back to us for our prayers... they are not going to reach in vain."

(for full text of Bishop's talk, see page 4)

Four of the nuns are already in Brazil following an air trip there Friday.

They will spend four months of intensive on-the-spot study of the language, customs and needs of the people they will serve. Sister Rose Alma, who has already completed a four-month study tour there, will remain in Rochester to gather the materials for the mission project scheduled to get underway next spring (returning to the southern hemisphere).

The nuns will supervise five public schools in Matola.

The four who winged their way to the land under the southern cross were flight companions of six Canadian Grey

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Sister Adelaide receives her mission cross from Bishop Kearney at departure rite for five nuns Thursday at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Bishop Speaks at IFCA Golden Jubilee A Rosary of Fifty Years

Bishop Kearney gave the sermon at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington yesterday for the golden jubilee convocation of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae.

The 550,000 member Federation (IFCA), organized in 1914, coordinates activities of graduates of Catholic high schools and colleges.

The Bishop cited last Sunday's gospel—the story of the one leper who returned to the Lord to give thanks. The Bishop said the IFCA jubilee Mass was first of all a thanksgiving for the blessing of God on the Federation "for the fine women who envisioned it and the many dedicated souls who have carried on its program for half a century."

He then pictured the Federation's fifty years as a Rosary placed before the Blessed Vir-

gin Mary in grateful tribute for her guidance and help under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

THE JUBILEE Rosary, said the Bishop, contains five decades representing the special works of the Federation made possible "by the generosity and service of its membership."

The Bishop detailed the decades:

- The IFCA generosity to the Immaculate Conception Shrine in the nation's capital, from their gift "of the first altar in the crypt to the beautiful rose window in the finished cathedral."

- The active part IFCA members have taken in reviewing films for the Legion of Decency.

- The generous support of the IFCA to Catholic higher education through scholarships

to nuns for college and graduate studies.

- The "unfailing and confident" support of the cause to canonize Blessed Elizabeth Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity, a convert to the Catholic Church who came "from the sidewalks of New York."

- The devotion of the IFCA to the Mother of God by its First Saturday in May program to honor her as the Mother of Mankind, the monthly first Saturday program honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the selection of the Miraculous Medal as the IFCA emblem.

The Bishop concluded his sermon in a prayer to our Lady: "Accept then, gracious Lady, this jubilee Rosary, a crown of roses woven by the devotion of loving hearts, fragrant with the gratitude of your children, as we crown you Queen of the Campus where we learned to know and love you, Queen of our Federation where we have tried to serve you for half a century and finally, and above all, the Queen of our hearts."

Culture Project Said Success

Philadelphia—(RNS)—A pilot project, under Catholic auspices, to develop cultural interests and leadership among 100 selected Negro teenagers from a culturally deprived environment has been pronounced an "outstanding success" by priests who conducted it.

Called "Operation Discovery," the project consisted of daily morning classes at the Most Precious Blood parish school in North Central Philadelphia, and afternoon tours to civic and cultural centers, over an eight-week period.

Two of the teachers, Father William Finley and Father Thomas Loughrey, said it was their recommendation that the Archdiocesan Commission on Human Relations expand the program next summer to at least five parish centers, especially those in predominantly Negro neighborhoods.



Sisters Rose Alma, Michael Marya, Adelaide, Regis and Annice, garbed in white robes of mission nuns, say litany for God's blessing on their apostolate in Brazil.