

### Four Pastors For Council

Vatican City—(NC)—Four United States pastors have been invited to attend the rest of this session of the Vatican Council along with priests from several other countries.

Pope Paul VI asked them to be on hand for discussions on the council's draft statement on "The Priestly Life and Ministry." According to the current timetable, deliberation of this document is to follow debate on schema 13 on the Church in the modern world.

Of the four American priests invited, two were already present in Rome: Msgr. Walter J. Tappe, pastor of St. Rose's parish in Santa Rosa, Calif., and vicar general of the Santa Rosa diocese, and Msgr. Joseph E. Eymann, pastor of St. Andrew's parish, Delavan, Wis., and former superior of the graduate house of the North American College in Rome.

The other two American priests are Msgr. Gerard L. Frey, pastor of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for the New Orleans archdiocese, and Msgr. Thomas B. Falls, pastor of Sacred Heart parish, Madison, Pa., and director of the Legion of Mary in the archdiocese of Philadelphia.

## Father Feeney Funeral

"He gave of himself and of all he possessed without stint from the depths of a generous soul for the cause of Christ," said Father Joseph H. McDonnell in eulogy of Father Martin Feeney at his funeral in St. James Church, Irondequoit, Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Father Feeney, 58, who had been hospitalized for twenty-five years, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 1964.

Bishop Kearney offered the solemn funeral Mass. Father Francis M. Feeney, brother of the deceased, was deacon and Father Hubert Biskay of Hornell, subdeacon.

Commenting on Father Feeney's long illness, Father McDonnell said: "As the path to Christ's resurrection and glory began in Gethsemane, with His resignation to His Father's will, may we not hope that this good priest's Gethsemane has already carried him a share in the glory of that same Christ whom he served so well."

(Full text of the eulogy will be in next week's Courier.)

FATHER FEENEY, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Feeney, was born in Rochester Nov. 25, 1905. He attended Holy Redeemer School, St. An-



FATHER MARTIN FEENEY, drew's and St. Bernard's Seminary.

He was ordained June 7, 1930 in Rochester and served as assistant pastor at St. Francis Xavier Church.

In 1932 he was transferred to St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan where he spent seven years. He was noted for his devotion to catechetical work among the children of the church.

ing in private homes around the countryside.

On May 7, 1959 he was struck down with the illness which incapacitated him for the rest of his life.

Father Feeney is survived by two brothers, Rev. Francis M. Feeney of Rochester and John J. Feeney of Utica, and a sister, Mrs. Joseph Skelly of Rochester.

ASSISTING Bishop Kearney at the funeral Mass were Rt. Rev. Msgr. James O. McAniff, assistant priest; Reverends John P. O'Brien, Leonard A. Kelly, James M. Moynihan, Donald J. Mulcahy, James L. Cavan, Bernard F. Dolan, Paul Brennan, Albert Delmonte, Richard Brickler, and John Glogowski.

In attendance were Rt. Rev. Monsignors Gerald C. Lambert, Arthur E. Ratigan, John E. McCafferty, George W. Eick, Robert A. Keleher, Thomas F. Connors, Richard K. Burns and John M. Duffy; and Very Rev. J. Emmett Murphy, More than fifty other priests also participated in the Mass.

The priests' choir was under the direction of Father Robert Smith.

Classmates of the deceased served as pallbearers: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Farrell, New Britain, Conn.; Rt. Rev. Msgr. James F. Lawler, Watervliet, N.Y.; Rt. Rev. Edward J. Rorick, Manchester, Conn.; Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan, Penn Yan; Rev. James F. Donaher, New Haven, Conn.; and Rev. Joseph T. Cunningham, Simsbury, Conn.

Burial was in the priests plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, with Monsignor James C. McAniff officiating.

## Pope Paul Emphasizes Devotion To Our Lady

Vatican City—(NC)—Pope Paul VI at his general weekly audience compared Our Lady's role in salvation with that of the Catholic priest.

The Pope said: "Mary is, after Christ and by virtue of Christ, at the summit of the work of salvation. She precedes and surpasses the priesthood. By comparison with it she is on a superior plane of excellence and a different plane of efficiency."

"While the priesthood at its supreme level possesses the keys of the kingdom of heaven, Our Lady is herself Queen of Heaven, and therefore, as regards the hierarchy, Queen of the Apostles."

The reasons for papal devotion to Mary are obvious, the Pope said. "If impulses of his personal piety were not enough... then profound and fruitful theological reasons inherent in his pontifical office would recall him to this most special veneration."

## Michigan Bishops Order Non-Bias Building Policy

Lansing, Mich.—(NC)—A racial non-discrimination clause will be part of all future construction contracts entered into by any Catholic church or school in Michigan, the Michigan Catholic Conference has decided.

Francis J. Coomes, conference executive director, said the policy would apply to general or prime contractors working on any construction project for a Catholic church or school as well as all sub-contractors. The nearly 700 pastors of Catholic churches in Michigan have been notified to include the non-discrimination clause in all construction contracts after Jan. 1, 1965, Coomes said.

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## Danes to Honor Ansgar

Copenhagen—(NC)—The message of Christianity which has been muffled here by decades of growing religious intolerance has an opportunity to be heard anew in a series of religious events to be held next year.

The festivities will commemorate the 11th centennial of the death of St. Ansgar, Benedictine missionary bishop who is regarded as "the Apostle of the North."

The highlight of the Catholic celebration in this country will be a solemn ceremony in St. Ansgar's cathedral here on Feb. 9, the anniversary of the missionary's death.

The State (Lutheran) Church of Denmark has also announced its intention to commemorate St. Ansgar's death, but has not yet finalized plans.

In Hamburg, Germany, where the saint served for many years as archbishop, a national Katolikentag (Catholic congress) has been called for June 18 to 20 to commemorate St. Ansgar's death.

German Protestants are preparing scientific commemorative writings on St. Ansgar in both Bremen and Luebeck and are also working on a new edition of the life of the saint.

Swedish Catholics are plan-

ning a celebration in Stockholm on the day of his death, Julius Cardinal Dopfner of Munich and Freising, Germany, one of the four moderators of the Second Vatican Council, is scheduled to be among the guests.

The state (Lutheran) Church of Sweden will commemorate the saint's death with a mid-summer ceremony on the island of Bjorko in Stalern Lake, where St. Ansgar built the first church in the north.

Though referred to the Apostle of the North, St. Ansgar was not the first to bring the news of the Gospel to the north countries. His calling through merchants and the story of "the white Christ" was known before St. Ansgar evangelized the area.

However, the northern countries revered him as their apostle because he was among the first priests to have an intense interest in the apostolate to the northlands.

## 'Lavish' Church Decor Scored by Liturgy Group

Montreal—(NC)—A Catholic liturgical group has declared that the spirit of poverty should characterize the construction and decoration of churches so that "a poor person should not be embarrassed" at worshipping in them.

The Liturgical Commission of the Montreal archdiocese, in a series of directives approved by Paul Emile Cardinal Leger, says "the sacred always involves a certain magnificence, but when we consider the misery which afflicts so many human beings... all lavish expense in decoration is a scandal."

Other points made by the document include a cautionary note on the "commercial aspect" of vigil lights; a warning against putting too many statues in churches; and a reminder that the construction of a church is the concern of the "Christian community" it is meant to serve.

"From the point of view of the pastoral life," says the document prepared by a commission of nine priests, "it is desirable that those responsible for the construction of churches should undertake their work with the parishioners as a whole. This common undertaking will contribute to the building up of the Christian community which the church will gather together."

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