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Syracuse Priest on Bishops' Liturgy Staff

Washington - (NC) - Father Joseph M. Champlin of Syracuse, N.Y., has been named associate director of the secretariat of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy.

He will become assistant to the Rev. Frederick R. McManus in Washington July 1.

Father Champlin, who was ordained in 1956, studied at Yale University and Notre Dame before entering St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N.Y. In addition to parish duties as an assistant at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Syracuse, he served for several years as diocesan director of vocations and liturgical commission secretary. For four years he wrote a weekly column on the liturgy for the Catholic Sun, Syracuse diocesan paper.

Father Champlin is the author of numerous articles on pastoral theology, as well as several pamphlets on marriage. His book on love, courtship and marriage, "Don't You Really Love Me?" has just been published by Ave Maria Press.

Negro Layman Heads Parish School

Chicago — (RNS) — The first Negro to become principal of a Catholic school here will head an 800-pupil, all-Negro school on the city's South Side.

Ralph Baker, principal of St. Anselm's, will be one of five lay principals in the 500 schools that make up the archdiocesan school system.

Mr. Baker, 31, is a graduate of St. Anselm's. At De La Salle high school, he was one of three Negroes in the class of 1955. He attended the University of Illinois and Roosevelt University. He expects to earn his master's degree from De Paul University in the fall.

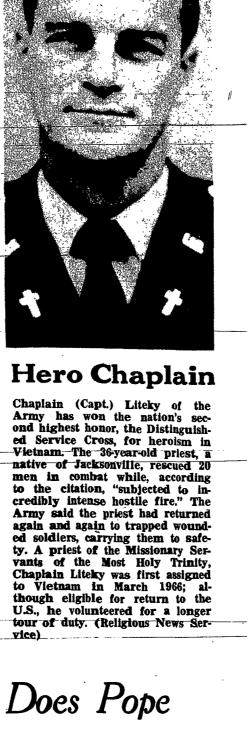
Theologians To Meet at Notre Dame

South Bend, Ind. - (RNS) - More than 100 Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant theologians will meet at the University of Notre Dame June 16-20 for the third National Faith and Order Colloquium.

The meeting on "Salvation and Man's Hopes" will attempt, through fo-ur study papers, to write out the major areas of agreement and disagreement among the theologians.

The Rev. William A. Norgren of the National Council of Churches, secretary of the colloquium, emphasized the pastoral nature of the Notre Dame meeting.

"We are going to Notre Dame as pastoral theologians," he said in New York. "We are not merely asking technical or academic questions."





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Notre Dame Honors Patriarch

Patriarch Maximos V. Hakim, spiritual leader of 500,000 Melkite Rite Catho-lics, confers with Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame. The Patriarch received an honorary doctor of laws degree at the university's commencement exercises. Father Hesburgh is now in Rome where, during his participation in a chapter session of the Congregation of Holy Cross, he will mark the 25th anniversary of his ordination. (Religious News Service)

'Baccalaureate' Given In Courthouse

Bostom - (RNS) -- The Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr., Yale's Protestant chaplain who is on trial in an anti-draft conspiracy case, could not give a scheduled baccalaureate address at nearby Wellesley College.

However, Mr. Coffin spoke to some 30 of the graduates who came to the courthouse attired in caps and gowns to demonstrate their support for him. He addressed the girls during a court recess. They were not permitted to enter the courtroom in their academic dress.

"This is a special moment in history, or as the Greeks call it, 'kyros,' a special time," the chaplain told them. Contemporary college students, he said, "constitute the faithful and saving remnant of these special times."

If Mr. Coffin had delivered the campus baccalaureat, he said, "I would have ended with the words of Miguel de Unamuno, the Spanish philosopher, "May God deny you peace, but give you . glory.'

Preservation of Church Center Sought

New York - (RNS) - The National Council of Churches will seek to retain the Church Center for the United Nations at U.N. Plaza.

The Center, now threatened by demolition, is in a projected United Nations District, where expansion of U.N. structures has been authorized.

The Center is owned by the United Methodist Church.

Michigan's Catholic Population Up

Detroit - (RNS) - The Michigan Catholic Conference reported here that the number of Catholics in the state increased by more than 39,000 during 1967, to a total of 2,271,481.

Catholics comprise 27 per cent of Michigan's total population of 8.4 million, compared to 24 per cent for the entire nation.

The Archdiocese of Detroit has the largest concentration of 34,594, an increase of about 12,000 in the last year.

based correspondent reported that Pope Paul VI actually owns England and Ireland and the pontiff has a 13th Century document to prove it.

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Famer Charres Burn, Vatican archivist, told the -correspondent, Robert R. Holton, that the deal on Ireland and England was made by King John. In an effort to safeguard his throne. the English monarch issued a royal charter formally turning over England and Ireland to the then Pope, Innocent III.

This action was not a rarity in those days, explained Father Burns. Other charters gave pontiffs posses-sion of Italy, Portugal, and the Isle of Man.

The archivist noted that there is no evidence that the charter, which remains in secret Vatican archives, was ever rescinded. However, he added:

"There is little danger that the Holy Father would ever try to lay claim to England or Ireland or that either country would offer to live up to the out-dated charter."

French Bishops Urge Social Reforms

Paris - (NC) - The social Commission of the French Bishops Conference has stated that France's national crisis to be confronted in legislative elections in June 23 and 30 will lead to either a "more just society" or a more violent one.

The elections have been called by President Charles de Gaulle in the wake of nationwide strikes which began in the middle of May and threatened to throw the country into civil war.

With some of the strikes ended and the country getting back to some semblance of order, the bishops nevertheless were emphatic that strong social reforms should emerge from the crisis.

They said that the crisis must: Work out the transformation of the universities and schools, and the renewal of culture.

- "Permit all workers and citizens to exercise real responsibility at various levels of political, economic and social life, particularly in business and industry.

"Define realistic and courageous policies which will assure, especially to the poor, a rising standard of liv-ing and more job security.'

Boy Misses the Boat,

But Only in Real Sense

Little Falls, N.J. - (NC) - When 12-year-old Steve Luker says he's "missed the boat," he means just that.

The boy was scheduled to serve 7 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Holy Angels church here. He telephoned the rectory to report he couldn't make it. The priest asked: "Why not?" And Steve Luker responded: "I missed the boat."

It seems the area around his home was engulfed with flood water and boats were the only means of transportation.

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