

Priests Assigned To New Diocesan Posts



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signments had been at St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester; St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Anne's, Hornell, and St. Anne's, Rochester.

Father Francis Davis, new pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, was ordained in 1945, spent five years as assistant at St. Ambrose, Rochester, and the last 19 years at St. Bernard's Seminary as librarian.

Father Paul Gibbons, moving to Dansville on his first pastoral appointment since ordination in 1942, has been professor of Latin at King's Prep for 20 years. He was assistant at St. Monica's, Rochester, and St. Anne's, Hornell, before taking the teaching role. He has an MA in classical literature from St. Bonaventure College, '59.

Father Raymond Wuest, moving from Dansville to Auburn's St. Alphonsus Church, was ordained in 1937 and is a classmate of Father Merklinger whom he will succeed. His former pastorates were in Scipio and Fleming from '60 to '64. He was assistant pastor in Rochester at St. Michael's, St. Salome's, St. Andrew's and Mt. Carmel parishes.

Father Leo Lynch, assigned to St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, has served two chaplaincies, St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, '51 to '57, and St. Ann's Home, Rochester, '57 to '69. He was also 7 years assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Elmira.

Father John J. Hempel, for the past two years director of the Secular Mission serving the rural area of the diocese, receives a new title, "Diocesan Director of Human Concern." He will be successor to Father P. David Flinks leaving the Office of Urban Ministry for new duties on the U.S. Bishops' staff for national urban affairs.

Ordained in 1954 Father Hempel served in Rochester's Blessed Sacrament, Holy Cross and St. Anne's parishes and in St. Jerome's, East Rochester. A Captain in World War II, before entering the seminary, he is now chaplain in the National Guard with rank of Major.

Father William Donnelly, a native of Auburn, ordained in 1964, will be the first fulltime chaplain for Catholic students at fast-growing Monroe Community College, East Henrietta Rd., Rochester. He becomes the eighth fulltime college chaplain assigned to the 17 secular institutions in the diocese. Nearly 2,200 of the 4,100 MCC students are Catholics.



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the Cheering County Catholic School Board and has been active in the Elmira Council Knights of Columbus for nearly 50 years.

Father O'Blene, a native Rochesterian, was ordained in June, 1922, and served as assistant in St. Patrick's, Corning, St. Mary's, Auburn, and Holy Apostles and Sacred Heart in Rochester. He was administrator of St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan for five years before becoming pastor of St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, in 1945.

Father Merklinger, ordained 32 years, went to Auburn's St. Alphonsus Church in '62 after four years as pastor of the merged St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishes in Dansville. He was fulltime chaplain to Monroe County Infirmary, Strong Memorial Hospital and Municipal Hospital in Rochester from 1943-58. Previous as-

Priest's Murder Brings Protest

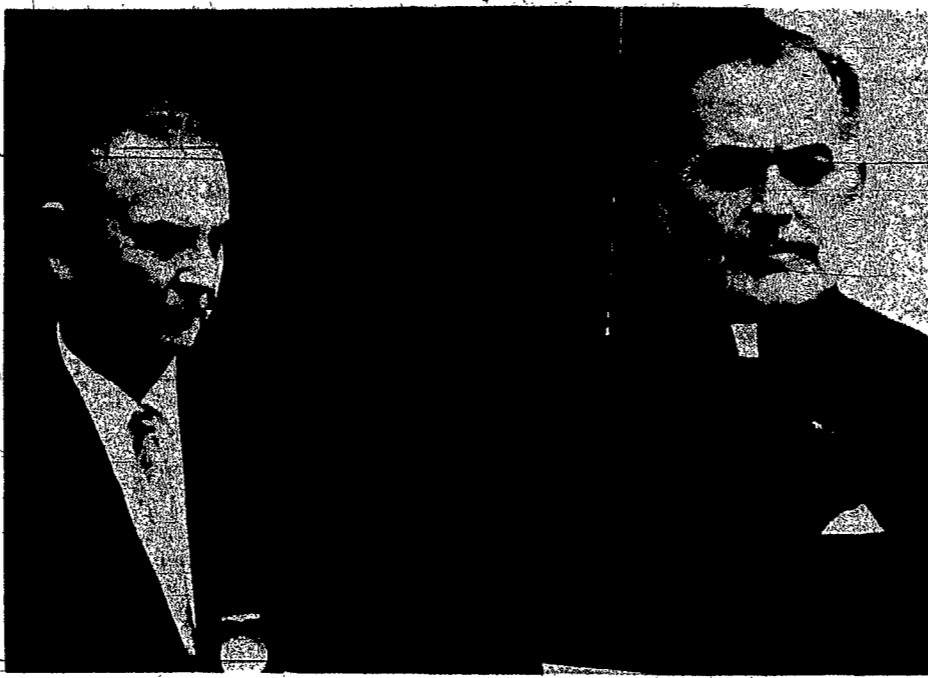
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and moderator of the university students. The last time he was seen alive was on leaving one of the parent-teen-ager meetings he sponsored throughout the city.

"While we follow the example of the first martyr St. Stephen, and ask God's forgiveness for the killers, we hold the right to denounce this crime loudly, to try at least to stop the sinister work of this death squadron," the statement declared.

The statement was signed by Archbishop Camara, Auxiliary Bishop Jose Lamartine, and the three episcopal vicars, Fathers Arnaldo Cabral, Isnaldo Fonseca and Ernani Pinheiro.

All radio and press media were under orders from government authorities to ignore the murder and the funeral services of the priest.



Justice Brennan Receives Laetare Medal

Associate Justice William Brennan Jr. holds University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal after receiving it from Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame, during ceremonies at U.S. Supreme Court in Washington. The Laetare Medal has been conferred annually since 1883 on an outstanding American Catholic. (RNS)

Pope's Geneva Trip a Success

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A ranking Vatican official, however, had a different version of why the crowds were sparse.

"Unlike other times, when a dignitary of the Pope's stature visits Geneva, no businesses or government offices were closed down even long enough to let the workers come out to greet the visitor," he told the Courier-Journal.

"I also understand that police would not allow people to line the motorcade routes and that they forbade the public from massing at the airport with the excuse that the buildings were not built to accommodate large crowds," he added.

Government officials denied that they had given any orders to keep crowds from lining the motorcade routes.

Those who watched the day-long series of events, however, had little difficulty noting a lack of high-pitched enthusiasm among many of the people on hand for the formal ceremonies.

"I feel, however, from what I saw on television and the conversations I have had with men who accompanied the Holy Father that when the people were permitted to get near the Pope, they displayed a great amount of enthusiasm," said one source.

There also remained the big question of what long-term reaction some Protestants and others will have to the Pope's strong reminder of the lofty position he holds in Christianity as the successor to Peter and his declining to join in a formal prayer service in the chapel of the World Council of Churches headquarters.

"I am told that Christian Unity people here in Rome and other advisors had urged the Holy Father to join in such a service, but some other people in the Vatican urged him against it," one source said.

As to the reference to St. Peter, one ecumenism expert said: "I think he would have been less than honest if he had not made that pointed reference. There is some chance that the remark will annoy some, but it had to be said."

Others felt the Pope would have been wise to have dropped the remark and merely have stuck to his statement that the time was not yet ripe for the Catholic Church to join the World Council.

Vocation Shortage Laid To Poor Family Life

London — (NC) — The principal cause of Britain's vocation shortage is the lowered standard of this country's Catholic family life, John Cardinal Heenan of Westminster said in a pastoral letter on vocations.

"It is no use for parents to complain when Catholic schools are handed over to lay teachers or even closed because of a lack of religious vocations," Cardinal Heenan said.

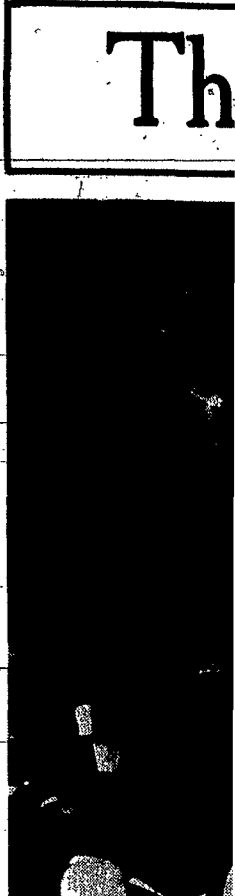
"The deeper cause for the shortage of vocations is the lowered standard of Catholic family life.

"If the Catholic atmosphere of the home disappears it will not remain a breeding ground for saints. Family prayers, the crucifix over the bed,

the cherished altar in the children's room. These are the pieties which turn the minds of children to the great adventure of life on active service for the Church of God."

"I want to remind you of a duty which is far more important than sitting on parish councils. It is the duty of the laity to produce clergy and Religious.

"Priests, Brothers and nuns are family products. Their first ideas about God and their earliest spiritual training came from their parents. The call to offer all to God usually comes to the boy or girl belonging to a zealous Catholic family. It is within such a family that the vocation is discovered and nurtured."



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CU Trustees Ask Study Of Dissenters' Paper

Washington — (NC) — The board of trustees of the Catholic University of America voted unanimously this week to ask the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine to investigate the orthodoxy of a statement of dissent from Pope Paul's encyclical banning artificial contraception. The statement was made by 20 faculty members at the university.

The board of trustees said in a statement that it "accepts the report of the faculty board of inquiry insofar as it pertains to the academic propriety of the conduct of these faculty members. The acceptance by the board of trustees does not represent approval of the theological position expressed."

The statement of dissent eventually was signed by some 600 other Catholic teachers in the United States. The statement declared that despite the Pope's teaching on the subject, "we conclude that spouses may responsibly decide according to their conscience that artificial

contraception in some circumstances is permissible."

The inquiry into the conduct of the Catholic University dissenters was initiated by the board of trustees last September. The board said the judgment on theological, doctrinal and canonical discipline properly belonged to the bishops, and not to the board of trustees, and not to the academic community.

Missouri Rejects School Aid Bills

Jefferson City, Mo. — (NC) — All attempts to get state aid for private school pupils or parents in Missouri were defeated in the current session of the Legislature.

The last hope—a bill which would have required public school districts to provide "auxiliary services," such as health examinations and counseling to all pupils in their district—was among the 125 bills stricken (June 5) from the House of Representatives calendar.

The "auxiliary services" bill was the only private school aid measure to get the approval of the House education committee.

Other school aid measures introduced included loan of textbooks, partial reimbursement of tuition costs, allowing private school expenses to be deductible in computing Missouri income tax, free bus transportation for private school children and allowing handicapped or retarded children in private schools to attend special education classes on a part-time basis.

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