



Mr. McArdle, gives Communion to his wife, Barbara.

Special Training Setup Produces Its 1st Deacon

Orchard Lake, Mich.—(RNS) The first man in the United States to become a permanent deacon after undergoing the specialized training program prescribed by the U.S. Catholic hierarchy was ordained here May 24.

(Mr. Michael Cole, then of Rochester, actually was the first permanent deacon ordained in the United States but he did not have to attend the training program since he was already an ordained Anglican priest before his conversion to Catholicism.)

Bishop Charles H. Helmsing of Kansas City-St. Joseph conferred the order on Paul M. McArdle, a member of his diocese.

Mr. McArdle, among 17 Americans who enrolled in the program here last year, was ordained ahead of schedule.

The full-time permanent diaconate program at the Center for Pastoral Studies normally takes two years, but because of Mr. McArdle's extensive seminary training in the Passionist Fathers community, he was able to fulfill the Center's requirements in one year.

Mr. McArdle is married and the father of a 20-month old son. His wife, Barbara, was included in the ordination service to emphasize, as a spokesman for the center put it, "the total commitment of the McArdle family to the program."

Both McArdles have been members of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, a community of priests, Sisters, and laity based in Kansas City. They expected to be working for one of the society's foreign missions in the near future.

The permanent diaconate program at the Orchard Lake Schools' Center for Pastoral Studies is the only full-time one in operation in the U.S. (four others are part-time).

After the students complete the two-year course here, they are able to baptize, preach, witness marriages, conduct funerals, direct liturgical services, organize and supervise

Editor Cited

Washington, D.C.—(RNS)—The founding editor of a national review, Our Lady's Digest, has been commended for 25 years of "unwavering fidelity" to devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

Father Stanley Matuszewski, M.S., was cited on his silver anniversary in a letter from Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

"At a time in the life of the Church," the archbishop wrote, "when devotion to the Mother of God has been treated all too lightly in some quarters, it is refreshing to be reminded of the solemn words of the Second Vatican Council admonishing 'all' sons of the Church that the cult, especially the liturgical cult, of the Blessed Virgin be generously fostered."

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Not His Bag!

Chicago — (NC) — Father Timothy Lyne, Holy Name cathedral rector, fully is aware of drastic changes in young men's styles—long hair, beards, jeans, bare feet—nearly, but not quite, the whole bag.

So when he spotted a young man carrying a purse at a subway station exit near the cathedral — well, that was too much. He stopped and questioned the man, who claimed the purse belonged to his mother, that he had taken it from her during a quarrel.

Hardly had Father Lyne said, "I don't believe you," than the man broke into a run with the

51-year-old priest in hot pursuit. Michael Boyle, a detective off duty, spotted the chase and caught the fugitive.

Police found identification in the purse listed to Mary D. Hussey, 78. She said her purse, containing \$67, credit cards, keys and such was snatched while she was riding the subway by a man who escaped as the car doors closed.

Father Lyne said he'd rather spend his spare time chasing sinners and converts. "I'm too old to be chasing criminals." He could get an argument about that from the accused purse snatcher.

Journalist Wins Honor

Chicago — (RNS) — Msgr. Robert G. Peters, editor of the Catholic Post, Peoria, Ill., received the St. Francis de Sales Award, the Catholic Press Association's annual citation to a

Catholic journalist. Msgr. John S. Randall, managing editor of the Courier-Journal, Rochester, N.Y., was one of 11 finalists from newspapers and magazines across the nation.

Father Abbott Resigns Post With Bible Unit

Rome — (NC)—Father Walter M. Abbott, S.J., has resigned as general secretary and treasurer of the World Catholic Federation for the Biblical Apostolate.

Father Abbott writes a column, "Scripture in the Life of the Church Today" which appears weekly in the Courier-Journal.

Father Abbott is an official of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and specializes in promotion of common Bible work among various Christian churches and communities.

The American Jesuit said he was resigning his posts because the federation has grown so much in size and complexity that the office of general secretary now requires the full-time services of an executive.

Named to succeed him as general secretary is Father Bernard Orchard, O.S.B. of London. A Catholic layman, James J. Lynch of Boston, Mass., was elected treasurer.

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