

2 Priest Brothers Tell of Asian Tour

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

Eight years in Hong Kong — including the last 10 months as a pastor there — bring many memories to a Maryknoll priest from Rochester—including two fires in his area last December which left 7,300 persons temporarily homeless.

He is Father James V. O'Halloran, MM., who returned here last month after mission service in the teeming British crown colony.

Father O'Halloran was joined on the home trip by his priest-brother, Father Robert T. O'Halloran, CSB., who has been teaching at Aquinas Institute and this month joins the faculty at St. John Fisher College.

On the way back they visited Taiwan, Japan, Russia, Poland, Denmark, Holland, England and Ireland.

Father James has been given a three-year assignment to the development department of the Maryknoll Fathers House in Cleveland. He will be doing vocation work.

Both brothers attended Corpus Christi School. Father James was at St. Andrew's Seminary from 1943 to 1949, entered the seminary at Maryknoll, N.Y. in 1949 and was ordained there in 1956. Father Robert was graduated from

Aquinas Institute in 1950, entered the Basilian seminary at St. Michael's College, Toronto, and was ordained there in 1960.

During their two weeks in Russia, the priests always were on "guided" tours. Russia's "freedom of religion," they noted, is "confined to foreigners." There is only one Catholic church in Moscow, and only two Catholic priests in the city — one for the church and the other for embassies. Remaining churches are mostly Russian Orthodox, under state control.

All tourists, they said, are kept in separate groups, and are directed, for instance, only to specific "in-tourist" hotels and restaurants. "Red tape" difficulties are compounded, they noted, by the fact that many officials work on a schedule of 12 hours every other day.

Among Father James' recollections of his pastorate at St. Peter's Church in Hong Kong was the day he officiated at three funerals and a wedding. Another was the time just before New Year's when he lost his faithful dog, "Butch."

His principle activities during the last few years have been teaching English (he speaks Cantonese fluently) and religion in schools, setting up libraries, organizing adult education and youth groups and help-



Two priest brothers, Father Robert T. O'Halloran, CSB. (left) and Father James V. O'Halloran, MM., visit their mother, Mrs. Sophia O'Halloran, 105 Atlantic Ave., Rochester, who admires hand-carved oriental Madonna brought by Maryknoller Father James from Hong Kong, where he has been serving since 1962. Basilian Father Robert, teacher at Aquinas Institute for the last two years, is joining faculty of St. John Fisher College. (Beards were shaved off shortly after photo was taken.)

ing form credit unions. Recently he was elected vice president of the Hong Kong Library Association.

Hong Kong's population is at most 10 per cent Christian, he said. Most Chinese, however, with Confucianist background, are religious by culture. Father James describes most of them as "easy to get along with, pleasant, and with a very competitive spirit."

He said the parish in which he worked is in a slum resettle-

ment area of the colony, including many destitute immigrants from Red China, "with continuing problems of human poverty and misery."

Some of his days were lightened, he commented, "by the many guests who stopped for visits — clergy, civic officials, peace corps workers, airline officers, and servicemen."

Declaring that he hopes to go back there in 1973, Father James added: "Just working with people, and trying to serve

them, particularly the youth, has meant a great deal to me."

Father Robert taught Latin, Spanish and theology from 1960 to 1968 at Andean High School, a Basilian-staffed diocesan school in Gary, Ind. He also was vice principal of the school. He was transferred to Aquinas in 1968.

Both priests, who had allowed beards to grow prior to and during their journey, shaved them off shortly after their return to Rochester.

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CFM Annual Meeting Scheduled at Geneva

The Christian Family Movement (CFM) has scheduled its annual kickoff dinner and meeting from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. this Sunday (Sept. 13) at St. Stephen's Church in Geneva.

The event signals the annual renewal of husband-and-wife teams to spiritual commitment and sacrifice of time and sometimes funds. The commitment is intended to create an awareness of Christ's world and its needs.

Bishop Hogan will celebrate Mass and deliver the homily while Charles and June Smith of Erie, Pa. will be after-dinner speakers.

The Smiths, who helped write the new CFM handbook, "The Family in the Time of Revolution", will discuss the ideas behind the preparation of the book and methods of relating those ideas to everyday life.

The Federation Couple, Mike and Dorothy Charleton, will lead a short general meeting.

Auburn Knights Make Plans

Auburn — Highlighting September activities listed by Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, are a night at Vernon Downs and the annual clambake.

The Vernon Downs night is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 25, and the clambake will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. two days later, Sunday, Sept. 27, at Camp Columbus on Owasco Lake. John Galiso will serve as bakemaster.

John Grzasko, council grand knight, also announced that the council's bowling league will open the new season on Sept. 15 at the Starlite Lanes.

All members and prospective members are invited. For further information, telephone 716/889-1324.



FR. KAVANAUGH

Fr. Kavanagh Named Pastor in Washington

Father Michael F. Kavanagh, SJ, who, 15 years ago, received his formal assignment to the Jesuit mission in Jamshedpur, India in a unique ceremony at St. Augustine's Church, Rochester, is the new pastor of St. Aloysius Church, Washington, D.C.

A native of Rochester, Father Kavanagh has been doing pastoral and social work in India, where he founded the Damien Social Welfare Center, an inter-faith agency caring for 5,000 victims of leprosy.



Diploma Ceremony for St. James Hospital Grads

Three graduates of St. James Mercy Hospital School of X-Ray Technology in Hornell received diplomas from Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty at ceremony Aug. 29 in St. Ann's Church. Miss Sandra Kay Lucco (right) of Limestone won the St. Michael's Award for highest scholastic average. From left are Martha Janes Foreman and Ann Stiles, both of Hornell.

Courses for Priests Offered at Seminary

St. Bernard's Seminary has announced that priests of the diocese and other persons academically qualified may register for courses.

The following courses, among others, are being offered in the fall semester: Christology (Father Van Torre)—Friday, 3:10-6 p.m.; Synoptic Gospels (Father Sebastian) — Monday, 3:10-6; Psycho-Sociological Perspectives on the Priesthood (Dr. Pino)—Tuesday, 1:10-3; Mission of the Church (Father Sebastian) — Tuesday, 1:10-3; Emergence of Early Christian Theology (Father Callens) — Tuesday, 3:10-5; Social Work for Priests (Msgr. Burns) — Tuesday, 3:10-5; Theology of Enthusiasm (Msgr. Quinn) — Wednesday, 1:10-3; Foundations of Catechetics (Father Edmund) — Wednesday, 3:10-5; Charism and Church (Father McNamara) — Thursday, 1:10-3; The Covenant (Mr. Kelly) — Thursday, 3:10-5; 'New' Moral-

ity and Vatican II (Father Busceti)—Friday, 1:10-3.

These courses, as well as the regular core courses, may be taken as part of the Baccalaureate in Divinity Program for Priests or merely as informal continuing education. Application should be made by telephoning the Dean of Studies (254-2356), 9 a.m.-12 and 1-4 p.m. Sept. 14-18, or by writing to Rev. David M. Murphy, St. Bernard's Seminary, 2260 Lake Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14612.

'Biblical' Picnic?

Christ the King Church, in its Aug. 30 weekly bulletin, reminded parishioners of the forthcoming parish picnic, from noon until 6 p.m. on the church grounds, with the following announcement:

"The eye hath not seen, nor the ear heard, nor has it entered into the mind of man the wondrous things planned."

Ex-Rochesterian Honored by Pope

A former Rochesterian, the Very Rev. Harold F. Prendergast, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Monmouth, Ill., last month received the honorary rank of Domestic Prelate from Pope Paul VI.

Msgr. Prendergast was graduated from Sacred Heart School, Rochester, and Aquinas Institute. He attended the Rochester Business Institute, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary, and completed his theology training at Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure University in Olean. Ordained in 1939, he celebrated his first Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Msgr. Prendergast is the son of the late Frank Prendergast and Mrs. Mary Prendergast, who has made her home with him for the past 21 years. In the Diocese of Peoria he is president of the Clergyman's Aid Society, a rural dean, and synodal judge of the Matrimonial Tribunal.

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