

## Cardinal Cooke Joins Chaplains For Peace Mass

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Auburn — More than 30 present and former chaplains of the Rochester Diocese gathered at St. Alphonsus Church Aug. 16 with Cardinal Terence Cooke, who offered a Mass for peace in the world. Theme of the Mass was The Eternal Priesthood.

The cardinal, military vicar of the United States and bishop of Catholics in the services and Veterans Administration, was escorted to church by the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. The papal flag was carried by Msgr. Joseph Sullivan of Holy Family, Auburn, and the U.S. colors by Father Elmer Heindl of St. Joseph's, Weedsport. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan welcomed the cardinal to the diocese.

Father Heindl read the names of the 20 deceased chaplains who were remembered in prayers during the Mass concelebrated by the cardinal and chaplains. The twin brothers, Msgr. Gerard Gefell, army chaplain serving in Hawaii, and Msgr. Joseph Gefell, pastor of St. Alphonsus since 1973, assisted the cardinal.

Msgr. Joseph Gefell said the gathering of chaplains not only served to renew acquaintances, but to thank the Lord for blessings received during perilous times.

Cardinal Cooke, speaking at dinner afterward, reported the formation of a prayer apostolate among chaplains in the armed

services. At this first reunion of chaplains of the diocese in 10 years, Cardinal Cooke spoke of the spirit and tradition of chaplains. The Rochester diocese in particular, he said, can be proud of its contribution, proportionately great in number and in quality of chaplains.

In a warm and friendly dinner, the cardinal recalled his first tour of Vietnam in 1965 when he donned army fatigues and boots and was escorted under the watchful eyes of the Gefell brothers, both army chaplains at the time. Humor laced the recollections of the more serious reason for his tour.

According to mementos on display, chaplains of the Rochester diocese served in all three theaters of World War II.

Father Austin Hanna, chaplain of St. Joseph's in Rochester, was master of ceremonies.

It is believed that retired Bishop James E. Kearney, released proportionately more of his priests to serve as chaplains in World War II than any other diocese in the nation. Many were called back for active service during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. A letter from Bishop Kearney was read at the dinner.

Msgr. Joseph Gefell, pastor of the host parish, presented Cardinal Cooke with a hand carved plaque bearing symbols of the chaplaincy, as a memento of his visit.



Cardinal Cooke obliges young autograph hunters outside St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn. [More photos on Page 2.]

## Christian Opposition Mounts in Seoul

Seoul, South Korea [RNS] — Christian opposition to the government of President Park Chung Hee intensified here with disclosure of more secret arrests.

Reports in the South Korean capital indicated that the government is surprised by the growing Protestant and Catholic outcries against "repression."

With 91 persons convicted under decrees forbidding criticism of the government, and with Catholic Bishop Daniel Chi Hak Soun on trial, the Christian communities were angered by reports that 60 more persons have been taken into custody.

Some of those arrested are believed to be students at Sogang University, a Catholic school.

Meanwhile, the steering committee of the Council of Catholic Bishops in Korea announced its disbelief in the official press reports on the trial of Bishop Chi

The bishop is accused of conspiring to overthrow the government by providing funds to a revolutionary. The official reports said he had admitted his guilt and had said, "If the court offers leniency, I will in the future devote myself purely to religious activities."

But a person at the trial told a reporter that Bishop Chi actually said, "If I have committed a crime, sentence me to death. If I have not, and if you are going to reduce my sentence on my second or third appeal, then declare me innocent."

The bishops' steering committee said that in light of the government's account "the faithful will not accept the face value of newspaper articles."

No Catholic leaders, not even Cardinal Stephen Kim, were allowed to attend the trial.

Other reports said that South Korean Premier Kim Jong Pil has

rejected the appeal of 10 Protestant leaders who asked for the release of persons jailed under the emergency decrees and requested restoration of democracy.

President Park rules under a constitution he imposed in 1972. The January decrees impose stiff penalties for anyone found guilty of criticizing his regime.

There were, however, hints that the government might be moving toward a withdrawal of the decrees. "I understood President Park himself considers these measures to be only temporary in nature," Premier Kim reportedly stated.

Leaders of the 3.4 million South Korean Protestants and the 800,000 Catholics have traditionally cooperated with the government. There was even reluctance to criticize President Park after democratic rule was suspended in 1972.



The Divine Word Seminary, St. Michael's, in Conesus, was up for sale a few years ago. However, when the community was unable to find a buyer for its 900 acres overlooking Hemlock Lake, the decision was made to keep the property and bring it back to life. Three priests and nine brothers in residence have undertaken the task of remodeling some of the facilities and restoring the once famous outdoor Rosary Grottoes to their original state. The grottoes are featured in the Centerfold and the remodeling tasks are outlined on page 22.