

Father Feeney Returns

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester confirmed that the ex-Jesuit, Father Leonard Feeney, who was excommunicated from the Catholic Church in 1953 for contending that "there is no salvation outside the Church," was reconciled to the Church almost two years ago.

Bishop Bernard Flanagan confirmed a statement released by a member of Father Feeney's St. Benedict Center, Still River, near Harvard, Mass., that Pope Paul personally — through the offices of Cardinal Humberto

Medeiros of Boston — had reconciled the priest by accepting a simple profession of faith.

The disclosure on Sept. 26 that the controversial 77-year-old priest had been brought back into the good graces of the Church followed by one day the confirmation by Bishop Flanagan that he had personally received a profession of faith from 29 members of the St. Benedict community last March.

In this 1953 photo, Father Feeney stands in front of a portrait of Pope Pius XII. [RNS]

Fr. Langworthy Retires

Father Charles Langworthy retired last week from the pastorate of St. Mary of the Lake in Ontario, because of ill health. He has moved to St. Joseph's, Penfield.

The Pastoral Office said a successor would be named within the next two weeks. In the interim, the Wayne County parish will be administered by Father Leo Matuszewski, who has been at St. Mary's since his resignation from the pastorate of St. Patrick, Owego, in June, 1973.

Father Langworthy was ap-

pointed to Ontario Jan. 15, 1970, after two and a half years as pastor of Holy Angels, Nunda, and Holy Name, Groveland. He had served at St. Margaret Mary in Irondequoit, St. Ignatius, Hornell, and St. Patrick, Mt. Morris. In the early years of his priesthood, he was an assistant chaplain at Cornell University.

He is a native Rochesterian, brought up in Our Lady of Good Counsel parish and educated in the diocesan seminaries. He was ordained in Sacred Heart Cathedral by Bishop James E. Kearney on Dec. 22, 1945.

Father James Callan Ordained a Priest

Canandaigua — St. Mary's Church was the setting for the ordination last Friday, Oct. 4, of Father James Brady Callan. Father Callan had served as a deacon in the parish since his graduation from St. Bernard's Seminary in June 1973.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan was the ordaining prelate at the Mass. The theme was the spirit of poverty as preached by St. Francis of Assisi.

Father Callan is the son of Philip and Lucile Callan of Winona Boulevard, Irondequoit, and the brother of Father David Callan, chaplain at Cornell University.

The new priest has also served as a deacon at St. Thomas More Church and Holy Family Church.

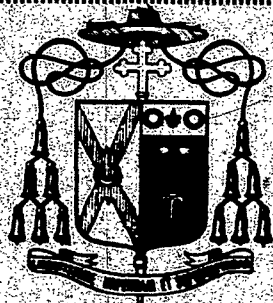
He attended St. Andrew's Seminary, St. John Fisher College, where he received a B.A. in Sociology, Nazareth College,



FATHER CALLAN
Colgate, Rochester, Divinity School and St. Bernard's.

He completed his Clinical Pastoral Education at The California Institution for Women, a state prison.

Diocesan Appointments



Father Charles Langworthy, retired from pastorate of St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario, to assist at St. Joseph, Penfield.

Father Ronald Harley, to associate pastor, St. Paul's, Webster, from associate pastor, St. Charles Borromeo, Greece.

Amnesty Plan Termed 'Punitive'

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The young man said a "loophole" which would allow a deserter to get a dishonorable discharge and omit the service, was a "farce." Under the law, a discharge is invalid if taken for fraudulent reasons, he said.

The men said the law regarding the handling of resisters and deserters had been applied unevenly in the past. For example, they said, in Rhode Island, 100 per cent of those who refused to

Pontiff Praises Fidelity

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul, emphasizing the need of faithfulness to one's Christian commitment, said that though the Church "suffers from the infidelity of some of her children, she is comforted by the fidelity of many others."

Speaking at his weekly general audience here, the pontiff said the Christian obligation to fidelity stemmed from a mutual relationship: "As God is faithful to us, so we must be faithful to Him."

He said he was happy to see "the great importance" being accorded to the preparation of children for, and understanding of, "the Sacraments of Christian initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist."

In this way, Pope Paul added, "Christian awareness is being deepened, and this deepening fosters Christian fidelity."

Synod Opens

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"Oh, Jesus," the pontiff went on, "as you have said, we did not choose you, but you chose us and commissioned us to go forth and bear fruit."

Pope Paul then spoke of the "intimate strength and certainty" conferred on bishops by their consecration and cited what he called the "links" which, he said, provide a "chain of support" for bishops.

"First of all," he said, "there is the authenticity of our priesthood; secondly there is the vitality of its three-fold power: to teach, to minister, and to give pastoral guidance; and thirdly, there is the close friendship — which our priesthood not only allows, but imposes on us — with you, Christ, the best and most faithful of all friends. It is this friendship with you that enables us to adhere to your will and to enter into the surge of love which you have for all men."

Citing the words of St. Paul, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ," the Pope said, "Lord Jesus, we remember these burning words that give us an unconditional guarantee and inspire in us a firm conviction that we can override every difficulty in the arduous task which your mandate to preach the Gospel lays on us."

"Lord Jesus, we are ready to go and preach your Gospel to a world where your hidden but loving providence has placed us."

"We beseech you, as you promised you would, to send us the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Comfort, to make our witness open, good, and more effective."

"Remain with us, O Lord, to make us all one in you and worthy, through your power, to transmit to the world your peace and salvation."

be drafted were imprisoned, while in Utah none were imprisoned.

One audience member asked whether the exiles would return if unconditional amnesty were offered. Many insisted that returning was not the center of the issue, but Steve Kinnanman, admitted that for the first time in eight years he had been thinking of going home. Kinnanman lived underground in Laos for four years after deserting from duty in Vietnam in 1967. He has grown to like living in Sweden. At first the AWOL soldier found problems not because of his position as a deserter but because of the day-to-day problems of assimilating into Swedish life. "I had written off coming back," he said, adding that he found new strength from the interest of the Rochester group. He had come to Toronto for the international meeting.

The background of the Americans for Amnesty varied, but they were united by their dedication to the peace movement. Applause greeted 74-year-old Jennifer Cottone, whose involvement in social issues goes back to "the days of Sacco and Vanzetti" (1921).

"The principle is that you're against war and the only way to stop the war is not to go," Mrs. Cottone exclaimed.

Bob Jordan described himself as an American "who writes letters mentally to Congress but



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never sends them." He feels the program of service is "ludicrous."

"As CO's (conscientious objectors) they were willing to do service, but the government refused," Jordan pointed out.

Mrs. Lorraine Williams said she never thought much about the war until her son, Leonard Cross, told her of his decision to desert. "I had to search myself before I could support him," she said. After the meeting, Mrs. Williams visited with her daughter-in-law and granddaughter, who live in Kitchener, Ont.

Rosalie McEvily, a spokesperson for the group, became involved "when I realized that the war may continue and my three young sons may have to go." Mrs. McEvily said the Rochester coalition of 10 organizations had held luncheons, workshops and a meeting with Rep. Frank Horton to discuss the amnesty issue.

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