



First Woman Chaplain

Sister Anna Marie Kane, SSJ, is flanked by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan of Worcester (left) and Father John E. Brooks, SJ, president of Holy Cross College, after her installation as the first woman chaplain in the Jesuit-operated College's 131-year history during a special Mass in St. Joseph's Chapel. (RNS Photo)



Abbey Marks 50th Year

A Mass of Thanksgiving climaxed the 50th anniversary observances of the founding of Washington's St. Anselm's Abbey in the same Trinity College Chapel where the founding monks made their final solemn vows as Benedictines in 1927. Archbishop William W. Baum of Washington presided at the Mass, which commemorated the beginning of monastic life at St. Anselm's in September 1924. In its earliest years, St. Anselm's Priory (as it was known until the Vatican raised it to the status of an abbey in 1961) was very closely related to the Benedictine monastery at Downside, Scotland, known as Fort Augustus Abbey. In 1949 St. Anselm's was granted independence from Fort Augustus and became a conventual priory of the English congregation. St. Anselm's is located on a 45-acre site in northeast Washington. On the site is a school for 150 boys in grades seven through 12, the monastery, chapel and other buildings. At top is the monastery chapel, which was completed in 1930 and reflects traditional church architecture. Below is the cloister garden and the modern monastery wing, built in 1964. (RNS photo)



At Home Behind Bars

Sister Rosemary Dowd, R.S.C.J., is at home behind bars, for that is where she works. The nun is director of the women's division of Orleans Parish (county) Prison. Sister Rosemary began working with the male inmates of the prison three years ago as an assistant to Father Hilton Rivet, the prison chaplain. Shortly thereafter, she assumed similar duties in the women's division and in July 1973 was named director. (RNS Photo)

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