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The first three Japanese students to enter the United States since before the war, these three seminarians en route to Rome to continue their studies for the priesthood. Left to right: Charles K. Yamada, of Osaka; John K. Sawada, of Tokyo; and Joseph T. Kawaguchi, of Nagasaki. Residing at Maryknoll Seminary, Ossining, N. Y., until time for their departure they expressed thanks to General MacArthur for the special privilege granted them in leaving the country to study. Mr. Sawada, spokesman for the group, declared "There is a lot of work to be done in our country for the Church. So we hope to become good priests." Mr. Sawada's father was formerly Consul General in New York and Ambassador to Brazil. Mr. Yamada lost his entire family in the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. (NC Photos).

Apostolic Delegate to United States Cites Catholic Opposition to Bigotry

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Stressing the Church's stern opposition to "those inequalities which keep man from developing his personality according to his nature and his own walk of life," His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, reminded members of the Catholic Interracial Council of Washington that the fundamental principle of liberty, equality and brotherhood dates much farther back than human philosophies and comes from Christianity.

Archbishop Cicognani observed that the Bishops of the United States in their statement following their annual meeting in Washington last month, insisted on the necessity and duty of "protecting men in the enjoyment of his God-given native rights." He stressed that the Declaration of Independence proclaims the same teaching, a doctrine which essentially is Christian.

Some 60 members of the Washington Council, both White and Colored, assisted at a Mass which the Papal Delegate offered in his private chapel at the Apostolic Delegation, after which the Archbishop delivered his discourse. The arrangement for the visit to the Delegation were made by the officers of the Council — G. G. Howland Shaw, former Assistant

Legislature Requested To Condemn Euthanasia

New York —(NC)— The New York State Legislature has been petitioned in a resolution by the University of Notre Dame Club of New York to overwhelmingly reject a bill which would legalize euthanasia, or so-called mercy killing, on the ground that it is repugnant to the natural law and to the law of God.

The resolution points out that euthanasia has never been legalized in any civilized State and even in Nazi Germany, where it was practiced, it was not sanctioned except by secret edict.

Founding of Three Organizations Heads 1946 Activities of Church

Founding of three new organizations—the Home Mission Apostolate, North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association and the Bishop's Committee for Christian Homes and Families—stand out in a survey of Catholic events during the year of 1946.

The Home Mission Apostolate was founded at Whiteville. It offers a correspondence course in the teachings of the Catholic Church to all interested persons, works among the people of North Carolina.

The North Carolina Laymen's Association is an organization for laymen and laywomen. The Bishop's Committee, founded at a meeting in Greensboro on August 28th, is directed toward mothers of Catholic homes.

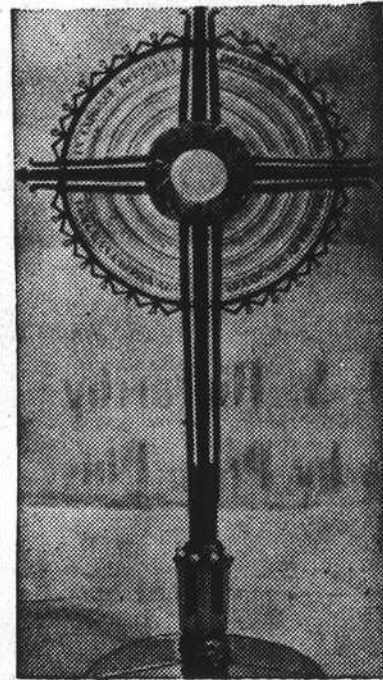
One of the most important events was the gift of \$400,000 by the late Julian Price, a non-Catholic, for construction of a Catholic Church in Greensboro. He made the gift in the memory of his wife, a Catholic.

Four priests died during the year. Father Mark Moselin, beloved Passionist father who served in Washington, died in October in a hospital at Baltimore. He was a friend of both Negro and white in North Carolina. Father Joseph Gallagher died April 12. Father William O'Byrne of Jacksonville died after a long illness. Death also came to Father Ambrose Gallagher, who had served in the state for many years but was in another diocese at the time of his death.

Our Lady of Lourdes church was dedicated at Monroe and a new chapel and rectory were dedicated at Lexington. Work progressed on churches at Wadesboro and High Point.

The investiture of Monsigners Manley and McNearney came on March 10.

There was a hospital drive in Wilmington and the Bishop announced plans for new hospitals



This solid silver Ostensorium has just been received by the Pittsburgh Sacred Heart Church from H. Holemans, most famous jeweler of Brussels, Belgium.

in Wilmington, Raleigh and one other city still un-named.

The Catholic Committee of the South, meeting in New Orleans, elected to come to Charlotte in 1947.

A Grail School for young girls was held at Southern Pines in June. The Laymen's Retreat at Belmont was the largest in history. The Catholic Daughters held their state convention in June at Asheville. There was a Boy Scout roundup at Belmont in May.

An Institute for Teachers, Conference for Priests in Colored Parishes and Priests in White Parishes, were all held early in October at Nazareth.

Four new schools opened. Two in Lumberton, one in Greenville and one in Winston-Salem.

Four priests were ordained for the Diocese of Raleigh during the year.

Investigation Underway For Nun's Canonization New Canon Appointed

Bayonne, N. J.—(NC)—A search for discourses, letters, diaries and other writings by or about Sister Miriam Teresa, a Sister of Charity who died at the age of 26 in May, 1927, has been started under the direction of Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh of Newark and of Paterson, in connection with an Episcopal court investigation of her sanctity, which eventually may lead to her canonization.

The search for information is the latest move in a campaign in her behalf which has been growing throughout the United States and in Europe, where many reports of favors and cures effected through the intercession of Sister Miriam Teresa have been received. Youngest of seven children of Alexander and Johanna Demjanovich, she was born in Bayonne on March 26, 1901 and baptized Teresa. She wanted to be a Carmelite nun, but a lingering illness of her mother kept her at home as a nurse and housekeeper. After her mother's death in 1918, she entered St. Elizabeth's College at Convent, N. J., and graduated with highest honors. She taught school after graduation until February, 1925, when she entered the Sisters of Charity.

Sister Miriam Teresa's life in religion was short but was filled with much work and suffering. After her death, her confessor disclosed that she had suffered the pain of the Crown of Thorns from the time she entered religious life until her death. The Holy See authorized Bishop McLaughlin to institute an informative process concerning her life and virtues in 1945.

Today it was also announced that Msgr. William Hemmick, formerly a Canon of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, was raised to the dignity of a Canon of the Basilica of St. Peter, it has been announced here. Monsignor Hemmicks is the first American prelate thus honored.

Monsignor Hemmick is a native of Pittsburgh where he was born on January 27, 1887. He entered Catholic University of America in 1907 for philosophical and theological studies and obtained the doctorate in sacred theology in 1911.

Last Quarter of '46 Saw Church Progress

The North Carolina Catholic, sponsored by the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association, started in October. The NCCLA presented more than 1,700 Catholic books to public libraries in the state.

The Supreme Board of the Knights of Columbus met in Asheville in October. The honor of Knight Commander was conferred on Francis Heazel, Asheville, in September.

A Clerical Fund Association for Aged and Infirm priests was founded.



Six years of "exceptional meritorious service in World War II" were recognized when the joint Army and Navy award was presented to the National Catholic Community Service, member agency of the USO. Pictured on that occasion are, left to right, upper photo: Brig. Gen. William E. Bergin, War Department; His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, President of the N. C. C. S. Board of Trustees who accepted the award; Hon. John L. Sullivan, Undersecretary of the Navy, who made the presentation, and Bishop William R. Arnold, Military Delegate and former Chief of Army Chaplains. Photo by Reni. (NC Photo)