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Chaplain Hero Will Be Speaker At Three North Carolina Cities

RALEIGH — Father Joseph T. O'Callahan, S. J., one of World War II's greatest heroes, will be an Easter visitor in North Carolina and will speak before groups in Raleigh, Greensboro and Goldsboro.

Durham Catholic Becomes Xaverian Brother In Virginia Ceremony

FORT MONROE, VA. — A Durham, North Carolina, Catholic was one of the three Novices who pronounced temporary vows at the Sacred Heart Novitiate of the Xaverian Brothers on the Feast of St. Joseph.

Brother Justus is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Lawson, members of Immaculate Conception parish, Durham.

He was one of three who were newly professed. The others were Brother John, Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y., and Brother Brice, Worcester, Mass.

Nine Postulants were invested with the Habit of Religion at the same ceremony.

The ceremonies of investiture and profession took place during Holy Mass, celebrated by Rev. Gerard P. O'Keefe, C. S. S. R., who delivered the sermon. Among those present were Very Rev. Francis A. McQuade, Provincial of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus, other visitors among the clergy and members of the families of those invested.

Cathedral Good Friday Services Scheduled For Raleigh Faithful

Raleigh. — Three services will be held Good Friday at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Raleigh.

The Good Friday observance will open at 8:30 with the Procession of Blessed Sacrament; Veneration of the true Relic of the Cross and Mass of the Pre-Sanctified.

The service of the Three Hours Agony will come from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Tenebrae services and a sermon will be heard at 8 p.m.

The Solemn Pontifical Mass on Easter Sunday will be held at 11 a.m.

Clerical Examinations Held For Priests At Nazareth Orphanage

Raleigh. — Clerical examinations for those priests who have been ordained five years or less were held at the Orphanage of the Sacred Heart, Nazareth, N. C., Tuesday morning, March 18th. The Board of Examiners was composed of Rev. Francis J. Morrissey, Pastor of the Chapel Hill parish; Rev. Edward T. Gilbert, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, and Rev. Francis K. O'Brien, Chancellor of the Diocese.

It is a prescription of the Canon Law that the younger clergy submit to a yearly examination in theology.

Priests who attended were: Revs. John S. Regan, Assistant Superintendent of the Orphanage; Francis J. Tait, Assistant at St. Johns, Waynesville; Joseph A. (Continued on Page 4)

Father Callahan, only chaplain in American history to win the Congressional Medal of Honor, won the highest military honor for his heroism aboard the aircraft carrier Franklin in the Pacific.

Father Callahan is considered one of the outstanding speakers of the Church. Before a Georgetown graduation group recently, he said, "Almost everyone intends to take life seriously, but too often this resolve degenerates into a case of self-delusion. Many who think they are taking life seriously are only taking themselves seriously. Who takes himself seriously is over-conscious of his rights; who take life seriously is fully conscious of his obligation."

Father Callahan will assist in the Tenebrae services at the Cathedral in Raleigh on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. He will also speak before the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association groups in Greensboro on Easter Monday and in Goldsboro on the Wednesday after Easter.

Russia Will Be Converted Monsignor Sheen Tells Catholic Hour Audience

New York.—(NC)—There is every hope that Russia will finally "give the Faith to Europe and be the medium of uniting Europe and Asia," Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, asserted on the Catholic Hour this evening. It was the ninth in a series of eleven addresses on communism by the Monsignor who is speaking for the 17th consecutive year on the Catholic Hour, produced by the National Council of Catholic Men and carried by the National Broadcasting Company.

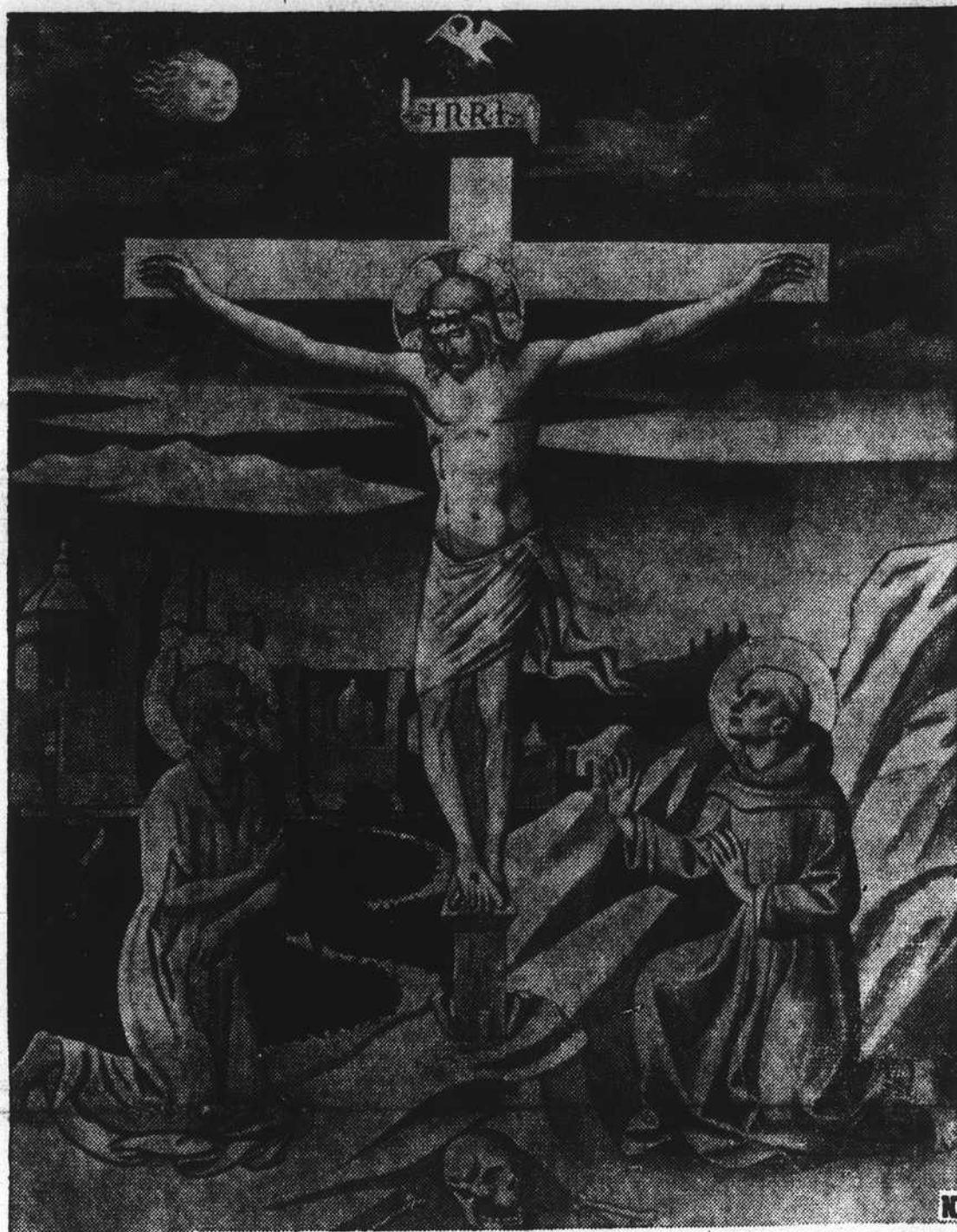
The beginning of Russia's mission "as the bearer of faith to other nations may already have its dim beginnings in the few concessions which the communist government has granted to the Russian Orthodox Church," Monsignor Sheen declared. "As pagan Rome that persecuted became Christian Rome, so atheistic Russia that persecutes can become Christian."

"There are three great qualities of the Russian soul which warrant these optimistic forecasts as to the future brilliance of Russia: deep religious feeling, capacity for pain and suffering, and fellowship," the Monsignor said.

He asserted that the Russian (Continued on Page 8)

New World Offers Extra Story Awards

Chicago. — (NC) — The New World, Chicago archdiocesan weekly, wants its readers to win the 1947 short story contest of the Catholic Press Association. The editors of the Chicago newspaper are offering, for prize-winning manuscripts submitted to the contest judges through The New World, extra cash awards totaling \$200.



This early 15th century Crucifixion scene, showing Saint Jerome and Saint Francis at the foot of the Cross, is the work of the Florentine Francesco Pesellino. It is part of the Kress Collection in the National Gallery of Art, Washington. (NCWC)

Be Brothers in Christ, Forget Race and Class, Pope Writes

VATICAN CITY — (Radio, NC) — Consider your fellowmen as Brothers in Christ; as members, regardless of race, nationality or social class, of one Christian family and respect the dignity of both manual and mental work—these were the lessons of St. Benedict, which apply to our calamitous times as well as they did to the stormy period in which he lived.

His Holiness Pope Pius XII drew this conclusion in an Encyclical letter "Fulgens Radiatur," addressed to the Bishops of the Universal Church on the occasion of the 14th centenary of the

death of the sainted founder of the Benedictine Order. It was Pius XII's ninth encyclical in the eight years of his pontificate.

In his letter the Holy Father appealed for material means to restore war-shattered Montecassino Abbey. He said the resurrection of the motherhouse of the Benedictines is a debt "undoubtedly (Continued on Page 8)

Raleigh Choir Will Sing During Tenebrae Service Three Nights Holy Week

Raleigh. — Tenebrae services will be sung at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Raleigh on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of Holy Week by the Cathedral Men's Choir. The same group will provide the music for the Pontifical Mass on Easter Sunday, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Waters.

During Tenebrae Services Matins and Lauds, the first two canonical hours of the Divine Office, are sung. In the early centuries of the Christian era this part of the Office was recited during the night or early hours of the morning, and for this reason it is referred to as "Tenebrae" (darkness). The service is treated as a sort of dirge or funeral service (Continued on Page 7)

Deadline Announced For Theatre Award

New York.—(NC)—The deadline for the 1947 Bishop Shell Drama Award has been announced as May 1 for all entries of plays. Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary of Chicago, in conjunction with the National Catholic Theatre Conference, sponsors the award in an effort to encourage the writing of plays for the Catholic theatre, will award \$500 for the prize play, thoroughly consistent with Catholic thought.

Sister Mary Anthony Dies Suddenly After Stroke During Trip

Belmont. — Sister Mary Anthony Sheehan died Saturday, Mar. 22. She was the daughter of Thomas J. Sheehan and Elise M. Bullwinkle and was born in Charleston, S. C., Dec. 15, 1878. She came from a family that for three generations has given a vocation to the Sisters of Mary of Belmont. She was the niece of Sister Mary Baptist Sheehan one of the pioneer Sisters who went from Charleston to Wilmington to make the foundation of the Order. She was a cousin of Sister Mary Patricia Barrett.

Sister Anthony was educated in the public schools of Charleston and at Sacred Heart Academy. She was the first member of the Alumnae to enter the Novitiate. (Continued on Page 4)