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Priests to Assist in Consecration of Oils in Holy Thursday Rite

The consecration of the holy oils, used in the administration of various sacraments during the year, will take place in Sacred Heart Cathedral on Holy Thursday, April 2, at 9:00 a. m. The oils will be distributed to priests of the diocese throughout the afternoon on Holy Thursday, in the Cathedral sacristy.

Bishop Vincent S. Waters will be celebrant of the Mass and will officiate at the consecration of the oils.

(There are three Holy oils, consecrated separately: Oil of the Sick, used for the sacrament of extreme unction; Holy Chrism, used for Confirmation, and also for the consecration of bishops, in the rite of baptism, in the consecration of churches, altars, and chalices and the blessing of bells; and the Oil of Catechumens, used in baptism, in the ordination of priests, and for other purposes.)

To Officiate

The Very Reverend Herbert A. Harkins will be assistant priest at the Mass, and the Reverends John Harper and Desmond Keenan, deacons of honor. The Reverends Michael J. Begley and John S. Regan, deacons of the Mass. Masters of ceremonies will be the Reverends Thomas A. Kerin and George E. Lynch.

Assisting the consecration of the oils will be six vested priests, Reverends William Wilhelm, Francis A. McCarthy, John Dillon, O. P., Thomas Kemp, Leon Neu and Charles Trotter, C. S. Sp.

Also, eight priests serving as deacons: The Reverend Anton Kovacic and Reverend Francis Campbell, O. M. I., (deacons for Chrism), Reverend Thomas A. Williams, Reverend Andrew Mullen, C. M., Reverend Timothy Shannon, T. O. R., Reverend William Pearson, Reverend Edward Beatty (deacons for Oil of Catechumens and Oil of the Sick); Father Beatty is subdeacon for Balsam.

Catholic Radio Program in Charlotte Cited by Wide News Week Story

CHARLOTTE. — WBT radio station's 12:35 p. m., Sunday afternoon program, called "Belief of Catholics" and conducted by Dale Francis over a live telephone conversation with inquirers, received national attention this week in a story of News Week magazine, dated March 23. The article, which includes a photograph of Mr. Francis, who is also a weekly columnist in the North Carolina Catholic, is found in the religious news section under the title — "Phone the Pastor." Mr. Francis' program is contrasted to one originated by a Presbyterian minister in Atlanta. The present series is now under the direction of Dr. Arthur Van Gibson, who answers questions on religion.

Questions From All Faiths

The Charlotte radio program, says News Week, draws questions from members of all faiths. Francis usually can answer them on the spot, but if not he promises to follow up next week. The programs have become very successful according to the magazine. Mr. Francis refers to a recent incident during the broadcast in his column — "One Man's Opinion" published this week.

NCCLA CONVENTION CHAIRMEN MEET



NCCLA officials met last week to discuss details of the annual convention to be held by the laymen at Goldsboro May 2 and 3. Seated about the table are Mrs. M. J. Bird, state president; John Middleton, Frank Farfour, Miss Doris Startt, co-chairmen, all of Goldsboro, and the Reverend Francis A. McCarthy, clerical assistant as general chairman. (News-Argus photograph)

Must We Go to the Kremlin to Learn Faith, Sacrifice, Zeal and Toil? - Legion of Mary Asked at Greensboro

GREENSBORO—Saying the fight against communism is basically a struggle between two opposite beliefs, and the Reds are fighting with more determination and zeal than many Christians, Father N. T. W. Caulfield of Maryland, principal speaker at the Legion of Mary conference here last Sunday asked, "Must we go to the Kremlin to learn faith, sacrifice, zeal and toil?" His address was the highest point of final sessions of a two-day meeting at which more than 300 delegates from as far north as Baltimore and as far south as Jacksonville, Florida, attended.

Father Caulfield emphasized the divine character of the Legion apostolate. "There is nothing more divine," said the speaker, "than the bringing of souls close to God." The priest is the spiritual director of the Baltimore Senatus.

Attendance at the Regional Meeting of the Legion of Mary held here last weekend, exceeded all expectations.

The opening general meeting was held in the ballroom of the O Henry Hotel on Saturday morning. Bishop Waters extended a greeting of welcome to the assembled legionnaires, and the President of the Baltimore Senatus — Miss Catherine Henry, delivered the main address setting the keynote for the convention which was "The Spirit of the Legion, Fidelity to System."

In the afternoon, separate meetings for the various officers of the Legion, afforded an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and suggestions. These meetings were all characterized by great earnestness and enthusiasm, and ran past their allotted times.

On Saturday evening, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish was the scene of all activities. A dinner meeting for the clergy was held at the school, and then both laity and clergy met in the Church for Solemn Benediction, taxing its capacity. A Social Hour followed in the school.

At 8:30 Sunday morning, the entire body of legionnaires attended St. Benedict's Church for Mass and corporate Communion. Again the large numbers overflowed the church. A Mass was offered at a nearby funeral home chapel to accommodate those who could not get in at St. Benedict's. The Celebrant of the Mass at St. Benedict's was Auxiliary Bishop James J. Navagh, and the sermon was delivered by the Pastor, Msgr. Hugh Dolan.

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Ceremonies of Palm Sunday To Open Solemn Liturgical Observance of Holy Week

American Catholic Aid Helps 'Neo-Refugees' Crowding West Berlin

BERLIN. — The incessant and ever-growing stream of refugees escaping from communist-ruled eastern Germany is placing a heavy and entirely unforeseen burden upon the German Catholic Caritas organization. But it is working hard to meet the task, with the help of War Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference, which has made relief supplies, money and personnel available to relieve the sufferings of these latest victims of communist oppression.

There are many theories current to explain this new wave of humanity — men, women, children, farmers and workers, teachers and merchants, all frantically seeking escape through the one hole in the "Iron Curtain" that has not yet been sealed up: Berlin.

Some say they have been seized by a panic artificially stirred up by the Red rulers to increase the economic difficulties of western Berlin and western Germany. Others claim that it is wrong to describe the events of these days as a "flight." They say it should be termed a new mass migration westward.

But whenever the true explanation may be, the fact remains that thousands of people in eastern Germany each day reach the conclusion that they "cannot stand it" any longer. They are willing to give up their homes, their farms, their jobs, often enough their families, and to accept the miseries of spending weeks, perhaps months, in crude refugee camps rather than to continue living in the vast prison that calls itself the "German Democratic Republic."

Tenebrae at Cathedral Fr. Egan, Redemptorist Is Holy Week Preacher

Holy Week, devoted to some of the richest and most solemn liturgical offices of the church, the climax of the penitential season of lent and the final preparation for the glorious Feast of the Resurrection, will open Sunday in the churches of the Raleigh Diocese, and throughout the world, with the impressive ceremonies of the blessing and distribution of palm branches, recalling Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the eve of His Crucifixion.

The blessing of the palms in Sacred Heart Cathedral will include the procession which completes the blessings of the palms. Solemn Mass will be offered at 11 a. m.

Tenebrae Office

The Holy Week office called Tenebrae will be conducted in the Cathedral on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, beginning at 8:00 o'clock with Bishop Vincent S. Waters, presiding. This service, comprising one section of the office of Matins, together with the office of Lauds, consists of psalms which will be sung alternately by the Cathedral Men's Choir and clergy residing in the Raleigh area. The lessons from the Lamentation of Jeremiah, will be chanted by the priests and responsories, set to music by some of the great masters will be sung by the Cathedral Men's Choir.

Holy Week Preacher

The Reverend Thomas Egan of the Redemptorist Fathers of Newton Grove, will preach before the office mentioned above is begun.

Lenten Holy Week schedules are (See CEREMONIES, Page 7)

NEW FEATURE

RALEIGH. — A new weekly feature following the periodic column — "In Times Gone By" — will begin next week in the North Carolina Catholic. The material will be short reprints of Carolina Catholic events which were published fifty years ago in "Truth" Magazine, edited by Father Thomas Frederick Price at Nazareth, North Carolina.

CDA State Conference on April 12

Msgr. Freeman to Deliver Sermon At 18th Session in Wilmington

WILMINGTON. — Court Wilmington of the Catholic Daughters of America is in the process of completing plans for the 18th State conference of the organization. The conference will be held on Sunday, April 12, at the Cape Fear Hotel. Attending will be His Excellency, the Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D. D., Bishop of Raleigh and national chaplain of the Catholic Daughters of America; the Very Reverend Herbert A. Harkins, State chaplain; the Right Reverend Msgr. Arthur R. Freeman, V. G., and Mrs. Ella K. Hofmann, territorial deputy, who will preside at the business session.

Regents to Attend

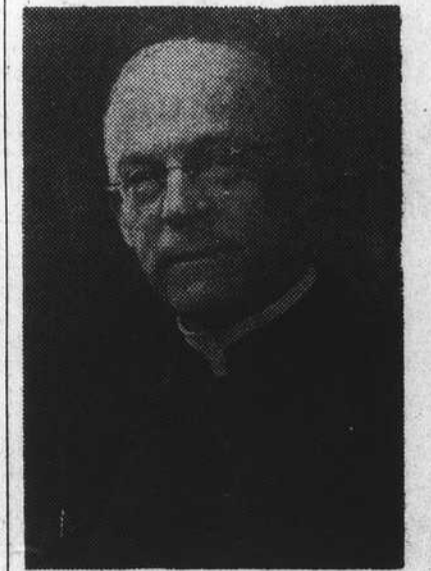
Approximately two hundred representatives from the six courts in North Carolina are expected to attend the conference. The courts are located in Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh and Wilmington.

On Saturday evening, April 11,

Court Wilmington will have open-house for the visiting delegates in the Sorosis Club House on North Third Street. The following grand regents will attend with members of their courts: Mrs. Frances Ficker, Court Asheville; Mrs. Marie Arbor, Court Charlotte; Mrs. Antoinette Monk, Court Durham; Mrs. Margaret Allen, Court Greensboro; Mrs. Evelyn Dughi, Court Bishop Hafey of Raleigh, and Miss Marguerite Bergen of Court Wilmington.

His Excellency, Bishop Waters will preside at the Solemn High Mass on Sunday morning, April 12, at 11:00 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. The Very Reverend Herbert A. Harkins will be the celebrant and the Right Reverend Msgr. Arthur R. Freeman, V. G., pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church, Greensboro, will deliver the sermon.

A luncheon will be served following the Mass at approximately 1:00 p. m. at the Cape Fear Ho-



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tel, and the business meeting will begin at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Ella K. Hofmann, territorial deputy, will preside over the business session, and the assembly will hear the yearly report of activities from the grand regents of CDA courts in North Carolina.

Other outstanding features of the conference will be announced in the next issue of the NORTH CAROLINA CATHOLIC.