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Franklin Church Dedication Oct. 7, Is Recipient of Local Donors and Catholic Church Extension Society

FRANKLIN. — The new St. Francis Chapel will be dedicated here on October 7 at 10:15 by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D. D., Bishop of Raleigh, it is announced by the Reverend Lawrence C. Newman, pastor. The church is the third recently completed in the western part of the diocese by Father Newman. Invitations have been extended to clergy and laity to attend.

Canton Land Purchased

Father Newman said that a \$9,000.00 site has been purchased at Canton on the corner of Oak and Newfound Streets for a future church building. It was purchased from Hargrove estate. At present Mass is offered each Sunday at the YMCA of Canton at 9:15.

The new Franklin Church, which is located in the residential district of the town, is on the Atlanta Road. It follows the general architectural lines of the church at Murphy, with the exception that the exterior finish is of stucco rather than brick.

Dedication Rites

Bishop Waters will officiate at the Sacrament of Confirmation following the Mass of dedication.

Dinner will be served following the dedication ceremonies at the Panorama Court.

The building comprises a church which seats 110, a resident apartment for a priest and a social hall with kitchen and bath. C. S. Brown, local contractor, was the builder, and the price was \$32,500.00. Attractive oak pews were purchased by the parish. Mass is offered each Sunday at 10:00 a. m. (See DEDICATION, Page 8)

New Kannapolis Pastor Honored by Parishioners

KANNAPOLIS. — The Installation of the Rev. Paul P. Laicher, C. SS. R., Pastor of the St. Joseph's Church here, was held last Sunday with Monsignor John P. Manley, V. F. Dean, officiating.

Father Laicher succeeds Father Michael G. Downing, who was transferred to Newport News, Va. Following ordination in 1935 Father Laicher spent five years in Rome, Italy, at the General Headquarters of the Redemptorist Fathers. He later did parish work in New York City, Brooklyn, and Tampa, Florida, before his transfer here.

A sermon was given by Monsignor Manley and a short address by Father Laicher. Music was furnished by Jean A. Miller, church organist, and singing by the newly organized Men's Choir of the church.

A buffet luncheon was served in Downing Hall honoring the parish priests.

Father Charles S. Morawski will be pastor of St. Theresa's Church at Mooresville. Father Morawski was ordained in 1932. He served as an Army Chaplain during World War II, being in North Africa and in Southern France. He was assigned here from Kecoughton, Virginia, where he was Chaplain at the Veteran's Hospital for 3½ years.

In addition to being Pastor at Mooresville, Father Morawski will be Assistant to Father Laicher here (See HONORED, Page 8)

NCCLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ASHEVILLE SESSION



Members of the executive board of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association were photographed following a recent meeting at Asheville. L to r are Louis Ravelli of Jacksonville; Their Excellencies, Bishop Navagh and Bishop Waters; Mrs. J. A. Andresky, Kannapolis; John B. Murphy, newly appointed chairman of the historical committee, Hendersonville; and the Reverend Francis A. McCarthy, clerical assistant. Second row, l to r, Vincent Dixon, West Asheville; Dr. Norman Cordice, Durham; L. R. Biven, state president, Wilmington; Claude Pless, Asheville; Prof. Rora Smith, Fayetteville; and James W. Flynn, Asheville, recently appointed to the budget committee.

Proclaims Marian Year

Centenary of Church's Doctrinal Teaching of Blessed Virgin Mary

Asks All to Join in Prayers for Multiple Needs of Mankind

(Radio, N. C. W. C. News)

VATICAN CITY. — Catholics throughout the world have been called upon by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to join in observing a Marian Year in commemoration of the centenary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Holy Father's appeal was contained in an encyclical letter to the Bishops everywhere which announced that the Marian Year would begin next December and extend until December of 1954. During this period, Pope Pius urged, Catholics should lift their minds and hearts in prayerful intercession to the Mother of God for the multiple needs of modern men.

It was on December 8, 1854, that Pope Pius IX proclaimed as an infallible Catholic doctrine that the Virgin Mary "in the first instant of her conception was, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, preserved exempt from original sin."

Entitled "Fulgens Corona Gloriosa" (Shining Crown of Glory), the papal encyclical declared that the centenary celebrations should serve to stimulate an earnest devotion to the Mother of God in the souls of all Catholics, and encourage them, as far as possible, to confirm their lives in the image of the virgin.

Explains Objectives

Dated on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, the encyclical said (See MARIAN YEAR, Page 8)

Tribute to Mission Priest, Sisters Cited at Washington Solemn Mass

WASHINGTON. — The Reverend Vance Thorne, S. V. D., was welcomed to Mother of Mercy mission here last Sunday during a homecoming celebration which centered about his first Solemn High Mass. He was assisted by the Reverend John Joseph Endler, C. P., pastor. The sermon was delivered by the Reverend Edward T. Gilbert, a friend of the recently ordained.

The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters and the Most Rev. James J. Navagh presided in the sanctuary.

Deacons for the Mass were the Reverend Gerald Ryan, C. P., and the Reverend Daniel McDevitt, C. P., both of whom are attached to the parish.

Expresses Dignity of Priesthood

In his sermon, Father Gilbert stressed the dignity of the Catholic priesthood. "One who comprehends so imperfectly as I, the breadth and height of the powers and offices of the priesthood cannot expect to do justice to the subject which is naturally the matter of your thoughts today," he said.

"What mind can understand, what tongue can describe the honors and prerogatives of this exalted vocation? Scholars, doctors and saints of the Universal Church have acknowledged their utter in-

ability to express the sublime dignity of the priesthood. In the words of St. Ephrem, I must exclaim, "O, glorious miracle, O, ineffable power, O, tremendous mystery of the holy and sublime priesthood, most venerable and without blemish, with which Christ coming into this world has vouchsafed to clothe His creatures!"

Father Gilbert paid tribute to those who were largely responsible for Father Thorne's success. "Indeed, I should be guilty of negligence were I to fail to mention your mentor, the venerable Father Mark Moeslein, who baptized you. Having taken up his duties here as pastor at the age of 74, an age when others are thinking of retirement, this soldier of the Cross labored in this parish for his brothers and sisters of the Negro race until, from sheer exhaustion, he died in his 92nd year. I know that the sacrificial life of this fearless soldier of Jesus Christ, his holiness, his sincerity, his daily good example have exerted upon you, Father Thorne, a salutary influence that will remain with you for life."

"Working shoulder to shoulder with Father Mark in his labor of love were your former teachers, (See TRIBUTE, Page 4)

Fatima Devotion Topic Of Fr. Colgan's Services Sunday at Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE. — The Rev. Harold V. Colgan will be guest preacher at the Infant of Prague Parish quarterly Day of Recollection on Sunday, October 11, here.

Father Colgan is the founder and international director of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima. He also is the pastor of St. Mary's Church in Plainfield, N. J.

Many trips to Fatima and several personal interviews with Lucy, the only living member of the three children of Fatima, has acquainted him thoroughly with the details of Our Lady's apparition at the Cova de Iria in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

Father Colgan will speak of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Plan for Peace, not only through sermons at the Masses on Sunday but will also hold a special Fatima Rally in the evening.

In 1946 the priest, inspired by the Fatima message and appalled by the lack of interest in it decided to organize a "Blue Army of Mary" to counteract atheistic Red Army. Prayer and penance is the sword of the spirit.

The movement is now represented in 27 countries with millions who have pledged to fulfill Our Lady's requests.

Membership does not obligate attendance at meetings but merely the pledge of the person desiring

membership to do the following:

1. Daily recitation of the Rosary.
2. Daily Consecration to Mary and the wearing of the brown scapular (When necessary the scapular medal may be used as a substitute).
3. Making the first Saturdays of five consecutive months with Communions of Reparation and a quarter hour of Meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary.
4. The offering of necessary daily sacrifices in performing daily duties as penance.

CDA Charlotte Meet

CHARLOTTE. — Court Charlotte of the Catholic Daughters of America will meet October 13 at 8:00 p. m. at the O'Donoghue School. Miss Marie Arbor, grand regent, will preside.



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FIRST DEGREE AT CHARLOTTE LEADS HEAVY MONTH'S ACTIVITY

CHARLOTTE. — New members will be received into the Charlotte Council at the exemplification of the first degree at the new club house October 6, at 8:00 p. m. Approximately 25 men are expected in the class.

Move Council Room

JACKSONVILLE. — Due to city fire regulation, the local council can no longer use the church auditorium, which is on the second floor, as a meeting place. The knights are investigating a new location.

Coming Events

9:00 p. m., Oct. 2—Fall Dance, Santa-Maria Council, Winston-Salem

8:00 p. m., Oct. 6 — Exemplifi-

cation of First Degree, Charlotte Council

6:30 p. m., Oct. 10 — 50th Anniversary Ball, Columbian Country Club, Charlotte

2:30 p. m., Oct. 11 — Formal Dedication of Columbian Country Club, Charlotte

8:00 p. m., Oct. 12 — Exemplification of First Degree, Infant of Prague Council, Jacksonville

10:00 p. m., Oct. 12 — Columbus Day Address, Brother Walter F. Booth, Station WRAL, Raleigh

8:00 p. m., Oct. 13 — Exemplification of First Degree, Cardinal Gibbons Council, Fayetteville

8:30 p. m., Nov. 13 — U. N. C. — Notre Dame Rally and Dance, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh.