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## Bp. Swanstrom Awarded Vietnamese Decoration

SAIGON, Vietnam — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Edward E. Swanstrom of New York, executive director of Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, has been awarded the Kim-Khanh, Class II, by the government of the Republic of Vietnam.

President Ngo Dinh Diem conferred the decoration on the bishop here in a ceremony attended by American ambassador Frederick E. Nolting, Jr.; Msgr. Francesco De Nittis, charge d'affaires of the apostolic delegation; Archbishop Paul Nguyen Van Binh of Saigon, and other dignitaries, including cabinet ministers and the president of the national assembly.

**THE CITATION** read at the ceremony described Bishop Swanstrom as a "prelate entirely dedicated to the cause of the Church," with "exceptional qualities as an organizer and a man of action" devoted to alleviating misery.

Since his first visit to Vietnam in 1952, the bishop has relieved the

Vietnamese people's suffering, the citation declared. "He efficiently contributed to the work of welcoming and resettling one million refugees, calling on the devotion and generosity of the American people and the substantial assistance of the government of the United States of America."

Bishop Swanstrom, thanking the president, expressed happiness in working "so closely with our government and the Vietnamese government."

The decoration Kim-Khanh (golden gong) is the most ancient in Vietnam. The Class II award is the highest given to a person who is not head of a state.

Bishop Swanstrom with members of his staff and other CRS-NCWC workers arrived here (May 21) after a week's conference in Dalat.

## Presbyterians Oppose Aid To Private Schools

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — (NC) — Opposition to federal grants and loans to parochial schools for any purpose was voted by the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church here.

The assembly adopted a report of a study committee which said that such aid, even for teaching science, mathematics and foreign language subjects, constituted a violation of the principle of separation of church and state. The report said it is "impossible" to aid a part of a school system "without aiding the whole system."

The 1961 assembly of the church declined to take any action on the federal aid to parochial schools issue on the ground that more time was needed to study the situation.

The adopted report said the National Defense Education Act which provides federal money to private and church schools for teaching science, mathematics and similar subjects was motivated by the launching of the Russian "sputnik" but added "if separation is good for the churches and for the country, it should not be abandoned under the guise of national defense."

## Pope Receives New Envoy From Honduras

VATICAN CITY — (Radio-NC) — His Holiness Pope John XXIII has received the new ambassador to the Holy See from the Republic of Honduras, Dr. Antonio Bermudez Millar.

Pope John expressed his great affection for the people of Honduras and said (May 21) he prays for the gift of prosperity for that Latin American nation.

The new ambassador was born in 1919 and received his degree in medicine and surgery in 1946. In 1951 he was named ambassador to Guatemala, and later to Great Britain.



ATLANTA Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan will offer a pontifical Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Raleigh, Monday, May 28, at 5:00 p.m. Priests of the diocese will chant the Mass. After a dinner honoring the new Archbishop of Raleigh Diocese, he will be greeted by the laity after an 8:00 p.m. entertainment given him by Raleigh school children at Price Auditorium.

## Grace & Golden Among Honorees At Abbey College

BELMONT—Mr. J. Peter Grace, the president of the W. R. Grace Company, the international shipping and air lines of New York, will deliver the address to the graduates at the annual Commencement exercises on Tuesday, June 5, at Belmont Abbey College.

Announcing the completed program for the 84th graduation convocation, the president of the college, the Very Rev. John A. Oetgen, O.S.B., stated that Father James P. King, Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, would preach the baccalaureate sermon at the morning academic Mass.

Belmont Abbey College will confer honorary degrees on five prominent local, national and internationally renowned personages at the evening graduation exercises, and on 74 graduating young men and women who will receive their bachelor of arts or science degrees.

Honorary degrees will be given to Mr. Grace, the Commencement speaker; and conferred on Dr. Jose A. Balseiro, Director of Hispanic Studies at the University of See Honorees, page 3A

## Catholic School Requests Zoning Regulation Change

NEWARK, N.J. — (NC) — Superior court judge Theodore Labrecque has reserved decision here in a major test case challenging the right of a municipality to regulate the location of a school through zoning.

The motion before the court is for a summary judgment against the town of Montclair in a suit brought by St. Cassian's grammar school.

Two years ago a group of Montclair residents lost a somewhat similar case in which they sought to block the expansion of Lacordaire school, a private Catholic school for girls located near St. Cassian's in suburban Essex county.

ST. CASSIAN'S right to increase its enrollment despite zoning restrictions is the issue which brought the case to court. The decision is expected to affect the outcome of a zoning case being fought by the archdiocese of Newark for the right to build a regional high school on property it has purchased in Hohokus, an exclusive Bergen County community.

In reserving decision, Judge Labrecque directed that additional briefs be submitted by St. Cassian's and Montclair.

St. Cassian's had been given a variance to build its school in an R-1 residential zone in 1951. The board of adjustment, however, ruled in granting the variance that enrollment be limited to 280 pupils. Last October the board refused St. Cassian's request to lift the restriction.

AT THAT TIME, the zoning law permitted construction of public schools in the area. That provision was eliminated from the ordinance by amendment in February, apparently putting private and public schools on the same footing and eliminating grounds for a possible suit.

The change was made because in January, in one of his last acts in office, Former Gov. Robert B. Meyner signed into law a bill providing that "no zoning ordinance heretofore or hereafter enacted by any municipality shall . . . discriminate between public and private day schools not operated for profit."

This law forms the basis for the suit by St. Cassian's. The Catholic school claims that zoning laws prohibiting the erection of schools are discriminatory because in actual practice no municipality may

prevent the erection of a public school.

THEREFORE, argued Vincent J. Joyce, attorney for St. Cassian's, such laws are designed to prohibit the erection or expansion of private schools.

Joyce cited a state law which

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## Father Denges Joins Brothers In Jubilee

KILL DEVIL HILLS — One hundred and four years of priestly service to the Lord will be signaled when the three Denges priest-brothers celebrate their ordination jubilees this June. On June 16 Father Peter Martin of Holy Redeemer Church, Outer Banks, and Monsignor Joseph F. of St. Stephen's in Washington will jointly celebrate their thirty-fifth anniversary of priestly ordination. A third brother, Father Q. Benedict Denges, C.S.S.R., Secretary of the Redemptorist General in Rome, will commemorate



Fr. Peter Denges

his 34th year of ordination. Fathers Peter and Joseph were ordained together by Archbishop Michael J. Curley in the Baltimore Cathedral on June 16, 1927. Father Benedict was ordained in 1928 on June 24.

All three Denges brothers plan a family and priestly get-together later on in the summer. Ad multos annos!

## Second Son To Offer Mass In Durham

DURHAM—A Conventual Franciscan, native of Durham, N.C., will be a member of a class of 32 to be ordained by William A. Scully, Bishop of Albany, New York, on May 26 at the Cathedral in Albany.

Rev. Eusebius M. Lawson, O.F.M. Conv. entered the Conventual Franciscan Minor Seminary at Staten Island, N.Y. in 1949 after finishing his grammar school education in Durham. He made his first profession of vows in 1956 and his solemn profession in 1959. His philosophical and theological studies were taken at St. Anthony-on-Hudson, Rensselaer, N.Y.

Father Eusebius is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Lawson of Durham. He is the second of their sons to be ordained this year. Fr. Robert T. Lawson was ordained February 2nd at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Durham and celebrated his First Solemn Mass at the same church on February 4th.

Father Eusebius will celebrate his First Solemn Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Durham on June 3rd. His brother will be Deacon for the Mass and the preacher will be Very Rev. Walter Duffy, O.F.M. Conv., Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Catholic University of America. Rev. Eugene Livelsberger, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church will be Archpriest for the Mass.



Fr. Lawson

## Mrs. Kulash and Fred Field Chosen 1962 Mother & Father

RALEIGH — Two Raleigh Catholics have been named Catholic Mother and Father of the year by the Diocesan Parent-Educator Committee. Mrs. Walter Kulash of 20 Bagwell Avenue and Mr. Frederick T. Field of 313 West Drewry Lane were chosen the outstanding mother and father by a newly expanded CCD Parent-Educator group.

The Catholic Mother honored in 1962 by the parishes of the Diocese has six children. Two, John and Francis, in grade school at her

parish school, Sacred Heart, two in Cathedral High, Damien and Joseph, and Walter, Jr., a sophomore at State College. Her eldest daughter is now Sister M. Stephanie of the Newburgh Dominican Sisters. Her late husband, Professor Walter Kulash of State College, died in 1960. He was a president of the N. C. Catholic Laymen's Association and was of constant service to the Church and to Bishop Vincent S. Waters in church and community affairs.

Mrs. Mary Kulash has earned the respect and admiration of countless people in her local community and throughout the State. As State President, and as local parish worker, she has served faithfully and ably in the Legion of Mary. Mrs. Kulash is a past grand regent of the Catholic Daughters in North Carolina. Frequently she has presided and spoken at CCD rallies and conventions, and has taken deep and sustained interest in youth education work.

Mrs. Kulash was selected for

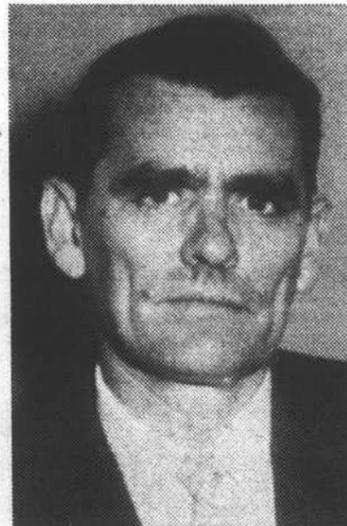
honor because she has consistently typified the truly devoted Christian homemaker and mother. Family rosary is part of the deep religious environment she has helped create in the family home.

Mrs. Kulash was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts. She and Mr. Walter Kulash, whom she married

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Mary Kulash



Fred T. Field