

North Carolina Catholic

Edition of Our Sunday Visitor
Subscription \$3.50 Copy 10c

VOL. LII May 5, 1963 NO. 1
RALEIGH, N.C. P.O. Box 9503

In Jacksonville

Prelates Are Invested; Church, School Blessed

JACKSONVILLE — (May 1) — Two newly designated monsignori were invested in their prelati- robes and the Church of The Holy Child was dedicated at an afternoon Mass here today. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence C. Newman, pastor of the new church, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. James E. McSweeney received the robes of their rank from His Excellency, Bishop Vincent S. Waters, in the ceremony which climaxed a series of celebrations.

At 10:15 this morning Bishop Waters blessed the new Chapel, Convent, and School erected in the Francis Park section of the city. The Holy Spirit School, staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis from Glen Riddle, Pa., was not completely finished when it opened its doors to three hundred and fifty students this past fall. The Sisters moved into their new convent less than a month ago.

THE CHURCH of The Holy Child, Shrine of the Infant of Prague, replaces the building destroyed in the fire of April 28, 1961. The cruciform structure, featuring a tent-shaped roof, has been erected at a cost of \$265,000. Four laminated arches of Douglas Fir rise from cement piers to support the unusual roof.

The stained glass windows, soon to be installed, will depict the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary and incidents in the Childhood of Christ were designed by Adolfo Winternitz, Professor of Art at Catholic University in Lima, Peru. The windows along the eight walls of the church will portray the sacrifices of the Old Law, and will

lead to the representations of the Sacrifice of the Mass in the dome.

THE ALTAR is surrounded by pews on every side, and although the church will seat one thousand people, no pew is more than forty five feet from the communion rail. The main altar itself is designed in the form of a bridge as the connecting link between earth and heaven. A twelve foot cross with a hand carved Corpus of Linden wood hangs above the altar from a bronze crown.

Upon entering the narthex of the church one is impressed by the beautiful Baptismal font in marble, with a bronze cover surrounded by velvet cords. Hanging from these cords are plaques depicting the grace of Baptism and the other six Sacraments.

The Stations of the Cross which adorn the gray brick walls were cast in copper and enamel. They are the work of Albert Gilles, of Chateau Richer, Quebec, Canada. The Stations of the Cross in the chapel were fashioned by Mrs. Andrew Kelly, of Mount Lake Terrace, Washington, who also designed the other rice mosaics for the new church.

Since the church will have an abundance of light from the many windows, the lighting will come indirectly from a cove which travels the eaves of the church.

A SPECIAL FEATURE of the Shrine is an everyday chapel located in the south wing of the building. This chapel is a complete church in itself, having its own altar, communion rail, stations,

Spring Clergy Conference Set

Diocesan and regular clergy of the Diocese of Raleigh will gather at three metropolitan centers of the state during May for the annual Spring Clergy Conferences. The day-long session will be centered this year on practical points of temporal and spiritual administration of parishes, and the conferences will be in the form of group discussions, each session having a discussion chairman and secretary.

The first conference will be held at Asheville Catholic High School, Asheville, on Wednesday, May 9, under the general chairmanship of the Rt. Rev. Dennis A. Lynch; the second at Bishop McGuinness Memorial High School, Winston-Salem, on Tuesday, May 14, with the Rt. Rev. Peter J. McNerney as chairman; and the third Conference at Cardinal Gibbons Memorial High School, Raleigh, on Tuesday, May 28, under the Rt. Rev. John F. Roueche as chairman.

CLERGY RETREATS

Annual Spring Retreats for the Diocesan Clergy have been announced for May 5-8, 14-17, and 19-22 at Maryhurst Retreat House in Pinehurst. The Very Reverend Eymard Galligan, S.S.E. Director of the Edmundite Fathers' Southern Missions, will be the Retreatmaster. Retreats for the Diocesan clergy are held each year during a period of three weeks in the Spring and three weeks in the early Fall, with approximately twenty priests making each Retreat's spiritual exercises.

statues and confessionals. The chapel will seat sixty people and will be used for small weddings and funerals as well as daily Mass and daily visitations to the Blessed Sacrament. It will have its own heating and cooling system.

Four sound proof rooms where parents with infants may participate in the Mass without disturbing the congregation are located in the transepts. These rooms are provided with speaker systems.

There are two Shrines, one in honor of the Infant of Prague and the other dedicated to the Holy Family. The altars of the Shrines are of Botticino marble and the statues are of carved, tinted wood.

Architects for the church of the Holy Child are Povlecic and Kovacevic, of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Theodore Peters of Jacksonville, North Carolina, supervised the work locally. The contract was awarded to the Godwin Construction Company.

Bishop Waters presided at the morning Mass of dedication of the

See Prelates, page 4A



PRIEST BAPTIZES CONVERT FATHER — Father Glenn Williams, S.J., of the John Carroll University faculty, Cleveland, is shown transferring the candle as he prepares to baptize his father, C. Grover Williams in Gesu church. The baptism took place following a ten-week inquiry forum sponsored by the Gesu parish Holy Name Society. Mrs. Williams witnesses the ceremony.

U.S. Catholic Population Now Exceeds 43 Million

NEW YORK, —(NC)— Catholics in the 50 states, including all families of the military, diplomatic and other services abroad, now number 43,851,538, according to the 1963 Official Catholic Directory.

The new total represents an increase over last year of 969,372, and a 10-year increase of 13,426,523 or 44.1 per cent over the 30,425,015 in 1953.

THERE ARE now 28 archdioceses in the United States, with a Catholic population of 18,669,040, according to the directory published by P. J. Kenedy and Sons of New York. The establishment of the new Diocese of Fairbanks, formerly the Vicariate of Alaska brings the number of dioceses to 120 with a Catholic population of 25,182,498. This figure includes the two million Catholics reported by the Military Ordinariate.

The 28 archdioceses reported a growth of 150,875 and the 120 dioceses 818,497, the directory dis-

closes. The seven archdioceses with Catholic populations in excess of one million are Chicago, 2,293,900; Boston, 1,733,620; New York, 1,704,350; Newark, N.J., 1,512,311; Los Angeles, 1,477,408; Detroit, 1,429,670, and Philadelphia, 1,263,625.

Brooklyn continues as the largest diocese, with a Catholic population of 1,503,628. Others with more than 500,000 are Pittsburgh, 906,928; Buffalo, N.Y., 887,928; Cleveland, 834,367; Rockville Centre, N.Y., 735,165; Trenton, N.J., 538,130, and Providence, R.I., 525,274. Six dioceses reported no change in Catholic populations and 18 reflected decreases. Advance were reported by 119 Sees.

THE LARGEST increases were in Chicago, 130,520; New Orleans, 65,929; Los Angeles, 55,930; Tucson, Ariz., 55,309; New York, 52,950; Rockville Centre, 40,668; Miami, 37,097; Boston, 35,482, and Detroit, 33,324.

The 1963 directory lists 237 members of the hierarchy — an increase of three. The number includes five cardinals, 31 archbishops, and 201 bishops.

The status of the Church is recorded as of January 1. The general summary of statistics for 1963 tabulates some 11,655 statistics in 63 categories, in uniform entries for every diocese.

AN INCREASE of 959 in the number of the clergy brings the total of ordained priests to 56,540, the largest ever recorded. There are now 34,465, or 691 more, diocesan clergy, and 22,075 religious order priests, an increase of 268. Listed for the first time are 1,742 newly ordained priests. Three archbishops, three bishops and 783 priests are listed in the necrology. Professed religious personnel include 11,968 Brothers and 177,154 Sisters, representing increases of 466 Brothers and 3,803 Sisters.

The directory reports 16,790 parishes with resident pastors, a year's increase of 145, and 508 parishes without resident clergy — a record total of 17,298 Catholic parishes in the 50 states. Also listed are 4,631 missions, 1,483 stations and 12,157 chapels — an increase of 690 places where Mass is regularly celebrated.

THE DIRECTORY shows a high of 14,185 separate educational institutions — 170 newly established during 1962 — include 107 diocesan seminaries; 454 religious order seminaries or novitiates and scholasticates; 282 colleges and universities; 1,537 diocesan and parish high schools; 895 private high schools; 10,322 parish elementary schools, and 454 private elementary schools. There are also 134 protective institutions, with 15,449 youths in attendance.

Directory Lists 46,267 Catholics In North Carolina

The Diocese of Raleigh now numbers 45,947 Catholics according to the Catholic Directory for 1963 released this week. The 320 Catholics residing in the territory of Belmont Abbey bring the Catholic population of North Carolina to a total of 46,267.

There are 171 priests working in the Diocese, of whom 50 are members of religious congregations. The Directory lists 114 parishes, with 109 being served by resident pastors. Also listed are 45 missions and 4 stations where Mass is offered each Sunday. There are 31 seminarians preparing for the Diocesan priesthood and 14 more who have entered religious communities. 468 nuns are actively engaged in the schools and hospitals located in the Diocese.

THE NINE Diocesan and three private high schools have enrollments of 917 and 277 students respectively. The 52 elementary schools enroll a total of 10,104 pupils. 532 students are in 3 protective institutions.

The four hospitals in the Diocese, having a total bed capacity of 576 cared for more than 56,000 patients during 1962.

During the past year there were 2,728 baptisms including 500 converts. There were 532 marriages and 259 deaths.

The Catholic population of North Carolina (46,267) represents more than one percent of the total population of the State which is given as 4,556,487.



Holy Child Church, Shrine of the Infant of Prague, Jacksonville, N.C.