

# DIOCESAN NEWS BRIEFS

## Gives Medical Aid

GASTONIA — Over 500 pounds of medical equipment and medicines were collected for distribution to the Catholic Medical Mission Board by the boys and girls of the sixth grade of St. Michael's School here.

The students made an appeal to several local doctors who responded.

Mrs. Robert Barger, R.N., sorted boxes of medicine, bandages and instruments.

The mission board assists foreign missionaries in their humanitarian works.

## Pastor's Jubilee

GREENVILLE — A surprise party honoring their pastor, the Rev. Maurice Splaine, was given him by members of St. Peter's Parish here last week, marking his 25th year in the priesthood.

Dr. Frank Fuller, a professor of East Carolina College and a parishioner, extended the greetings of the congregation, saying, "It was not by chance that Father came to North Carolina from ordination at the Irish College in Rome but by choice and we are all most grateful."

He presented the priest with a purse gift to which Father responded by saying, "It was a wonderful honor from wonderful friends."

The actual date of his ordination was April 4, 1942, which this year fell on Holy Saturday.

Attending the surprise social were members of Holy Angels Parish, Mount Airy, where he held a former pastorate. Among the clergy honoring the priest were the Rt. Rev. Peter McNerney, V.G., of Tryon, the Rt. Rev. George E. Lynch of Sanford and other clergy in the immediate neighborhood.

A reception for friends was

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held after a dinner at the Moose Lodge.

## To Assist Pastors

RALEIGH — Temporary assistance has been given to the Rev. John A. Regan, pastor of Immaculate Heart Church, High Point, and the Rev. Robert E. McMahon, pastor of the parish in Newton Grove as a virus weakened their vitality.

Assistant priests from parishes at Wilkesboro and Wilmington were sent to assist the administration of the parishes during a few weeks period of rest and recuperation. Father Regan has returned to the rectory.

## Tour Edenton

EDENTON — Spring blossoms prompted the Women's Club here to sponsor again an historical-garden tour of the Colonial homes of Revolutionary days.

This week St. Ann's Catholic Church, one of the buildings dating over a hundred years, was included on the tour.

Women of the Altar Guild, directed by Mmes. William Boyce, Skinner White, Edward Gainer and John Arcaro, served lunch.

Children of the parish received their first Holy Communion today.

## C.D.A. Protest

SALISBURY — A lecture on "Salvation History," bringing the completion of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, was given by the Rev. Cletus Helfrich, chaplain of Court Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters of America here last week.

A covered dish supper preceded the business meeting with Grand Regent Orah M. Russell presiding. Mrs. Roscoe Butler, legislative chairman, urged a letter of protest to their State representative in opposition to the proposed amendment to existing state abortion laws.

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# Charlotte Faculty Member Confers Commencement Exercises Announced



THE REV. BROTHER Richard Sullivan, S.M., faculty member of the Charlotte Catholic High School (left), is seen discussing parent and teacher relations during a regional meeting of the Marianist Society at their headquarters in Baltimore, Md. Ten laymen met with 10 clergy to discuss educational matters. Pictured with Brother Sullivan are Mrs. Aileen Dooley of Glenburnie, Md., and William Barnhurst of Chester, Pa., parents of students attending Marianist high schools.

BELMONT — There will be 120 candidates for degrees at 89th annual commencement exercises at Belmont Abbey College May 23, it was announced by the Right Rev. Walter A. Gagin, O.S.B., president of the college.

He further announced that Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, the executive vice president of Notre Dame University, will deliver the address to the graduates at the academic convocation.

The Most Rev. Paul L. Hagarty, O.S.B., D.D., Bishop of Nassau, Bahama Islands, will deliver the sermon at the baccalaureate services.

The college will confer the honorary degrees at the exercises.

Especially significant for the college will be Dr. A. R. Keppel, former president of Catawba College and for the past four years the executive director of Piedmont University Center, a cooperative enterprise in higher education of seventeen North Carolina colleges, among which Belmont Abbey College is a charter member.

Honorary degrees will be conferred on Father Joyce, who undoubtedly be the next president of Notre Dame University and on Bishop Hagarty.

## CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Augsburg, Germany — Bishop Francesco Brancaccio, delegate for Lithuanian exiles in Europe, has moved his residence from Rome to Woerishofen, Germany, in the diocese of Augsburg.

# Church Schools Seen Undergoing Revolution

CHICAGO — (NC) — The entire Catholic school system is "in the middle of a revolution in attitudes, methods and control," according to a survey made by a national Catholic magazine.

"Radical changes are being made toward such things as teaching of religion, relations with the Protestants, and sex education," the U.S. Catholic, published here by the Claretian Fathers, reports in its April issue.

The magazine reports on a nationwide canvass of opinion among Catholic diocesan school superintendents. It deals primarily with the study of present day development and the future of the schools on the elementary and high school level.

Here's what's happening in the Catholic schools, as the magazine reports.

They are breaking away from Catholic isolation by seeking the opinions of others.

There is improved communication in some dioceses between schools and parents.

In 17 of the 25 largest Catholic school systems, special educational programs have started

for deprived children from Negro, Puerto Rican, Appalachian and Ozark neighborhoods.

Laymen are taking over many diocesan school administrative posts.

Many of the diocesan systems have adopted new religion text books based on the Scriptures and liturgy rather than on the old Baltimore catechism.

All of the diocesan systems are teaching the "new mathematics."

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