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Fr. Howard V. Lane Buried; Cited for Pastoral Role

HENDERSONVILLE — The Rev. Howard Valentine Lane, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church here, for 23 years, died unexpectedly on April 12. Present at the time of death was the Rev. Edward O'Dougherty, assistant at the parish, who administered the last Sacraments.

Requiem Mass was offered last Saturday with the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, D.D., officiating. The Rt. Rev. John P. Manley, dean of the Asheville area, delivered the eulogy.

Msgr. Manley cited Fr. Lane's interest in presentation of the Church to adults and said that because of this, many desired the Faith. Father Lane promoted an annual series of lectures which were open to the public in which he presented the Church to the adults of the community.

The Most Rev. Charles B. McLaughlin, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese, assisted in the Sanctuary. About 35 priests of the Diocese were present for the Requiem Mass.

Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Richfield Springs, N.Y.

Father Lane was ordained for the Diocese on June 8, 1930, at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., where he had completed the course of study. The son of the late Henry J. Lane and Mrs. Lena Marie Wood Lane, he was born in Middlefield, N.Y., on June 25, 1901.

Earlier studies were at St. Andrews College and St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N.Y.

Following ordination, he was assistant at parishes in Southern Pines and New Bern, where he served the missions along the coast from Washington to Morehead City.

His first pastorate was at St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabeth City, in 1931. Three years later he was transferred to Waynesville and in 1936, to St. Therese's Parish in Wilson. Later pastorates were at Hamlet and in 1944 he was assigned to the church here.

During his administration, a new elementary school building was completed and all parochial properties improved. He was noted as a capable administrator and had able parish societies



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established which carried on their activities during his recent years of declining health.

He is survived by his mother, a resident at the rectory. Brothers surviving are Walter H. and Arthur J. Lane, both of Rochester, N.Y.; three sisters, Mrs. Henry Rice and Mrs. Edith Mordott of Rochester, Mrs. Helen Famulare of this city and several nieces and nephews.

The Divine Office of the Dead was said by the attending clergy one half hour before the Requiem Mass of Burial.

Editor's Desk

A copy of the "New York Daily News" came our way this week and in its featured column "the inquiring photographer" the question was asked of six fish dealers at the famed Fulton Street Market, "How much has your business suffered because Catholics can now eat meat on Friday?"

"Insignificant change," said the head of a wholesale fish firm, "Seems most of the Catholics have switched to eating meat on some other day of the week." Another manager says, "As near as I can make out, the

decline is about 10 percent." Lumping the answers it would seem that the fish industry around New York is not in any pretty kettle of its own wares.

But we wonder about our own East Coast Carolina menhaden fleet. After all fishing is not only a big sport but a thriving industry along the Tarheel coast. It seems that they too are not seriously affected by our new dietary regulations. Flounder, red snapper and bass may be a part of our preferred diet but mullet, croaker and smelts are not.

We have been in Englehard only once twenty years ago when we stopped at the port of this mullet fleet with our pastor, the late Monsignor Erwin. His platter of mullet was eaten with great relish but for ourselves no amount of squeezed lemon wedges could kill the oily taste. He said he like smelts for breakfast and croaker any time.

At this date we may assume that the fish worries of the Wall Street Journal can be limited as to the type of wrappings used at the fish market nearby. As for our coastal fleets' financial security it seems most rectory cooks are sticking to menus of canned tuna. "It's easiest to fix," says Gracie.

Fire destroyed school and parish hall at Newton Grove reports
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Bishops of U.S. Begin National Renewal Period

CHICAGO — (NC) — In their closing session here, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops unanimously reaffirmed "clearly and strongly the explicit teaching of the Vatican Council on the current and traditional observance of clerical celibacy."

Meeting on April 13 as the United States Catholic Conference, the bishops approved an informational program on abortion, to be conducted by its Family Life Bureau.

In other actions the bishops:
—Created a Committee on Pastoral Research and Practices. One of its first functions will be a study in depth on the role and life of the priest in American society.

—Formed a committee on higher education, to assure proper communication between representatives of Catholic higher education and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

—Issued a statement signaling the opening of the year of faith proclaimed by Pope Paul VI.

—Heard a statement on the role of the priest in the modern world, prepared by the Bishops' Committee on Doctrine, which was later released to the press.

—Heard reports on distribution and utilization of priests, and on priests' retirement and health benefits.

—As the U.S. Catholic Conference, approved a management study of U.S.C.C. finances, administration, objectives and procedures.

—In a preliminary advisory vote (approximately 6 to 1) approved the general tenor of the proposed English translation of the Canon of the Mass.

—Heard reports on World Communications Day, the Newman Apostolate, and Catholic Relief Services.

Pastoral Committee
Auxiliary Bishop of Boston proposed that the pastoral committee's first study be one in depth on the role and life of the priest in American society. The study would consider priestly formation, income, distribution of clergy, seminary studies, parish structure, celibacy, the mis-

sion needs of Latin America, and "the third world." The study was seen as research in depth on the full life and apostolate of the priest in the modern world.

The statement on the Year of Faith said that "the bishops of the United States welcome wholeheartedly the recent ex-

hortation of the Holy Father, inviting all Catholics to commemorate the 1,900th anniversary of the martyrdom of SS. Peter and Paul. It added that the bishops "join in complete solidarity with the successor of St. Peter in inviting the people committed to our pastoral care to celebrate
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Alabamians Oppose Defying of Court

MOBILE, Ala. — More than 400 Alabama citizens here signed a statement expressing "dismay" at Gov. Lurleen Wallace's recent speech calling for state defiance of federal court ordered school desegregation.

Among the signers were many Catholic clergymen, Religious and lay leaders, including representatives of the Society of Jesus, the Josephite Fathers, the Sisters of Loretto and the Dominican Sisters.

The statement appeared as "A Note to Our Fellow Citizens" in an advertisement in the Mobile Register.

Diocesan Priests To Hold Meetings

Greensboro — Forty priests of the diocese met here last week and formulated a plan for regular meetings at stated intervals for informative pastoral administration updating and a study of theological developments.

The Rev. H. Charles Mulholland was asked to arrange the next meeting which will be held in this area on May 23. A committee will be formed to provide continuity for future meetings as three or four of them are planned during the year.

The discussion centered on the need of the practical aspects of exchanging information on items of pastoral administration, counseling and home study. An effort will be made to publish the minutes in order that all clergy in the wide area of the state may keep informed with the program and encouraged attendance.

The next meeting has for an agenda a discussion in which these points may be organized to foster a more general participation in the matters of the meeting.

Maintaining that racism was "the underlying issue" in the controversy, the statements described the state's dual school system as "unjust and unequal," and invited other citizens to join the signers in working "for justice now."

Described as "members of the Mobile community," the signers said they "join with others to express our dismay at the speech of Gov. Lurleen Wallace delivered to the Alabama Legislature on Thursday evening, March 30."

Attacked Ruling
The governor's speech was a strong attack on the ruling. She suggested the possibility of interposing state police power between federal court demands and public schools affected by the ruling.

"We are deeply disturbed," the citizens' statement added, "at speeches in our state Legislature since that time which indicate an unwillingness to allow employes of state institutions and students of state schools to express themselves as citizens or to voice their concern for their state. This strikes at the base of individual freedom."

The statement charged that racism "has crucified this state for many years." "Current statements from Montgomery," it continued, "paint a dim picture of the future of Alabama."

Equality Denied
"In public education we have denied equal opportunity for all our children by maintaining an unrest and unequal dual system of schools. Second-class education victimizes not only those directly subjected to it, but all the citizens of our state. In the name of protecting our children, we are all being misled, and our children shall suffer the consequences of continued inadequate education."

"We, as a people must decide
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Quotes Pope as Saying U.S. Image Is Damaged

ATLANTA, Ga. — (NC) — Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said here that Pope Paul VI, "with tears in his eyes," told him that the moral power of the United States is being damaged "by the way America is interpreted to the world."

He disclosed this in an address to the National Convention of Jewish Women. He told the 1,000 women present that "the world is getting a black picture of us."

On his recent trip to Europe, during which he met with the Pope, the Vice President said he

found a distorted picture of this country through television accounts of the war in Vietnam and crime at home.

"Every day, bombs dropping, riots taking place, crime, corruption — that's what some people think is news," the Vice President said. He added: "I've been wanting to get this off my chest."

The Vice President said the U.S. "needs to tell the world of the lives it is saving." He said: "We need to be known as a nation of peacemakers, not just peace-marchers."



AT CHICAGO CONFERENCE — Bishop Vincent S. Waters (center) chats with Bishops John L. Morkovsky (left) and Joseph Brunini at the recent Catholic Bishops' Conference held in Chicago.