

Scout Awards Given At Campout Retreat

CONCORD — The highest award of Catholic scouting, the Ad Altare Dei medal was presented last weekend to seven Boy Scouts during the annual campout retreat for Catholic sponsored groups in the western area of the state, said the Rev. Richard Allen, Scout Chaplain of this section.

The Most Rev. Charles B. McLaughlin, Auxiliary Bishop, presented the award along with five Parvuli Dei medals given to Cub Scouts.

The site of the Scout activity was the new 600-acre Camp J. J. Barnhardt at New London. There were 337 boys and leaders from eleven church sponsored troops.

The campfire program was presented by the award winning troop of St. Ann's in Charlotte with Joe Shannon, Scout Master, Rich Pauley and Jack Smith, assistants. Indian dances by the Order of the Arrow team of the Catawba Lodge was presented. The next morning competition events were held and parish women's guilds of Concord and Salisbury served more than 500 people. The retreat closed with Sunday morning Mass offered by Father Allen.

The following won the Ad Altare Dei award; Gerard Watermeier, St. Ann's, Charlotte; Alfred Jerome Purdy Jr., St. Eugene's, Asheville; Stephen Edward McLean, Our Lady of Fatima, Winston-Salem; Robert Anthony Butler, Sacred Heart, Salisbury; David Allen Harrawood, St. Gabriel's Charlotte, and Paul Ward Eulitt, St. Gabriel's, Charlotte.

The following won the Parvuli Dei award: Robert Patrick Shannon, St. Ann's, Charlotte; Michael Stewart George, St. Ann's, Charlotte; Timothy Eugene Barnhardt, St. Joseph's, Kannapolis; and Louis Gregory Shaver, St. Joseph's, Kannapolis.

The following troops attended: 880, St. Benedict's, Winston-Salem; 162, St. Ann's, Charlotte; 174, St. Gabriel's, Charlotte; 66, Queen of Apostles, Belmont; Our Lady of Fatima, Winston-Salem; St. Francis of Assisi, Lenoir; 111, Our Lady of Grace, Greensboro; 26, Immaculate Heart of Mary, High Point; 401, Sacred Heart, Salisbury; 73, St. James, Concord; 9, St. Patrick's, Charlotte; 114, St. Mary's, Shelby, and 76, Our Lady of Lourdes, Monroe.



Our Lady of the Hills Camp at Hendersonville, N.C., opens its 12th season on June 11. The camp, according to its director, Father Joseph Showfety, is a member of both the American and the National Catholic Camping Associations. Above, class in archery gets underway. Our Lady of the Hills gives Catholics the opportunity to send their children to a recreational facility where they will have a full camp program and at the same time meet their religious obligations. Those interested in more information about the camp may write Father Showfety at P.O. Box 5693, Asheville, N.C., 28803.

Letter by Pope Puts Emphasis On Mary's Role

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Pope Paul VI appealed to all Catholics to renew their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the eve of his flight to Fatima, Portugal, to pray for peace.

In a letter addressed to the Catholic bishops of the world entitled Signum Magnum (A Great Sign), the Pope laid great stress on the role of Mary in the work of salvation that has been entrusted to the Church. The letter, almost 3,000 words long, was highly pastoral in tone and was dated May 13, the same day the Pope made his visit to the Fatima shrine. The letter was released to the press May 12.

The Pope said that on the same day ceremonies were being held in Fatima "we wish once more to call the attention of all sons of the Church to the indissoluble link between the spiritual motherhood of Mary . . . and the duties of redeemed men toward her, the Mother of the Church."

The Pope wrote that "Mary is the Mother of the Church not only because she is the Mother of Christ and His closest associate in the new 'economy' in which the Son of God took a human nature from her so that he might, in the mysteries of His flesh, free man from sin, but also because she shines forth to the whole community of the elect as a model of the virtues."

Michael Vincent, Father of Priest, Is Dead at 78

FAYETTEVILLE — Michael Vincent, 78, father of the Rev. Robert C. Vincent, O.M.I., died here recently after an acute illness.

He had made his home in Fayetteville for the past 47 years and was a member of St. Ann's parish.

A Concelebrated Sung Mass of Requiem was offered at St. Patrick's Church. Officiating were the Rev. Robert C. Vincent, O.M.I.; Rev. William E. Lynch, O.M.I., pastor of St. Ann's; and Rev. Gerald T. Kennedy, O.M.I., pastor of St. Patrick's.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter Vincent of the home; three sons: Father Vincent of Ottawa, Canada; Paul D. Vincent of Belmar, N.J.; and SSgt. William J. Vincent, with the U.S. Air Force in Thailand; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Crumpler of this city; and two grandchildren.

President Praises Stand Of K of C on Vietnam

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — (NC) — President Lyndon B. Johnson has commended a resolution adopted by the Knights of Columbus supporting the U.S. government's efforts for a "just and honorable peace in Vietnam."

In a letter to John W. McDevitt, K. of C. supreme knight, President Johnson called the resolution a "constructive response . . . to a complex national challenge."

The resolution was adopted at a meeting of the K. of C. board of directors in Minneapolis, April 21. It also voiced "admiration for and encouragement of the heroic American fighting men who are braving deprivation, injury and death to defend the long-term interests of the United States and to make good on

the American pledge that Communist aggression shall not be rewarded."

President Johnson's response said:

"I was happy and proud to receive your resolution supporting America's efforts to achieve a just and swift resolution of conflict in Vietnam."

"This constructive response by the Knights of Columbus to a complex national challenge is an example for every individual and organization. I cannot but believe that it is representative of the real feelings of the majority of our people. I am certain that it will be a great encouragement to those of our sons who defend our own basic rights on distant battlefields."

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