

## DIOCESAN NEWS BRIEFS

### Ordination Anniversaries

Charlotte — The Rev. Francis J. Tait, pastor of St. Patrick's Church here will officiate at a Solemn High Mass on Thursday, December 21 which date marks the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The same day will mark the 50th anniversary of the priesthood of another priest of the diocese, the Rev. Paul G. Termer who was ordained at Belmont Abbey Cathedral in 1917. Father Termer is living in retirement in his native city of Buffalo, New York at 540 Eggert St., zip, 14215.

### Father Curran Recuperating

Southern Pines—Father Thomas E. Curran is convalescing at St. Joseph Hospital here following a heart condition and a vascular obstruction which resulted in surgery. At present he is able to walk about the hospital and receive visitors. The Rev. Charles J. Costello, O.M.I., who substituted at Hamlet during the illness of Father Stokes, is presently serving at Sacred Heart at Pinehurst for Father Curran.

### Youth Director Dies

Hendersonville—The Reverend Peter Newport, S.J., who had been on the faculty of the summer school of Christian Apostolate for Youth at Our Lady of the Hills Camp here, died last week in San Francisco, California. The priest made many friends among the youths of the diocese during his four years in association with the youth program of the area.

### Urges Parent Teacher Ties

Morehead City—Parents of the Home School Association of St. Egbert's parish here, heard a child guidance authority advise families that many of the nervous conditions and tensions of children were due to either a too early entry into school, or were promoted too rapidly for their reading capability. Mrs. John Reintjes, a clinical physico-analyst, said that over 80% of the patients she interviews are children who are victims of environmental pressures. She urged that parents and teachers exchange mutual information about the development of children, and that maturity of children is a prime consideration.

John McGregor presided and Mrs. Don Fernia introduced the speaker. Mrs. Pat Williams, chairman of the Fall festival, reported that \$816.00 was realized by the recent benefit.

### Ladies of Charity Meet Dec. 3

Charlotte—Ladies of Charity here, will hold an "Open House" on Sunday Dec. 3 from 3 to 5 PM at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Kreshon on Townes Road. Members will renew their annual membership and introduce new members as well as invite friends to join them for a social hour.

Officers for 1968 elected at the November meeting will act as hostesses with Mrs. Kreshon. They are: Mesdames Frank Rodgers, President; Louis Faquin, Vice-Pres.; Martin Opyrchal, Correspondent; John L. Smith, Treasurer; Jerome Olwell, Recorder.

Ladies of Charity are a sister organization to the St. Vincent de See Diocesan News Briefs, page 7A



FATHER CHARLES J. O'CONNOR, Director here of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, confers with Monsignor Raymond T. Etteldorf, Vatican Secretary General of the Society and Monsignor Edward T. O'Meara, the National Director in the United States during a meeting of all Diocesan Directors of the U.S. in Chicago.

### Mission Directors

## Mission Awareness Stressed At Propagation National Meeting

CHICAGO — The importance of making American Catholics more mission-minded was emphasized at the tenth national meeting of the diocesan directors of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith held here last week at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

In attendance at the meeting, which is held only every five years, were 150 directors from dioceses in every part of the U.S. The meeting was called by Msgr. Edward T. O'Meara, N.Y., national director of the society.

Representing the Diocese of Raleigh was the Very Rev. Charles J. O'Connor diocesan director.

As this was the first national

meeting since Vatican II, particular emphasis was given to the growing importance of the mission activity of the Church as a result of the Council. The urgency of arousing the American laity to an awareness that they are members of a missionary church and share in its missionary responsibility was stressed.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Rochester, who recently returned from the Synod of Bishops in Rome, was the keynote speaker at the opening session. Bishop Sheen, who is director of the Catholic Bishops Commission on the Missions, served as national director of the society for 16 years until appointed bishop of Rochester a year ago.

## 'End Political Church': Cardinal

Lisbon — (NC) — In a speech marking his 38th anniversary as spiritual leader of Portugal, Lisbon's Manuel Cardinal Goncalves Cerejeira urged the nation's Catholic clergy and laymen to take a new look at their country's Church-state relationship.

Tracing the history of Church-state relations through the political changes that have affected Portugal, the cardinal pointed out that the regime of Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar made possible a religious revival after years of anti-Church activity.

But at the same time, he admitted that the nation's religious leaders could take a more active role in the promotion of social justice. Referring to previous speeches and pastoral letters, the cardinal said that the Church should respect the state and its authorities, but never become enslaved to political power.

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