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Editor's Desk

Dec. 21 was the date of the consecration of the late Bishop McGuinness as the second Bishop of Raleigh in 1937.

Whenever possible he would observe his anniversary, which is also the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, with the ordination of clergy for the diocese.

He would request seminary authorities to prepare the candidate-deacon for Orders early in the school year, not solely for the anniversary observance but because the military activities leading to the U.S. involvement in World War II and the years of combat that followed brought to North Carolina thousands of Catholic military personnel and their "off-base" dependents.

The Bishop was hard put to supply the overnight need of priests in those days.

IT WAS UNDER these circumstances that Father Francis J. Tait, pastor of St. Patrick's parish in Charlotte was ordained 25 years ago. He will offer a Solemn Mass at noon this coming Thursday and be the guest of his parishioners at a luncheon which will immediately follow in the cafeteria of the educational building.

Having administered many parishes about the diocese, at Leaksville-Spray, Lourdes at Raleigh, Assumption, also at Charlotte, Father Tait has countless well-wishes to his health and happiness on his anniversary. He began his priestly work in the Southern Pines area and at the now closed Laurinburg-Maxtion Glider Air Base.

Throughout his most active priesthood, Father Tait has won the esteem of all his clerical associates. He is known as a conscientious pastor, an able and judicious administrator and the welfare of his parish school as the apple of his eye. He is appreciated by the school sisters for his consideration of their devoted services.

Knowing the good people of St. Pat's, we are sure he will be provided with many happy recollections as the entertainment sages in good humor, "Father Tait, this is Your Life." Oh, boy!

Our best wishes and prayers for your efforts being blessed by God in the future as they have been in the past. For many years...

Sands of Time

Twenty years ago this week Mary's Church in Mount Olive was seriously damaged by fire.

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NAZARETH — The town of Galilee where Jesus spent His boyhood. The church in center is the newly-completed Basilica of the Annunciation. (NC photos)

Catholic Historical Society

Membership Campaign Slated

Raleigh — H. William O'Shea of Raleigh and Charles H. Bowman Jr. of Greenville, board members of the Catholic Historical Society of North Carolina, made preliminary plans to launch a statewide membership drive of the Society in the early

days of 1968.

The two officers of the society outlined their proposed action during a luncheon meeting with Father Charles J. O'Connor, president, at the Carolina Hotel last Friday.

"Our effort will be toward the

widest possible coverage of the State," said Mr. O'Shea, who is director of Wake County Public Libraries.

"WE ARE in the process of forming area membership drive committees with a chairman in parishes, Mr. Bowman said.

He and Mr. O'Shea are presently in correspondence with prospective chairman, who will assist in building up a strong State membership before a commitment is made to local chapters.

A native of Raleigh, Bill O'Shea is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a master's degree in library science. He has been director of libraries in Rockingham County for six years. Previously he was assistant librarian for The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. He did post graduate work

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Catholic-Lutheran Meet Is Cordial and Candid

Zurich, Switzerland — Ecumenical cordiality, candor and agreement on many basic points marked the discussions held here by the official joint study commission of Catholic and Lutheran theologians.

In a joint statement issued by the group at the end of talks, which were closed to the press and public, "considerable agreement" was reported on "both the scholarly methods used in studying the biblical data and on the results of this study."

"There was a definite convergence in the understanding of what Roman Catholics refer to as 'the hierarchy of truths' (Decree on Ecumenism, Vatican II) and what Lutherans call 'the center of the Gospel,'" the statement said.

"Both sides agreed that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the eschatological saving deed of God is the center of the Gospel. There was also agreement that the word of God is supreme and that the authority of the church stands in its service."

Dogmatic questions were touched on in the talks and will

be pursued in later sessions. The study commission scheduled its next meeting for the fall of 1968 but has not yet set an exact date or location.

Formation of the official joint study commission followed two preparatory consultations, both at Strasbourg, France, in August, 1965, and in April, 1966.

Mission Dedicated in Charlotte

Charlotte — People will only be concerned with what they get in this chapel in Faith and consolation and encouragement and not for any other reason on this earth, Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin told the assembled congregation for the dedication of the Mission Chapel of Our Lady of Providence here.

The first Mass in the new facility was offered by the Auxiliary Bishop at noon on the Feast of The Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8.

Referring to the nearby large housing development occupied

by Negro families, the speaker said that given a few years the chapel will take on the statue of an independent parish. He complemented the pastoral zeal of the Rt. Rev. Charles J. Gable, V.F., pastor of Our Lady of Consolation parish, which area includes the new mission.

THE SERVICE which the adjoining kindergarten school offers the parents and small children of the neighborhood was also cited as an asset to the community.

Formerly a series of deteriorating buildings and once owned by a Catholic, the property was offered to the parish. The Catholic church extension Society of Chicago, a national mission-financing program of assisting the beginnings of new church buildings, has allotted \$11,000 in its budget toward the new construction.

Adjacent to the church property is a well established federal housing project accommodating 600 families and another one constructed and operated by private owners which provides homes for 500 families is nearby.

IN JUNE of this year ground was broken for the construction and in late October the keys to the new building were turned over to the pastor, Monsignor

Universities Urged to Seek Final Answers

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — The president of St. Louis University has challenged universities to go beyond the realm of purely intellectual development and help men find answers to "ultimate" questions about the meaning of existence.

"For all the expansion of knowledge, for all the concern for the immediate material wants of man, for all the hopes put in the perfecting of a just political and social system, there is an ever growing feeling that present day man is cut adrift, without ultimate meaning and without guiding purpose for his life," declared Father Paul J. Reinert, S.J.

Father Reinert spoke at a symposium on "Universities in a Developing World Society," held in connection with the 125th anniversary of the founding of the University of Notre Dame.

HE SAID MAN will continue to feel adrift without answers "unless the university enters into the situation. . . . The university is the only modern instrumentality which will be able to cope with this malaise of emptiness, this seemingly hollow and vacuous re-echo of the question 'Why?'" Father Reinert stated.

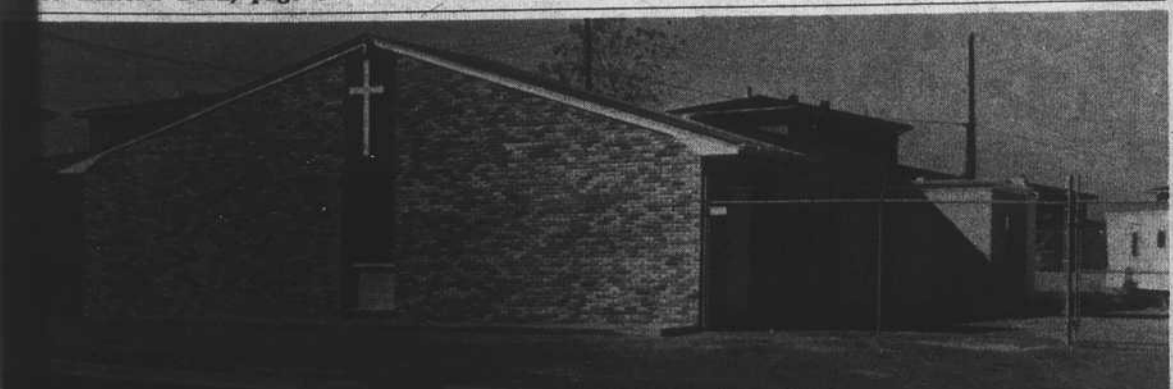
"I am not suggesting that the university is or should be a surrogate church nor do I at all think that knowledge is a substitute for religious faith," he said.

"I am simply . . . saying there is no other institution realistically available to many men to help effectively in this most basic of queries. Only the university can begin . . . to fill this void."

FATHER REINERT said universities will best fulfill their responsibility to help answer the "inmost" questions of men if they give more money and prestige to disciplines "which the more directly deal with man."

He called for more stress on such studies as psychology, sociology, genetics, cultural anthropology, economics, philosophy, political science and history.

But all these studies, he said, are peripheral to the intellectual See Universities, page 4A



pictured is the exterior of the Mission-Chapel of Our Lady of Providence recently completed in the South Tryon Street section of Charlotte. The building not only offers a chapel for Divine Services but also a day school for pre-elementary grade children. There are 47 children presently in attendance. The Rt. Rev. Charles J. Gable is pastor of the area which is served by the mission and the construction was completed under his supervision.

Senate Meeting Is Scheduled

Raleigh — Bishop Waters has notified the 19 members of the Senate of Priests of the Diocese that there will be a meeting on Thursday, Dec. 21, in the Bishop's residence at 2 p.m.

The first part of the agenda will be a report of the various committees of the Senate. The dependent and poor who look upon the Church for assistance will be the assigned consideration of the concluding period of the meeting.