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## Editor's Desk

"Peace" and "Joy" are the most familiar expressions of good will found on Christmas cards. And as this is the best wish that we can extend, our signatures are simply written under them.

However, between the frustrating impasses of the War and Congressional efforts to stem poverty on one hand and the pressures and distractions that accompany the holiday season, these words seem to strike an unrealistic note in these times of ours. The season which is intended to provide us with a certain amount of interior peace of soul and relaxation from the physical pressures of duty seems to frustrate the very reason for which we have the holiday. When in this frame of mind there is an inclination to place one's self into a kind of mental trance by merely going through the motions of the season without a realistic consideration that peace and joy is an integral part of Christmas.

Christian peace and joy become real with human kindness and gratitude. As Christ assists us to reflect these qualities we show people what they are really looking for; God in a man. During Advent we have prepared to receive and pass on the gifts of His peace and joy, which He alone can give. Now on Christmas Day He comes with these gifts.

We therefore extend to our readers good wishes for a blessed and happy Christmas Season.

We have  
seen his star  
in the  
East



## Monsignor McNerney Is Buried at Belmont

Charlotte — Pontifical Requiem Mass of Burial for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter McNerney, age 63, was offered on Friday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church here. Death came Dec. 13 following heart surgery at Mercy Hospital. He was pastor of St. John's Church at Tryon.

Interment was in the Belmont Abbey cemetery at Belmont immediately following the services. Approximately 60 priests attended.

The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh, officiated and Auxiliary Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin attended in the sanctuary. The deceased was Vicar General to Bishop Waters and also a Diocesan Consultor and a member of the Senate of Priests.

Assisting the officiating Bishop were the Rev. James J. Noonan of Charlotte as deacon and the Rev. Joseph Showfety of Hendersonville as sub-deacon. The Rt. Rev. Michael J. Begley of Winston-Salem and the Rt. Rev. Dennis A. Lynch of High Point served as honorary deacons.

THE EULOGY was given by the Right Rev. George E. Lynch of Sanford.

The deceased was born April 4, 1904, in County Longford, Ireland. He completed theological studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary at Emmittsburg, Md., and was ordained a priest on May 23, 1929, at the Cathedral in Raleigh by the late Bishop William J. Hafey.

His first pastorate was in Holy Trinity, Kinston, in 1931 and subsequent appointments were at St. John's Church, Roanoke Rapids, 1933, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rocky Mount in 1937.

He was named Right Reverend Monsignor by Pope Pius XII in 1942 and he served for a period See Msgr. McNerney, page 5A



MSGR. McNERNEY

the northeast section of the city until the Church auditorium is completed in the New Year," said Bishop Waters.

THE PROPERTY already has a number of dwellings located on the area and Father will occupy one of them as a rectory.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Ogilvie and family have been renting one of the houses from the church. Mr. Ogilvie, formerly affiliated full-time employment with Catholic Church laymen's program, is presently State Librarian for North Carolina.

"The new parish area will assume over 100 families formerly having membership in the Sacred Heart Cathedral parish," said the Very Rev. Charles J. O'Connor, Cathedral rector.

During the past four years Father Graves has been Diocesan Director of the Movement for a Better World with headquarters in Asheville. Since 1965 he has been National Director of the Movement.

The Rev. John Comey, S.J., of Philadelphia has been named to succeed him as National Director.

FOR THE PAST five years he has been engaged in retreat work of the MBW throughout the United States.

Father Graves is a native of Kinston and was ordained in St. Mary's Church at Wilmington by Bishop Waters on May 18, 1950.

He is the son of Mrs. Charles See New Parish, page 5A



FATHER GRAVES

## New Parish in Raleigh; Father Graves Is Pastor

Raleigh — The Rev. Cranor F. Graves has been appointed pastor of a new parish which will be established on the corner of Poole Road and Peartree Lane in the eastern part of this city.

The appointment was made by the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters and will be effective on Jan. 6, 1968, when the parish will be named and the territorial boundaries designated.

The new parish is the fourth one established in the immediate vicinity of Raleigh within the past five years.

"Father Graves will organize the work of this new parish in

## Spirit of Christmas Is Noted by Bishop In Yearly Message

Catholics in the Diocese of Raleigh will join Christians around the world Monday in celebrating the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.

In his Christmas message, the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh, said, "The preparation for Christmas has to be a real preparation for this God-man, as He is. . . . We return the total love of our hearts this Christmas Day to Him and to His poor, suffering servants who willingly or unwillingly represent Him in the world."

(The full text of the Bishop's message is on Page 3 of this issue of the North Carolina Catholic.)

BISHOP WATERS also made his annual appeal for support of the Nazareth Orphanage in these words:

"It is with these sentiments of love in our hearts that we ask you on Christmas to assist the poor, the weak, the needy, our orphans at Nazareth and the orphans everywhere by the generosity of your love. For He has first loved us in the humble simple God-man, Who took the last place on our earth.

"May He grant us mercy and forgiveness, the salvation of our souls, and life everlasting—this is my wish and that of Bishop McLaughlin for you, our flock, on Christmas Day."

OBSERVANCE OF Christmas in the Diocese will be highlighted at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Raleigh with celebration of Midnight Mass by Bishop Waters, assisted by the Very Rev. Charles O'Connor and the Rev. Ralph Monk.

The Bishop also will give the Homily at Mass.

Special Christmas music will be provided by the Cathedral Adult Choir, directed by Michael Machesko. Mrs. John Stallings III, will be the organist. The program will include compositions by Handel and Bach.

Midnight Masses will be celebrated and many of the other churches throughout the Diocese as Christians again seek the consolation of Christmas and the Christ Child in a troubled and war-torn world.



RONALD AUSDENMOORE

## Raleigh Diocese Gets Consultant On Its Schools

Greensboro — Ronald Ausdenmoore of Raleigh and a candidate for a doctorate in education at Duke University has been engaged by the Rev. Donald F. Staib, diocesan superintendent of schools, as consultant for the school system.

Mr. Ausdenmoore, who resides at 3605 Blueberry Drive, Raleigh, will work on a part-time basis for the present.

He has been associated with the Department of Education for the State of North Carolina, and in his new capacity will work with Calvin C. Criner, State supervisor of non-public school programs.

Mr. Ausdenmoore will assist in See Raleigh, page 4A



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The following appointments are announced by the Most Reverend Bishop through the Diocesan Chancery:

New Diocesan offices have been established.

The Rev. Cranor F. Graves is Vicar of Spiritualities.

The Very Rev. Louis E. Morton, Chancellor is Vicar for Temporalities. The following are effective Friday, January 5, 1968

The Rev. Cranor F. Graves is appointed pastor of the new St. Joseph's Parish, corner Poole Road and Peartree Lane, Raleigh.

The Rev. Jessie L. Creel is appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Brevard.

The Rev. Andre Corbin is appointed pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church, Winston Salem. He is also Director of Information also of Radio and Television Communications.

The Rev. Felix R. Kelaher is appointed administrator of St. Lucien's Church, Spruce Pine.

The Rev. James Mobbs is appointed assistant pastor at Our Lady of Grace Church, Greensboro.

The Rev. Alan J. Dash is assigned to the Apostolate Center at St. John's Parish at North Wilkesboro.

The Rev. James E. Waters is assigned to the Apostolate Center at St. Gabriel's Parish at Greenville.

The following are presently in effect,

The Rev. Charles J. Costello, O.M.I., is appointed administrator of Sacred Heart Church, Pinehurst.

The Rev. Anthony J. Dougherty, O.S.F.S., is appointed administrator of St. John's Church, Tryon.