

New Chapel

Benedictines Ready First Use at Oxford, Christmas

Oxford — Christmas day Masses at Holy Mother of God Monastery, a Benedictine Order Foundation, located near here will be offered in a new chapel. The news was given by the Reverend Peter Minard, O.S.B., who is the Father Superior of the Community.

There are presently five members of the monastery, three novices and two priests. The rule of the monastery follows a contemplative way of the religious life.

The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh, who visits the monks twice monthly, had blessed the foundation of the new construction. Present buildings located in a picturesque pine setting are the library, refectory, and living quarters. The chapel is of wood frame measuring 22 by 27 feet, with the altar in the center. It has a large open porch on all sides of the building. The visible rafters, and the large panels of Colonial style windows, preserve a simple countryside church appearance, said Father Peter.

Of recent weeks students from nearby universities, at Durham, Chapel Hill and Raleigh, have spent days of recollection here. Protestant clergymen of the area also visit as well as Sunday School groups.

Mass on Sunday and major Feasts is offered at 10 a.m., with Vespers at 5:30 p.m.

The Reverend Henry J. Becker, pastor of churches at Henderson, Oxford and Warrenton, has been a benefactor to the community.

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THE CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY of North Carolina will conduct a membership drive throughout the State in early January, the Board of Directors have announced. Discussing plans with the Society's president, the Very Rev. Charles J. O'Connor of Raleigh, are two board members who will direct the formation of a roster of memberships. They are (left): William H. O'Shea, Chief librarian for Wake County and Charles H. Bowman, Jr., of the Univ. of East Carolina at Greenville faculty who are co-chairmen of the membership drive.

Msgr. McNerney

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OTHER PASTORAL assignments were, St. Mary's Church at Goldsboro, 1948; St. Paul's, New Bern, 1952; St. Mary's Wilmington, 1954; Our Lady of Mercy, Winston-Salem, 1959; Our Lday of Grace, Greensboro, 1962; and he had held his Tryon pastorate for one and one-half years.

He is survived by three brothers, Patrick, James and Michael, all of County Longford, Ireland; a niece, Mrs. Martin Finucane of

Bronx, New York; and several nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers were: Rt. Rev. Charles J. Gable of Charlotte; Very Rev. Michael A. Carney, Raleigh; Rt. Rev. Hugh Dolan, Greensboro; Rt. Rev. Edward T. Gilbert, Goldsboro; Rev. Thomas F. Carney, Greensboro; Rev. John McGuirk, Goldsboro; Rev. Frank Gorham, Hickory; Rev. Joseph Kelleher; Rev. Henri Blanc, Asheville; Rt. Rev. John P. Manley, Swannanoa.

The Nocturnal Adoration Society and the Catholic Daughters of America served as the guard of honor.

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On the second point of discussion, the presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper, agreement was not so sweeping. Nevertheless, both groups emphasized that Christ is present in the Lord's Supper as true God and true man, wholly and entirely, in His body and blood, under the signs of bread and wine.

Lutheran representatives, however, while agreeing that Christ is genuinely present in the Eucharist, insisted that "we are unable at present to speak with one voice at every point." Outlining specific agreement and disagreement, the Lutheran authors of the statement criticize Catholicism's dependence on the term "transubstantiation."

"It can thus be seen," the statement adds, "that there is agreement on the 'that,' the full reality of Christ's presence. What has been disputed is a particular way of stating the 'how,' the manner in which He becomes present."

The text was prepared and issued by theologians participating in a series of bilateral consultations between the Catholic and Lutheran communities in the United States. Earlier reports published by the consultation include "The Status of the Nicene Creed as Dogma of the Church," published in 1965, and "One Baptism for the Remission of Sins," published in 1966.

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