

# DIOCESAN NEWS BRIEFS

## Pastor's Father Buried

Tarboro — The Rev. Justin Pechulis, pastor of St. Catherine's church here, returned from Newark, New Jersey last week where he officiated at the Requiem Mass of burial for his late father, Cyprian Z. Pechulis.

Mr. Pechulis, a widower, had been in declining health for some time. He is survived by a married daughter, Mary and by Father Pechulis.

## To Honor Jesuit Missioner

Rocky Mount — April 19-21 is the date for the annual convention of the Catholic Daughters of America to be held at the Sir Walter Hotel at Raleigh. The National Convention will take place in Cleveland, Ohio, July 14-18 at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

These dates were announced by Grand Regent Evelyn Farris during a meeting of Court Christ the King, CDA, here last week.

Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin, a former pastor here, will address the State Convention at the Banquet on Saturday evening.

Members of the Court are presently promoting a membership drive and plans for a reception of new members is scheduled prior to the March meeting.

Miss Dorothy Bennett told of the recent week-end retreat for women at Maryhurst Retreat House at Pinehurst. She was accompanied by Mrs. Leo Moreta and expressed appreciation to Msgr. James E. McSweeney for his direction as retreat master.

The Court set up a Committee, chaired by Florence Hayden, to contact the Nashmont Nursing Home and work out a schedule with their Activity Director whereby members may make themselves available for service.

Reverend Francis Smith, chaplain, announced a con-celebrated Mass on March 10, honoring a native of Rocky Mount, Reverend William Lynn, S.J.

Father Lynn, serving the Mission in Burma, was expelled by that government and re-assigned to Korea.

An afternoon reception is being planned by the Social Committee. All of the priest's friends and acquaintances are invited.

## Parish Mission at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill — "A program of parish renewal" will begin at St. Thomas More church here on February 25 and continue to March 1st. The services will be conducted by the Reverend Eugene Leso, a Passionist Father of North Palm Beach, Florida.

The Sunday service will begin at 7:30 p.m. and daily mission hours are at 12:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Mass will precede each of the services, except the last, when Mass will follow. A nursery care will be provided at noon. Ash Wednesday will be observed on the 28th marking the beginning of Lent.

The services were announced by the Reverend Francis J. Murphy, pastor.

A native of Mahanoy City, Pa., Father Leso was ordained in 1956. He was selected for a year of Slavic studies in Cleveland and did parochial mission work in Canada until 1959, when he volunteered for the newly opened mission field of Southern Mindanao, Philippine Islands. He returned recently to the Passionist Mission Band with headquarters in Florida.

## Church Unity at Wendell

Wendell — Community observance here of a nightly church unity prayer devotional concluded at St. Eugene's church here. The Very Reverend Louis E. Morton, administrator, welcomed the visiting clergy and laity and commented upon the favorable quality of the congregational singing.



**FIRST NIGHT** that actors had performed in Ford's Theater since the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, April 14, 1865, brought together an all-star group of performers, led by the First Lady of the American Theater, Miss Helen Hayes (extreme left) who got her start a few blocks away as a performer with the St. Patrick Players, a dramatic group organized by Father John Harney, a curate at the parish. At the rear is the presidential box where the martyred President was shot. (NC Photos)

## Pope Cites Olympic Games' Value

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has sent a message to the "Olympic Mass" celebrated at Grenoble, France, for the beginning of the winter Olympic Games, hailing the importance of sports as a factor in training youth.

The message stressed that the Church has always encouraged

sports, both for their educational value and for their effect in character building. The Olympic Games is, the message said, a "gathering, is an appeal, to all peoples. This serene competition can establish brotherly relations among men of every condition, of all nations and of different races. Certainly every country will compete eagerly, but it is a peaceful fight without hatred and without contempt.

## Value of Catholic Press Extolled; No Retreat from World

Bridgeport, Conn. — A bishop counseled here that persons who cut themselves off from Catholic publications because they are disturbed by some of the things they read are making "a great mistake."

Bishop Walter W. Curtis of Bridgeport said it would be "a tragedy" not to keep in touch with the Catholic press on a regular basis, because "there is no other means of communication bringing us the full picture of Christian thinking and reaction."

Bishop Curtis in a letter marking Catholic Press Month which is observed in February, urged Catholics to subscribe to their diocesan newspaper "as part of the over-all adult education program in religion in our diocese."

"Likely," he said, "you will not agree with every position taken by this Catholic paper. Neither do I. Yet it is a challenging paper. It will strengthen our faith if we read it with good judgment and regularly."

He cautioned Catholics against expecting to find in Catholic newspapers and magazines "a set of ready-made solutions merely to be accepted by us. Rather, the Catholic newsman attempts to present the facts as he uncovers them; the editorial writer and columnist reflect upon these facts to offer a tentative solution or program for Christian life and action."

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