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Right Reverend Patrick Mary Edmund O'Brien, O.S.B.

Born October 29, 1885.

Baptized St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester.

Parents married by Bishop Bradley at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

Confirmed in St. Raphael's Church, Manchester by Bishop Bradley.

Attended the following schools: St. Raphael's, while Fathers Leonard, O.S.B. and Florian, O.S.B. were pastors; St. Joseph's Junior High, Brother Catus, Christian Brother; and St. Anselm's Preparatory. Completed junior college courses at St. Anselm's.

Sick for three years.

Taught Latin and history for three years at St. Joseph's High School, Manchester.

Continued college courses at Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.

Entered the Benedictine Order in 1914. Novitiate at St. Vincent's Archabbey.

Philosophy at St. Anselm's.

Received A.B. at St. Anselm's.

Studied theology at St. Anselm's.

Director of day students his first assignment.

Taught English.

Ordained in St. Joseph's Cathedral by Bishop Guertin, 1920.

Taught algebra and other subjects at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, 1920--1933.

Honored with A.M. by Holy Cross College in 1924.

Had charge of the Newark Alms House, Ivy Hill, for six years, where he was noted for his religious zeal, charity, and kindness.

In 1934 he officiated at the golden jubilee of his parents, and through the kindness of Bishop Peterson, obtained permission to offer the jubilee Mass in the home of his parents at Manchester.

His father, now blind, is still living and is eighty-nine years old. One sister and seven brothers of the immediate family are living.

One of Abbot Patrick's brothers, William, was the first Catholic city clerk of Manchester. William's wife, Mary Griffin, is a sister of Father Michael Griffin.

The new Abbot is a cousin of Father Patrick Walsh of Berlin, N. H. Most Reverend Dennis M. Bradley, the first bishop of Manchester, was an esteemed friend of the new Abbot's grandmother, Mrs. Cronin, who was one of the pioneer Catholics of Manchester.

Through her kindness hundreds of young Irish Catholics, mostly relatives, were brought to Manchester. As a result, Abbot Patrick has hundreds of relatives in his native city.

His coat of arms reads: Iter Para Tutum.

Alms House '26-'33 Holywood '33-'37

Elected Aug 11, 1937

Blessed Nov. 1, 1937 by Bishop Walsh

The Right Reverend Patrick M. O'Brien, O.S.B.

Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, New Jersey

requests the honor of your presence at the

Ceremony of his Blessing

to be imparted by

The Most Reverend Thomas Joseph Walsh, S.T.D., J.C.D.

Bishop of Newark

Assistant Abbots

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B., Ph. D.

Abbot of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota

President of the American Cassinese Congregation

and

The Right Reverend Bertrand Dolan, O.S.B., LL.D.

Abbot of St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N. H.

in

St. Mary's Abbey Church

Newark, New Jersey

Monday morning, the first of November

One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven

at ten o'clock

The Most Reverend Thomas Henry McLaughlin, S.T.D., V.G.

Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

Preacher

*With heartfelt gratitude and sincere
appreciation, I wish to acknowledge the
expression of your kind sentiments and
good wishes.*

May God bless you.

Patrick M. O'Brien, O.S.B.

Abbot

with News 11/26/37

Fourth Benedictine Abbot Solemnly Blessed at St. Mary's Abbey, Newark

The solemn ceremonies of blessing of a Benedictine Abbot were repeated for the fourth time last Monday in St. Mary's Abbey Church, Newark, N. J., when the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Bishop of Newark, celebrated a Solemn Pontifical Mass during which he blessed the Right Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B.

Abbot Patrick had been rector of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, for nearly five years when he was elected Aug. 11 to succeed the late Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., as Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey.

A procession of clergy and

acolytes preceded Bishop Walsh, the Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, who was the preacher of the blessing ceremonies; visiting Abbots and Abbot Patrick into the church for the Mass.

Others in the procession were parishioners from St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood; members of the St. Benedict's Alumni Association and the school's Parent-Teacher Association. The color guard of Monsignor Doane Assembly, K. of C., in uniform, also participated.

The Right Rev. Monsignor John C. McClary, Chancellor of the diocese of Newark, read the apostolic mandate vesting Abbot Patrick in his new authority.

In his sermon, Bishop McLaughlin traced the history of St. Mary's Benedictine community from its inception in 1838 as a mission church. In 1884 it was raised to the rank of an abbey by Pope Leo XIII. It has had the guidance of three Abbots, the Right Rev. James Zillox, the Right Rev. Hilary Pfraengle and the Right Rev. Ernest Helmstetter.

Bishop McLaughlin also eulogized the educational and priestly services of the new Abbot and predicted further growth of the abbey community under his leadership.

The Right Rev. Martin Veth, O. S. B., of St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kan., and the Right Rev. Bertrand Dolan, O. S. B., of St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N. H., were assistants to Abbot Patrick. Besides Bishop Walsh officers of the Mass included the Rev. Benedict Bradley, O. S. B., deacon and the Right Rev. Monsignors John J. Murphy and Paul Knappek, deacons of honor.

Three other Bishops present for the ceremonies were the Most Rev. John B. Peterson, Bishop of Man-

chester, the home diocese of Abbot Patrick; the Most Rev. Edmond J. Fitzmaurice, Bishop of Wilmington, and the most Rev. Bishop Bernard, O. S. B., Vicar-Apostolic of the Bahamas.

Abbot Patrick's sister and three brothers, of Manchester, Vt., attended his blessing—Miss Mary C. O'Brien and Daniel A., Joseph and William A. O'Brien. Forty-six members of his family were present in all, eight coming from Quebec. Infirmities of age prevented Patrick O'Brien, of Manchester, eighty-nine-year-old father of the newly installed Abbot, from attending.

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SACRED RITES INDUCT ABBOT

Fr. Patrick O'Brien Assumes Duties At St. Mary's

The Rt. Rev. Patrick E. O'Brien, O. S. B., assumed his duties as abbot of St. Mary's Abbey today following his investiture yesterday with time-hallowed ceremonies in the abbey church here.

Bishop Thomas J. Walsh celebrated a pontifical mass and presided at the ceremonies attended by Monsignor John Murphy of Sacred Heart Church, Vailsburgh; Monsignor Paul Krappek of St. Casimir's Church; the Rev. Francis Hahn, O. S. B., and the Rev. Walter Lee, O. S. B., Monsignor Michael J. Lavelle represented Cardinal Hayes of New York.

Monsignor John C. McClary, diocesan chancellor, read the apostolic mandate, and Auxiliary Bishop Thomas H. McLaughlin preached the sermon.

Taking part in the procession at the abbey were students and alumni of St. Benedict's School, and delegates from St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, of which Abbot O'Brien was the pastor before being named to succeed the late Abbot Ernest Helmstetter at the abbey church. Others taking part were members of St. Mary's societies and of Bishop Wigger Council, Knights of Columbus.

Prelates from other dioceses attending the investiture were Bishop John B. Peterson of Manchester, N. H., Bishop Edmond J. Fitzmaurice of Wilmington, Del., and Bishop John B. Kevenhoerster, prefect apostolic of the Bahama Island.

Abbot Installed in Newark

Right Rev. P. M. O'Brien Takes New Office at St. Mary's

Special to the Herald Tribune

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 1.—Bishop Thomas J. Walsh officiated today at the installation of the Right Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien as abbot of St. Mary's Benedictine Abbey. The ceremony took place at St. Mary's Abbey Church on High Street and numerous prelates participated. Forty-six relatives of Abbot O'Brien were present.

Acolytes from St. Benedict's Preparatory School headed a procession of the clergy into the church. The mass was celebrated by Bishop Walsh and the abbot-elect, Bishop John B. Peterson, of Manchester, N. H.; Bishop Edmund J. Fitzmaurice, of Wilmington, Del., and Bishop Bernard Kevenhoerster, of the Bahama Islands, participated.

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ABBOT HELMSTETTER—The faith, meekness and humility of the Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., were eulogized at his funeral services in St. Mary's Abbey Church. Abbot Helmstetter died at the abbey, which he had headed for 18 years, at the age of 77. The Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, auxiliary bishop of Newark, was celebrant of the mass. Present at the service were the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, bishop of Newark; the Most Rev. Francis J. Monaghan, coadjutor bishop of Ogdensburg, N. Y., formerly of the Newark diocese; several abbots of the Benedictine order and a large number of clerical and lay friends of Abbot Helmstetter.

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Pilgrimage to Cemetery

The community of St. Mary's Abbey will make the annual pilgrimage this afternoon at 3, to St. Mary's Cemetery, East Orange, to offer prayers for the dead. Right Rev. Abbot Patrick O'Brien, O. S. B., will conduct the services.

St. Benedict's P.-T. A. Party

St. Benedict's Preparatory School P.-T. A. will hold its Autumn card party, dance and entertainment tomorrow night in the school hall in High street. Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien of St. Mary's Abbey, Rev. Anslem Kienle, prior of the abbey, and Rev. Boniface Reger, headmaster of the school, head a list of patrons. *News 11/18/37*

Cath. News. 10/23/37

Solemn Blessing of New Abbot at St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, Monday, Nov. 1

The solemn blessing of the Right Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., as Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, will take place Monday, Nov. 1, at 10 o'clock in St. Mary's Abbey Church. The blessing will occur during the Solemn Pontifical Mass to be celebrated by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Bishop of Newark. Abbot-elect Patrick will celebrate Mass simultaneously at the Sacred Heart altar until the Offertory, when he will continue the Mass from the missal as he kneels before a prie dieu in front of the high altar.

Officers who will assist at the Mass are: Archpriest, the Rev. Benedict Bradley, O. S. B.; deacon, the Rev. Francis Hahn, O. S. B.; sub-deacon, the Rev. Walter Lee, O. S. B., and masters of ceremonies, the Very Rev. Monsignor John Delaney, secretary to Bishop Walsh, and the Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B. The deacons of honor to the Bishop are the Right Rev. Monsignor John Murphy, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, and the Right Rev. Paul Knappek, pastor of St. Casimir's Church of Newark. The Right Rev. Monsignor John McClary, Chancellor of the diocese, will read the apostolic mandate, and the sermon will be preached by the Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.

Abbot-elect Patrick will have as assistants the Right Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O. S. B., Abbot of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., president of the American Cassinese Benedictines, and the Right Rev. Bertrand Dolan, O. S. B., Abbot of St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N. H.

The Rev. Matthew Hoehn, O. S. B., will be master of ceremonies to Abbot-elect Patrick. The chaplains to the Abbot-elect and the assistant Abbots are: The Rev. Julian Schorn, O. S. B.; the Rev. Celestine Staab, O. S. B.; the Rev. Virgil Stallbaumer, O. S. B.; the Rev. Aloysius Maahs, O. S. B.; the Rev. Louis Seiser, O. S. B., and the Rev. Gerald Flynn, O. S. B. The minor officers are: Acolytes, the Rev. Raymond Mullin, O. S. B., and the Rev. Justin Csanyi, O. S. B.; thurifer and boat-bearer, the Rev. Hilary Stephan, O. S. B., and the Rev. Paul Huber, O. S. B.; book-bearer, the Rev. Thomas Duffy; candle-bearer, the Rev. William Furlong; miter-bearer, the Rev. Stafford Blake; crosier-bearer, the Rev. John Feeley; gremiale bearer, the Rev. Nicholas Collins, O. S. B.; assistant masters of ceremonies, the Rev. Gregory Schramm, O. S. B.; the Rev. Richard Studer, O. S. B.; Brother Antony Beron, O. S. B., and Brother Joseph Heeny, O. S. B.

The bearers of gifts are: The Very Rev. Prior Anselm Kienle, O. S. B.; the Very Rev. Subprior Boniface Reger, O. S. B.; the Rev. Luke Moosburger, O. S. B.; the Rev. Robert Baumgartner, O. S. B.; the Rev.

Ulric Frommherz, O. S. B., and the Rev. Norbert Hink, O. S. B.

The Mass will be sung by the priests' choir of the abbey under the direction of its moderator, the Rev. Lambert Dunne, O. S. B.

Abbot-elect Patrick was born in Manchester, N. H., Oct. 29, 1885. He is the son of Patrick and the late Mary Cronin O'Brien, of Manchester. He attended St. Raphael's Parochial School, St. Joseph's High School and St. Anselm's College of Manchester and Holy Cross College. The latter institution conferred upon him and the late Father Jerome Flanagan, O. S. B., who died last July, the master of arts degree.

Before entering the Benedictine Order he taught Latin and history at St. Joseph's High School. He entered the order July 22, 1914, at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., and following a year's novitiate he made his simple profession. Three years later he made his solemn profession before the late Abbot Ernest at St. Anselm's College. He finished his theological course at St. Anselm's and was ordained to the priesthood in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, May 29, 1920, by the late Bishop Albert Guertin, of Manchester.

After his ordination he was assigned by Abbot Ernest to St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, where he remained until Dec. 22, 1932, when he was appointed by Abbot Ernest, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood. On Aug. 11 he was elected by the community of St. Mary's Abbey as Abbot to succeed Abbot Ernest, who died July 9. At St. Benedict's he taught religion and French and was also head of the French department. He was chaplain of the Ivy Hill Almshouse six years, where he was known for his religious zeal, charity and kindness. He also took an active interest in sociological work in the diocese of Newark.

The father of Abbot-elect Patrick is eighty-nine years old and blind. In 1934 Abbot-elect Patrick officiated at the golden jubilee of his parents' marriage. At that time he received permission from the Most Rev. John Peterson, Bishop of Manchester, to celebrate Mass at the home of his parents. He has three brothers, William, Daniel and Joseph, and one sister, Mary. A testimonial was bestowed upon him Oct. 4 in St. Joseph's Hall, Maplewood, by the citizens of Maplewood.

Besides becoming head of St. Mary's Abbey, Abbot-elect Patrick will become president of St. Benedict's Preparatory School. He will also have charge of Delbarton, the Benedictine House of Studies, and St. Mary's Monastery, Morristown, as well as the Benedictine parishes in Newark, Maplewood, Elizabeth, Linden, Cedar Knolls and in the Wilmington, Del., diocese.



The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eugene J. McGuinness, (upper photo) First Vice President and General Secretary of the Catholic Church Extension Society, who has been appointed Bishop of Raleigh, N. C., and the Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, N. J., recently elected Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, who will be solemnly blessed there on Nov. 1, by Bishop Thomas J. Walsh of Newark.

Blessing of Abbot Patrick O'Brien at Newark Monday

The Right Rev. Abbot-elect Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., former pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, N. J., will be solemnly blessed as Abbot Monday, Nov. 1, in St. Mary's Abbey Church, Newark. A ceremony of profound solemnity and age-old ritual, one that has not been performed in the diocese of Newark in twenty-seven years, will take place. It will be one of the most impressive events in the history of the diocese. Not since the late Abbot Ernest Helmsstetter, O. S. B., was blessed as Abbot in the Abbey Church, April 5, 1910, by the late Bishop John J. O'Connor, has such a ceremony taken place here. Bishop Thomas J. Walsh will celebrate the Solemn Pontifical Mass and solemnly bless Abbot-elect Patrick.

Abbot-elect Patrick will become the fourth Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey. St. Mary's was founded as a monastery and raised to a conventual priory in 1857. In December, 1884, it was elevated to an abbey by the late Pope Leo XIII.

Cath. News. Oct. 30, 1937

Bishop to Bless St. Mary's Abbott

Ceremony for Rt. Rev. Patrick O'Brien Will Be Held
November 1

Arrangements have been completed for the solemn blessing of Rt. Rev. Abbot Patrick O'Brien, O. S. B., as abbot of St. Mary's Abbey November 1 in the abbey. Abbot Patrick, former pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, was elected head of the local benedictines August 11, succeeding the late Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, who died July 9. The blessing will take place during a solemn pontifical mass celebrated by Bishop Walsh.

Besides Bishop Walsh, officers of the mass will be: Arch priest, Rev. Benedict Bradly, O. S. B.; deacon, Rev. Francis Hahn, O. S. B.; masters-of-ceremonies, Mgr. John G. Delaney of St. Patrick's Cathedral and Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B. Deacons of honor to the Bishop will be Mgr. John J. Murphy of Sacred Heart Church, Vailsburgh, and Mgr. Paul Knappek of St. Casimir's. The sermon will be preached by Auxiliary Bishop McLaughlin. The apostolic mandate will be read by Mgr. John J. McClary, chancellor of the diocese of Newark.

Assistant Abbots.

Abbot Patrick will have as assistant abbots Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., president of the American Cassinese Benedictines and Rt. Rev. Bertrand Dolan, abbot of St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N. H. Other assistants at the mass will be the following Benedictines:

Master of ceremonies to Abbot Patrick: Rev. Matthew Hoehn. Chaplains, Rev. Julian Schorn, Rev. Celestine Staab, Rev. Aloysius Maahs, Rev. Virgil Stallbaumer, Rev. Louis Seiser and Rev. Gerald Flynn. Assistants, Rev. Charles Carroll, Rev. Gregory Schramm, Rev. Richard Studer, Rev. Hilary Stephan, Rev. Paul Huber, Rev. Raymond Mullin, Rev. Justin Csanyi; acolytes, Frater Adrian McLaughlin and Ignatius Kohl; thurifers, Frater Lawrence Grassman and Edmund Nugent.

Bookbearer, Rev. Thomas Duffy; candle bearer, Rev. William Furlong; mitre bearer, Rev. Stafford Blake; crozier bearer, Rev. John Feeley; gremiale bearer, Rev. Nicholas Collins and cross bearer, Rev. Thomas Long. Bearers of gifts, Very Rev. Prior Anselm Klenle of St. Mary's Abbey; Sub-Prior Boniface Reger, Rev. Luke Moosburger, Rev. Gabriel Steines, Rev. Norbert Hink and Rev. Ulric Frommherz, Benedictines.

The priest's choir of the abbey will sing the mass under direction of Rev. Lambert Dunne, O. S. B.

Elected Abbot Of St. Mary's

Rev. Patrick O'Brien, Pastor in Maplewood, to Head Newark Benedictines

Rev. Patrick O'Brien, O. S. B., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, and former head of the French department at St. Benedict's Pre-

paratory School, was elected abbot of St. Mary's Abbey today. He will succeed Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, senior abbot of the Benedictine Order in the United States, who died at the abbey July 9.

The election was conducted by Rt. Rev. Abbot President Alcuin Deutsch of St. John's Abbey, St. John's, Minn., head of the order in this country. The election, which was participated in by the members of the Benedictine community here, was preceded by a solemn high mass in St. Mary's Church.

Officers of Mass.

The celebrant was Rev. Augustine Wirth, O. S. B. The deacon and sub-deacon were Rev. Raymond Mullin, O. S. B., and Rev. Michael Collins. Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B., was master of ceremonies. The mass was sung by the priests' choir of the abbey.

The new head of St. Mary's is at Watkins Glen, N. Y., on vacation. Date of his installation will be announced after confirmation of his appointment from Rome.

Father O'Brien has been pastor of St. Joseph's since December 22, 1932, when he succeeded Rev. Gabriel Steines, who became pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church, Linden.

The new head of St. Mary's was born in Manchester, N. H., October 29, 1885, and entered the Benedictine Order July 22, 1915. He was ordained in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, May 29, 1920. Previously, he had studied at St. Anselm's College and Holy Cross College.

After ordination he was appointed to the faculty of St. Benedict's and remained there until assigned to Maplewood. While in Newark he was chaplain of Ivy Hill Almshouse six years and was active in sociological work.

Third Elected to Post.

St. Mary's, originally the Benedictine Priory of Newark, was raised to an abbey in December, 1884, by the late Pope Leo XIII. Father O'Brien will be the third abbot of the community. His predecessor, Abbot Helmstetter, succeeded Rt. Rev. Hilary Pfraengle, who died in 1909.

At the installation ceremony the abbot-elect will receive the ring, the pectoral cross, the miter and the crozier symbolic of the office, which is a life position.

HIGH HONOR PAID REV. FR. O'BRIEN

New Abbot at Newark, N. J.,
Member of Manchester Family



REV. PATRICK O'BRIEN.

Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., who was recently elected abbot of St. Mary's Abbey at Newark, N. J., is a member of a well known Manchester family, and the news of his elevation was received with joy by hundreds of friends in the city and state.

A son of Patrick and the late Johanna (Cronin) O'Brien, he received his early education at St. Raphael's parish school and later attended St. Joseph's High school, St. Anselm college and Holy Cross college at Worcester, Mass.

Installation in Fall

He entered the Benedictine novitiate at Bratty, Pa., in 1915 and was ordained at St. Joseph's cathedral in this city in 1920 by the late Bishop George Albert Guertin.

Before entering the novitiate, he taught for several months at St. Joseph's High school and he later taught French at St. Benedict's preparatory school, noted Benedictine institution, at Newark.

For several years he served as pastor of St. Joseph's church in Maplewood, N. J.

As abbot of St. Mary's abbey, he succeeds Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, senior abbot of the Benedictine order in the United States, who died on July 9.

No date has been set as yet for Abbot O'Brien's installation, but the ceremony is expected to be in the early fall. At that time he will receive an abbot's ring, pectoral cross, mitre and crozier, emblematic of the order. Under his jurisdiction will come properties of the order throughout New Jersey and in parts of Delaware.

Abbot O'Brien has two brothers, Daniel J. and Joseph P. O'Brien, and a sister, Mary O'Brien, living in this city, and a brother, William J. O'Brien, who served as city clerk during the administration of Mayor Verrette, now living in New York.

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Two Take Solemn Perpetual Vows As Benedictines

Frater Philip C. Hoover, O.S.B., son of Mrs. Anna Hoover, of 18 South Twentieth street, East Orange, and Frater Lawrence J. Grassman, O.S.B., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Grassman, of 46 Thomas street, Newark, took the solemn perpetual vows of the Order of St. Benedict in the presence of a large number of confreres, relatives and friends at a low Mass celebrated by the Right Rev. Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien, O.S.B., in St. Mary's Abbey Church, Newark. The young Benedictines made their vows before Abbot Patrick, seated on a faldstool in the middle of the altar.

The solemn profession was made after the Gospel of the Mass, as each frater, kneeling before the Abbot, read his vows and sang the "Suscipe" — "Uphold me, Our Lord, according to Thy word, and I shall live; and let me not be confounded in my expectation." The bells of the Abbey Church then tolled and the professed were covered with a pall to signify that they had died to the world. During this part of the ceremony prayers were said, including the "Miserere," after which the young Religious were invested by the Abbot with the cuculla, which is the religious dress of a solemnly professed Benedictine.

Assisting Abbot Patrick in the Mass and ceremonies were the Very Rev. Prior Boniface Reger, O.S.B.; the Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O.S.B., and Brother Anthony Beron, O.S.B. The sermon was given by the Rev. Ambrose Gallagher, O.S.B., of Belmont Abbey, Belmont, N. C.

Father Ambrose said this ceremony leads us right back to the end of the fifth century and connects that age of early Christianity with our own.

"This," he said, "brings to mind a very significant and pertinent fact. It is the Catholic Church and monasticism, working within the framework of the Catholic Church, which establishes a continuity between the fifth century and the twentieth. Moreover, the identity of this ceremony here today with what regularly took place fourteen centuries ago is evidence that man in his fundamental nature is the same today as he was when Christianity arose. And so religion today meets and answers the cry of the human heart and soul with the same recipes it used two thousand years ago."

After explaining the ritualistic and symbolical features of the ceremony, the speaker enlarged upon the nature of the specific obligations assumed in religious profession.

Father Ambrose asked why did these young men renounce the secular world and bind themselves to a rigid rule of life in religion? In answering this question he named first the vocation or call from God; second a particular type of love for God and man born of the individual's cooperation with grace; third, the unique and specialized appeal made by the Benedictine life to individual souls. In expanding the last idea the speaker referred to the un-

Community Honors Abbot O'Brien Leaving Maplewood for New Post

A community tribute of farewell was paid last night to Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., who is retiring as pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, to be invested November 1 as abbot of St. Mary's Abbey Newark. The testimonial meeting was held in the parochial school auditorium.

Township officials, clergymen of his own and other faiths and leaders of his congregation lauded Abbot O'Brien's work in the community. He was presented a scroll bearing the names of his parishioners and friends and with a purse of \$1,000.

Officials Speak.

John S. De Hart Jr., Township Committee chairman, said Abbot O'Brien had been a force for good during his five years in Maplewood that will be felt long after he is gone. Edward Austin of the Board of Education spoke of his success in breaking down the barriers of sectionalism.

Others who lauded Abbot O'Brien as a priest and as a force in the community were Thomas W. Sweeney, president of Maplewood Civic Association; Milo S. Borden, member of the Township Committee; Town Commissioner McMahon of Montclair; Rev. R. Nelson Butts, pastor of Prospect Presbyterian Church, Maplewood, and Rev. Richard E. Studer, O. S. B., acting pastor of St. Joseph's.

Abbot O'Brien spoke briefly, saying he had hoped to slip out of Maplewood as quietly as he had slipped in. He praised the loyalty of his parishioners. Without their unexampled co-operation the work among the

poor could not have been as effective as it has been throughout the five years of his pastorate, he said. Maplewood, he declared, to be a hospitable and a democratic town.

Abbot O'Brien was escorted into the school auditorium by the Mgr. Doane Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus color guard of Newark and by the officers of the church societies. Community singing preceded the speaking.

Newark News. 10/5/37.

The Right Rev. Abbot Patrick O'Brien, O.S.B., former pastor of Maplewood's St. Joseph's Church, will be blessed at a solemn ceremony Nov. 1 when he will become formally installed as abbot of St. Mary's Abbey. He was elected to that post last Aug. 11, following the death of Abbot Ernst Helmstetter.

The blessing will be during a pontifical Mass by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Bishop of Newark. Abbot Patrick will celebrate Mass at a side altar in St. Mary's Abbey church until the offertory when he will move to the high altar and kneel on a prie-dieu.

Last Oct. 4 the citizens of Maplewood joined in a testimonial to Abbot Patrick who had been pastor of St. Joseph's since Dec. 22, 1932. He entered the Benedictine Order in 1914 and has, since then, been very active in scholastic and other activities of the church. In 1920 he was ordained to the priesthood.

The officers of the pontifical Mass at which Bishop Walsh will bestow the blessing upon the new head of St. Mary's Abbey will be: Rev. Benedict Bradley, O. S. B., archpriest; Rev. Francis Hahn, O. S. B., deacon; Rt. Rev. Mons. John Delaney and Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B., masters of ceremonies.

Deacons of honor to the bishop will be the Rt. Rev. Monss. John Murphy and Paul Knappek. The Rt. Rev. Thomas McLaughlin, S. T. D., will preach the sermon while the Rt. Rev. Mons. John McClary, chancellor of the Newark diocese, will read the apostolic mandate.

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usual harmony and fitness between Benedictine monastic life and the American democratic principles. He dwelt upon the human reasonableness of the rule of St. Benedict and its juridic safeguard of the dignity of human personality and individuality. Finally he said the comprehensive character of the Benedictine life gave it a wide appeal. It is limited to no specific field of ecclesiastical life; it is neither strictly contemplative nor strictly educational, nor strictly pastoral, but lends itself with easy compatibility to every phase of religious endeavor.

Frater Philip is a native of Irvington, N. J. He attended St. Antonius' parochial school, Barringer High School, St. Benedict's Prep School and St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa. Frater Lawrence is a native of Newark. He attended St. Columba's parochial school, St. Benedict's Prep School and St. Vincent's College, Latrobe. The two young men entered the Benedictine Order July 2, 1935, at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, and after completing a year's novitiate made their simple triennial vows at St. Vincent's Archabbey. They are now finishing their theological studies at the Belbarton, the Benedictine House of Studies, at Morristown. During the summer Frater Philip will attend the Pius X School of Liturgical Music, and Frater Lawrence will study at the Seton Hall Summer School.

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Four Benedictines Are Named Pastors

Appointment of four new Benedictine pastors to parishes in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark by Archbishop Walsh was announced today by Abbot Patrick O'Brien, O. S. B., of St. Mary's Abbey.

Rev. Robert Baumgartner, who has been pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Elizabeth, since 1932, has been made pastor of the Blessed Sacrament Church, that city. He will succeed the late Rev. Anthony Goebel, who died December 16. Rev. Charles Carroll, who has been administrator of Blessed Sacrament Church, will be the new pastor of Sacred Heart Church.

Rev. Richard Studer, administrator of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, will become pastor of that church, succeeding Abbot O'Brien, who was pastor there until his election as abbot last August. Rev. Celestine Staab, administrator of St. Mary's Abbey Church here, will become pastor of that church, succeeding Rev. Leo Bleier, who died December 4. The appointments will become effective Tuesday.

Father Baumgartner is a Newarker. Ordained in 1907, he was a member of the faculty of St. Benedict's Preparatory School 20 years and served as a curate at St. Benedict's Church here and St. Mary's Abbey Church. Father Carroll and Father Studer also are Newarkers.

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Abbot to Mark Fiftieth Year In Holy Orders

'Down Necker,' Head of Benedictine Abbey, Ordained 1884

Life has left only kindly marks on the "Down Necker" who two generations ago forsook the world to prepare for the priesthood in the Benedictine order.

Fifty years ago tomorrow, the Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., of St. Mary's Abbey, was ordained to the priesthood.

Since that day, he has instructed hundreds of youths in the sciences and has guided the activities of the priests of his abbey. Honors have come to him, too, and for years he held the highest position in his congregation in this country.

Happiest Day of Life

But, whatever the years have brought, they have not left lines of care on his face. An inner peace



THE RT. REV. ABBOT ERNEST HELMSTETTER

yesterday brought a glow to his face as he recalled the day of his ordination, "the happiest day of my life."

"I feel that I was ordained only yesterday," he said.

"Keep good hours," he advised. "Go to bed in time to get a satisfactory rest in order to get up early. Take exercise and spend your leisure in wholesome amusements."

Abbot Ernest deplored the modern tendency to "turn day into night and night into day." Men used to seem happier, he stated,

Tribute Paid Abbot Ernest

Fiftieth Anniversary as Priest Marked at Mass at St. Mary's

More than 1,000 persons, including 100 priests, attend a solemn pontifical mass yesterday in St. Mary's Church in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B.

Bishop Walsh celebrated the mass, assisted by Mgr. Thomas H. McLaughlin as archpriest. Very Rev. Boniface Seng, O. S. B., of St. Bernard, Ala., was deacon and Rev. Michael Mechler of St. Ann's Church was sub-deacon.

Mgr. John G. Delaney was master of ceremonies, assisted by Rev. Leo Bleier, O. S. B., pastor of the church. Mgr. Henry J. Behr of Elizabeth and Mgr. Robert J. Byer of Union Hill were deacons of honor. Most Rev. Vincent Taylor, O. S. B., abbot ordinary of Belmont Abbey, Belmont, N. C., delivered the eulogy.

Abbot Helmstetter was born in this city seventy-four years ago. The anniversary of his ordination was June 20, but the observance was deferred because many of the clergy were on retreat. The abbot wore a zucchetto, a purple cap used only by prelates, which was bestowed upon him by Pope Pius XI in honor of his anniversary.

There was a procession of clergy-

men before the mass. Among those present were Archabbot Alfred Koch, O. S. B., of St. Vincent's, Latrobe, Pa., where Abbot Helmstetter was ordained; Abbot Bertrand Dolan, O. S. B., of St. Anselm's, Manchester, N. H.; Abbot Valentine Kolbeck, O. S. B., of St. Procoelius's, Lisle, Ill.; Abbot Justus Wirth, O. S. B., of St. Bede's, Peru, Ill.; Abbot Lambert Burton, O. S. B., of St. Martin's, Lacey, Wash., and Very Rev. Gregory Vaniscak, O. S. B., of St. Andrew's, Cleveland.

Bishop Walsh extended congratulations to the abbot at dinner on behalf of himself, the priests and residents of the diocese.

Benedictines In New Posts

Rev. Helmstetter Shifts Appointments of 3 in Order

The Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O.S.B., of St. Mary's Abbey Church, High street, last night announced the following changes and appointments among the Benedictine Fathers:

The Rev. Robert Baumgartner, O.S.B., instructor of Latin at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, has been appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Elizabeth, to succeed the late Rev. Florian Widmann, O.S.B., who died October 27; the Rev. Gabriel Steines, O.S.B., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, has been transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Linden, succeeding the late Rev. Meinrad Hettinger, who died Dec. 5, and the Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O.S.B., head of the French department at St. Benedict's, has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph's. The appointments will go into effect Tuesday.

Father Robert has been a member of St. Benedict's faculty for 20 years. A native of Newark, he attended St. Mary's parochial school, St. Benedict's Preparatory and St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H. Father Gabriel is also a native of Newark and a graduate of St. Anselm's. He received his early education at St. Benedict's parochial school, Barbara street, and at St. Benedict's Preparatory. Father Patrick was born in Manchester and was educated there and at Holy Cross College. He was formerly chaplain of Ivy Hill.

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when they went to work at 6 A. M. and returned home at 6 P. M.

"I'm not advocating such long hours of work," he explained, "I am simply pointing out that men were glad to get home in those days and were content with simple pleasures. The shorter working day is an excellent thing, but this restless seeking of excitement is no substitute for the old, simpler pleasures."

Abbot Ernest will pass his anniversary quietly but a solemn celebration will be held in his honor Sunday, July 1.

Bishop to Officiate

Pontifical mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's on that date by Bishop Walsh. The heads of the 14 other abbeys of the American Cassinese Congregation of Benedictines, including the Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O. S. B., of Collegeville, Minn., president of the congregation, are expected.

Abbot Ernest was born Oct. 7, 1859 in a house at Flemming avenue and South Market street.

He attended St. Benedict's parochial school and St. Benedict's College before entering St. Vincent's College at Latrobe.

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Changes Announced For Benedictines By Abbot Patrick

The Right Rev. Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien, O.S.B., of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, announced Monday the following changes and re-appointments which will take effect Jan. 2:

The Very Rev. Boniface Reger, O.S.B., sup-prior and headmaster of St. Benedict's Preparatory School, will become prior to succeed the Very Rev. Prior Anselm Kienle, O.S.B., who was appointed procurator; the Rev. Paul Huber, O.S.B., professor of medieval history at St. Benedict's, was appointed subprior to succeed the Very Rev. Subprior Boniface Reger, O.S.B.; the Rev. Hilary Stephan, O.S.B., professor of American history and French, was named dean of studies at St. Benedict's; the Rev. Francis Hahn, O.S.B., professor of mathematics, was appointed superintendent of St. Mary's Cemetery, East Orange, and the Rev. Aloysius Maahs, O.S.B., also professor of mathematics, was named assistant procurator.

The reappointments are as follows: The Very Rev. Prior Vincent Amberg, O.S.B., of St. Mary's Monastery and Delbarton the House of Studies, Morristown; the Rev. Claude Mick, O.S.B., master of novices; the Very Rev. Boniface Reger, O.S.B., headmaster of St. Benedict's Preparatory School; the Very Rev. Paul Huber, O.S.B., infirmarian; the Rev. Celestine Staab, O.S.B., sacristan; the Rev. Augustine Wirth, O.S.B., choir-master; the Rev. Lambert Dunne, O.S.B., master of chant; the Rev. John Boyle, O.S.B., dean of discipline and director of athletics at St. Benedict's; the Rev. Matthew Hoehn, O.S.B., librarian; the Rev. Gerald Flynn, O.S.B., secretary to Abbot Patrick, and the Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O.S.B., guest master and master of ceremonies.

The Very Rev. Subprior Boniface Reger, O.S.B., is a native of Windischesenbach, Germany. He attended school in Germany, St. Benedict's and St. Vincent's College, Beatty, Pa. He entered the Benedictine order July, 1892, and completed his novitiate at St. Vincent's, Beatty, one year later. He finished his theological course at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H., and was ordained to the priesthood June 12, 1897, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, by the late Bishop Wigger, of Newark. He taught at St. Benedict's from 1897 to 1904; then he was assigned to St. Anselm's College, Manchester, where he remained till 1920. At St. Anselm's he taught chemistry and Latin and was disciplinarian four years. In 1920 he was transferred by the late Abbot Right Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, O.S.B., to St. Benedict's. He has been headmaster of the school since 1926 and subprior since 1924. In his new duties he will remain headmaster. He is a brother of

the late Rev. Alexander Reger, O.S.B., who died Jan. 7, 1914, as assistant pastor of St. Benedict's Church, Newark.

The Very Rev. Paul Huber, O.S.B., is a native of Newark. He is the son of Franz and the late Maria M. Huber, of 72 Ann street, and a brother of Sister Callista, O.S.B., principal of the Nurses' Training School and superior of the Benedictine Sisters' Hospital, Kingston, N. Y. He attended St. Benedict's Parochial School of Newark, St. Anselm's Preparatory School and Seton Hall College and is a classmate of the Very Rev. Dr. James Kelley, president of Seton Hall College. He entered the Benedictine order September, 1924, at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Beatty, Pa., and one year later, after his novitiate, studied theology at Delbarton, the Benedictine House of Studies in Morristown. He was ordained to the priesthood May 25, 1929, in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh, of Newark. He served as curate at Sacred Heart Church, Wilmington, Del.; St. Benedict's Church, Newark, and St. Elizabeth's Church, Linden. Father Paul has been at St. Benedict's seven years. He is professor of medieval history and vocation guidance and served also as athletic director. He took graduate courses at Fordham University and now attends Seton Hall Graduate School.

The Rev. Hilary Stephan, O.S.B., is a native of Rahway, and the son of John and the late Catherine Conroy Stephan, of 27 Bond street, Rahway. He is a graduate of St. Benedict's Intermediate School; St. Benedict's Preparatory School and St. Anselm's College of Manchester, N. H. He entered the Benedictine order at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Beatty, Pa., in June, 1923, and made his profession July 2, 1924. He completed his theological studies at Delbarton and was ordained to the priesthood June 8, 1930, in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh, of Newark. Father Hilary received a master of arts degree from Fordham University June, 1931, and is continuing further graduate studies at Fordham. He has been professor of American history at St. Benedict's since 1931.

HIGH HONOR PAID REV. FR. O'BRIEN

New Abbot at Newark, N. J.,
Member of Manchester Family



REV. PATRICK O'BRIEN.

Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., who was recently elected abbot of St. Mary's Abbey at Newark, N. J., is a member of a well known Manchester family, and the news of his elevation was received with joy by hundreds of friends in the city and state.

A son of Patrick and the late Johanna (Cronin) O'Brien, he received his early education at St. Raphael's parish school and later attended St. Joseph's High school, St. Anselm college and Holy Cross college at Worcester, Mass.

Installation In Fall

He entered the Benedictine novitiate at Bratty, Pa., in 1915 and was ordained at St. Joseph's cathedral in this city in 1920 by the late Bishop George Albert Guertin.

Before entering the novitiate, he taught for several months at St. Joseph's High school and he later taught French at St. Benedict's preparatory school, noted Benedictine institution, at Newark.

For several years he served as pastor of St. Joseph's church in Maplewood, N. J.

As abbot of St. Mary's abbey, he succeeds Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, senior abbot of the Benedictine order in the United States, who died on July 9.

No date has been set as yet for Abbot O'Brien's installation, but the ceremony is expected to be in the early fall. At that time he will receive an abbot's ring, pectoral cross, mitre and crozier, emblematic of the order. Under his jurisdiction will come properties of the order throughout New Jersey and in parts of Delaware.

Abbot O'Brien has two brothers, Mel J. and Joseph P. O'Brien, and a sister, Mary O'Brien, living in the city, and a brother, William J. O'Brien, who served as city clerk in the administration of Mayor [Name] now living in New York.

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Benedictine Order Transfers Priests

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Father Timothy Assigned to Linden Church—Father Gregory to Fordham

Transfer of Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B., French instructor at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, to St. Elizabeth's Church, Linden, as assistant pastor, was announced today by Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., of St. Mary's Abbey, president of St. Benedict's. The change, with others, is effective immediately.

Father Timothy, who has been at St. Benedict's 10 years, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dwyer of 218 Richelieu terrace. Born in Newark he attended St. Rose of Lima's Parochial School and Seton Hall Preparatory School and College. He



Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B.

studied for the priesthood at St. Anselm's Seminary and was ordained by Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh June 2, 1928.

After his ordination, Father Timothy continued studies at Fordham University, where he obtained his master of arts degree in French. While at St. Benedict's, Father Dwyer was active in producing many of the school plays and the last three years he had charge of the school's cafeteria. He also assisted the last 10 years at Holy Cross Church, Harrison.

Father Gregory to Fordham

The other changes in the school's faculty are: Rev. Gregory Schramm, O. S. B., instructor in chemistry and head of student guidance, goes to Fordham University to teach child psychology; Rev. John Doyle, O. S. B., will have charge of the cafeteria and continue as proctor of discipline and director of athletics; Rev. Gerald Flynn, O. S. B., instructor of senior English, becomes dean of studies, and Rev. Michael Collins, O. S. B., joins the faculty as instructor of chemistry.

Changes at St. Mary's Abbey are: Rev. Anselm Kienle, O. S. B., to choir master; Rev. James Cullinane, O. S. B., to guest master; Rev. Bernard Peters, O. S. B., transferred from St. Elizabeth's Church, Linden, to Blessed Sacrament Church, Elizabeth; Rev. Claude Micik, O. S. B., from St. Mary's Abbey to Delbarton School for Boys, Morristown; Rev. Frater Terence O'Connor, O. S. B., to master of ceremonies at the Abbey; Rev. Frater Martin Burne, O. S. B., to organist, and Ven. Brother Anthony Beron, O. S. B., to assistant master of ceremonies.

Catholic Boarding School for Boys To Open Sept. 11

Delbarton School for Boys
Sat. Aug. 19, 1937
Delbarton to Be Situated in Morristown—Faculty Being Picked

Rev. Augustine Wirth, O. S. B., headmaster of Delbarton School for Boys, a new country day and boarding school, Mendham road, Morristown, which will open September 11, today announced the first two members of the faculty.

They are Rev. Julian Schorn and Rev. Claude Micik, both members of the Order of St. Benedict of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark.

Father Julian is a member of the International Federation of Learned Societies, the American Catholic Historical Society and is a former member of the National Council of Teachers of English. He moved to Delbarton Wednesday from St. Benedict's Church, Barbara street, Newark, where he was pastor eight years. He is a professor of Latin, Greek and English and was dean of English for three years at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H. He taught at St. Anselm's fifteen years, seven in preparatory and eight in college. He was varsity end on St. Anselm's football team in 1910 and played baseball and basketball while a student there. He completed his novitiate at St. Vincent's, Latrobe, Pa., and was ordained at St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, in 1918, by the late Bishop John J. O'Connor.

Father Claude, of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, will return from vacation Monday and take up duties immediately at Delbarton. He attended St. Mary's parochial and St. Benedict's preparatory schools, Newark; St. Anselm's preparatory school and college, Manchester, N. H., and St. Vincent's, Latrobe, Pa. He was ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Newark, June 1930, by the late Bishop John J. O'Connor.

Father Claude taught Latin at St. Benedict's Prep, Newark, seven years and served one year as curate at St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, before he became novice master of the Benedictine novitiate in St. Mary's Monastery, now Delbarton.

Father Claude is a horticulturist and nature student of ability, having been a member of the Bureau of Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, while at St. Anselm's. He has continued that work unofficially since. The fine condition of preservation of the showplace qualities of the landscaping and gardens of the former 400 acre private estate, now the school campus, is credited to Father Claude's supervisory work.

Delbarton School Head Is Selected

Rev. Augustine Wirth, O. S. B., to Direct Institution at Morristown

Special to Newark News.

MORRISTOWN—Rev. Augustine Wirth, O. S. B., a teacher of physics and science at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, 25 years, has been appointed head master of the new Delbarton School for Boys, which will open September 11 on



Rev. Augustine Wirth, O. S. B.

the 400-acre estate in Mendham road.

The selection was made by Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark. Father Augustine had been tentative head in charge of preliminary plans.

Was Athletic Director

Besides teaching physics and science in St. Benedict's Father Augustine was an instructor in the upper and intermediate general courses and was athletic director at the institution seven years. The new school will open with seventh and eighth grades and add a grade each year until a full course in preparatory training is offered.

Father Augustine was born in Buffalo. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Florian A. Wirth, moved to Elizabeth when he was a child. He attended Sacred Heart School, Elizabeth, and completed college and seminary courses at St. Anselm's, Manchester, N. H., and St. Vincent's, Latrobe, Pa.

Ordained in Newark

He was ordained to the priesthood in St. Mary's Abbey Church, Newark, by the late Bishop John J. O'Connor. He offered his first mass at Sacred Heart Church, Elizabeth, July 4, 1909.

During college days, Father Augustine starred in baseball, basketball and golf.

The priest is a brother of Mrs. William H. Kenah, Mrs. Thomas J. Ryan, Mrs. William F. Dunne and William A. Wirth of Elizabeth.

Registration in the new school began Monday and will continue until August 31.

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Golden Jubilee Mass for Abbot Helmstetter

American Benedictine Head Completing Fiftieth Year as Priest

RT. REV. ERNEST HELMSTETTER, O. S. B., will complete next week his fiftieth year as a Benedictine. The golden jubilee of his profession occurs Thursday, July 11. But, as simplicity, service and meditation are the keynote of the venerable priest's life, it would be contrary to any wish on his part to have more than a jubilee mass mark his anniversary.

A solemn pontifical high mass, followed by Papal benediction, will therefore be the only public event. It will be celebrated Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Mary's Abbey Church, High and William streets. Rt. Rev. Bernard Menges, O. S. B., abbot from Cullman, Ala., will be the celebrant. Assisting the jubilant will be Very Rev. Anselm Kienlo, O. S. B., prior of the abbey, and the sub-prior, Very Rev. Boniface Reger, O. S. B. Rev. Leo Bleier, O. S. B., will be master of ceremonies. The sermon will be by Rev. Walter Stehle, O. S. B., professor of theology at St. Vincent's Seminary, Latrobe, Pa.

Honored by Pope.

A letter containing the felicitations of Pope Pius XI has been received by the abbot in honor of his jubilee and the Supreme Pontiff has also conferred upon him as a personal distinction the privilege of wearing the *cappa magna* (great cape)—a large mantle with long train, having a fur cape for winter and a silk one for summer.

The abbot has been called to Rome three times in his official capacity as abbot president of the American Benedictines for consultation at the Vatican. The trips were made in 1913, 1920 and 1925. He has taken special interest in the International Benedictine College of San Anselmo in Rome, established by Pope Leo XIII in 1893.

The abbot was an intimate friend of Cardinal Francis Aidan Gasquet, famous Benedictine scholar, who died recently. At the time of his death he was president of the Pontifical Bible Revision Commission. The late cardinal made St. Mary's Abbey here his headquarters during a six-month American lecture tour.

It is a source of satisfaction to the priests and brothers at the local abbey that the jubilee of their beloved leader occurs in the same year that marks the 1,400th anniversary of the founding of their order. The Benedictine Order had its beginning in 529 and Benedictines all over the world, and especially those of Monte Cassino, where it was founded, are commemorating that event this year.

Through 1,400 years the *Regula Sacra* (Holy Rule) of St. Benedict has guided his followers. St. Benedict is

known as the father of Western Monasticism.

Born in This City.

Abbot Helmstetter was born in this city October 7, 1859. He attended St. Benedict's Preparatory School and then went to St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, from which he was graduated. He took his courses in philosophy and theology at St. Vincent's Seminary, Latrobe, and made his profession in the Benedictine Order July 11, 1879. His profession was received by Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, O. S. B., pioneer founder of the order in America. The vows were pronounced at St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe.

In 1884 the abbot was ordained to the priesthood as a member of St. Vincent's Community. He taught chemistry and mathematics at the college there until joining the Newark community when St. Mary's Abbey was established in 1885.

Two years later he was appointed procurator of the local abbey and in 1889 he was appointed prior. From 1905 until 1908 he served as headmaster of St. Benedict's Preparatory School and in 1910 he was elected abbot. His election as president of

the American Congregation of Benedictines and Benedictine Educational Association of America was in 1914. He has held both offices, through reelection, since then.

Four years ago, after the purchase of a 400-acre estate in Morristown, the abbot established the Delbarton House of Studies, where young men preparing for the Benedictine priesthood are instructed in seminary branches. In connection with the house a junior college of arts and sciences is soon to be opened there.

The abbot is in very good health, notwithstanding the fact that he rises every morning at 4:50 o'clock through the daylight saving months and at 4:20 A. M. the remainder of the year, and notwithstanding the fact, too, that it is 7 o'clock every day before he has his breakfast.

"I can't complain any," was his reply when asked about his health. Then, with a twinkle that increased the impression one gains in his presence of a very kindly disposition, he added: "My appetite is good and I sleep well." Even the fact that his sight is very poor and the condition of his eyes prohibits

much reading, he gives no indication that the enforced limitation, depresses or annoys him.

Admitting that he put too much of a strain upon his eyes through his great fondness for reading and study, he simply states: "Now I have to be very careful, but there are plenty of things to keep me interested without so much reading."

Finds Delight in Travel.

It would probably be difficult to find any one who is more fond of traveling than is Abbot Helmstetter. "I even enjoy sleeping on a train," and again his eyes twinkled. He is away now, having left last week for a visit to the abbeys in the Central West and to a convention in Acheson, Kan., and will probably not be back until Tuesday.

It is no hardship for the abbot, as president, to have to visit all the abbeys in the United States every three years. The trips are none too frequent and the impressions brought back are not short-lived. On the contrary, incidents and mental pictures of his last trip to the Pacific Coast are as vivid as are those of the 11,000-mile trip he completed June 6.

July, 1929

Rev. Julian Schorn Of Delbarton Staff

Transfusions Fail to Save
Former Newark Pastor,
Victim of Streptococcus

Special to Newark News.

MORRISTOWN — Rev. Julian Schorn, O. S. B., instructor of English at Delbarton School for Boys here and former pastor of St. Benedict's Church, Newark, died last night at All Souls' Hospital. He was stricken with a streptococcus infection 10 days ago and had been

given several blood transfusions by clerics at Delbarton.

Father Julian was 48 years old. Born in Doerrebach, Germany, he came to this country in 1904, entering the academic department of St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H. He received his bachelor of arts degree in 1914 and studied theology at the college seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop John J. O'Connor, June 7, 1918, at St. Mary's Abbey Church, Newark, and two days later celebrated his first solemn mass at St. John's Church, New Brunswick.

His first assignment was as a member of the faculty of St. Anselm's College. In 1927 he was transferred to Sacred Heart Church, Elizabeth, as a curate and four years later he was appointed pastor of St. Benedict's Church, Newark. Because of ill health he had to relinquish that post last Summer. He was appointed in August as one of the first members of the faculty of Delbarton.

Athlete at College

At college, Father Julian was an end on the varsity football team. He also played baseball and basketball. In his teaching career at St. Anselm's he served in both the high school and college as professor of Latin, Greek and English. He was dean of English in the college three years. He was a member of the International Federation of Learned Societies, the American Catholic Historical Society and a former member of the National Council of Teachers of English.

He leaves two brothers, Jacob and Julius, and two sisters, Sister M. Fidentia and Mrs. Elizabeth Link, all of Germany.

The office of the dead will be chanted by the priests of St. Mary's Abbey at 7:30 P. M. Friday in the abbey church, High and William streets, Newark. A solemn high requiem mass will be offered in the same church Saturday at 10 A. M. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Orange.

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Appointed Pastor At St. Benedict's

Rev. Aloysius Maahs Succeeds
Rev. Julian Schorn,
Who Goes to Delbarton

Rev. Aloysius Maahs, O.S.B., instructor of mathematics at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, has been appointed pastor of St. Benedict's Church. The appointment, effective August 16, was made by



Rev. Aloysius Maahs

Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh on recommendation of Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien, O.S.B., of St. Mary's Abbey.

Rev. Julian Schorn, O.S.B., former pastor of St. Benedict's, will go to the new Delbarton School for Boys, Morristown, conducted by the Benedictine Order.

Father Aloysius the last 13 years has been assistant procurator at St. Mary's Abbey. He was secretary of St. Benedict's Preparatory School from 1924 to 1931.

Native of Delaware

The new pastor is a native of Wilmington, Del. He attended St. Anselm's College and completed his seminary courses at St. Vincent's, Latrobe, Pa.

Father Aloysius was ordained at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, N. H., by the late Bishop Guertin May 27, 1916. He was a curate at Sacred Heart Church, Wilmington, from 1919 to September, 1922, when he was transferred to St. Benedict's Preparatory School. He previously had been an instructor at St. Benedict's from 1916 to 1919. He also has assisted at Our Lady of Grace Church, Hoboken; St. Mary's Church, Elizabeth, and St. Joseph's Church, Roselle.

Benedictine Abbot Transfers Priests

Rev. Charles Carroll of St.
Benedict's Prep to Go to
Elizabeth Church

Transfer of Rev. Charles Carroll, O. S. B., teacher of English mathematics and religion at St. Benedict's Preparatory School the last eleven years, to curate at Blessed Sacrament Church, Elizabeth, was announced today by Abbot Ernest Helmstetter of St. Mary's Abbey. Father Carroll was athletic director at St. Benedict's four years and also served as class moderator and supervisor of studies.

Transfers of curates announced by Abbot Helmstetter were: Rev. Paul Huber, from St. Benedict's Church, Newark, to St. Elizabeth's Church, Linden; Rev. George Sherry, from Blessed Sacrament Church, Elizabeth, to St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood; Rev. Raymond Mullin, from St. Elizabeth's Church, Linden, to St. Benedict's Preparatory School; Rev. Luke Moosburger, from St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, to St. Mary's Abbey, and Rev. Hugh Duffy, from Delbarton House of Studies, Morristown, to St. Benedict's Church, Newark. All transfers are effective Friday.

Father Carroll is a native of Newark, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll of Read street. He attended St. Benedict's Parochial and Preparatory schools, St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H., and Fordham Graduate School. He was ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral by the late Bishop O'Connor June 6, 1925.

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BENEDICTINE ORDER Pastorates Assigned

Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh yesterday announced important changes in the two Elizabeth congregations of the Benedictine Order.

Rev. Robert Baumgartner, O. S. B., pastor of the Sacred Heart Church for five years, was assigned to the pastorate of Blessed Sacrament Church, while Rev. Charles Carroll, O. S. B., administrator at the Blessed Sacrament Church, was made pastor of the Sacred Heart Church.

To become effective Tuesday, the appointments were made on recommendation of Rt. Rev. Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., of St. Mary's Abbey in Newark, head of the Benedictine Order in the Newark archdiocese.

At the same time, Archbishop

Walsh assigned Rev. Richard Studer, O. S. B., as pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, and Rev. Celestine Staab, O. S. B., as pastor of the abbey church. Both have been serving as administrators of the churches.

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Wilmington, Del.
Sacred Heart Pastor
Educator for 39 Years



The Rev. James Cullinane

The Rev. James Cullinane, O. S. B., has been appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church to succeed the late Rev. Leonard Walter.

Father James, a native of Elizabeth, N. J., attended St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H., and was ordained in Manchester. Father James taught at St. Anselm's seven years and at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, thirty-two years. At St. Benedict's he taught commercial subjects and mathematics. He was instructor of senior mathematics the past twenty years. He will assume his duties as pastor here on September 14.

RT. REV. HELMSTETTER
**Final Rites
To Be Held
Wednesday**

Funeral services for the Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., abbot of St. Mary's Abbey, High st., who died Friday night from a cerebral hemorrhage, caused by the heat, will be held at the abbey Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Abbot Helmstetter, who was 77 years of age, had been head of the Benedictine Order in the United States from 1914 to 1929, the longest period ever served by one man.

He was educated at St. Benedict's Parochial School and later attended St. Benedict's College. He was graduated from St. Vincent's College at Latrobe, Pa., and St. Vincent's Seminary. In 1879 he entered the Benedictine Order and was ordained a priest in 1884. He taught at St. Vincent's College for a year and then returned to Newark when St. Mary's Abbey was founded in 1885.

From 1905 to 1908 he was headmaster of St. Benedict's Preparatory School and held the posts of procurator and prior of the abbey until he was elected abbot in 1910.

During the celebration of his golden jubilee as a Benedictine in 1929 Pope Pius XI conferred upon him the right to wear the Cappa Magna (great cape) and sent him a letter of felicitation. As president of the American Benedictines he made three trips to the Vatican to confer with the Pope.

He also served as president of the American Cassinese Congregation of Benedictines and was head of St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H., for 17 years.

**Benedictine to
Celebrate 65th
Ordination Day**

Celebrating the eighty-ninth anniversary of his birth and the sixty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, the Rev. Ambrose Huebner, O. S. B., will go Dec. 8 from the Benedictine House of Studies, Delbarton, to St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, where a Mass will be celebrated in the abbey church marking both occasions.

The Right Rev. Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien and members of the community will be present at the Mass offered for the venerable priest, who little more than eight years ago was procurator of St. Mary's Abbey. In recent years Father Ambrose has been living at Delbarton.

Father Ambrose was born in Brooklyn on Dec. 9, 1848. With his parents he went to Newark as a child, where he grew up in St. James' parish and where he was confirmed by the first Bishop of Newark, Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley.

Completing his theological studies at St. Vincent's Academy, now St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa., Father Ambrose was ordained on Dec. 21, 1872. After ordination he was assigned to missions in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Maryland and New Jersey, going later to St. Bede's College, Peru, Ill. Subsequently he served at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H., and at St. Mary's Abbey, Newark.

Father Ambrose held pastorates in Wilmington, Del., and Sacred Heart Church, Elizabeth, and celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary in the priesthood in 1897 while serving in Elizabeth.

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**REV. JAMES CULLINANE,
SACRED HEART PASTOR**

Appointment of the Rev. James Cullinane, O. S. B., of Newark, N. J., to be pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Tenth and Madison Streets, was announced yesterday at the Benedictine Abbey in Newark.

Father James (the first, or religious name), who has been a professor at St. Benedict's College, Newark, for a number of years, will come to Wilmington the latter part of this week to take over his new duties.

The Benedictine priest will succeed the late Rev. Leonard Walter, O. S. B., who died July 15. In the interim, the Rev. Innocent Boss, O. S. B., who was assistant pastor under Father Leonard, has been in charge of the parish.

Father James has been professor of mathematics at St. Benedict's College, one of the largest Benedictine higher educational institutions in the country. It has a student body of nearly 900.

**Local Priest Named
For Delaware Church**

Abbott Ernest Helmstetter of St. Mary's Abbey announced today the appointment of Rev. James Cullinane, O. S. B., of St. Benedict's Preparatory School as pastor of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic

Church, Wilmington, Del. He succeeds Rev. Leonard Walter, O. S. B., who died July 14.

Father James was born in Elizabeth and attended St. Anselm's Prep School and College in Manchester, N. H. He was ordained in Manchester July 29, 1899, and has been teaching thirty-nine years, six years at St. Anselm's and the last thirty-two at St. Benedict's. In the local school he taught commercial subjects and for the last twenty years, senior mathematics.

Father James has assisted at St. Bridget's Church in Plane street Saturdays and Sundays during the last twenty-eight years. He will assume his pastorate September 14.

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PRIEST ORDERED TO WILMINGTON

Rev. James Cullinane to Leave
St. Benedict's Post.

Appointment of Rev. James Cullinane, O.S.B., a native of Elizabeth, to the pastorate of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Wilmington, Del., was announced yesterday by Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, O.S.B., of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark. Father James, who for the last thirty-two years has been an instructor at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, will assume his new duties September 14.

As a boy Father James was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, this city. He is the son of the late Dominick and Ellen Cullinane. His father died many years ago and his mother seven years ago at the home where a sister, Miss Katherine M. Cullinane, now resides, at 750 Newark avenue. Another sister, a nun of the Benedictine Order, Sister M. Irene, is principal of the Benedictine Memorial Academy. Father James has a brother, Jeremiah J. Cullinane, whose home is at 1100 North avenue.

After completing his grammar school course at the Sacred Heart School, the 14-year-old boy entered St. Anselm's Preparatory School in Manchester, N. H. Studies there were followed by the college course at St. Anselm's, and on July 29, 1899, he was ordained to the priesthood, the ceremony taking place at Manchester.

Father James remained at St. Anselm's as a member of the faculty, and six years later was transferred to St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, where he taught general commercial subjects for twelve years. For the last twenty years he has been instructor in senior mathematics. In addition to his work at the school he



REV. JAMES CULLINANE, O. S. B.,
Native of this city who will retire from
St. Benedict's faculty.

has assisted for twenty-eight years in Saturday and Sunday masses at St. Bridget's Church, Plane street, Newark.

In the Wilmington pastorate Father James will succeed Rev. Leonard Walter, O.S.B., who died July 14.

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Children Honor Priest Elevated 60 Years Ago

Father Ambrose Huebner,
84, Assisted at Mass by
His Altar Boy of 1897

Benedictines Fete Him

Former Teacher Has Served
Many Jersey Parishes

Special to the Herald Tribune

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 21.—With children, who are his especial friends, and Benedictine priests among whom he has labored for many years, crowding the church, the Rev. Ambrose Huebner, O. S. B., marked the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood by celebrating an 8 o'clock mass here this morning in St. Mary's Abbey Church at High and William Streets.

It was a low mass, for Father Ambrose is eighty-four years old, and his voice is not so strong as it was when he tamed wild horses for the Benedictine Abbey he helped found in the frontier Kansas of the 70's. But with his long, white hair and white beard he made an impressive celebrant, with the Rev. Augustine Worth, O. S. B., who was his altar boy thirty-five years ago at the Sacred Heart Church in Elizabeth, N. J., come back to assist him as acolyte.

Another member of his order, the Rev. Claude Micik, was the second acolyte, and in the congregation was the Right Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, abbot of the Benedictine community to which St. Mary's is attached, who was Father Ambrose's altar boy fifty years ago when he was a young priest in the "ironbound" section of Newark.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. William Koellhoffer, O. S. B., who reviewed in detail the sixty-year career of Father Ambrose, who, besides his service in Kansas, taught for a number of years at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., and many more as a priest in New Jersey towns.

The music was under the direction of Edward Baatz, organist of St. Mary's who has played at most of the masses that Father Ambrose, as senior priest of the abbey, has celebrated once a week there for several years, and Gertrude Kormann, as soloist, sang Millard's "Ave Maria" at the offertory. Father Ambrose used a gold chalice presented to him by his father when he celebrated his first mass after his ordination.

In the afternoon he returned to the Benedictine house of study at Dumbarton, N. J., where the inmates had arranged a celebration for the evening when the order bought the 400-acre estate and handsome house.

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St. Mary's Abbot Approved by Pope

Installation of Rev. Patrick
O'Brien Is Expected Late
in the Fall

Papal approval of the election of Rev. Patrick O'Brien, O. S. B., of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, as the new abbot of St. Mary's Abbey in High street was received from Rome today.

Father O'Brien was elected Wednesday as successor to the late Abbot Ernest Helmstetter. Fifty-four priests of the abbey participated in the election which was presided over by Abbot President Alcuin Deutsch of St. John's Abbey, St. John's, Minn.

The new abbot is on vacation at Watkins Glen, N. Y. He will be head of the abbey and St. Benedict's Preparatory School. He also will have charge of the Benedictine House of Studies at Morristown and St. Mary's Monastery, Delbarton, as well as Benedictine parishes in Newark, Maplewood, Elizabeth, Linden and Cedar Knolls and in the Wilmington (Del.) Diocese.

Installation of Abbot O'Brien will take place late in the fall. This is due principally to the fact that many American Benedictine abbots are in Rome to attend the election of an abbot primate of the order having jurisdiction over all Benedictine communities.

Aug. 13, 37

BENEDICTINE PRIEST

Fr. Huebner Marks 89th Birthday

MORRISTOWN—The Rev. Ambrose Huebner of St. Mary's Monastery, who celebrates his 89th birthday tomorrow, will be honored today in St. Mary's Abbey Church. Oldest member of the abbey and one of the oldest benedictines in the United States and Canada, he will mark his 65th anniversary in the priesthood Dec. 21.

A solemn high mass will be celebrated at 9 A. M., by the Rev. Celestine Staab, assisted by the Rev. Matthew Hoehn and the Rev. Michael Collins. The Right Rev. Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien and Father Huebner will sit within the sanctuary rail during the mass. The choir will consist of pupils of St. Mary's Parochial School. A dinner will follow.

Born in Brooklyn, Father Huebner's family moved to Newark and he attended St. James' Parochial School. He completed his high school, college and theological studies at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., and was ordained in 1872. Stationed in parishes in Pennsylvania, Kansas, New Hampshire and New Jersey he was signed to St. Mary's Monastery in 1926 when the 400-acre estate was acquired.

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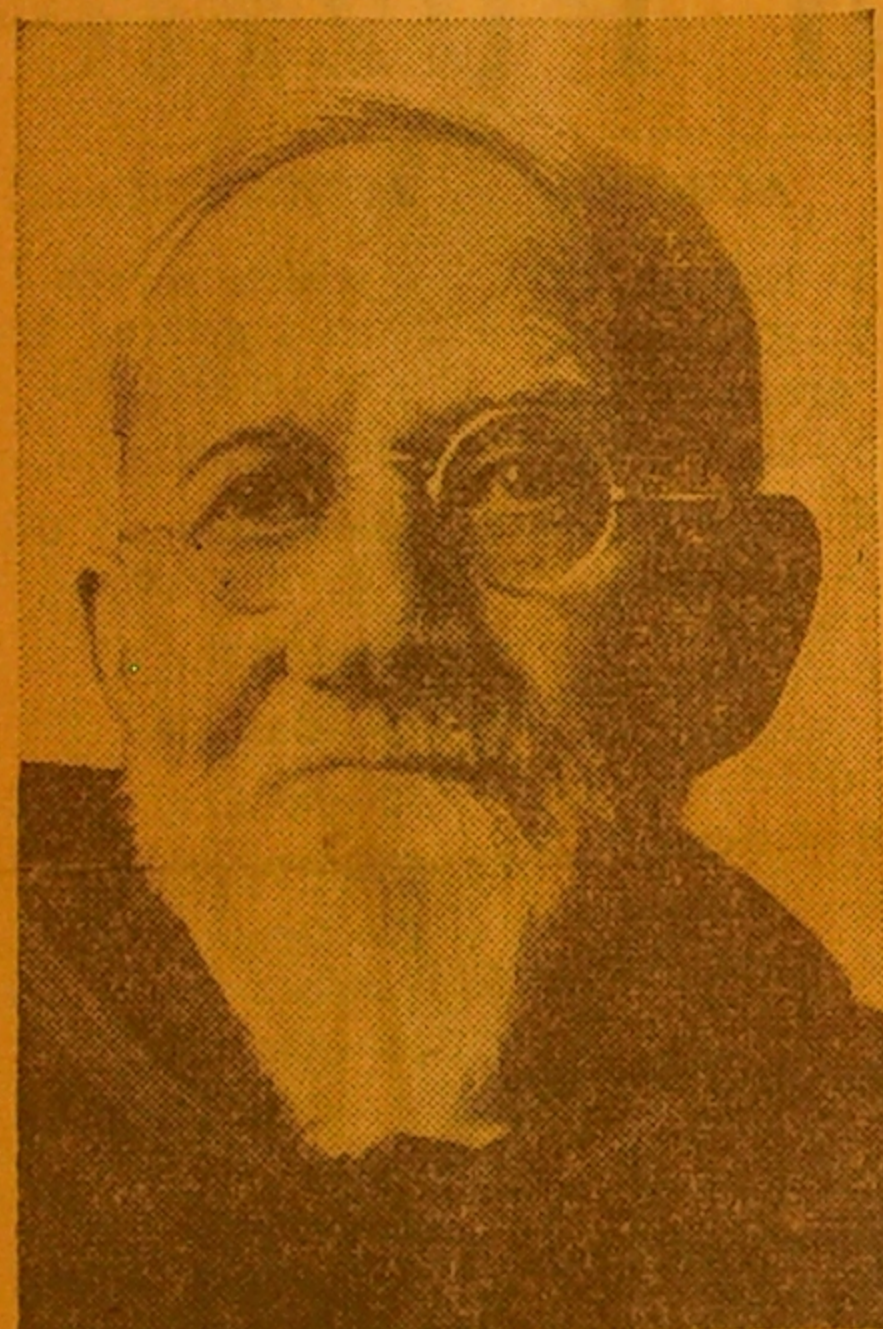
St. Mary's Abbey Is to Honor Father Ambrose, Nearing 89

Rev. Ambrose Huebner, O. S. B., of St. Mary's Monastery, Morristown, will be honored Wednesday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, by the community of St. Mary's Abbey in anticipation of his 89th birthday on Thursday and of his 65th anniversary in the priesthood, which occurs December 21.

Very Rev. Prior Anselm Kienle, O. S. B., will be the celebrant of a solemn high mass on Wednesday. Rt. Rev. Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., and Father Ambrose will sit in the sanctuary. The children of St. Mary's School will sing the mass.

Father Ambrose, senior priest of the abbey, was born in Brooklyn, but when a few months old came with his parents to the Down Neck section of Newark. He attended St. James' Parochial School.

He completed his high school, college and theological studies at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., entered the Benedictine order September 17, 1869 at St. Vincent's and was ordained to the priesthood there December 21, 1872 by Rt. Rev. Bishop M. Domenec, C. M., of Pittsburgh. He



Father Ambrose, O. S. B.

celebrated his first solemn mass in St. Benedict's Church here, with the late Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, who died July 9, assisting as an altar boy.

Father Ambrose then returned to St. Vincent's Archabbey, where he taught high school and college subjects. He celebrated mass at missions in the Pennsylvania towns and villages. The first baseball ever used at the Pennsylvania school was brought there by him from Newark. He marked out a diamond and also coached several football teams for interclass play. He drilled a 60-piece band, in which he played a cornet.

In 1877 he was one of the priests who founded St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kan., and remained there five years as procurator. Returning to New Jersey, he was the first resident pastor of St. Leo's Church, Irvington. When St. Mary's Abbey was founded in 1884, Father Ambrose became the prior and procurator.

He also held pastorates in Wilmington, Del., and at the Sacred Heart

OBSERVES 60TH YEAR AS PRIEST

Mass Celebrated by Father Huebner at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Abbey Church was crowded for the 8 o'clock mass this morning when the Rev. Ambrose Huebner, O. S. B., marked the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church. The mass also marked the beginning of the festal Eucharistic celebration.

Father Ambrose is senior priest of the Benedictine Abbey and is one of the oldest fathers of the order. He was 84 years old December 9.

Assisting Father Ambrose in the festive mass was the Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., of St. Mary's Abbey, who was an altar boy when Father Ambrose was first ordained. The sermon was preached by the Rev. William Koellhoffer O. S. B.

Children of St. Mary's School, which is connected with the church, furnished the music for the services. At the close of the mass a reception and breakfast for visiting clergy from Newark, Elizabeth and Morristown was held in the abbey.

Father Ambrose makes his home at St. Mary's Monastery in Morristown, the former 400-acre Belbarton estate.

He was born in Brooklyn but when an infant his parents brought him to Newark and settled in the Ironbound district. He attended St. James' Parochial School. Later he studied at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., where he was professed as a Benedictine and ordained a priest in 1872. He was first assigned to St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kans., as procurator. When St. Mary's Abbey was established here in 1884 he became its first procurator.

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Church, Elizabeth. In 1912 he became procurator at St. Anselm's Priory, Manchester, N. H.

Five years later he was appointed chaplain of St. Peter's Orphanage, Lyons avenue, where he remained two years. In 1917 he returned to St. Mary's Abbey until 1926, when the 400-acre estate of Delbarton, St. Mary's Monastery, Morristown, was purchased by the order.

Father Ambrose celebrates mass daily, reads his office and the daily newspapers. Because of a fracture of the hip several years ago, he uses a cane to take his daily strolls.

Elected Abbot Of St. Mary's

Rev. Patrick O'Brien, Pastor in Maplewood, to Head Newark Benedictines

Rev. Patrick O'Brien, O. S. B., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, and former head of the French department at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, was elected abbot of St. Mary's Abbey today. He will succeed Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, senior abbot of the Benedictine Order in the United States, who died at the abbey July 9.

The election was conducted by Rt. Rev. Abbot President Alcuin Deutsch of St. John's Abbey, St. John's, Minn., head of the order in this country. The election, which was participated in by the members of the Benedictine community here, was preceded by a solemn high mass in St. Mary's Church.

Officers of Mass.

The celebrant was Rev. Augustine Wirth, O. S. B. The deacon and subdeacon were Rev. Raymond Mullin, O. S. B., and Rev. Michael Collins. Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B., was master of ceremonies. The mass was sung by the priests' choir of the abbey.

The new head of St. Mary's is at Watkins Glen, N. Y., on vacation. Date of his installation will be announced after confirmation of his appointment from Rome.

Father O'Brien has been pastor of St. Joseph's since December 22, 1932, when he succeeded Rev. Gabriel Steines, who became pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church, Linden.

The new head of St. Mary's was born in Manchester, N. H., October 29, 1885, and entered the Benedictine Order July 22, 1915. He was ordained in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, May 29, 1920. Previously, he had studied at St. Anselm's College and Holy Cross College.

After ordination he was appointed to the faculty of St. Benedict's and remained there until assigned to Maplewood. While in Newark he was chaplain of Ivy Hill Almshouse six years and was active in sociological work.

Third Elected to Post.

St. Mary's, originally the Benedictine Priory of Newark, was raised to an abbey in December, 1884, by the late Pope Leo XIII. Father O'Brien will be the third abbot of the community. His predecessor, Abbot Helmstetter, succeeded Rt. Rev. Hilary Pfraengle, who died in 1909.

At the installation ceremony the abbot-elect will receive the ring, the pectoral cross, the miter and the crozier symbolic of the office, which is a life position.

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ABBOT-ELECT O'BRIEN
TO BE BLESSED NOV. 1
AT NEWARK, N.J., ABBEY
(BY N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE).

Newark, N.J., Oct. 18.--The Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O.S.B., former Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, N.J., who was elected Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, to succeed the late Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O.S.B., will be solemnly blessed in St. Mary's Abbey Church November 1 by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Bishop of Newark.

The blessing will take place in the course of the solemn pontifical Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Walsh. Simultaneously Abbot-elect O'Brien will celebrate Mass at the Sacred Heart altar until the Offertory when he will continue the Mass from the missal as he kneels before a priedieu placed in front of the high altar.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John McClary, Chancellor of the Diocese of Newark, will read the apostolic mandate and the Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark will preach the sermon.

Abbot-elect Patrick will have as Assistant Abbots, the Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B., Abbot of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., and President of the American Cassinese Benedictines, and the Rt. Rev. Bertrand Dolan, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N.H.

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ABBOT'S INVESTITURE

New Prelate Inducted at St. Mary's

(Pictures on Page 15.)

Centuries old tradition of the Benedictine Order was repeated yesterday in St. Mary's Abbey Church, High st., with the blessing of Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., and his enthronement as abbot.

The Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, bishop of Newark, celebrated a solemn pontifical mass and officiated at the investiture.

Amid a setting, matched only in pomp by the consecration of a bishop, Abbott Patrick assumed his reign over the near century old community.

A cross bearer and acolytes from St. Benedict's Preparatory School preceded the church dignitaries in line. In the procession were St. Benedict's students and alumni and members of the Parent-Teacher Association, delegates from St. Joseph's parish, Maplewood, and a color guard from Bishop Wigger Council, Knights of Columbus.

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. John C. McClary, chancellor of the diocese, read the apostolic mandate after which the abbot-elect took his oath kneeling before Bishop Walsh.

The bishop then interrogated the abbot-elect before the mass.

Investiture of the mitre, crozier and ring were performed early in the mass. At the offertory, Abbott Patrick presented Bishop Walsh two lighted candles, two small wine casks and two loaves of bread, symbolic of ancient discipline and the presentation of gifts of the faithful.

At the end of the mass Bishop Walsh escorted the new abbot to his throne, where members of the Bene-

dictine community came one by one, kissed his ring and received in return the kiss of peace.

Visiting bishops were the Most Rev. John B. Peterson of Manchester, N. H.; the Most Rev. Edmond J. Fitzmaurice of Wilmington, and the Most Rev. John Bernard Kevenhoerster, prefect apostolic of the Bahama Islands.

Abbots present were the Rt. Rev. Vincent Taylor, Belmont Abbey, North Carolina; Rt. Rev. Severin Gertken, St. Peter's, Muenster, Saskatchewan, Canada; Rt. Rev. Alfred Koch, St. Vincent's, Latrobe, Pa.; Rt. Rev. Lambert Burton, St. Martin's, Lacey, Wash.; Rt. Rev. Cuthbert Goeb, Assumption, Richardton, North Dakota; Rt. Rev. Ambrose Reger, St. Bernard's, Alabama; Rt. Rev. Procopius Neuzil, St. Procopius, Lisle, Ill.; Rt. Rev. Martin Veth, St. Benedict's, Atchinson, Kan., and Rt. Rev. Bertrand Dolan, St. Anselm's, Manchester, N. H.

Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, auxiliary bishop of Newark, delivered the sermon.

The Very Rev. Mgr. John G. Delaney, secretary to Bishop Walsh, was master of ceremonies, assisted by seven members of the Order of St. Benedict; Rev. Timothy Dwyer, Rev. Hoehen, Rev. Hilary Stephan, Rev. Charles Carroll, Rev. Matthew Paul Huber, Rev. Raymond Mullin and Rev. Justin Csanyi.

Deacons of honor were the Rt. Rev. Mgr. John Murphy and Rt. Rev. Mgr. Paul Knappek Rev. Francis Hahn, O. S. B., was deacon and Rev. Walter Lee, O. S. B., subdeacon. The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Michael J. Lavelle, represented Patrick Cardinal Hayes of New York.

A dinner at the Robert Treat Hotel followed the blessing.

REV. PATRICK O'BRIEN, O. S. B., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, was resting in Watkins Glen, N. Y., last week with Bishop Walsh when he received word of his election as abbot of St. Mary's Abbey. He succeeds Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, who died July 9. In the Catholic hierarchy an abbot is second in dignity only to a bishop and in some instances his powers are equal to a bishop's. In governing the affairs of his community he is responsible only to the abbot general of his order. There is one abbot in the Newark diocese and only 15 in the United States. A word of Syrian origin, abbot means father. An abbot is the "father" of a community of monks, who are his "sons." The Benedictine order, of which St. Mary's Abbey is a community, is the oldest in the church. Abbots in the Middle Ages were powerful figures, lords of great temporal domains. Although St. Benedict ordered that abbots must be priests 25 years old and elected by the monks of the community, monarchical invasion of church administration resulted in many laymen being made abbots, a title kings conferred on military favorites. Gradually this was eliminated and the abbots' temporal power disappeared. Their priestly dignity and ecclesiastical authority remained. An abbot assumes his powers when the Pope has confirmed his election and he is installed at a service known as a Solemn Benediction, which is similar to a bishop's consecration. At this service, always performed on a Sunday

or feast day, he receives a ring, pectoral cross, miter and crozier, which also symbolizes the office of bishop. Abbot-elect O'Brien formerly headed the French department at St. Benedict's Preparatory School. He has been pastor of St. Joseph's since December 22, 1932. He is a native of New Hampshire, where he was born October 29, 1885. He studied at St. Anselm's College and Holy Cross College and was ordained May 29, 1920.

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Sunday Call 8/15/37

All Saints' Day Ceremony Arranged for New Abbot

Bishop Walsh Will Officiate at Solemn Blessing and
Installation of Benedictine Head Monday
in St. Mary's Church

MANY members of the Roman Catholic clergy and laity will gather in St. Mary's Church, High street, Monday at 10 A. M. for the solemn blessing and installation of Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., as abbot of St. Mary's Abbey. Abbot Patrick, formerly pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, was

chosen August 11 by the Benedictine community of the abbey as successor to the late Abbot Ernest Helmstetter.

The installation of the new abbot will take place during a solemn pontifical mass celebrated by Bishop Walsh, head of the Diocese of Newark. Benedictine dignitaries from many parts of the country and Canada will attend. Auxiliary Bishop McLaughlin will preach the sermon. The apostolic mandate naming the new abbot will be read by Mgr. John C. McClary, chancellor of the diocese.

The last ceremony of the kind in the abbey church occurred April 5, 1910, when the late Bishop John J. O'Connor presided at the installation of the late Abbot Ernest.

Officers of the mass will be: Arch priest, Rev. Benedict Bradley, O. S. B.; deacon, Rev. Francis Hahn, O. S. B.; master of ceremonies, Mgr. John G. Delaney and Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B.; deacons of honor, Mgr. John J. Murphy and Mgr. Paul Knappek.

Abbot Patrick will have as assisting abbots, Rt. Rev. Martin Veth, O. S. B., of St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kan., and Rt. Rev. Bertrand Dolan, O. S. B., of St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N. H.

Other members of the secular

clergy and of the Benedictine Order will participate in the age-old ritual which has its counterpart in the consecration of a bishop. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bishop Walsh will lead the new abbot to a throne on the Epistle side of the altar and will place the crozier, symbolic of office, in his left hand, saying:

"Receive the full and free power of governing this monastery and its community and all things that belong to its jurisdiction, both internal and external, both spiritual and temporal."

The Te Deum will then be intoned. A procession, led by a cross-bearer from St. Benedict's Preparatory School, will precede the ceremony. A delegation of parishioners from the new abbot's former church in Maplewood, the Parent-Teacher Association of St. Benedict's Prep School and the Color Guard of Monsignor Doane Assembly, Fourth Degree, K. of C., will have part in the procession.

Abbot Patrick was born in Manchester, N. H., October 29, 1885, the son of Patrick and Mary Ceonin O'Brien. Before entering the Benedictine Order he attended St. Anselm's College, Manchester, and Holy Cross College. He was ordained a priest May 29, 1920. Following his ordination he was assigned to St. Benedict's School here. He was appointed pastor in Maplewood in 1932 and was chaplain of the Ivy Hill almshouse and the Convalescent Hospital for six years.

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New Abbey Head Begins Duties

The Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., began his duties today as the fourth Abbot at St. Mary's Abbey, Newark. He was elected Aug. 11 and confirmed by Rome Aug. 12 to succeed the late Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, who died July 9.

The new Abbot, inducted at impressive ceremonies, formerly was pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Maplewood, N. J.

Bishop Thomas J. Walsh, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Newark, officiated at the ceremony at a Solemn Pontifical Mass. The sermon was delivered by Auxiliary Bishop Thomas H. McLaughlin, of the Newark Diocese. The deacons of honor were Mgr. John J. Murphy, of Sacred Heart, and Mgr. Paul Knappek, of St. Casimir's Church, both Newark.

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Newman Society Has Circulating Library

The Newman Society, which has accomplished a great deal this year, in keeping the more serious facts of life before the St. Benedict students, recently took another step forward by establishing a circulating library of religious periodicals. Many of our best religious publications are placed at the disposal of the society members under the library plan. Conferences of a religious and vocational nature are being held regularly under the direction of the Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., and the society has come to exert a great influence for good in the life of the school. The membership is now the largest in the brief history of the society, and is constantly growing. The Newmanites are enthusiastic over the successes achieved by their organization and are unanimous for a program of expansion.

Bishop to Bless St. Mary's Abbott

Ceremony for Rt. Rev. Patrick O'Brien Will Be Held
November 1

Arrangements have been completed for the solemn blessing of Rt. Rev. Abbot Patrick O'Brien, O. S. B., as abbot of St. Mary's Abbey November 1 in the abbey. Abbot Patrick, former pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, was elected head of the local benedictines August 11, succeeding the late Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, who died July 9. The blessing will take place during a solemn pontifical mass celebrated by Bishop Walsh.

Besides Bishop Walsh, officers of the mass will be: Arch priest, Rev. Benedict Bradley, O. S. B.; deacon, Rev. Francis Hahn, O. S. B.; masters-of-ceremonies, Mgr. John G. Delaney of St. Patrick's Cathedral and Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B. Deacons of honor to the Bishop will be Mgr. John J. Murphy of Sacred Heart Church, Vailsburgh, and Mgr. Paul Knappek of St. Casimir's. The sermon will be preached by Auxiliary Bishop McLaughlin. The apostolic mandate will be read by Mgr. John J. McClary, chancellor of the diocese of Newark.

Assistant Abbots.

Abbot Patrick will have as assistant abbots Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., president of the American Cassinese Benedictines and Rt. Rev. Bertrand Dolan, abbot of St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N. H. Other assistants at the mass will be the following Benedictines:

Master of ceremonies to Abbot Patrick: Rev. Matthew Hoehn. Chaplains, Rev. Julian Schorn, Rev. Celestine Staab, Rev. Aloysius Maahs, Rev. Virgil Stallbaumer, Rev. Louis Seiser and Rev. Gerald Flynn. Assistants, Rev. Charles Carroll, Rev. Gregory Schramm, Rev. Richard Studer, Rev. Hilary Stephan, Rev. Paul Huber, Rev. Raymond Mullin, Rev. Justin Csanyi; acolytes, Frates Adrian McLaughlin and Ignatius Kohl; thurifers, Frates Lawrence Grassman and Edmund Nugent.

Bookbearer, Rev. Thomas Duffy; candle bearer, Rev. William Furlong; mitre bearer, Rev. Stafford Blake; crozier bearer, Rev. John Feeley; gremiale bearer, Rev. Nicholas Collins and cross bearer, Rev. Thomas Long. Bearers of gifts, Very Rev. Prior Anselm Kienle of St. Mary's Abbey; Sub-Prior Boniface Reger, Rev. Luke Moosburger, Rev. Gabriel Steines, Rev. Norbert Hink and Rev. Ulric Frommherz, Benedictines.

The priest's choir of the abbey will sing the mass under direction of Rev. Lambert Dunne, O. S. B.

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To Honor New Abbot

Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., new abbot of St. Mary's Abbey will be guest of honor tomorrow night at St. Benedict's Preparatory School. The exercises will be under auspices of the parents of the freshman class. Addresses will be given by the headmaster, Rev. Boniface Reger, and Rev. Benedict Bradley.

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Abbot-Elect O'Brien To Be Blessed By Bishop Walsh On November 1st

Officials Named For Ceremony At St. Mary's Church Of Newark; Former Maplewood Pastor Will Take Office

Right Rev. Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., former pastor of Saint Joseph's Church, Maplewood, who was elected Abbot of Saint Mary's Abbey, Newark, August 11, to succeed the late Right Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., will be solemnly blessed in St. Mary's Abbey Church, November 1 by Right Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, S.T.D., J.C.D., Bishop of Newark. A solemn pontifical Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop and simultaneously at a side altar Abbot-elect Patrick will offer Mass until the Offertory when he will continue the Mass from the missal as he kneels before a priedieu placed in front of the high altar.

The other officers of the Mass are: arch-priest, Rev. Benedict Bradley, O. S. B., deacon, Rev. Francis Hahn, O.S.B., subdeacon, Rev. Walter Lee, O.S.B., and masters of ceremonies Right Rev. Monsignor John Delaney, secretary to the Bishop and Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O.S.B., Deacons of honor, Right Rev. Monsignor John Murphy, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, Vailsburg, and Right Rev. Paul Knappek, pastor of Saint Casimir's Church, Newark, Right Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, S.T.D., auxiliary bishop of Newark will preach the sermon and Right Rev. Monsignor John McClary, chancellor of the Newark diocese will read the Apostolic Mandate.

Abbot-elect Patrick will have as assistant abbots, Right Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B., abbot of Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., president of the American Cassinese Benedictines and Right Rev. Bertrand Dolan, O.S.B., abbot of Saint Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N. H.

Rev. Matthew Hoehn, O.S.B.,

will be master of ceremonies to Abbot-elect Patrick. The chaplains to Abbot-elect Patrick and the assistant abbots are: Rev. Julian Schorn, O.S.B., Rev. Celestine Staab, O.S.B., Rev. Virgil Staubaumer, O.S.B., Rev. Aloysius Maahs, O.S.B., Rev. Louis Seiser, O.S.B., and Rev. Gerald Flynn, O.S.B.

The minor officers are: acolytes, Rev. Raymond Mullin, O.S.B., and

Rev. Justin Csyani, O.S.B., thurifer and boatbearer, Rev. Hilary Stephan, O.S.B., and Rev. Paul Huber, O.S.B., book-bearer, Rev. Thomas Duffy, candle-bearer, Rev. William Furlong, mitre-bearer, Rev. Stafford Blake, crosier-bearer, Rev. John Feeley and gremiale-bearer, Rev. Nicholas Collins, O.S.B.

The bearers of gifts are: Very Rev. Prior Anselm Kienle, O.S.B., Very Rev. Subprior Boniface Reger, O.S.B., Rev. Luke Moosburger, O.S.B., Rev. Gabriel Steines, O.S.B., Rev. Ulrich Frommherz, O.S.B., and Rev. Norbert Hink, O.S.B.

The priests' choir of the abbey under the direction of its moderator, Rev. Lambert Dunne, O.S.B., will sing the pontifical Mass.

Abbot-elect Patrick was born in Manchester, N. H., October 29, 1885. He is the son of Patrick and the late Mary Cronin O'Brien of Manchester. He attended Saint Raphael's parochial school, Saint Joseph's High School and Saint

Anselm's College of Manchester and Holy Cross College.

Before entering the Benedictine order he taught latin and history at Saint Joseph's High School. He entered the Benedictine order July 22, 1914 at Saint Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa. He made his solemn profession three years later before the late Abbot Ernest in Saint Raphael's Church, Manchester. He completed his theological studies at Saint Anselm's and was ordained to the priesthood May 29, 1920 in Saint Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester by the late Bishop Albert Guertin of Manchester.

Following his ordination he was assigned to Saint Benedict's Preparatory School, where he remained till December 22, 1932, when he was appointed pastor of Saint Joseph's Church, Maplewood. At St. Benedict's he taught religion and French, and was also head of the French department. He was chaplain of the Ivy Hill almshouse, six years and was very active in sociological work.

The father of Abbot-elect Patrick is eighty nine years old and blind. At the golden jubilee of his parents marriage he officiated at a Mass celebrated in the home of his parents. He has three brothers, William, Daniel and Joseph and a sister, Mary.

A testimonial was conferred upon him October 4 in Saint Joseph's Hall, Maplewood by the citizens of Maplewood.

ST. MARY'S ABBEY New Abbot's Installation Set Today

Catholics from all sections of the Newark and nearby dioceses are expected this morning to attend St. Mary's Church, High st., for the solemn blessing and installation of the Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien as abbot of St. Mary's Abbey. Hundreds of priests and high dignitaries of the church will take part in the ceremony, at which Bishop Thomas J. Walsh will officiate.

The last ceremony of this kind in the abbey was held April 5, 1910, when the late Bishop John J. O'Connor presided at the installation of the late Abbot Ernest. Abbot Patrick, was formerly pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, and a large delegation of his former parishioners are expected to attend today's installation.

The ceremony is one of the most colorful and impressive in the Catholic ritual. Members of many orders, in their robes, will join a procession as Bishop Walsh leads the new abbot to a throne on the Epistle side of the altar and will place the crozier, symbolic of office, in his left hand, saying:

"Receive the full and free power of governing this monastery and its community and all things that belong to its jurisdiction, both internal and external, both spiritual and temporal."

The procession will be led by the cross-bearer from St. Benedict's Preparatory School. There will be delegations from the Parent-Teacher Association of St. Benedict's and the color guard of Monsignor Doane Assembly, Knights of Columbus.

Abbot O'Brien Asks Work Be Continued

Urges Rosary Society of Maplewood Church to Carry On Program

Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., pastor for five years of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, in his parting address to the church Rosary Society yesterday, urged members carry on the principles and program he established in the parish during his pastorate.

He spoke at the society's annual Communion breakfast in the parish hall. Abbot-elect of St. Mary's Abbey, Abbot O'Brien, will be invested November 1.

Abbot O'Brien advocated in his address that parents exercise a close surveillance over children and asked that members of the society encourage their children to enter religious life.

Miss Elizabeth Lewis, clerk of Newark Family Court, told the society that cases in the court show that much of the delinquency among young people is the result of parents' lack of interest in the children's activities.

Sister Theresa Gerturde, O. S. B., of Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth; Dr. Howard E. Merity of Seton Hall College and Denis F. Kelly, former deputy mayor of Newark, also spoke. Mrs. Edward E. Mishell was toastmaster.

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ST. BENEDICT PREP ALUMNI WELCOME BENEDICTINE HEAD

Abbott Helmstetter Honored
By Hundreds of Former
Newark Students

PRESENTED WITH CAR

Guest Has Been National Head
of Order More Times Than
Any Incumbent

Several hundred alumni of St. Benedict's Preparatory School honored Abbott Ernest Helmstetter, president of the Benedictine Order in the United States, last night with a celebration in his honor at Shanley Gymnasium on High street.

Abbott Helmstetter has completed 50 years as a member of the order.

He was presented with a limousine, the gift of the alumni. The presentation was made by Dr. Hugh F. Fox, who thanked Abbott for his long service and especially for his fine educational influence on the 2,500 graduates of the institution.

Abbott Helmstetter, who is in his 71st year, made a short speech in which he recalled his years at St. Benedict's, his joy in teaching and advising with many of the alumni during their student days, and thanked those present for the car and their continued interest in the school.

The alumni were greeted by Valentine B. Kane, president. Two other officers, Joseph Barber and Frank Baader, also were present.

Members of the faculty present included Rev. Leo Bleier, Rev. Benedict Bradley, Rev. Valerian Kanetzky, Rev. Anselm Kienle, Rev. Timothy Dwyer, Rev. Augustine Wirth, Rev. Martin Mager, Rev. Peter Petz, Rev. Jerome Flannigan.

The school's headmaster, Rev. Boniface Reger, sat with the Abbott. Rev. Callistus Stehle, who recently returned from three years as a professor of the Catholic University at Peiping, China, also was present.

Abbott Helmstetter is a native of Newark, born here 70 years ago. His early education was obtained at St. Benedict's Parochial School and at St. Benedict's Prep. He was ordained in 1884. Since he has been headmaster of St. Benedict's, prior of St. Mary's and later Abbott.

He became head of the entire order in the United States in 1914 and has been re-elected to that office oftener than any other head.



BISHOP CONSECRATES NEW ABBOT—Bishop Thomas J. Walsh is shown consecrating Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., as abbot of St. Mary's Benedictine Abbey in High st. New prelate is former pastor of St. Joseph's Church, in Maplewood. He is fourth abbot to serve St. Mary's since its founding in 1857.

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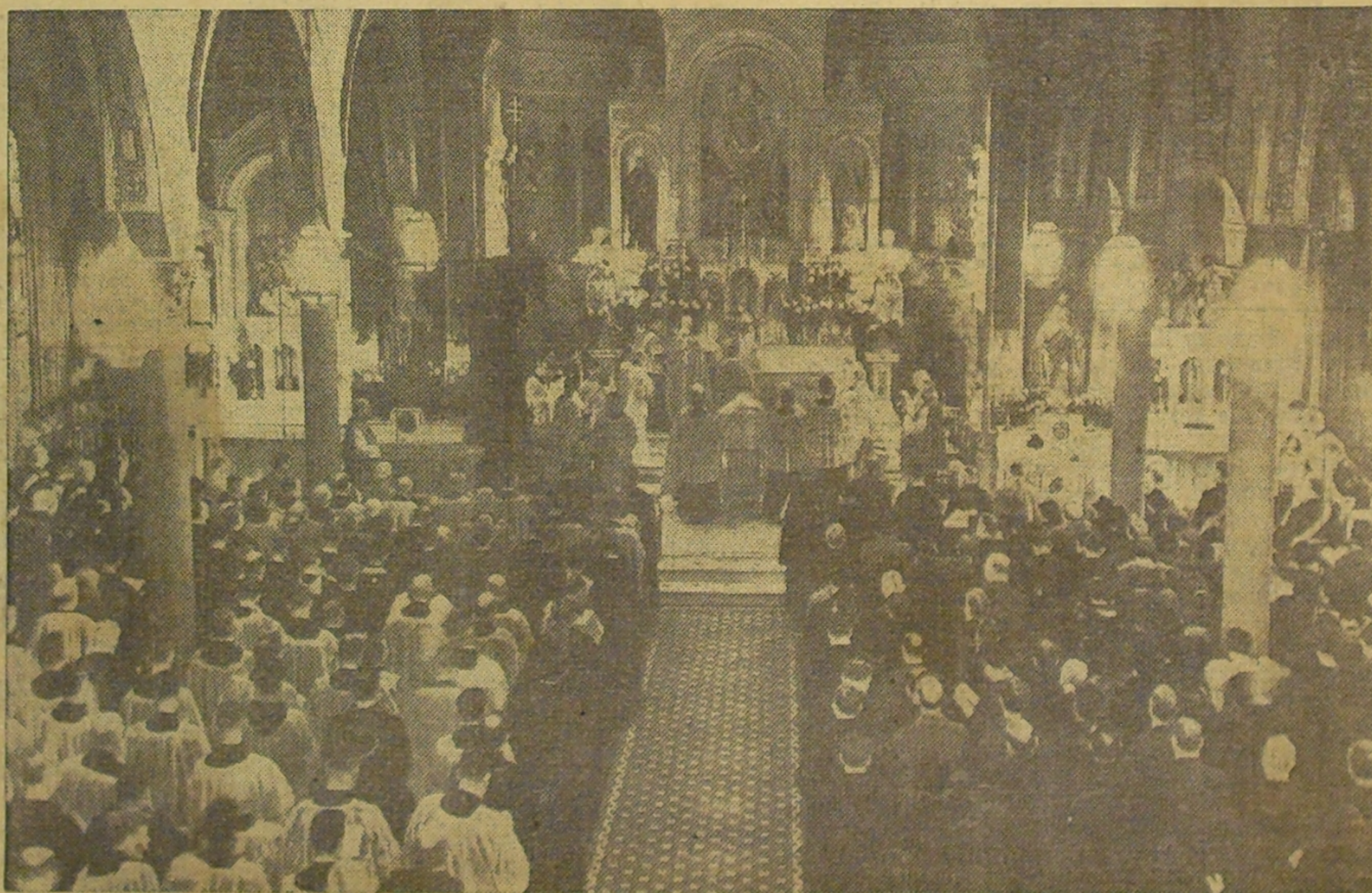
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St. Mary's Benedictine Abbey

Receives New Abbot in Impressive Ceremonies



VESTED WITH CONTROL—Abbot Patrick, kneeling with back to camera, is vested with control of St. Mary's Benedictine Abbey by Bishop Walsh. At Bishop's right is Rev. Walter Lee, O. S. B., sub-deacon. Rev. Francis Hahn, the deacon, stands at Bishop's left.



PONTIFICAL MASS—After being vested with control and undergoing traditional examination, Abbot Patrick and Bishop Walsh return to the altar and continue celebration of pontifical mass. Hundreds of priests from Newark diocese and Benedictine dignitaries from other sectors of United States and Canada attended.

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Becomes Abbot Of St. Mary's

Rt. Rev. Patrick O'Brien,
O. S. B., Installed in
Impressive Ceremony

In an impressive ceremony in St. Mary's Abbey Church, High street, today Rt. Rev. Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B. former pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, was solemnly blessed and installed as fourth abbot of St. Mary's Benedictine Abbey. Hundreds of priests of the Roman Catholic diocese of Newark and dignitaries of the Benedictine Order from various parts of the country and Canada attended.

The blessing of the new abbot took place during mass celebrated jointly by Bishop Thomas J. Walsh and the abbot-elect. A procession of the clergy headed by a cross bearer and acolytes from St. Benedict's Preparatory School preceded Bishop Walsh, Auxiliary Bishop Thomas H. McLaughlin, visiting abbots and Abbot O'Brien into the church.

Delegations Attend

In the procession were a delegation of parishioners from St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood; members of the St. Benedict's Alumni Association and the school's Parent-Teacher Association. The color guard of Monsignor Doane Assembly, Knights of Columbus, in uniform, also participated.

As the ceremony began, the new abbot used the Sacred Heart altar on the epistle side of the church, while Bishop Walsh began the service at the high altar. Clergy, members of religious orders, nuns and the laity crowded the main body of the church.

Bishop Walsh and Abbot Patrick, at their respective altars, continued the mass through the offertory prayer, when the new abbot was led to Bishop Walsh, who presented to him two lighted candles, two loaves of bread and two small barrels of wine. The offering was significant of ancient discipline, according to which the faithful made offerings on such occasions.

Vested with Control

Early in the ceremony Mgr. John C. McClary, chancellor of the diocese, read the apostolic mandate vesting the abbot with control of the abbey. Thereafter Abbot Patrick took the vow of obedience to the Holy See. An examination of the new abbot followed, in which were five questions pertaining to rule. Afterward he was led to the altar and continued the mass with Bishop Walsh.

During the solemn blessing ceremony the new abbot lay prostrate before the altar.

In his sermon, Bishop McLaughlin traced the history of St. Mary's Benedictine community from its inception in 1838 as a mission church. In 1884 it was raised to the rank of an abbey by Pope Leo XIII. It has had the guidance of three abbots, Rt. Rev. James Zilliox, Rt. Rev. Hilary Pfraengle and Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter.

Bishop McLaughlin also eulogized the educational and priestly services of the new abbot and predicted further

SENIOR ABBOT OF BENEDICTINE ORDER IS DEAD

Rt. Rev. Helmstetter
Succumbs Suddenly
At 77 Years

The Right Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., abbot of St. Mary's Abbey, High street, and senior Benedictine abbot in the United States and Canada, died at St. Mary's Abbey last night of a cerebral hemorrhage, said by physicians to have induced by the hot weather.

Abbot Helmstetter, who was 77 years old, died suddenly. He said mass yesterday morning at the abbey and was apparently in good health. The attack came last night and he died within a short time.

Born in Newark, Abbot Helmstetter had been at St. Mary's since 1882, when he became prior and was raised to abbot in 1910. He displayed an interest in religious life when he was young. After attending St. Benedict's parochial school he entered St. Benedict's Academy and was graduated from St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa., in 1878. Services will be held Wednesday at 10 A. M. at the abbey.

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growth of the abbey community under his leadership.

Rt. Rev. Martin Veith of St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kan., and Abbot Bertrand Dolan of St. Anslem's Abbey, Manchester, N. H., were assistants to Abbot Patrick at the ceremony. Besides Bishop Walsh, officers of the mass included Rev. Benedict Bradley, O. S. B., deacon, and Mgrs. John J. Murphy and Paul Knappek, deacons of honor.

Three Other Bishops

Besides Bishops Walsh and McLaughlin, three other bishops participated in the ceremony, Bishop John B. Peterson of Manchester, N. H., the home diocese of Abbot Patrick; Bishop Edmund J. Fitzmaurice of Wilmington, Del., and Bishop Bernard Kevenhoerster, O. S. B., bishop of the Bahama Islands.

A sister and three brothers of the new abbot from Manchester attended the services: They are Miss Mary C. O'Brien and Daniel A., Joseph and William J. O'Brien. In all, 46 members of the family were present, eight coming from Quebec, Canada. Infirmities of age prevented Patrick O'Brien of Manchester, 89-year-old father of the newly installed abbot, from attending.

At the conclusion of the church ceremony, Abbot Patrick was honor guest at a dinner at the Robert Treat Hotel. Speakers were Bishop Walsh and Abbot Taylor.

Abbot Helmstetter Eulogized at Rites

Benedictine's Long Career
Held as Inspiration by
Abbot Taylor

The long priestly career of Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., who died in St. Mary's Abbey Friday, were held up as an inspiration in a brief eulogy today at the requiem mass for the abbot in St. Mary's Church. The speaker was Abbot Vincent Taylor of Belmont Abbey, N. C., a close friend of Abbot Helmstetter.

Faith, meekness and humility, he said, were prime characteristics of the dead churchman, the oldest abbot in seniority of the Benedictine Order in this country and Canada. Abbot Helmstetter had served as the order's head for 18 years.

Bishop Walsh of the Diocese of Newark and Bishop Francis J. Monaghan, coadjutor bishop of Ogdensburg, N. Y., former president of Seton Hall College, were among the church dignitaries in the sanctuary during the mass.

Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, auxiliary bishop of Newark, was celebrant of the mass. The assistant priest was Rev. Matthew Hoehn and the deacon and subdeacon, Rev. Hilary Stephan and Rev. Gregory Schram. Rev. Charles Murphy of Immaculate Conception Seminary and Rev. Timothy Dwyer of St. Mary's Abbey were masters-of-ceremony.

Deacons of Honor.

The deacons of honor were: Arch-abbot Alfred Koch of St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa.; Abbott Taylor, Abbot Martin Veth of St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kan.; Abbot Justus Wirth of St. Bede's Abbey, Peru, Ill., and Abbot Bertrand Dolan of St. Anslem's, Manchester, N. H.

Among priests and monsignori present were these members of the Benedictine Order: Very Rev. Prior Felix Fellner of St. Vincent's, Latrobe; Prior Vincent Novotony of St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Ill.; Prior John Schlicht of St. Leo's Abbey, St. Leo, Fla.; Prior Michael Ducey of St. Anslem's, Washington, and Subprior Acluin Baudermann of Belmont Abbey.

These relatives of Abbot Helmstetter, who was a native of Newark, were pallbearers: Dr. Francis Motzenbecker, Arthur Motzenbecker, Walter Beers, Spencer Gill, Raymond Kollmar and Carl Schroeder.

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Abbot Dies At St. Mary's

Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, Senior of His Rank Among U.S. Benedictines

Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, senior abbot of the Benedictine Order in the United States, died last night at St. Mary's Abbey, 520 High street. He was 77 years old. Death was due to arterio-sclerosis.

Abbot Helmstetter had been in failing health for several years. Continuing his life-long habit of early rising, he celebrated mass yesterday morning. He became ill later in the day and it is believed the intense heat aggravated his condition.

The abbot was the second member of the order who died within a week. Rev. Jerome J. Flanagan, O. S. B., died July 2, and Abbot Helmstetter's last public appearance was at the funeral Tuesday. He was present in the sanctuary with Auxiliary Bishop Thomas H. McLaughlin during the funeral mass.

Abbot Ernest, who was a native Newarker, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood June 20, 1934. The jubilee was marked by federal services at the abbey, July 1, that year, which were attended by members of the order from various parts of the country. Bishop Thomas J. Walsh of the Diocese of Newark officiated at the mass.

Headed Order in U. S.

Abbot Ernest, as president of the American Congregation of Benedictines, headed the Benedictine Order in the United States from 1914 to 1929, the longest term in office for one man in the annals of the order in this country. Under his jurisdiction were all religious and educational institutions under the Benedictine auspices throughout the country, and he traveled extensively visiting them. To him was attributed much of the credit for growth of the order in both prestige and numbers in that period.

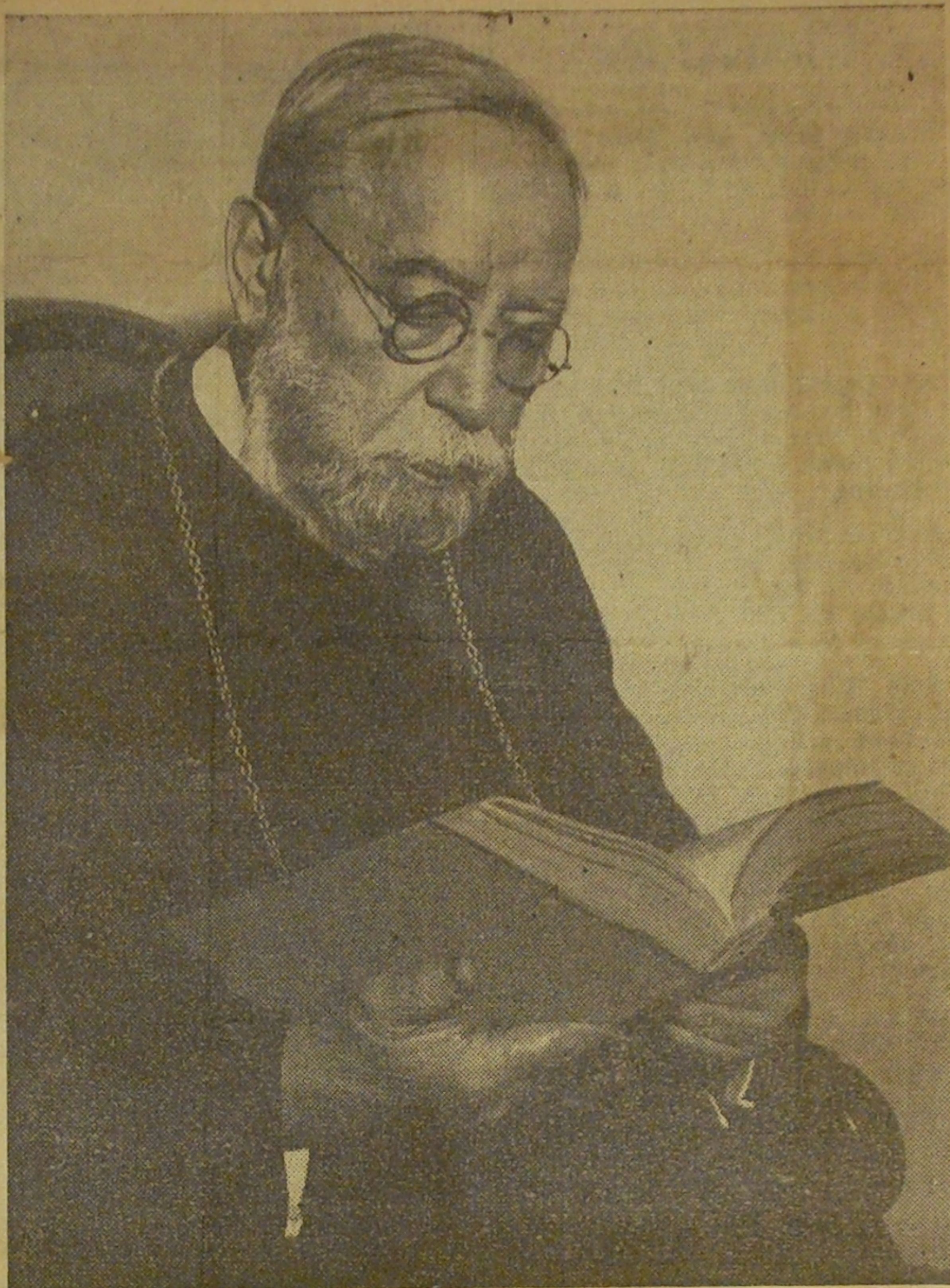
The growth of St. Benedict's preparatory School from a small institution with an enrollment of less than 200 to a modern educational plant with approximately 1,000 students occurred under his direction in comparatively few years.

Golden Jubilee

Abbot Ernest celebrated the golden jubilee of his profession as a Benedictine July 11, 1929, when dignitaries of the order from distant points participated in the solemn pontifical mass followed by papal benediction in St. Mary's Abbey Church.

At the time of the jubilee of his profession, Pope Pius XI conferred upon the abbot the privilege of wearing the cappa magna (great cape), a great personal distinction. The Pope also sent him a letter of felicitation.

The abbot was called to Rome three times in his capacity as president of the American Benedictines for consultation at the Vatican. He was an intimate friend of the late Cardinal Francis Aidan Gasquet, Benedictine scholar and head of the Pontifical Bible Revision Commission, who made his headquarters at



RT. REV. ERNEST HELMSTETTER, O. S. B.

St. Mary's Abbey six months while making a lecture tour in this country. Abbot Ernest was particularly interested in the International Benedictine College of St. Anselmo in Rome.

Born in Newark.

Abbot Ernest was born October 7, 1859, in Newark, and received his early education at St. Benedict's Parochial School. In 1872 he entered St. Benedict's College, the present St. Benedict's Preparatory School, and then went to St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa., from which he was graduated.

Completing courses in philosophy and theology at St. Vincent's Seminary there, he made his profession in the Benedictine Order July 11, 1879, in St. Vincent's Archabbey. He was ordained a priest July 11, 1884. The next year he taught science and mathematics at St. Vincent's College, and returned to this city when St. Mary's Abbey was established here in 1885.

He taught in St. Benedict's Preparatory School, serving as headmaster from 1905 to 1908. He was successively procurator and prior of the abbey and in 1910 was elected abbot. He first was elected president of the American Congregation of Benedictines

and the Benedictine Educational Association of America in 1914.

Established Study House.

After purchasing Delbarton, a 400-acre estate in Morristown, Abbot Ernest established there eight years ago the Benedictine House of Studies, where young men preparing for the priesthood are trained in the seminary branches.

The abbot was exceptionally fond of traveling. He visited most of the countries of Europe and practically every state in the Union during his lifetime, staying at abbeys under his jurisdiction and conferring with religious dignitaries. Of late years he divided his time between St. Mary's Abbey and Delbarton. He was accustomed to arise between 4 and 5 A. M. daily.

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Abbot Ernest To Celebrate Anniversary

Head of Benedictine Abbey
Completes Fifty Years
as Priest June 20

RT. REV. Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., abbot of St. Mary's Abbey and senior Benedictine abbot in the United States and Canada, will observe the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood June 20. Owing to the priests' retreats which will be conducted during that week, the solemn celebration of the anniversary has been postponed until July 1, when a pontifical mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Abbey Church, High and William streets, by Most Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Walsh, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Newark.

A native of Newark, Abbot Ernest was born October 7, 1859, son of the late John and Magdalen Helmstetter. He received the sacrament of confirmation from the first bishop of the Newark Diocese, Most Rev. Dr. James Roosevelt Bayley. He served the first mass of Rev. Ambrose Huebner, O. S. B., oldest living member of St. Mary's Abbey, in December, 1872, in St. Benedict's Church, this city. His early education was obtained in St. Benedict's Parochial School.

St. Mary's Abbey, which he has directed nearly twenty-five years, has a community of fifty-three priests, fifteen theological students and nine brothers. Very Rev. Anselm Kienle, O. S. B., and Very Rev. Boniface Reger, O. S. B., are prior and sub-prior, respectively, of the abbey. Very Rev. Vincent Amberg, O. S. B., is prior of Delbarton, the Benedictine House of Studies in Morristown.

Studied Here Two Years

After studying two years at St. Benedict's College, this city, Abbot Ernest entered St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1878. That same year he entered the novitiate at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, and was admitted to simple profession there July 11, 1879. His profession was received by Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, O. S. B., pioneer and founder of the Benedictine Order in America, who established St. Vincent's Monastery in 1846. It was raised to an abbey in 1855.

While studying theology at St. Vincent's, Abbot Ernest was sent by his superiors to the Harvard University Summer School for special courses in chemistry. He was ordained at the archabbey June 20, 1884, by the late Bishop Tobias Mullen of Erie, Pa., and taught chemistry and mathematics at St. Vincent's the following year.

St. Mary's, then known as the Benedictine Pfiory of Newark, was raised the dignity of an abbey in December, 1884, by the late Pope Leo XIII. The following June, Abbot Ernest was transferred to the newly built abbey here. For twenty-five years he taught chemistry and mathematics at the then St. Benedict's College and served three years

50 Years a Priest

An occasion such as that observed today at St. Mary's Abbey, whose abbot, the Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., was ordained fifty years ago, is of interest not only to the priests of the abbey and the congregation, but to the city at large. A religious organization with the history, membership and position of St. Mary's is a strong force for good in any community. As the head of the church, Abbot Helmstetter has been a potent factor in widening its influence and that of St. Benedict's College, which adjoins the abbey.

Multitude of friends without and within his church will take a passive part in the celebration of the golden anniversary of Abbot Helmstetter's ordination. It must be surprising to many of his congregation and to many of those who studied under him in the college to learn that the distinguished clergyman was born in Newark nearly seventy-five years ago. Many honors have come to him. These he has borne with characteristic modesty. His learning, his simple, kindly ways have made him the counselor and friend of innumerable men and women who have found in his wisdom and understanding sympathy the comfort and strength they needed. His influence is recorded in the heart of this community which through the years he has helped to make a better and happier place in which to live.

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as its headmaster. He was appointed prior and procurator in 1889, offices which he held until his elevation to the abbacy January 4, 1910. He was solemnly blessed as abbot in St. Mary's Church April 5, 1910, by the late Bishop John J. O'Connor.

At the General Chapter of the American Cassinese Congregation of Benedictines in 1914, Abbot Ernest was elected its president for a term of six years. He was re-elected in 1920 and again in 1926.

In his official capacity as president of the Cassinese Congregation he has been called four times to Rome for consultation at the Vatican. The trips were made in 1914, 1920, 1925 and 1931. He also made visits to the Benedictine Abbeys in the United States and Canada.

Abbot Ernest served as president of St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H., seventeen years, and held the office of president of the National Benedictine Educational Association eighteen years. When he celebrated the golden jubilee of his religious profession five years ago, he received a letter containing felicitations from Pope Pius XI, who conferred upon him as a personal distinction the privilege of wearing the cappa magna (great cape), a large mantle with a long train, having a fur cape for Winter and a silk one for Summer.

The latest honor conferred upon Abbot Ernest was the degree of doctor of laws at Seton Hall College commencement Wednesday.

Several notable improvements were made during his administration of

the abbey. He supervised the completion of the buildings that now make up St. Benedict's Preparatory School, one addition having been made in 1910, another in 1920. In 1925 he purchased Delbarton, the 400-acre Kountze estate in Morristown, establishing there the House of Studies where young men studying for the priesthood in the Benedictine Order are instructed in the seminary branches.

The abbot is deeply interested in education and sends all his young priests to universities to specialize in the subjects in which they excel. Until his eyesight became impaired seven years ago, he was a profound reader of scientific works.

Recalls Former Scenes

Abbot Ernest recalls vividly the old days of Newark, especially the Ironbound section where he was born. He sometimes describes the old Morris Canal, swimming hole of his boyhood; the old Court House and City Hall, horsecars and many scenes reminiscent of Newark's horse and buggy days. He knows practically all the older priests of the diocese, having assisted many of them with parish work in his younger years. He is a lover of Newark and is intensely interested in all its improvements.

Continuing his life-long habit of rising at 4:30 every morning, Abbot Ernest celebrates mass daily and attends the community recitation of the office. Unable to read as much as formerly, he devotes much time to meditation and prayer.

Solemn Mass Marks Abbot's Years in Cloth

Purple, Red and White of
Church Honor St. Mary's
Jubilarian

Fifty golden years in the priesthood were commemorated yesterday morning when solemn pontifical mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Abbey Church in honor of the Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B.

Priests and monks from all parts of the United States were among the 1,000 persons at the service which marked the golden jubilee of Abbot Ernest's ordination. The celebration was held yesterday instead of June 20, the date of the anniversary, because many of the priests were on retreat at that time.

Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, bishop of Newark, who was assisted by other dignitaries of the diocese and members of the jubilarian order. The venerable abbot, who was born in Newark 75 years ago next October, wore the zucchetto, a purple skull cap used only by prelates, which was bestowed upon him by Pope Pius XI in honor of the anniversary.

Archabbot Is Visitor

Among the visiting clergy were one archabbot, six abbots and one prior of the Benedictine order and representatives of the Franciscan and Dominican orders.

As the procession entered the church, the dark habits of the Benedictines and Franciscans, were in striking contrast to the white robes of the Dominicans, the bright Roman purple of the monsignori and the red vestments of the officiating priests. Nearly 100 clergymen were in the procession.

Bishop Walsh was assisted at mass by the Very Rev. Boniface Seng, O. S. B., of St. Bernard's, Ala., as deacon, and the Rev. Michael Mechler, of St. Ann's Church, as subdeacon. The Very Rev. Msgr. John G. Delaney, secretary to the bishop, was master of ceremonies. He was assisted by the Rev. Leo Bleier, O. S. B., pastor of St. Mary's.

Archpriest and Deacons

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas H. McLaughlin, vicar general of the diocese, was archpriest. Deacons of honor to the bishop were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry J. Behr, of Elizabeth, and the Rt. Rev. Robert J. Byer, of Union Hill. The sermon was delivered by the Most Rev. Vincent Taylor, O. S. B., abbot ordinary of Belmont Abbey, Belmont, N. C.

Present also were Archabbot Alfred Koch, O. S. B., of St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., where Abbot Ernest was ordained; Abbot Bertrand Dolan, O. S. B., of St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N. H.; Abbot Valentine Kolbeck, O. S. B., of St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Ill.; Abbot Justus Wirth, O. S. B., of St. Bede's Abbey, Peru, Ill.; Abbot Lambert Burton, O. S. B., of St. Martin's Abbey, Lacey, Wash., and the Very Rev. Gregory Vaniscak, O. S. B., of St. Andrew's Priory, Cleveland.

A dinner for the clergy followed the mass. Bishop Walsh congratulated the jubilarian in his own and in the name of priests religious of the diocese on his century in the priesthood.

Abbot Honored on Golden Jubilee



At celebration of 50th anniversary of ordination of Abbot Ernest Helmstetter yesterday in St. Mary's Abbey Church. Left to right: Abbot Vincent Taylor, of Belmont, N. C.; Abbot Helmstetter and Arch Abbot Alfred Koch, of Latrobe, Pa. (Ledger Photo—T)

Ledger, July 2, 1934

7 Benedictine Abbots to Aid Solemn Mass

Services Mark Golden
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Mass to Be Chanted

Because tomorrow is the feast of the Most Precious Blood, the Gregorian mass by that title will be sung by the abbey choir of priests. Achille Brogers, professor at the Pius XI School, New York, will be at the organ.

Priests and prelates attending the mass will be entertained at a dinner in St. Mary's Abbey following the service.

Abbot Ernest yesterday was personally congratulated on his anniversary by the Rt. Rev. Abbess Benedicta Spiegel, O. S. B., of St. Walburga's Convent, Eichstatt, Bavaria. Abbess Spiegel, who came to this country a few weeks ago to visit two of her convents in Latrobe and Denver, came to Newark to see Abbot Ernest and the sisters of St. Mary's. She is returning to Germany today.

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Oldest Benedictine Priest To Mark Anniversary Here

Rev. Ambrose Huebner, O. S. B., Who Celebrates Eighty-fourth Birthday Next Week, Will Complete Sixtieth Year in Service of Church December 21

THREE-SCORE years in the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church will be completed by Rev. Ambrose Huebner, O. S. B., December 21, when he will celebrate a solemn high mass in St. Mary's Abbey Church, High and William streets, in observance of the anniversary of his ordination, twelve days after he celebrates his eighty-fourth birthday.

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News. Dec 3, 1932.

Abbey, High street, where the body of the dead church dignitary lay clad in purple robes and mitre. Abbot Helmstetter died Friday at the age of 77.

The body will be taken from the abbey to St. Mary's Church at 9 A. M. tomorrow, where it will lie in state until the requiem mass Wednesday at 10 A. M. A guard of honor of members of the Holy Name Society of the church will keep vigil. The office of the dead will be chanted by the priests of the abbey at 8 P. M.

Bishop Thomas J. Walsh will preside at the funeral and Auxiliary Bishop Thomas H. McLaughlin will be celebrant. Other officers of the mass will be Rev. Hillary Stephan, O. S. B., deacon; Rev. Gregory Shramm, sub-deacon, and Rev. Matthew Hoehn, O. S. B., archpriest. Rev. Charles Murphy of Immaculate Conception Seminary and Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B., of St. Mary's, will be masters of ceremony.

The mass will be sung by the choir of Benedictine priests. Among out-of-town members of the order within the sanctuary will be Rt. Rev. Arch-abbot Alfred Koch, O. S. B., of St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa.; Rt. Rev. Abbot Vincent Taylor, O. S. B., of Belmont, N. C., and Very Rev. Felix Fellner of Latrobe.

Abbot Helmstetter had been head of the Newark community of Benedictines for 27 years and formerly headed the order in the United States and Canada. He was a native of Newark. His niece, Mrs. Peter B. Motzenbecker of Newark, and a nephew, John Helmstetter of Union, will be among those attending the funeral mass.

Abbot Helmstetter Funeral Wednesday

Many in United States and
Canada Mourning for
Benedictine Prelate

Telegrams of sympathy from various points in the United States and Canada expressing regret at the death of Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., continued today to reach St. Mary's

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News - 7/12/34.

Benedictine Sacristan Has Served Abbey Church Nearly Forty Years

PUTTING away for a year the Nativity group representations in St. Mary's Abbey Church in High street on the eve of the Epiphany season, which begins today, has become almost a religious rite for Brother Antony Beron, O. S. B., sacristan at the church. He has done this at the close of thirty-five consecutive Christmas seasons and every year he does it with the same care as has marked his arrangement of the statues when the church has been elaborately decorated for the Christian festival.

During the Epiphany season Roman Catholics and others commemorate the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles upon the visit of the Magi to the lowly manger in Bethlehem.

Brother Antony is probably the most familiar figure to worshippers in the historic Abbey Church. He has participated in, or attended, nearly every religious function held there during the last thirty-seven years. He begins every day with attendance at about twenty masses celebrated by the abbey priests, as training and supervising the altar boys are special duties committed to him. He rings the Angelus every morning and evening at 6 and 6:30 o'clock, respectively; rings the bell for weddings and at every funeral tolls twice a special, deep-toned bell, the use of which is reserved to announce services for the dead. He recalls having rung the bells upon

the departure and for the return of men of the parish who served in the Spanish-American and World wars.

Brother Antony has served longer than any sacristan the abbey has had and he is looking forward to two important anniversaries this year, his sixtieth birthday, March 29, and the fortieth anniversary of his profession, April 18.

Born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, in 1874, he was attracted to the religious life at an early age and when 16 years old left for the United States to join his uncle, Rev. Maurus Beron, O. S. B., who died in St. Mary's Abbey in 1910.

Brother Antony's usually cheerful expression clouded when he spoke of the trip. "I was one seasick, miserable boy on the way over," he said, "and terribly homesick when we landed. But that was years ago, and I haven't been back since. I have no desire to go back now."

Entered Order in 1891.

Homesickness vanished in the life of religion. His youth, however, prevented him from entering the Benedictine Order until March 19, 1891. His profession occurred three years later in St. Raphael's Church, Manchester, N. H., where he remained until 1897, when he was transferred to St. Mary's Abbey.

During his forty-three years as a Benedictine brother he has served under three abbots, Right Rev. James Zilliox, O. S. B.; Right Rev. Hilary Piraangle, O. S. B., and the present Abbot Ernest Helmsstetter, O. S. B. He declares the most impressive religious ceremony he has witnessed in the order was the blessing of Abbot Ernest by the late Bishop John J. O'Connor on April 5, 1910, in St. Mary's Church.

Perhaps it is the memory of his own youth that gives him so keen an understanding of the boys with whom he has come in contact. He has seen twenty altar boys from the abbey church return as priests to celebrate their first solemn high masses there and numbers among his friends many prominent



Brother Antony Beron, O. S. B.

men whom he once coached in dramatics or on the athletic field. He is a staunch advocate of competitive athletics and asserts that he has known every athlete who attended St. Benedict's. He was football coach there in 1908 and 1909.

From 1902 until 1916, when St. Mary's Players produced many noteworthy dramas under supervision of the late Rev. Benedict Flum, O. S. B., Brother Antony was his assistant.

"Hamlet" and other Shakespearian plays, as well as light operas of the day, were among the productions of St. Mary's Players with Brother Antony's

help. Serving as property man, make-up man, prompter, scene shifter and in any other capacity required at a moment's notice, Brother Antony aided in plays that were pronounced some of the best amateur productions ever staged in Newark. He gives credit for much of the success achieved to the encouragement and suggestions of Walter J. Flanigan, retired theatrical critic of The Newark Evening News.

Something of Brother Antony's theatrical sense is brought into play in his arrangement of the Nativity figures just put away until next Christmas Eve for which he uses lighting effects and a background painting by Rev. Norbert Hink, O. S. B., of St. Benedict's Preparatory School.

Priest 65 Years Will Be Honored

Mass to Mark Anniversary of Father Ambrose at St. Mary's Abbey

STILL as hale and hearty as he was eight years ago when he was senior priest of St. Mary's Abbey, Rev. Ambrose Huebner, O. S. B., one of the oldest Benedictines in the United States, is preparing to celebrate his 89th birthday and the 65th anniversary of his ordination as a priest next month.

In recent years, Father Ambrose has lived at the Benedictine House of Studies, Delbarton, where he has become almost an institution as a venerable and kindly philosopher and as the friend and confidante of the young students for the priesthood.

Although his birthday falls the following day, he will go to St. Mary's Abbey December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, for a birthday celebration which will start with an anniversary mass in his honor in St. Mary's Church. Rt. Rev. Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien and members of the community will be in the sanctuary.

Native of Brooklyn

Father Ambrose was born in Brooklyn December 9, 1848. With his parents he came to Newark as a child and grew up in St. James's Parish. He was confirmed there by the first bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Newark, Rt. Rev. James Roosevelt Bayley.

He completed his ecclesiastical studies at St. Vincent's Academy, now St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa., and was ordained December 21, 1872. After ordination, Father Ambrose served missions in Pennsylvania and Kansas, as well as in this state and Maryland. Afterward he went to St. Bede's College in Illinois and subsequently served in Manchester, N. H., and this city.

Father Ambrose held pastorates in Wilmington, Del., and Sacred Heart Church, Elizabeth, and celebrated his 25th anniversary in the priesthood in 1897 while serving in Elizabeth. He became procurator at St. Anselm's College, New Hampshire, in 1912.

Still in keen possession of his faculties, the aged priest has many memories of the Newark of other days as well as of his missionary days on the Kansas prairies when memory of the Civil War was still fresh.

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News. 11/27/37.

Father Ambrose to Mark 60th Year As Priest at St. Thomas' Day Mass

Rev. Huebner, 84, One of Oldest Members of Order

"As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec."
—Heb. VI:6.

When the Rev. Ambrose Huebner, O. S. B., murmurs: "Introibo ad altarem Dei" to his server at the 8 o'clock mass at St. Mary's Abbey Church, Wednesday morning, St. Thomas' Day, it will mark the commencement of a festal Eucharistic Celebration at which the veteran priest will observe the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church.

Father Ambrose, as he is known in religious life, is senior priest of the Benedictine Abbey, and is one of the oldest fathers of the order. He was 84 years old Dec. 9.

In the chancel, when Father Ambrose says his festive mass, will be the Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmsstetter, O. S. B., of St. Mary's Abbey, who was an altar boy at St. Benedict's Church 60 years ago, when the octogenarian Benedictine celebrated his first high mass.

Other members of the community will be in the sanctuary. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Fr. William Koellhoffer, O. S. B.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Music will be furnished by children of St. Mary's School, and friends of Father Ambrose from Newark, Elizabeth and Morristown will be in the congregation. Following the services there will be a reception in the Abbey and a breakfast for the attending clergy.

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Has Made Home at Morristown Monastery of Order Since '26

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WAS RECALLED HERE

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When St. Mary's Abbey was established in Newark in 1884 Father Ambrose was recalled here and became its first procurator and prior. Later he served various parishes in Essex County and held pastorates in Wilmington, Del., and Elizabeth, N. J., where he celebrated the 25th anniversary of his elevation to the priesthood.

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INSPIRES CLERGY

In 1926 when the order purchased the 400-acre Delbarton Estate in Morristown as the site for St. Mary's Monastery, Father Ambrose moved there, where he has since made his home. Frequently, however, he visits the Newark Abbey.

Second only to his love for his church is a deep and abiding affection of children and a desire to bring them to know and appreciate the principles of the religion to which he has devoted his life.

As a result of his influence many young men and women have entered the religious life. Among priests his example has led to the cloth are the Rev. Augustine Wirth, O. S. B., and the Rev. William Sesselmann of Elizabeth.

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Death of Priest Loss to Sport

THE DEATH of my very good friend, the Rev. Jerome J. Flannagan, who will be buried today from St. Mary's Church, is a distinct loss to those who knew this scholarly gentleman.

"Jerry" was long affiliated with St. Benedict's Prep School as head of the English and the literature department, but he found unlimited time, too, to become interested in sports affairs of the school. He was the school's best and finest press agent and was responsible for making the name of the Gray Bees nationally known.

He won high honors as a scholar and an athlete at St. Anselm's College, where he played football and baseball and his love for these sports, including basketball, never dulled. For seven years he was the school's director of athletics. And I might add it was his work in that field that placed the school in the national news.

Ledger. 7/6/37.

Benedictine Will Celebrate Sixty Years as Priest

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LOYAL SON OF SOMERSWORTH.

Rev. J. J. Flanagan, head of the department of English and Literature at St. Benedict's Academy, Newark, N. J., returned to New Jersey last week after a brief vacation visit at his boyhood home in Somersworth. He has achieved prominence in educational work after successful studies at St. Vincent Benedictine Archabbey, St. Anselm's College, Holy Cross College, and Harvard University. For fifteen years he has been a member of the Benedictine community in Newark.

Reminiscing over his early school days in this city, Father Flanagan paid high tribute to many of his former teachers, including Miss Alicia Lawlor, Mrs. Nellie Merrick Stillings, Miss Belle Quimby, Harry Blake, and Chauncey C. Ferguson. "Miss Lawlor," he said, "interested me in worth-while reading and good books. One of her favorite authors was Canon Sheehan of Doneraile, whose "Parerga" and "Under the Cedars and Stars" have long been among my most treasured volumes. She was a truly great teacher and is rightly held in revered memory by the people of Somersworth to whose welfare she devoted a life of exemplary service."

Father Flanagan was catcher on the Somersworth High School baseball team of 1905 which won the championship of New Hampshire. Members of the team were Dr. John J. Moran, Dr. William H. Shanahan, Walter H. Hanagan, George H. McGurty, Flurry F. McCarthy, William H. Wentworth, Dr. Frank D. Sullivan, Arthur Leary and Fred Legro. Dr. Thomas J. Morrison was manager and Stanley D. Casler scorer. The team was coached by Senator Fred H. Brown and Commissioner John E. Sullivan and had staunch "rooters" in Principal C. C. Ferguson and Hon. C. H. Wells.

Following his high school course, Father Flanagan was employed as clerk in Symes' store and subsequently was appointed to a clerkship in the Boston Post Office. Later he became a writer for newspapers and magazines, gaining practical experience which has proved valuable to him in his teaching career. Students in his classes have won high distinction in journalism and essay work.

Father Flanagan's visit enabled him to enjoy a reunion with his father, Michael P. Flanagan, and with his brothers and sisters, Edward L. Flanagan, James H. Flanagan, Stephen A. Flanagan, Michael P. Flanagan, Jr., Mrs. Daniel J. Driscoll, Mrs. W. A. Mailhot, and Miss Martha E. Flanagan. On Sunday he was a guest of Rt. Rev. Abbot Bertrand Dolan, O. S. B., president of St. Anselm's.

A long period of residence in Newark has made Father Flanagan something of a Jerseyman, but he still maintains a warm loyalty to his native State and city. "Somersworth," he said, "has experienced harsh reverses, but the citizens are facing difficulties with a fine spirit of courage and co-operation and there are indications that better times are on the way."

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Rites Arranged For Aged Abbot Of Benedictines

Solemn Pontifical Mass for Rev. Ernest Helmstetter to Be Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, senior abbot of the Benedictine Order in the United States, who died Friday night in St. Mary's Abbey, 520 High street, will be held Wednesday. A solemn pontifical mass of requiem will be offered at 10 A. M. in St. Mary's Abbey Church.

The solemn office for the dead will be chanted Tuesday at 8 P. M. The body will lie in state in the abbey after 3 P. M. today. Abbot Ernest, who was 77, died of arterio-sclerosis.

The abbot had risen Friday morning between 4 and 5 A. M., as was his lifelong daily custom, and had said mass. Later in the day he became ill. Physicians say his death was hastened by the intense heat.

Of late years the abbot, who liked to travel, had lived quietly at the abbey or at Delbarton, Benedictine House of Studies, Morristown, where young men prepare for the priesthood. His failing eyesight led him to spend much of his time in meditation and prayer.

Second Death in Week.

Abbot Ernest was the second member of the order to die within a week. Rev. Jerome J. Flanagan passed away July 2, and Abbot Ernest made his last public appearance at Father Jerome's funeral.

Abbot Ernest was born in the Ironbound section. He was intensely interested in the city and in its activities and enjoyed reminiscing about the old Morris canal, swimming hole of his boyhood; the old City Hall and Court House and the horse-cars.

He was keenly interested in education and sent all his young priests to universities to specialize in the subjects in which they excelled. He himself had taught science and mathematics, and one of his favorite pastimes was reading scientific works.

Abbot Ernest celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood June 20, 1934. Special services were held at the abbey July 1, that year, with Bishop Walsh of the Newark Diocese officiating at the mass.

Long Leader of Order.

Abbot Ernest was president of the American Congregation of Benedictines from 1914 to 1929, the longest term in office for one man in the annals of the order in the United States. He is given credit for the order's growth in prestige and numbers.

The expansion of St. Benedict's Preparatory School from a small institution with an enrolment of less than 200 to a modern education center took place under his guidance.

At the time of the golden jubilee of his profession as a Benedictine, July 11, 1929, Pope Pius XI conferred upon the abbot the privilege of wearing the cappa magna (great cape), a marked personal honor. The

Rev. I. L. Laub's Body To Be Brought Here

The body of Rev. Ignatius L. Laub, O. S. B., who died yesterday in Bethel, O., will be brought to Newark tomorrow and placed in St. Mary's Abbey Church, High and William streets, where the office of the dead will be recited in the evening by the priests of the abbey. The body will lie there in state until Thursday at 9 A. M. when a solemn high mass of requiem will be sung.

Father Ignatius was born in Hessen, Germany, March 11, 1875. He lived in Newark in his youth, attending St. Mary's Parochial School. He later attended St. Anselm's Preparatory School and College, Manchester, N. H., where he completed his theological studies, and entered the Benedictine Order July 18, 1898, at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa. He made his profession there the following year and was ordained September 24, 1904, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester.

Father Ignatius served as an assistant at Sacred Heart Church, Elizabeth, and Sacred Heart Church, Wilmington, Del. He served of late years in several parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

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Pope also sent him a letter of felicitation.

His jubilee drew dignitaries of the order from distant points to participate in the solemn pontifical mass followed by papal benediction in St. Mary's Abbey Church.

Attended School in Newark.

The abbot attended St. Benedict's Parochial School here. In 1872 he entered St. Benedict's College, the present St. Benedict's Preparatory School, and then went to St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa., from which he was graduated.

He completed courses in philosophy and theology at St. Vincent's Seminary there, and made his profession in the Benedictine Order July 11,

1879. He was ordained a priest July 11, 1884. The next year he taught science and mathematics at St. Vincent's College, and returned to this city when St. Mary's Abbey was established here in 1885.

He taught in St. Benedict's Preparatory School, serving as headmaster from 1905 to 1908. He became successively procurator and prior of the abbey and in 1911 was elected abbot. He was first elected president of the American Benedictines and the Benedictine Educational Association of America in 1914.

Abbot Ernest leaves a niece, Mrs. Peter F. Motzenbecker of Newark, and a nephew, John Helmstetter of Union.

RT. REV. HELMSTETT

Final Rites To Be Held Wednesday

The body of the Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., will be removed from St. Mary's Abbey, where he died Friday at the age of 77, to the abbey church at 9 A. M., tomorrow, and will lie in state there until the solemn mass of requiem Wednesday at 10 A. M. The office of the dead will be chanted by the priests of the abbey at 8 P. M., tomorrow.

Two bishops and several abbots will be present at the requiem mass. The Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, bishop of Newark, will preside, and the Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, auxiliary bishop of the diocese, will be the celebrant of mass. Other officers of the service will be the Rev. Hillary Stephan, O. S. B., of St. Mary's, deacon; the Rev. Gerald Flynn, O. S. B., also St. Mary's, subdeacon, and the Rev. Charles Murphy, of Immaculate Conception Seminary, and the Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B., of St. Mary's, masters of ceremony. The mass will be sung by the choir of Benedictine priests.

Among the out-of-town Benedictines within the sanctuary will be the Rt. Rev. Archabbot Alfred Koch, O. S. B., of St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., and the Rt. Rev. Abbot Vincent Taylor, O. S. B., of Belmont, N. C.

Abbot Helmstetter had been head of the Newark community of Benedictines for 27 years. Three years ago he celebrated the golden anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and in 1929 he commemorated the golden jubilee of his entering the Benedictine order.

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For Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, senior abbot in the United States and Canada of the Benedictine Order, who has just passed the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, the congratulations of many Newarkers are in order. Abbot Helmstetter was born in Newark, received his early education here and has spent a good portion of his career in the church here. Public celebration of the anniversary will be made in St. Mary's Abbey later. He is a Newark product of high attainments.

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Benedictines to be Ordained Priests in Cathedral

Bishop Walsh Will Officiate for Largest Class from St. Mary's Abbey

The largest class of clerics to be ordained from St. Mary's Benedictine Abbey, High and William streets, at one time, will receive holy orders this spring. Five young men from Delbarton, the Benedictine House of Studies in Morristown, will be elevated to the Roman Catholic priesthood tomorrow in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Thomas J. Walsh. Two others who are completing their studies at San Anselmo Collegio in Rome will be ordained early in July.

The five from St. Mary's Abbey, of which Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., is the abbot, will receive holy orders tomorrow in company with sixteen secular clerics from the Newark Diocesan Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Darlington, one of whom will be ordained for the Trenton Diocese. Bishop Thomas J. Walsh will officiate.

The five Benedictines to be ordained tomorrow are Rev. Louis Seiser, O. S. B., of Irvington, a native of Newark; Rev. Ernest C. Wildemann, O. S. B., also a native of this city; Rev. Claude Francis Micik, O. S. B., of Irvington; Rev. Hilary John Stephan, O. S. B., of Rahway, and Rev. Marcel George Stritter, O. S. B., a native of Newark. The two to be ordained in Rome are Rev. Hugh Duffy, O. S. B., of Boston, and Rev. Donald Murphy, O. S. B., of Rutland, Vt.

Father Hilary is the son of John H. and the late Catherine Conroy Stephan of 27 Bond street, Rahway. He is a graduate of St. Benedict's Intermediate School and St. Anselm's Preparatory School and St. Anselm's College at Manchester, N. H. Father Hilary entered the Benedictine novitiate at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Beatty, Pa., in June, 1923, and made his profession July 2, 1924. He completed his theological studies at Delbarton, but is specializing in graduate work at Fordham University.

Father Louis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Seiser of 384 Twenty-first street, Irvington. He is a graduate of

St. Benedict's Parochial School, Newark, and of St. Anselm's Prep and St. Anselm's College. Father Louis entered the Benedictine novitiate in June, 1923, and was professed July 2, 1924. He finished his theological studies at Delbarton.

Father Ernest is the son of Mrs. Mildred Wildemann and the late Francis J. Wildemann, residents of Newark. He was graduated from St. Benedict's Parochial School and St. Anselm's Prep and St. Anselm's College. He entered the Benedictine novitiate in June, 1924, and was professed July 2, 1925. His theological studies were made at Delbarton.

Father Claude is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Micik of 130 Twenty-second street, Irvington. He attended St. Mary's Parochial School, St. Benedict's Prep, St. Anselm's Prep and St. Anselm's College. In June, 1924, he entered the Benedictine novitiate, and was professed July 2, 1925.

Father Marcel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stritter of Newark and Jamaica, Long Island. He attended St. Vincent's Academy, St. Benedict's

Prep and St. Anselm's College, and entered the Benedictine novitiate in June, 1924. He was professed July 2, 1925. Father Marcel made his theological studies at Delbarton but is doing graduate work at Fordham.



Rev. Louis Seiser, O.S.B.



Rev. Ernest Wildemann, O.S.B.



Rev. Claude Micik, O.S.B.



Rev. Marcel George Stritter, O.S.B.



Rev. Hilary Stephan, O.S.B.

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FATHER FLANAGAN Final Rites For Priest Tuesday

A solemn high mass of requiem will be offered at 10 A. M. Tuesday in St. Mary's Abbey Church for the Rev. Jerome J. Flanagan, O. S. B., head of the English and literature department at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, who died Friday night after an illness of more than a year. He had served 20 years as a member of St. Benedict's faculty.

The Very Rev. Prior Anselm Kienle, O. S. B., will be celebrant of the mass, assisted by the Rev. Matthew Hoehn, O. S. B., as deacon, and the Rev. Thomas Long, O. S. B., as sub-deacon. The Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B., will be master of ceremonies and the priest choir of the abbey will sing through the mass. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Orange.

Born at Somersworth, N. H., June 23, 1887, Father Flanagan was educated in Somersworth High School and St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H., after which he obtained his Master of Arts degree from Holy Cross College. Then followed three years of newspaper work, after which he entered the Benedictine order Oct. 12, 1912, at St. Vincent's Archabbey at Latrobe, Pa. He was ordained to the priesthood June 2, 1917, after completing his theological studies at St. Anselm's Abbey, by Bishop Albert Guertin, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester.

Following his ordination, he was assigned to St. Benedict's and taught there until illness forced him to relinquish his duties a year ago.

He leaves his father, Michael F. Flanagan; four brothers, Edward, James, Stephen and Michael, Jr.; and three sisters, Mrs. Daniel J. Driscoll, Mrs. W. A. Mailhot and Miss Martha Flanagan, all of Somersworth.

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Newark Priest To Mark 60th Year in Orders

Rev. Ambrose Huebner, 84,
Senior of St. Mary's Abbey,
Celebrates Wednesday

Was Pioneer in Kansas

Became 1st Procurator of
Present Church in 1884

By a Staff Correspondent

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 17.—The walls of St. Mary's Abbey Church, at High and William Streets, Newark, will echo prayers of thanksgiving on Wednesday morning when the Rev. Ambrose Huebner O. S. B., senior priest of the abbey and one of the oldest Benedictine Fathers, celebrates his sixtieth anniversary in the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church. Father Ambrose was eighty-four years old on December 9.

When he steps before the altar a pew in the church will be occupied by the Right Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., of St. Mary's Abbey, who was an altar boy in St. Benedict's Church at Barbara and Niagara Streets almost sixty years ago when Father Ambrose celebrated his first high mass there.

Father Ambrose looks back upon service that includes years in Kansas in the late seventies, when he had to break in his own horses to visit his scattered flock, and other years in Essex and Union Counties making his long way to assembly places on a bicycle, his long black robes flying in the wind, holding masses in open gardens, in homes where the flock gathered upon his call.

He was born in Brooklyn, the son of the late Casper and Teresa Huebner. His family moved to Newark when he was a few months old and he lived in what is now called the "Ironbound District."

Confirmed by First Newark Bishop

He attended St. James Parochial School, where he received his first Latin lesson, and was confirmed by the first bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Newark, the Most Rev. James Roosevelt Bayley.

He decided to enter the priesthood and went to St. Vincent Archabbey, of Latrobe, Pa., where he was professed as a Benedictine and ordained as a priest on December 21, 1872. After short tours of duty in various churches of northern New Jersey, he returned to St. Vincent's Archabbey where he began to teach high school and college subjects and hold services in scattered missions throughout Pennsylvania.

In 1877, one year after its founding, he was assigned to St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, Kan., as procurator.

"Transportation, such as I knew later on in the East, was unheard of out there," Father Ambrose said. "We had a sort of home-made wagon. Our only horse became sick and we bought a wild mustang for a few dollars. Although he had been broken in, he turned out to be an incurable beast. He ran away with me one day. The wagon was dashed against a tree and I sustained a fractured ankle. A country doctor, who did not know much about that sort of thing, patched me up but did a poor job of it. Later on a regular surgeon fixed me up."

"After that experience I determined to ride and became so expert that I was able to break in half a dozen wild horses which we used to get about among the railroad camps."

When St. Mary's Abbey was estab-

Relaxing at the Radio After His Studies



George C. Brown photo

The Rev. Ambrose Huebner, O. S. B., senior priest at St. Mary's Abbey Church, Newark, N. J., who will observe his sixtieth year as a Catholic priest on Wednesday

lished in Newark in 1884, Father Ambrose was recalled and became its first procurator and prior.

Bishop McFaul Among Pupils

For a while thereafter he was assigned for short periods to various parishes in Essex. He served one year in Irvington, receiving about \$20 in money and living on donations from butchers, bakers and grocers.

Father Ambrose held pastorates in Wilmington, Del., and Elizabeth, N. J., where he celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary. For five years he returned again to St. Vincent's Archabbey as an instructor. Among his pupils there was the late Right Rev. James A. McFaul, bishop of Trenton.

Then followed assignment as procurator at St. Anselm Priory, of Manchester, N. H., and five years later he returned to Newark as chaplain of St. Mary's Orphanage.

In 1926, when the order purchased the 400-acre Delbarton estate for use as a house of studies, he was assigned there and he has continued his studies in the Morris County hills ever since.

Although he is bothered by stiffness caused by a fracture of his hip several years ago, Father Ambrose is physically and mentally in excellent condition. He tells visitors that he feels better now than he did at fifty, but there is a sly twinkle in his gray eyes when he makes that statement.

Inveterate Newspaper Reader

Father Ambrose likes to listen to the radio and is an inveterate newspaper reader, and his reading includes the sports pages.

"You see," he recalls, "I have always been a baseball fan. Back in the '90s I returned to St. Vincent's Archabbey in Pennsylvania and I took there with me some of the hard baseballs which were then being used here

in the East. In Pennsylvania they were still using rubber balls. I laid out a diamond at the school and started the boys on regular baseball games."

The depression seems to him more a depression of the spirits than the pocketbook.

"It seems to me, anyway, that uplift of spirit will lead the way to recovery. When 80,000 persons can pay \$4 apiece to see a football game, they should find a similar sum to help their less fortunate neighbors."

Asked if any of his contemporaries would be present at the mass next Wednesday, he explained that his adopted sister, Sister Thecla, O. S. B., is now seventy-six years old and suffering from a spinal ailment.

"All the friends of my youth have died before me," Father Ambrose said. "I alone am left."

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Golden Jubilee Mass Arranged for

American Benedictine Head Completing Fiftieth Year as Priest

RT. REV. ERNEST HELMSTETTER, O. S. B., will complete next week his fiftieth year as a Benedictine.

The golden jubilee of his profession occurs Thursday, July 11. But, as simplicity, service and meditation are the keynotes of the venerable priest's life, it would be contrary to any wish on his part to have more than a jubilee mass mark his anniversary.

A solemn pontifical high mass, followed by Papal benediction, will therefore be the only public event. It will be celebrated Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Mary's Abbey Church, High and William streets. Rt. Rev. Bernard Menges, O. S. B., abbot from Cullman, Ala., will be the celebrant. Assisting the jubilarian will be Very Rev. Anselm Kienlo, O. S. B., prior of the abbey, and the sub-prior, Very Rev. Boniface Reger, O. S. B. Rev. Leo Bleier, O. S. B., will be master of ceremonies. The sermon will be by Rev. Walter Stehle, O. S. B., professor of theology at St. Vincent's Seminary, Latrobe, Pa.

Honored by Pope.

A letter containing the felicitations of Pope Pius XI has been received by the abbot in honor of his jubilee and the Supreme Pontiff has also conferred upon him as a personal distinction the privilege of wearing the cappa magna (great cape)—a large mantle with long train, having a fur cape for winter and a silk one for summer.

The abbot has been called to Rome three times in his official capacity as abbot president of the American Benedictines for consultation at the Vatican. The trips were made in 1913, 1920 and 1925. He has taken special interest in the International Benedictine College of San Anselmo in Rome, established by Pope Leo XIII in 1893.

The abbot was an intimate friend of Cardinal Francis Aidan Gasquet, famous Benedictine scholar, who died recently. At the time of his death he was president of the Pontifical Bible Revision Commission. The late cardinal made St. Mary's Abbey here his headquarters during a six-month American lecture tour.

It is a source of satisfaction to the priests and brothers at the local abbey that the jubilee of their beloved leader occurs in the same year that marks the 1,400th anniversary of the founding of their order. The Benedictine Order had its beginning in 529 and Benedictines all over the world, and especially those of Monte Cassino, where it was founded, are commemorating that event this year.

Through 1,400 years the Regula Sacra (Holy Rule) of St. Benedict has guided his followers. St. Benedict is



Upper left, Very Rev. Anselm Kienlo, O. S. B. right, Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, abbot.

known as the father of Western Monasticism.

Born in This City.

Abbot Helmstetter was born in this city October 7, 1859. He attended St. Benedict's Preparatory School and then went to St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, from which he was graduated. He took his courses in philosophy and theology at St. Vincent's Seminary, Latrobe, and made his profession in the Benedictine Order July 11, 1879. His profession was received by Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, O. S. B., pioneer founder of the order in America. The vows were pronounced at St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe.

In 1884 the abbot was ordained to the priesthood as a member of St. Vincent's Community. He taught chemistry and mathematics at the college there until joining the Newark community when St. Mary's Abbey was established in 1885.

Two years later he was appointed procurator of the local abbey and in 1889 he was appointed prior. From 1905 until 1908 he served as headmaster of St. Benedict's Preparatory School and in 1910 he was elected abbot. His election as president of

Abbot Helmstetter

the American Congregation of Benedictines and Benedictine Educational Association of America was in 1914. He has held both offices, through reflection, since then.

Four years ago, after the purchase of a 400-acre estate in Morristown, the abbot established the Delbarton House of Studies, where young men preparing for the Benedictine priesthood are instructed in seminary branches. In connection with the house a junior college of arts and sciences is soon to be opened there.

The abbot is in very good health, notwithstanding the fact that he rises every morning at 4:50 o'clock through the daylight saving months and at 4:20 A. M. the remainder of the year, and notwithstanding the fact, too, that it is 7 o'clock every day before he has his breakfast.

"I can't complain any," was his reply when asked about his health. Then, with a twinkle that increased the impression one gains in his presence of a very kindly disposition, he added: "My appetite is good and I sleep well." Even the fact that his sight is very poor and the condition of his eyes prohibits

much reading, he gives no indication that the enforced limitation, depresses or annoys him.

Admitting that he put too much of a strain upon his eyes through his great fondness for reading and study, he simply states: "Now I have to be very careful, but there are plenty of things to keep me interested without so much reading."

Finds Delight in Travel.

It would probably be difficult to find any one who is more fond of traveling than is Abbot Helmstetter. "I even enjoy sleeping on a train," and again his eyes twinkled. He is away now, having left last week for a visit to the abbeys in the Central West and to a convention in Acheson, Kan., and will probably not be back until Tuesday.

It is no hardship for the abbot, as president, to have to visit all the abbeys in the United States every three years. The trips are none too frequent and the impressions brought back are not short-lived. On the contrary, incidents and mental pictures of his last trip to the Pacific Coast are as vivid as are those of the 11,000-mile trip he completed June 6.

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Shows Oddities and Facts of Mice

Priest at St. Benedict's Breeds Colored, Waltzing Rodents

Red and blue mice, Astrex mice with curly coats and whiskers, Argentes mice, lilac and light fawn colored on their backs and delicately blue underneath, chocolate, black and tan mice, shakers and waltzing mice—250 of them living happily together in the biological laboratory of St. Benedict's Preparatory School.

Not figments of a disordered imagination are these gaily hued mice and those which waltz or continually shake their heads. They are real and alive and are the particular pets of Rev. Damian Smith, O. S. B., instructor in biology at the school.

They are more than pets for they are part of the classroom equipment, which includes white rats and varicolored guinea pigs. There are more than 40 varieties of the fancy mice. Father Damian, by proper breeding, can, as he desires, produce a red or a blue mouse. And he can tell how many of each kind will be in a litter before the mice are born.

Magich? Not a bit of it. Just biology, following the genetical laws discovered by Abbot G. J. Mendel in the Augustinian Monastery at Brunn, Moravia. Not until after Mendel's death in 1884 did this scientist receive recognition for establishing laws in the breeding of animals and growing of plants.

Illustrates Mendel's Law

Father Damian used the mice to illustrate Mendel's law to his students, some of whom are also breeding fancy mice.

Besides this, Father Damian is interested in making more popular the sport of fancy mouse breeding. In the United States this has now reached a point where annual exhibitions of fancy and colored mice are held.

Father Damian exhibited some of his mice at the recent show in Washington, held in conjunction with the show for cats. He was awarded two first prizes in individual classes of tan mice, one second and one third. One of his first prize mice was adjudged the "best" of the whole show. It scored 100 points, winning a silver cup.

Father Damian began experimenting with mice along genetical lines about 20 years ago in Manchester, N. H. His work was interrupted several times as he was assigned to different places, including China.

Assigned to St. Benedict's in 1926, Father Damian again began work with fancy mice, white rats and guinea pigs. He increased the scope of his experiments until now his laboratory shelves and tables are massed with cages of the rodents.

Waltz and Shake

There are several waltzing and several headshaking mice in the laboratory. There are a few that both waltz in circles and frantically shake their heads. These peculiarities are due to abnormalities of the inner ear which controls sense of direction.

A waltzing mouse apparently thinks it is going in a straight line when, in fact, it resembles a miniature whirl-

and Heredity Law

wind. And the head-shaking mouse probably thinks he is very steady. When two waltzing mice, one going to the right and the other to the left, are exhibited close together the effect is startling, as at times they go so fast as to become blurs to the observer.

"I have come to be very fond of my mice. Look at these beauties," Father Damian said. He indicated some of the chinchilla variety the coats of which resembled the fur of the animal which goes into coats.

"And here are some other beauties," Father Damian pointed to mature mice with not a vestige of fur on their bodies. The bones could almost be seen. They are like tiny Mexican hairless dogs.

"Yes, I can predict with certainty just what kind of mice will be born in my laboratory," said Father Damian. "From a pair that consists of one champagne and one black, the first litter will be all black. The second litter will consist of blacks, blues, doves, blue-champagne and champagne. The next little will be different, but it can be charted in advance."

Cantankerous Habits

"The cantankerous habits of my fancy mice made giving them water quite a problem. As soon as I put a pan or dish of water in their cages they would either tip it over or toss their bedding or feed into it."

"Finally Brother Aloysius Hutton of St. Mary's Monastery, Morristown, who has worked with me the last 20 years, solved it. To a flat bottle he attached a rubber cork and hose. The end of the hose ended in a metal nipple. This nipple was introduced into the cage through a hole in the side. The bottle was fastened to the top of the cage or to a shelf on the side."

"Now when one of my mice wants a drink he stands on his hind legs, puts his mouth to the nipple and he gets it."

As soon as the more valuable fancy mice are born, they are taken away from their mothers and put in cages with nursing mice, less valuable. The nurse mice take just as good care of their adopted little ones as would the real mother.

Rev. Leo Bleier Dies on Ship

Pastor of St. Mary's Abbey Church of Benedictines Had Visited Germany

Rev. Leo Bleier, O. S. B., pastor of St. Mary's Abbey Church, died from a heart attack today on the steamship Volendam en route from Bavaria, Germany, according to a message received at the abbey. Father Leo, who had been pastor of the Newark church since 1930, left here October 9 to visit relatives in his birthplace. He was born in Bavaria August 11, 1878.

Father Leo was the fourth clergyman at the Benedictine abbey to die since July. Rev. Jerome Flanagan and Rt. Rev. Abbott Helmstetter died in July and Rev. Albert Lang died last month.

Ordained in 1902

Father Leo, who came to this country when a boy, entered the Benedictine Order July 11, 1896, and studied at St. Anselm's High School and College, Manchester, N. H. He pursued his philosophical and theological studies in the St. Anselm Benedictine Seminary and was ordained in Manchester June 29, 1902, by Bishop Denis M. Bradley of Manchester.

Soon after his ordination Father Leo was assigned as teacher in St. Benedict's Preparatory School here. For a generation he was instructor in Christian doctrine, German and chemistry classes; was secretary of the school faculty and faculty athletic adviser; an assistant priest at St. Augustine's Church and later served as curate in the abbey church. He was made pastor when Rev. Frederick Zwinge, O. S. B., the pastor, died.

Father Leo observed his 25th anniversary as a priest, commencing in April, 1926, when he went abroad for three months. The religious observance took place in 1927.

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Rev. J. J. Flanagan, Benedictine, Dies

Father Jerome, 20 Years on
St. Benedict's Faculty,
Succumbs

Rev. Jerome J. Flanagan, O. S. B., head of the English and literature department of St. Benedict's Preparatory School, died last night after an illness of a year. He had been a member of St. Benedict's faculty 20 years.

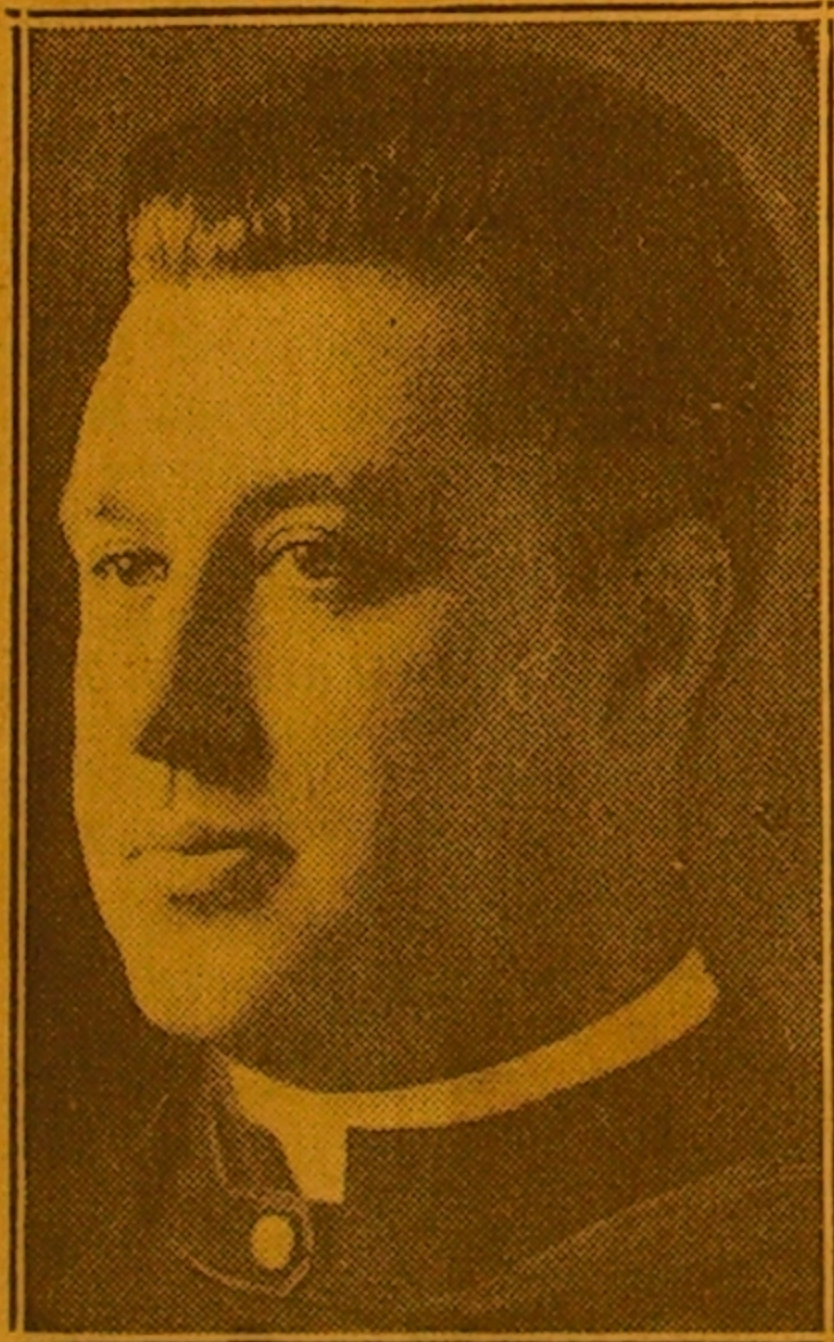
Father Jerome was born at Somersworth, N. H., June 23, 1887. He attended Somersworth High School and St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H. He obtained a master of arts degree from Holy Cross College. He engaged in newspaper work three years before entering the Benedictine, order October 21, 1912, at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa.

He completed his theological studies at St. Anselm's Abbey and was ordained to the priesthood June 2, 1917, by Bishop Albert Guertin at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester. Immediately after his ordination he was assigned by Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter to St. Benedict's. He taught there until a year ago when illness forced him to relinquish his duties.

He completed with distinction a three-year Summer school course in educational psychology at Harvard University.

Designed School Insignia.

Father Jerome won high honors in studies at St. Anselm's College. He played baseball and football. He had been director of athletics at St. Benedict's seven years. He contributed many articles to newspapers and magazines. He designed the



Rev. Jerome J. Flanagan.

Gray Bee insignia of the school.

He was a member of the New Hampshire Press Club, the Holy Cross Club of New Jersey and the National Council of Teachers of English. He is survived by his father, Michael F. Flanagan; four brothers, Edward, James, Stephen and Michael Jr., and three sisters, Mrs. Daniel J. Driscoll, Mrs. W. A. Mailhot and Miss Martha Flanagan, all of Somersworth.

The body will be at St. Mary's Abbey. A solemn high mass will be offered at 10 A. M. Tuesday at St. Mary's Church. Priests will recite the office of the dead before the mass. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Orange.

FATHER JEROME DIES; LONG ILL

Veteran Teacher In
St. Benedict's
School

The Rev. Jerome J. Flanagan, O. S. B., 50, head of the English and literature department of St. Benedict's Preparatory School, died last night after a year's illness. He had been on the faculty nineteen years.

Father Jerome was well known by thousands of St. Benedict's graduates. He was keenly interested in sports and for seven years was director of athletics at the Newark school.

Before he entered the Benedictine order Father Jerome was a working newspaperman, serving Boston papers.

He was born in Somersworth, N. H., and was graduated from Somersworth High School, St. Anselm's College and Holy Cross College. He received his master of arts degree from Holy Cross. He entered St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa. in 1912 and completed his theological studies at St. Anselm's. He also did graduate work at Harvard.

He was ordained by the late Bishop Albert Guertin in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, N. H. on June 2, 1917, and was immediately assigned to St. Benedict's, where he continued teaching until a year ago when he was forced to relinquish his work because of ill health.

Father Jerome was a noted athlete during his student days and distinguished himself on the football and baseball fields, both at Holy Cross and St. Anselm's.

The funeral mass will be conducted Tuesday at 10 o'clock in St. Mary's Abbey Church, High street. He leaves his father, four brothers and three sisters, all of Somersworth, N. H.

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POSTS CHANGED FOR SIX PRIESTS

Assignments Made
By Abbot Of
St. Mary's

Six priests of the Benedictine Order will take over new assignments Friday it was announced today by the Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B., abbot of St. Mary's Abbey.

The Rev. Charles Carroll of St. Benedict's Preparatory School, will go as curate to Blessed Sacrament Church, Elizabeth; the Rev. Paul Huber will go from St. Benedict's Church, Newark, to St. Elizabeth's Church, Linden; the Rev. Raymond Mullin from St. Elizabeth's, Linden, to St. Benedict's Preparatory School; the Rev. George Sherry from Blessed Sacrament Church, Elizabeth, to St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood; the Rev. Luke Moosburger from St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, to St. Mary's Abbey, and the Rev. Hugh Duffy from St. Mary's Monastery, Morristown, to St. Benedict's Church, this city.

Teacher for Eleven Years

Father Charles has taught religion, English and mathematics at St. Benedict's Prep for eleven years. He is a native of Newark and was graduated from St. Anselm's and Fordham College after attending St. Benedict's School. He was ordained a priest June 6, 1925, at the Cathedral here.

While attached to St. Benedict's faculty he was athletic director four years and acted also as class moderator and supervisor of studies.

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Many Mourn Priest

Many parishioners and priests of St. Mary's Abbey today attended funeral services for Rev. Leo Bleier, O. S. B., former pastor of the church. Father Leo died from a heart attack on the liner Vollendam Saturday while returning from Munich, Germany, where he had gone to visit relatives.

Very Rev. Prior Anselm Kienle, O. S. B., was celebrant of the requiem mass. Rev. Robert Baumgartner, O. S. B., pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Elizabeth, was deacon and Rev. Gregory Schramm, O. S. B., of the abbey, sub-deacon. Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B., was master of ceremonies.

Clergy in the sanctuary included Rt. Rev. Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien, O. S. B., Mgr. H. J. Behr of St. Michael's Church, Elizabeth, and Mgr. Paul Knappek. Prayers at the grave in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Orange, were said by Very Rev. Boniface Reger, sub-prior of St. Mary's Abbey.

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News. July 3, 37

Funeral Services Of Father Jerome Set for Tuesday

Teacher at St. Benedict's
Designer of Gray Bee
Athletic Emblem.

Services for Rev. Jerome J. Flanagan, O. S. B., for 19 years a teacher at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, will be held Tuesday at 10 A. M. in St. Mary's Abbey Church. A solemn high mass of requiem will be said by Very Rev. Anselm Kienle, O. S. B., prior of St. Mary's Abbey.

Rev. Matthew Hoehn, O. S. B., will be the deacon, Rev. Thomas Long, O. S. B., sub-deacon, and Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O. S. B., master of ceremonies. The divine office will be recited before the mass at 9:15 A. M.

Father Jerome, 50 years old, will be buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Orange. His body is lying in state at O'Mara Funeral Parlors, 702 High street, until tomorrow at 2 P. M., and then in the church.

Father Jerome died Friday after a year's illness. He was head of the English and literature departments of the preparatory school and for seven years was director of athletics. The athletic emblem "Gray Bee" was designed by him.

Onetime Newspaper Man.

Before he entered the priesthood Father Jerome had engaged in newspaper work for three years, and he continued, after his ordination, to contribute many articles to newspapers and magazines. For many years he was a Sunday Call sports writer, specializing in reporting football games. He was a member of the New Hampshire Press Club, Holy Cross Club of New Jersey and National Council of Teachers of English.

Father Jerome was born in Somersworth, N. H. He attended the local high school, St. Anselm's College at Manchester, N. H., and Holy Cross College, from which he received a master or arts degree. He entered the Benedictine order October 21, 1912, at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., and completed his theological course at St. Anselm's Abbey. He was ordained to the priesthood June 2, 1917, in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, by Bishop Albert Guertin. Following his ordination he was assigned to St. Benedict's Prep.

At St. Anselm's College he had won highest honors in his studies, and excelled at baseball and football. He also completed with distinction a three-year course in educational psychology at the Harvard University summer school.

Father Jerome leaves his father, Michael P. Flanagan; his brothers, Edward, James, Stephen and Michael Jr.; his sisters, Mrs. Daniel J. Driscoll, Mrs. W. A. Mailhot and Miss Martha Flanagan of Somersworth.

Priest Back from Study at Harvard

Rev. Jerome J. Flanagan, O. S. B., teacher of English and literature at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, has returned to Newark after completing with distinction a course of studies in education psychology at Harvard University Graduate School of Education. The



Rev. Jerome J. Flanagan.

Newark schoolman was a member of a group of fifty superintendents, principals and teachers from all parts of the United States engaged in a study of educational processes and principles of teaching. His work was deemed worthy of high praise.

Father Flanagan's literary studies during the summer centered about the literature of New England and afforded him opportunities to confer with members of the English faculties at Harvard and at Teachers College of the City of Boston. Authors on his program of studies included Longfellow, Whittier, Emerson, Holmes, Bryant and Lowell.

Father Flanagan is an alumnus of St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H., and Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., holding a master of arts degree from the latter institution. A college mate at Holy Cross was Rev. Joseph F. Dinneen, S. J., newly installed president of St. Peter's College, Jersey City.

Father Flanagan is a member of the New Hampshire Press Club, the Holy Cross Club of New Jersey and the National Council of Teachers of English.

STUDY HEAD



REV. CHARLES CARROLL

ST. BENEDICTS MAKES CHANGES

Father Carroll Now Supervisor of Studies.

The Rev. Charles Carroll, O. S. B., has been appointed supervisor of studies at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, according to an announcement today by the Very Rev. Boniface Reger, headmaster. For several years Father Carroll has been director of athletics. He will be succeeded in that post by the Rev. Richard Studer.

Father Carroll is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll of 47 Read street. He attended St. Benedict's parochial and preparatory schools and St. Anselm's Preparatory School and College at Manchester, N. H. He is acting pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, in the absence of the Rev. Gabriel Steines, who is in Europe.

Father Studer, who was graduated from Our Lady of Sorrows School, South Orange, is the son of Mrs. Mary Studer, Bradley Beach. He attended Seton Hall Preparatory School and was graduated from St. Anselm's College, where he was athletic director of the prep school and coach of basketball.

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Benedictine Priest Going To China as Instructor

Rev. Gregory J. Schramm Leaves Tomorrow for Pacific Coast and Will Sail Next Saturday for Peking, Where He Will Join Staff of Catholic University

AFTER four years of preparation for service in China as professor of philosophy and psychology at Fu Jen Ta Hsueh (Catholic University of Peking) Rev. Gregory J. Schramm, O. S. B., son of Mrs. Mary and Schramm of 23 Darcy street, leave tomorrow for the Pacific coast. Father Schramm will be joined in Chicago by two friends, priests who are bound for Peking, and the party

Up to that time his entire training had been under Benedictine auspices. He matriculated at Columbia University and received the M. A. degree again in 1927 for research work on the psychogalvanic reflex.

Enrolling in 1927 at Johns Hopkins University, he organized and became chaplain of the Charles Carroll Club (Newman) of the university. He was awarded the Ph. D. degree last June for research work on the emotions of children. He represented Johns Hop-



Rev. Gregory J. Schramm, O. S. B.

kins at the Toronto and Cincinnati conferences of the International Federation of College Catholic Clubs and won the Newman Founders Key at the latter.

The university staff of which Father Schramm is soon to be a member is made up largely of Americans. There are about 300 students at the university. A science school has been opened this summer for instruction in biology, physics and chemistry, and next year, it is expected, a teachers' college and school of philosophy will be added.

The aim, Father Schramm has stated, is to duplicate as far as possible the advantages offered at the Catholic University in Washington. It will not be necessary for the priest to learn the Chinese language before entering upon his work as the sciences are all taught in the European languages. He plans, however, to acquire it as rapidly as possible.

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New Pastor for Maplewood Church

Rev. Patrick O'Brien, O. S. B., Assigned to St. Joseph's; Other Pastoral Changes Announced

Rev. Patrick O'Brien, O. S. B., head of the French department of St. Benedict's Preparatory School, has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Maplewood, replacing Rev. Gabriel Steines, O. S. B., who will become pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church, Linden. Rev. Robert Baumgartner, O. S. B., Latin instructor of the sophomore class at St. Benedict's, is named pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Elizabeth. These changes were an-

nounced last night at St. Mary's Abbey by Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O. S. B.

Father Robert will succeed the late Rev. Florian Widman, O. S. B., who died October 27 after having been pastor of the Elizabeth church a number of years. Father Gabriel will succeed Rev. Meinrad Hettinger, O. S. B., pastor of the Linden church, who died December 5.

Father Robert was born in this city, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fridolin Baumgartner of 53 13th avenue. He was educated at St. Mary's Parochial School, St. Benedict's Preparatory School and St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H. He entered the Benedictine Order at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., and made his profession July 11, 1903. Father Robert was the first priest ordained by the late Bishop Albert Guertin of Manchester, January 26, 1907. He was a member of the faculty of St. Benedict's Prep nearly twenty years. He served as curate at St. Benedict's Church and St. Mary's Abbey Church. For the last ten years he has assisted at Sacred Heart Church in Park avenue.

Native of Newark.

Father Gabriel is a native of Newark. He attended St. Benedict's Parochial School, St. Benedict's Preparatory School and St. Anselm's College. He entered the Benedictine Order July 11, 1905, after finishing a year's novitiate at St. Vincent's Archabbey. He was ordained by the late Bishop John J. O'Connor of Newark June 29, 1909, in St. Mary's Abbey Church. After his ordination he was instructor at St. Benedict's Prep. He served three years as curate at Sacred Heart Church, Elizabeth, and for the last eight years was pastor in Maplewood.

Father Patrick is a native of Manchester. He attended St. Raphael's Parochial School, St. Joseph's High School of Manchester, St. Anselm's College and Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. He made his profession as a Benedictine July 22, 1915, and was ordained in Manchester May 29, 1920. Since his ordination he has been a member of the faculty of St. Benedict's Preparatory School. He was chaplain of Ivy Hill six years and was active in sociological work.

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