



Receives Going-Away Gift—A Chalice

The priests and parishioners of St. Monica's parish recently presented a chalice to Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Waclawski for his missionary assignment in Bolivia. Participants in the presentation were: front row, left to right, Stephen E. Setlock, trustee; Msgr. Waclawski, Rev. James J. Reddington, pastor; back row, Guy S. Riley, parish Holy Name Society president; John P. Quinn, trustee, and Rev. Robert E. McNamara, assistant pastor.

~~Msgr. Waclawski~~ Receives Award

Just how do the four Buffalo Diocesan priests feel on the eve of their departure Sept. 11 for mission work in Bolivia?

Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Waclawski probably best expressed the feeling of the four volunteers when he spoke at a farewell reception in his honor last Sunday in the Mary Seaton Room in Kleinhans Music Hall.

Looking forward to his mission work, Msgr. Waclawski said:

"Naturally you feel a certain amount of sadness leaving friends. But this is God's work. It's much like pulling a plant. It's going to droop for awhile, but when you replant it, it may grow better than ever.

Completing the four-priest Bolivian mission team are these diocesan priests: Rev. Joseph G. Attea, Rev. Robert Smyth and Rev. James Wall.

For Msgr. Waclawski, diocesan youth director, the dinner served a twofold purpose. Not only was it a fitting farewell, but some 1500 well-wishers also congratulated him on receiving a national award

from the Catholic Youth Organization, the third of its kind ever bestowed. The award was presented by Bishop Brzana.

It cited Msgr. Waclawski for "dedicated service to the Catholic youth of the Diocese of Buffalo."

Msgr. Waclawski is a member of the national board of directors and is treasurer of the National Conference of Catholics in Youth-Serving Agencies.

Archbishop Carmine Rocco, apostolic nuncio to Bolivia reports that in Bolivia today some 45 priests are trying to care for a Catholic population of 600,000. Bolivia is located at an altitude that varies from 12,000 to 15,000 feet in an area with few roads and many of these places can be reached only by mule or on foot.

Archbishop Rocco warned that among the real dangers for the Church's growth is the fact that "materialistic propaganda is being spread throughout the country by outside forces and that political unrest in many places seems to be growing completely out of hand."