

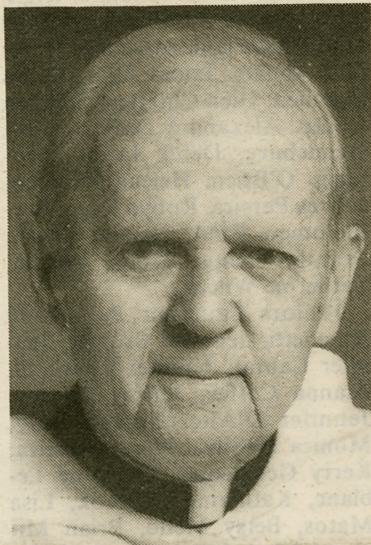
# Father Doyle marks jubilee

itary worlds and now ministry to the aged.

He is looking forward eagerly to his May 21 jubilee and notes that in tribute to his rank as a major in the Army Chaplain Corps, Father William W. Norton, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, has arranged for children to bring the American flag to the altar as part of the liturgy.

The Mass will be followed by a parish reception in St. Patrick's school hall.

The jubilarian will also be honored at Providence College on May 17, where he will be among five confreres celebrating anniversaries.



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## FATHER DOYLE

Father Doyle, one of nine children, is a graduate of Fall River's B.M.C. Durfee High School and of Providence College. He holds a master's degree from Catholic University and a doctorate in pastoral theology from the Aquinas Institute in Chicago, where his dissertation dealt with the morality of youth.

Father Doyle has taught at six Catholic colleges, including Providence College, was director of the School of Catholic Studies at the University of Virginia Catholic Center and was for a year a research fellow at Yale University School of Divinity. He was the first president of the Dominican Educational Association and for some time was director of a Dominican Laity group in Fall River.

Looking back on his 50 years in God's service, he describes it as "a happy priesthood," blending as it did work in the academic and mil-

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A priest whose ministry included helping to liberate a World War II concentration camp will celebrate his golden jubilee of ordination at 11 a.m. Mass May 21 at St. Patrick's parish, Fall River, of which he is a native.

"I was baptized, confirmed and said my first Mass at St. Patrick's," said Father Edward Paul Doyle, O.P., 81.

Professor emeritus of philosophy and theology at Providence College, he resides at St. Thomas Aquinas Priory at the college and is chaplain at Summit Medical Center, a Providence nursing home which he visits daily and at which he celebrates Mass monthly.

Additionally, he celebrates Mass weekly at St. Joseph's Living Center, also in Providence, and at Heritage Hills Nursing Center in Smithfield, R.I.

Father Doyle's April, 1945, experience as chaplain to the U.S. Army's 104th Timberwolf Division that liberated Nordhausen, a sub-camp of Buchenwald concentration camp, left its indelible mark on him.

He said that when he and the division's medical battalion reached Nordhausen, they found 1,000 barely-alive survivors and buried some 5,000 "mutilated, beaten and starved skeletons."

Father Doyle remains national chaplain of the Timberwolves, all of whom are invited to his jubilee Mass. Recently he spoke at Temple Emanu-El in Providence, telling Holocaust survivors and other temple members that Nordhausen had made him realize the consequences of ignoring the Judeo-Christian tradition of love of God and neighbor. His most recent address on the Holocaust and the lessons to be drawn from it was on May 1 to schoolchildren at Providence City Hall.