

Pope Confers Honors On Baltimore Priests

BALTIMORE, April 6 (AP)—Archbishop Francis P. Keough has announced that Pope Pius 12th has conferred the honor of domestic prelate on seven priests of the Baltimore Archdiocese and the honor of papal chamberlain on two others.

Given the title of Right Reverend Monsignor were the Revs. George L. Hopkins, rector of the Cathedral in Baltimore and chancellor of the archdiocese; John A. Dunn, command chaplain of U.S. Army forces in the Far East; Leonard J. Ripple pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, Brooklyn; Joseph L. Weidenhan, pastor of St. Rita's Church Dundalk; John J. Corbett pastor of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church Baltimore; James A. Ells, pastor of St. Dominic's Church Baltimore; Leo J. McCormick, superintendent of schools in the archdiocese; David I. Dorsch director of Associated Catholic Charities, and the Very Rev. J. Lawrence Kilkenny, pastor of St. Patrick's Cumberland and rural dean of Western Maryland.

The Monsignor McCormick and Dorsch are the papal chamberlains. The new honors bring the roster of monsignori in the archdiocese up to 25.

The status of domestic prelate is an honorary distinction conferred by the Holy See on the clergy for achievement.

Papal chamberlains originally performed duties in connection with the pope's apartments, but in the case of recipients outside of Rome that title becomes honorary.