

# Award Legion of Merit to Father Cahill

Army Honors Pastor  
of St. Patrick's  
Church in Pelham

PELHAM, N. H.—This is a great day for the Irish and greater than usual for one particular Irishman, Rev. Cornelius F. Cahill, pastor of St. Patrick's church in this town.

For today, Rev. Fr. Cahill was awarded one of this country's highest military decorations, the Legion of Merit. As a member of the Army's corps of chaplains, he spent almost five years in service, three of them overseas.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period of July 10 to July 20, 1943."

"As the only chaplain available to approximately 4500 offi-



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cers and enlisted men," during the landing on Sicily the citation reads, "he worked excessively long hours in ministering to the wounded, and never overlooked an opportunity to be of service to the men in, bolstering their courage and spirits."

"His performance was outstanding in the particularly unpleasant duty of caring for battle casualties, both of our forces and those of the enemy. His enthusiasm, devotion to duty, courage and superior performance under extremely disagreeable circumstances were an inspiration to the entire regiment and reflect the highest credit upon himself as well as the chaplains of the Army."

The award is approved by General Dwight D. Eisenhower under the signature of Brigadier General E. L. Ford.

Rev. Fr. Cahill, who entered service from Exeter, N. H., has been pastor of St. Patrick's church for the past three years.