

# MGR. GAVISK, HONORED BY FUND. PROMINENT AS SOCIAL WORKER

Mgr. Francis Gavisk, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church, 128 West Georgia street, who was named honorary member of the Indianapolis Community Fund for 1920 last night, has been prominent in charitable and civic projects in Indianapolis for many years.

## Former Newspaper Man.

Mgr. Gavisk has been connected with St. John's Church since 1882. He was born in Evansville, his father and mother being natives of Ireland. He attended parochial school and later engaged in newspaper work, being for a time city editor of the Evansville Journal.

He entered the seminary maintained by the Benedictine Fathers of St. Meinrad's Abbey in southern Indiana, where he completed his classical and theological courses and was ordained a priest in the abbey church May 20, 1885, by the Rt. Rev. Francis Claxard, then bishop of the Indianapolis diocese. His first station was St. John's and he has never been transferred from that church. He was appointed pastor in 1896.

Father Gavisk's evening disci-

pline in work outside his parochial duties was his election to the presidency of the National Conference of Social Workers, the national association embracing all charitable and correctional organizations.

## Served on State Board.

He has been a member of the board of state charities for many years, and in that capacity has rendered immeasurable service to the state. He is a member of the committee on hospitals for the insane and also has been chosen for many special committees. For one term he was president of the State Conference of Charities and Correction, and for many years his attention has been centered largely in the improvement of mental defectives. He was chosen a member of the special committee named by the late Thomas E. Marshall while Governor to investigate conditions in Wisconsin, and under both former Governor Samuel M. Ralston and Governor James P. Goodrich was a member of the committee to make surveys of institutions in Indiana.

When President Theodore Roosevelt called a conference in an effort to unite all the social agencies interested in the welfare of children, Father Gavisk was chosen to represent Indiana and made an address.

In later years Mgr. Gavisk has developed a deep interest in child care, boards of state charities and the cooperation of churches in social work, in addition to the improvement of the mentally defective. He has been in great demand as a speaker on these topics in many states and is regarded as one of those in the forefront of charitable reforms. His writing on these subjects has been extensive.

## Settlement Work.

For many years Mgr. Gavisk has been a director of the Charitable Organization Society and was interested in the foundation of the Foreigners' house which is now a part of the American settlement where hundreds of immigrants have learned American principles along with its language and customs. His name has never been missing from the list of those who labor for worthy causes of whatever nature, civic, state or national. He has been deeply interested in the Red Cross.

Father Gavisk is a prominent historian and is a member of various historical societies. He was a member of the committee of the board of state charities which last November visited institutions for feeble-minded in Boston, Mass.; Philadelphia, Pa., and New York. The committee studied methods and management in these places in an effort to devise more practical and modern methods of controlling and operating the Indiana home for feeble-minded youths at Fort Wayne.

On the death of Mgr. Augustine Besenise in 1905, Father Gavisk was appointed chancellor of the Indianapolis diocese in 1911 the vacancy. In June, 1918, the Pope conferred upon him the title of monsignor and in 1915 the title of prebendary apostolic. This is the highest honor given to a domestic priest in the ecclesiastical household.

## Holds LL. D. Degree.

Mgr. Gavisk holds an LL. D. degree from the University of Notre Dame. He is a member of the board of education of his diocese and a trustee of the Indianapolis Foundation. He is a member of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Indianapolis Art Association, Indianapolis Literary Club, a member of the board of directors of the Indianapolis Community Fund, a member of the board of directors of the Public Savings Insurance Company of America and the Celtic Savings and Loan Association.

## IS LOCAL REALTORS AT LOUISVILLE SHOW

(Special to The Indianapolis Star.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 26.—Fifteen Indianapolis realtors and builders were royally entertained by officers and directors of the Louisville Real Estate Board during their visit to the home show here today.

The delegation was met at the Kentucky hotel and then shown over the city in the afternoon. They were guests of the Louisville home show committee at a dinner in the evening. Following this they visited the home show.

The delegation will return home tomorrow.

## U. S. AGENTS RAID GANG CHIEF'S HOME

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Federal agents who raided the home of Joe Salts here today were routed when the gang chief's pistol in hand and ordered them from the place, but returned a few minutes later with police reinforcements and seized a quantity of liquor, 200 slot machines and two large automobiles. A man who gave his name as "Bates" claimed ownership of the merchandise and was arrested.

Salts was released from jail here yesterday.

## ILLINOIS MAN SPEAKER FOR ADVERTISING CLUB

Benjamin Wood of the Lyon Metal Pusher Company, Aurora, Ill., will speak on "National Advertising" to members of the Advertising Club of Indianapolis at the Columbia Club today noon, according to Lester C. Nagley, secretary-manager.

Mr. Wood is widely known in the middle West as an advertising and sales manager. He has made a study of national distribution and effective methods of stimulating sales through advertising. The meeting will be open to Indianapolis manufacturers interested in modern methods of stabilizing and building up increased distribution.

## GROTTO SOCIAL SEASON IS OPENED WITH DANCE

Rhena Green, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Khebaled Realm, opened its 1920 social season with a George Washington party and dance at the Columbia Club last night. One thousand prophets and their ladies joined in the grand march, which