


# Catholic Heroes OF THE WORLD WAR



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## Chaplain Dunigan

Monsignor Patrick R. Dunigan, of St. Michael's Church in Flint, Mich., who has been a chaplain in the Michigan National Guard since 1907, was with the 126th Infantry, 32d Division, during the World War. At the time of his honorable discharge from this service, he held the rank of major. French decorations followed him in substantial number. General Order No. 15 of 1923 awarded him the American Distinguished Service Cross.

The accompanying citation, quoted here in full, endeavors to trace his tours of July 31 and Aug. 1-4, 1918, as the Red Arrow men headed toward Fismes:

"While performing his duties as chaplain of the 126th Infantry, 32d Division, he repeatedly displayed exceptional qualities of personal courage and heroism in attendance upon the wounded and dying, going from the most advanced points of the firing lines to the several dressing stations, crossing and recrossing the lowlands of the Ourcq River, which were under intense artillery and machine gun fire; again crossing and recrossing them when the entire valley was drenched with gas, and against the protests of officers who warned him that he was doing so at the imminent risk of his own life.

"After having been gassed severely, while in the performance of these errands of mercy, and tagged for evacuation, he refused to be evacuated and persisted in carrying his errands of mercy to the wounded and dying, thereby enhancing the morale of the troops in his fearless disregard of personal danger, and contributing materially to the success of the capture of the heights beyond the Ourcq River and the advance to the Vesle River at Fismes."

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