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December 19, 1950

Mr. Amon G. Carter  
Fort Worth Star Telegram  
Post Office Box 1036  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

In a long life I have known no man of more beautiful character and high ideals than young Clark Poling who died as a Chaplain on the sinking S. S. DORCHESTER on February 4, 1945. He was a friend of my youngest son and he spent a winter with me in Florida so that I speak of him as my friend, too. Now he is immortally enshrined in the hearts of all Americans as one of the four Chaplains of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faith who symbolized in their life and death the brotherhood of all men and the Fatherhood of God.

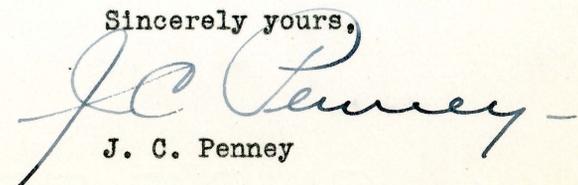
We are now completing in Philadelphia the memorial Chapel of the Four Chaplains which is already recognized as a national shrine to interfaith brotherhood and a symbol of American unity. It is described in the enclosed pamphlet. The Chapel is practically complete and we look forward to its dedication on February 4. From then on the Chapel of the Four Chaplains will direct to the nation by radio and all other means of communication a continuing message that will reaffirm our national unity under God. This will be the life work of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, whose son was young Clark Poling.

I hope you will join with other business men in providing the funds needed to carry on this program. We need an additional \$25,000 to complete this inspiring edifice. The building funds of more than \$300,000 have been raised, but funds are needed for the following furnishings:

Alter Rails	\$ 600.00
Pulpit	1500.00
Reading Desk	750.00
4 Memorial Windows	1000.00 each
4 Choir Stalls	250.00 "
2 Clergy Chairs	450.00 "
200 Cathedral Chairs	35.00 "
Organ Screen	1500.00 "

If you wish, your gift for the purchase of any of the above items may be designated as a memorial to someone who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. C. Penney

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I am glad to contribute toward the completion of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

Enclosed please find check for \$.....as my <sup>firm's</sup><sub>personal</sub> subscription to this interfaith memorial.

Name .....

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City..... Zone..... State.....

*Checks should be made payable to Chapel of the Four Chaplains  
(All contributions for this purpose are deductible for income tax purposes)*



# CHAPEL OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

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*A Memorial With A Message  
To All Faiths*

## THE FOUR CHAPLAINS . . .

Cited for the

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

awarded posthumously were

Catholic . . . FATHER JOHN P. WASHINGTON

Jew . . . . . RABBI ALEXANDER D. GOODE

Protestants . . . . . CHAPLAIN GEORGE L. FOX

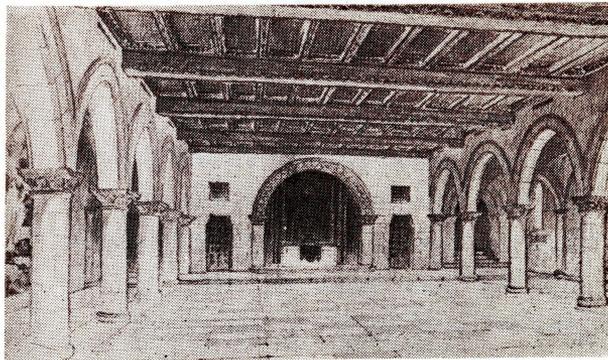
CHAPLAIN CLARK V. POLING

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For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 3rd of February, 1943, a loaded troop transport was torpedoed, without warning, by an enemy submarine in the North Atlantic and began to sink rapidly. In the resulting confusion and darkness some men found themselves without life jackets and others became helpless through fear and the dread of plunging into the freezing water. These four chaplains heroically and calmly moved about the deck encouraging the men and assisting them to abandon ship. After the available supply of life jackets was exhausted, they gave up their own. They remained aboard ship and went down with it offering words of encouragement and prayers to the last.

## THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL . . .

*Symbol of national unity, religious tolerance  
and human brotherhood*



ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF CHAPEL

The Chapel of the Four Chaplains now under construction at the corner of Broad and Berks Streets in Philadelphia is erected in memory of brave men of three faiths who died together on February 3, 1943, when the transport "Dorchester" was sunk by enemy action on the North Atlantic. The Chapel is at the center of the Temple University area. It is designed as a national memorial to commemorate all those who laid down their lives in World War II. Here also will be the remains of the late Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Philadelphia's beloved pastor and teacher who founded Temple University.

The Chapel will contain three altars, one for each of the faiths—Catholic, Jewish and Protestant—that the Four Chaplains so heroically served. The Chapel will be open at all times to all people.

Above the entrance will burn an eternal light of Brotherhood and Goodwill, calling all Americans to that unity in peace which in war these four men of God have so imperishably demonstrated.

**Your Gift Is Needed**  
**To Complete**  
**The Chapel Of The Four Chaplains**

Earlier efforts to secure funds for this memorial project have not sufficed to finish the task. Will you now subscribe your gift that this National shrine in Philadelphia, heralded from coast to coast, may be finished in all its dignity and beauty?

The appeal is to men and women of all faiths. In your response you also honor a great American—Dr. Daniel A. Poling—to whom we are indebted for conceiving this noble idea of the memorial to the Four Chaplains, one of whom was his own son.



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