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**AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT** - A one-week mission for Roman Catholics in the Royal Canadian Navy, opening Sunday, April 4, was announced today by Father Gerald Murphy, R.C.N., Senior Roman Catholic Chaplain.

With more than 34 per cent of naval personnel here consisting of Roman Catholics, the Chaplain said the mission was planned to give the men a chance to "brush up" on their religion in an environment similar to that which they might enjoy at home. Padres will speak in French as well as English.

"And such a demonstration," he said, "is further assurance to Catholic naval men that the Navy is only too willing to give them the full opportunity to practice their faith."

Organized by Catholic Chaplains, the mission will be conducted by Father L.W. Howard, C.S.S.R., of the R.C.N.

Sermons in French will be delivered by Father Mathias Langlois, O.F.M., of the R.C.N.

French Canadian personnel of the Navy will worship in surroundings similar to those they would enjoy at home.

The mission will be closed with a large naval parade with the two naval bands in attendance. Rear-admiral L.W. Murray, R.C.N., Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast, will take the salute and Most Reverend J.T. McNally, Archbishop of Halifax, will assist at the closing Mass.

"We have received the full support of the Navy," Father Murphy said, "and are hoping for a large turnout of naval men. It's an opportunity they shouldn't miss."