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Nearing the end of their one-week mission conducted by the Royal Canadian Navy, Roman Catholic naval officers and men are thronging nightly this week to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in numbers "beyond expectation".

Rev. Gerald Murphy, R.C.N. Senior Roman Catholic chaplain and principal organizer of the mission, said he was pleased with the number of men turning out but that he "hoped for even more before the mission is over". The mission ends Sunday.

It will wind up with a large naval parade to St. Patrick's Catholic Church accompanied by the bands of H.M.C.S. "STADACONA" and "CORNWALLIS". The parade will leave H.M.C. Dockyard at 10 o'clock. It will travel south on Barrington St. to North St.; west on North to Brunswick St.; then south on Brunswick St. to St. Patrick's Church.

Rear Admiral L.W. Murray, R.C.N., Commander in Chief, Canadian North West Atlantic, will take the salute on the west side of Brunswick St. near Gerrish St.

Most Rev. J.T. McNally, Archbishop of Halifax, will attend the closing mass.