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Bishop Carroll Celebrates Christmas Midnight Mass

Ceremonies At Cathedral

Solemn Pontifical Mass sung at Midnight by Bishop Coleman F. Carroll on Christmas Eve in St. Mary Cathedral marked the beginning of the Christmas season for thousands of South Florida Catholics.

At the same hour the faithful in parishes of the 16 counties which comprise the Miami Diocese joined with Christians throughout the world in celebrating the birthday of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Msgr. Patrick J. O'Donoghue, Vicar General, and pastor of the Cathedral parish was assistant priest. Assistant deacons were Father Neil J. Flemming and Father Kevin McCarthy.

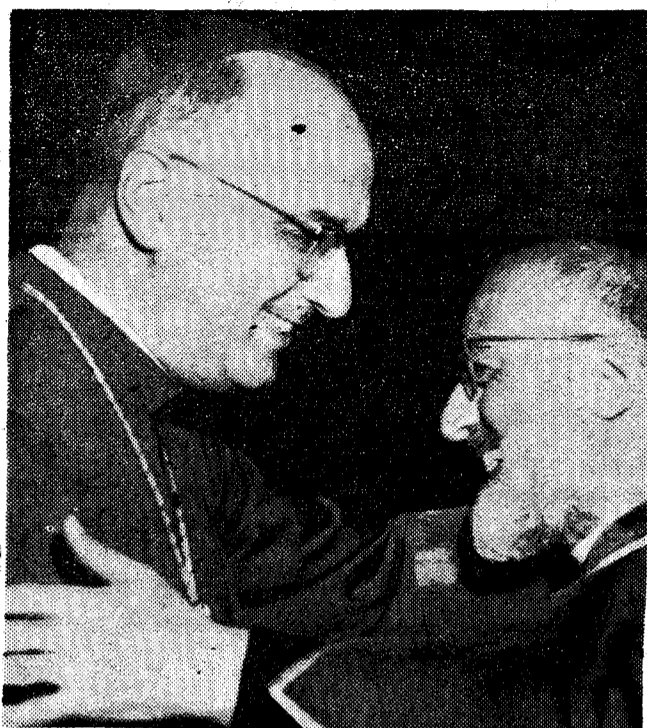
Mr. Joseph Brunner was deacon and Mr. Ronald Brohamer, subdeacon. Father Joseph M. McLaughlin and Father Patrick Taaffe were masters of ceremonies.

Seminarians studying for the priesthood of the Diocese of Miami who were minor officers of the Mass were: Gerald Lane, thurifer; Robert Green and Michael Maloney, acolytes; Vincent Sheehy, book bearer; Peter Ryan, bugia bearer; Bernard Genest, miter bearer and Philip Ryan, crozier bearer.

Torchbearers were Richard Carlisle, Edward Wilson, James Wallas, Michael Klot, Raleigh Hartmus and Brendan Slattery. James Kushlin of the Cathedral parish was train bearer.

The "Ecce Sacerdos" was sung by the men and boys choir under the direction of Clayton Brenneman, diocesan organist for the processional. Music during the Mass included the Proper of the Mass in Gregorian chant; "Veni Creator" by Pietro A. Yon and "Hodie Christus Natus Est" by Nanino. A traditional English Carol, the "First Nowell" was sung at the recessional.

A special program of Christmas Carols was presented by the choir for one-half hour before Midnight.



CHICAGO'S ARCHBISHOP Albert Gregory Meyer (left) is warmly embraced by Gregoire Cardinal Agagianian in Rome on Dec. 14 as the latter visited the Chicago prelate to congratulate him on his elevation to the rank of cardinal. Cardinal Agagianian is pro-prefect for the Congregation of the Faith.



ALOISIUS CARDINAL MUENCH, apparently quite pleased, is shown as he tries on his "galero," the broad-brimmed red hat conferred by Pope John XXIII on eight new Cardinals, Dec. 17. Cardinal Muench served formerly as Bishop of Fargo, N.D. (NC Photos)

OFFICIAL DIOCESE OF MIAMI St. Luke, Palm Springs

By order of the Most Reverend Coleman F. Carroll, Bishop of Miami, the following boundary lines have been established for the recently erected parish of St. Luke in Palm Springs (West of Lake Worth) of which the Rev. Father Matthew A. Morgan is pastor:

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The Chancery announces the appointments of the following chaplains for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses:

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THE REV. FATHER MATTHEW A. MORGAN, Palm Beach Chapter.

THE REV. FATHER THOMAS ANGLIM, Miami Chapter.

Pope Writes New Prayer On Missions

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John XXIII has composed a prayer for the faithful of mission areas.

The prayer thanks God for redeeming and enlightening mankind.

It also thanks God for sending missionaries who have taught His truth and communicated His grace. It continues:

"Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your mother and our heavenly mother, Queen of angels and saints, we pray to You that we may be worthy sons of Your Church, faithful to Your teaching and Your commandments, under the guidance and protection of Your Vicar on Earth, the father of souls.

"Grant that we may be docile to your bishops and priests, for whom we invoke the graces of sanctification and the apostolate, and that we may be, according to Your will, the salt and light of our land and our people."

Knowledge Of Faith Needed By All Laymen

WORCESTER, Mass. (NC) — Catholics should have a sufficient knowledge of their Faith to serve as "public relations experts" for the Church, Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan told laymen at a Communion breakfast of Knights of Columbus.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM

ALL OF US

AT

URDINE'S

Christmas Greetings

To all of the people of the diocese, THE VOICE extends its warm wishes for a Christmas season of many blessings.

Readers may regard our front page today as a Christmas greeting, conveying the sentiment that Christ the Lord is come to live among us.

The scene which is pictured, reflecting the joyful spirit of Bethlehem, was taken by Brother E. Ignatius, F.S.C., at the Christian Brother Novitiate, Ammendale, Md.

Christmas Message Aired By Nine European Networks

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The Christmas message of Pope John XXIII was broadcast in 30 languages to the four corners of the earth, including countries behind the iron curtain.

Nine European networks carried the Pope's voice as he

spoke words of hope and peace to the world two days before Christmas. Other networks in Europe and North America then broadcast translations of the address.

Radio Free Europe beamed the Pontiff's speech in translations to Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Vatican Radio also beamed translations to all parts of the world. It canceled regular news broadcasts and features to make way for broadcasts of the address, which were transmitted right up to the time of the Pope's own Midnight Mass on Christmas.

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pected to bring a higher yield of purer sugar from sugar cane juice.

The 13-year-old university is conducted by American Augustinian Fathers.

Around the WORLD

Seven Nuns, One Priest Jailed By Communists

VIENNA (NC) — Seven nuns have been sentenced to jail terms in communist Czechoslovakia, it has been learned here. They were accused by a Prague people's court of spreading subversive literature and leaflets on religious topics.

It has also been learned that Father Vojtech Zabranski of Rohates has been sentenced to three years in jail for accusing Czechoslovakia's Red regime of spreading lies and urging farmers in Slovakia not to join collective farms.



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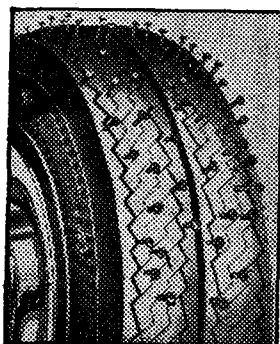
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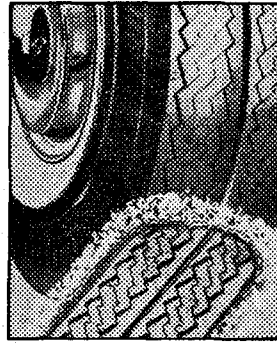
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Vietnamese Refugees Being Relocated In New Homes

NEW YORK (NC) — Refugees who fled to south Vietnam to escape communist oppression are "well on their way to complete integration" in their new surroundings.

This is the conclusion of a report submitted by the Far East regional director of Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Msgr. Joseph J. Harnett, who directs the Far East activities of the U.S. Bishops' overseas relief agency, recalled that during the six months after the July, 1954, Geneva truce agreement ending the Indo-Chinese war, some 900,000 refugees fled from north to south Vietnam. The "vast majority" were Catholics, he said.

Catholic Relief Services organized a nationwide relief system. By the fall of 1955, every vicariate apostolic in south Vietnam had a central Catholic welfare committee.

"With great amounts of surplus food made available by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and with rice purchased locally through the emergency allocation of funds by the American hierarchy, CRS-NCWC was able to give the struggling communities basic nourishment," Msgr. Harnett stated.

"Used clothing donated by the Catholics of the United States also was distributed among the refugees," he added.

As the refugees are integrated into their new surroundings in increasing numbers, some of the emergency refugee villages are being closed, Msgr. Harnett reported.

Swedish Convert-Author Given Achievement Award

MALMO, Sweden (NC) — Anna Lenah Elgstrom, a Catholic convert authoress has won the award given annually by this city's oldest newspaper, for outstanding cultural achievement of national interest.

When told she had won the award of \$1,200, she said she would now be able "to finish the biography of Mother Elizabeth Hesselblad," the Swedish-born convert who during the present century revised the Bridgettine Order of the Most Holy Saviour founded by St. Bridget of Sweden in 1344.

Pope Names 2 To Fill Vatican Staff Posts

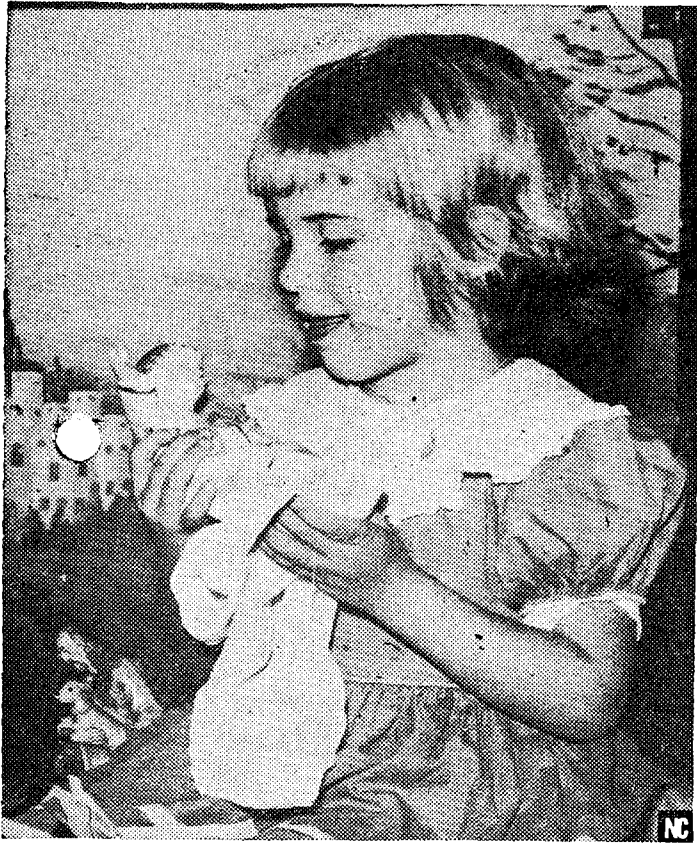
VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John XXIII has made two major changes in the personnel of the Vatican's headquarters staff. Msgr. Vittorio Bartocetti, undersecretary of the Sacred Congregation of Sacramental Discipline will be secretary of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signature, and Father Paul Philippe, O. P., commissary of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, will be secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Religious.

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CHRISTMAS ENCHANTMENT



HELPING MOTHER unpack the figures for the Christmas Crib, this little girl became spellbound by the image of the Christ Child. Seeing Him in His crib under the tree on Christmas morning will complete the enchantment.

Supreme Court Ruling Seen Blow To Curbing Obscenity

By JOHN J. DALY, Jr.
(N.C.W.C. News Service)

Hundreds of cities will now find it more difficult to convict sellers of obscene books, according to the attorney who argued — and lost — an obscenity case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Los Angeles city attorney Roger Arnebergh's pessimistic opinion was expressed after the U.S. high court released a Los Angeles bookstore owner who had been convicted of possessing an obscene book in his store.

How could the Supreme Court clear the seller of a book described by one high court justice as "repulsive" and by Mr. Arnebergh as a "veritable smorgasbord of sex?"

These were its reasons:

1. The prosecution failed to show that the seller knew the book was obscene — the key point in the court.
 2. The public's access to books might be restricted if a dealer had to know the contents of all his books. He would sell only those he inspected and since he couldn't read all, some books would not be put on sale.
 3. While it is true that pure food and drug legislation demands that the seller be responsible for the purity of all his wares, there is a constitutional barrier — freedom of speech and of the press — to asking this of booksellers.
- What happens now? How do police prove that a bookseller knows the nature of a book they challenge?

This is the crux of the matter for those states and municipalities which have an anti-possession law as a major weapon in their legal arsenal to curb obscenity.

Even the Supreme Court split on this point.

The majority opinion said it wouldn't be too hard to prove a bookseller knew about the book. One justice said it would be very hard and the court should tell how to do it. Two justices said they thought it would be too easy.

Loyalty Oath An Honor Noted Educator Says

CHICAGO (NC) — It is an honor for students to sign a loyalty oath, according to Sister Mary Madeleva, president of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.

The widely known educator and poet charged that schools objecting to the oath deprive students of an opportunity for government loans.

School History Published By Raleigh N. C. Diocese

RALEIGH, N.C. (NC) — The Diocese of Raleigh, headed by Bishop Vincent S. Waters, has published a 180-page book tracing the history of Catholic educational facilities in North Carolina. The diocese's schools enroll 10,000 pupils.

Holy Name Seeks Aid From State For Schools

ERLANGER, KY. (NC) — The Holy Name Society of Holy Name parish has begun a campaign seeking state legislation to "provide tuition grants for each child who attends non-state schools."

According to the parish group, such grants would represent each child's "fair share of the taxes levied by the state for education."

Encyclical On Priests Published As Pamphlet

WASHINGTON (NC) — The August, 1959, encyclical on the priesthood by Pope John XXIII has been issued in pamphlet form by the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The encyclical commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, patron of diocesan priests. The NCWC pamphlet is 20 cents per copy, with a 20 per cent discount on orders of 25 or more.

Around the NATION

Bishop Dworchak Named For Fargo, N. D. Diocese

WASHINGTON (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Leo F. Dworchak has been named Apostolic Administrator of the Fargo, N.D., diocese.

Strange Names Should Confuse The Mailman

CINCINNATI (NC) — Some unusual names have been added to the roster of subscribers of the archdiocese newspaper, here, like: Zuzi Okuzumi, Majid Qureshi, Andrew Huh and Thomas Kat.

They're among foreign students attending colleges in the Cincinnati area who receive free subscriptions to the Cincinnati Telegraph-Register through the Mother Seton Council, Knights of Columbus.

Post Office Stops Mail To Obscene Movie Houses

WASHINGTON (NC) — The Post Office Department has cut off mail deliveries to two Los Angeles film distributing organizations for mailing advertisements for allegedly obscene movies.

The department said one firm had referred in its advertising to the initial action taken by the Post Office against it, using this as 'a gimmick' to promote added sales.



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Neither the passing of centuries nor endless repetition can dull the piercing significance of these words recorded by St. Luke: "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth among men of good will.'"

As always, God worked in a strange way on the night Christ was born. Of all people in the world who might have been privileged to hear directly from the angels of heaven the keynote of the mission of the Son of God, He chose the most unlikely, simple shepherds. They were the first to know the two-fold mission of God on earth — to give glory to God and to give peace to men.

The Son of God became man in order to give God for the first time the perfect honor which had never before ascended from earth to heaven. Through the Mass, the sacrifice of infinite value, He arranged that infinite honor and glory would be given to God every moment of time until the end of the world.

Secondly, we are given to understand by the angels' testimony that the blessing of peace is reserved for men of good will. God indeed offers peace to all men, as He desires the salvation of all. But man must cooperate. He must be of "good will," that is, he must desire to please God, to draw near to Him. He must want not only to hear His voice in the teachings of His Church, but to follow His directions in the law.

The man of good will is the one who has as his chief concern the desire to do God's will. In this lies peace. Only by conforming with God's will now can man find peace on earth. This alone gives him the pledge of eternal peace hereafter.

This is why Christmas bears with it the conviction that happiness is possible and every man can obtain it. God first receives His glory. Then man is offered peace, as a reward for his good will.

Strange But True

By M. J. MURRAY

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WASHINGTON LETTER

President's Trip A Reminder Of Divided State Of World

By J. J. GILBERT

WASHINGTON (NC) — President Eisenhower has returned home in time to spend Christmas with his family.

It is sad to recall, particularly at this season, that his trip was made necessary by the fact that the world is divided into two camps — the free and the enslaved.

The President made the arduous, 11-nation tour to tell as many people as possible what the United States stands for in its international relations. Millions of persons greeted him, and it seems certain that he did much to strengthen the position of this country in those places where he was seen and heard. He accomplished a great deal in offsetting communist propaganda in those areas.

On one stop, at the beginning of his trip, the President did not need to counter communism's talk and tactics. That was in Vatican City, where he visited His Holiness Pope John XXIII, whom President Eisenhower called the "wonderful Pope."

This fact has tended to recall that in 1958, and again this year, Pope John held consistories and named new cardinals. Some observations made last year are pertinent now, and especially in view of President Eisenhower's extended tour.

In 1958 a conclave had just elected Pope John XXIII only a short while before, and among his first acts the new Pontiff named 23 new cardinals

and arranged for three consistories to effect their appointment. At that time, it was observed that the conclave which elected Pope John might be likened to a smooth working United Nations. Fifty-one cardinals from 21 nations, having a common Faith and using a common language, presumably Latin, in their deliberations, had achieved a common purpose with notable dispatch.

This Christmas, again Pope John has just held three consistories, increasing the membership of the Sacred College to 79, the largest anyone can recall. Coming from 27 countries, its membership is even more widely representative than before.

It is recalled, too, that nowhere else on earth is there to be found a senate, or assembly, comparable to the Sacred College. Its members have greatly diverse backgrounds and experience, and they may be said to have had a "screening" such as no other body ever have.

One might say that from their first days in the seminaries they attended their growth and development were watched and encouraged. They were given one office after another, each more important, each adding something new to their training.

In a world divided, the Church with its supranational character tends to draw men together.

Scholars Grope For Words At The Crib Of The Infant

By FATHER JAMES J. WALSH

The birthday of Our Lord seems to be that kind of occasion when everyone who has a typewriter or is near a microphone gives in to the urge to editorialize or preach. And almost always the theme has to do with the "real meaning" of Christmas. Everyone seems sure he has the secret meaning.

Columnists in the daily papers never climb into their pulpits with more zest and determination to deliver an original thought than at Christmas. But many others have a go at it, too, business leaders, civic officials, athletes, TV and radio commentators. All of them air their personal views on Christmas in strict accordance with the First Amendment.

The result is, to put it briefly, a hodge-podge of heresies, half truths, superstitions and solid doctrine.

The saddest aspect of all this attention to Christmas is that most of it has nothing to do with either Christmas or Christ. And when Our Lord is brought into the subject in the comments of some, they make it plain there is no place in their thinking for the "uncomfortable claim" that He is God.

NOT IMPORTANT

Some years ago in his Christmas sermon, a columnist got off this classic line: "Today there are scholars who can prove Jesus was not a Son of God, and those who can prove He was. The matter isn't important."

This is often the theme of self-appointed spokesmen across the country at this holy season. It should serve to make a Catholic who reads such stuff realize all the more clearly that if Our Lord is not truly God of the universe, then Christmas has no more meaning than the myth of Venus popping out of the sea.

If He is not God, then Christmas at best would be a holiday, like the 4th of July, with

less noise, perhaps with a little more sentiment but much less importance. In fact, no importance at all. I cannot imagine Christmas being celebrated even as a holiday by anyone 2000 years after Christ's birth, if He were only a human being like the rest of us.

STILL CELEBRATED

The one thing about Christmas that has kept it alive until 1959 and guarantees its survival until the end of time is the truly wonderful fact that the Baby in the manger is beyond any doubt God Himself.

The more we ponder this astonishing truth, the less surprised we are that this Holiday has been celebrated for so many centuries. The pagans had their festival days, and they died out. Nations have had special days of honor, and sooner or later they were ignored.

We have to shut out the confusing voices elaborating on the meaning of Christmas and shield ourselves against the tempting materialism of modern pagans. The sure way of doing so is to ponder this thought before the crib: "This Child is God."

SAINTS AND SCHOLARS

The consequences of this truth have left saints and scholars groping for words. The hands of this Child are indeed the hands of a baby, helpless and impersonal, yet they are the hands of God Who made the universe out of nothing, hung the stars in space, pushed the planets in motion and Who keeps now the ocean within its boundaries.

There is nothing visible about Him to suggest He is God. Yet the heavens opened when He was born to reveal witnesses to His divinity. Both simple shepherds and the wise Magi found themselves kneeling not in homage to a human being, but in adoration of their Lord and God.

So it has been ever since. Men and women and children in every generation with the eyes of faith have looked at the Infant and have seen God.

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If You Love Him

By JOSEPH BREIG

Christmas is a many-millioned rejoicing. But at this time of year, it would be good for each of us to find a moment of solitude in which to ask, "What is Christmas to me? What am I to Christmas?"

It is easy, standing at the Crib, listening to carols, or reveling in the glow of colored lights, to think oneself in love with Christ. Whose heart is not moved in the presence of an infant?

And who is not reverent at the thought of omnipotence helpless, of the divine, entering the human for our sakes? It is right and good that in the Christmas season we should feel the romance of redemption, and be lifted up.

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ALL THE SAME, the Christ in the Crib is the same true God and true man, the same Son of God and Son of Man, as the Christ on the Cross, and as the Christ Who taught and commanded.

He had seven level words for us that sum up and define our right relationship with Him. "If you love Me, keep My commandments." That is the test we must apply.

If we love Him, we keep His commandments. We do not, perhaps, begin by keeping them in complete perfection, or continue invariably in total loyalty. But at very least we fight our way toward that goal.

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"HE WHO HEARS you, hears Me," Christ said to His apostles. "He who despises you, despises Me." And before that, He spoke to Simon — "Thou art the Rock, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

"If you love Me, keep My commandments." And among these are the commandments of the Church, even the least of them, because Christ is in His Church "unto the consummation of the world."

"I GIVE to thee," Christ said to Peter the Rock, "the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in Heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in Heaven."

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THE APPEAL of the Infant in the Crib reaches out to us, and to respond is easy. But the infant, like the Man, would demand of us manfulness, were He to speak. "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

To limit these commandments to the ten given on Mount Sinai and the six handed down by the Church — to obey only the bare essentials of those — would not be the action of one who truly loved Christ.

Kneeling at the Crib, can we
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SUM AND SUBSTANCE

Africa Views Church

By FATHER JOHN B. SHEERIN

Pope John recently issued a supremely important encyclical that has not received the attention it deserves. "Principes Pastorum" is an encyclical on the missions.

It is noteworthy not only because Asia and Africa are so constantly in the news today but also because of its emphasis on the role of the laity in mission countries.

Due to the extraordinary press publicity given to President Eisenhower's visit to India and Pakistan, we tend to focus our attention on Asia but I think Pope John has his eye on Africa, for the whole African continent is in ferment, socially, economically and politically.

AIM AT AFRICA

A Jewish rabbi who recently made a world tour told me in conversation that he got the impression that the Catholic Church is concentrating its mission efforts in Africa while the Protestants are aiming at Asia.

There is a certain degree of truth in this judgment as the Vatican realizes keenly how explosive the entire situation is in Africa. The Church stands to lose everything on the continent if events take the wrong turn. On the other hand, it may experience a greater triumph there than the Church has known since the early days of Christianity.

In Africa there is a revulsion against everything Western. The African natives feel bitterly about the past when Western nations exploited the natives for

commercial gain and practically exterminated their native culture.

A CHALLENGE

Was the Catholic Church a partner to this colonialism? Apparently the answer must be YES, in the sense that some Catholic missionaries did try to Europeanize the African people and culture. Pope John in his encyclical repeats Pope Benedict XV's reproach of the missionary who would think more of his native land than of heaven and excessively concern himself with spreading its power and extending its glory.

The anti-Western feeling is so strong in Africa that even baptized Christians, many of them young, educated people, are beginning to look with suspicion on the Church and some have already renounced it because of its association with the hated West.

This social, economic and political revolt in Africa is a challenge to the Church. The Pope, alert to the proportions and intensity of the seething upheaval, singles out the layman as the person best fitted to protect and advance the interests of the Kingdom of God. He warns the laity that unless they play a large role in the revolutionary movements now getting under way in mission countries, these movements will take a turn disastrous for the Church.

PEACEFUL ARMY

It is in the field of public activity that laymen must exert a direct and strong responsibility and the Holy Father enumerates some of these activities: "In particular, in the

field of the problems of the organization of the school, or organized social assistance, or work, or political life, the presence of Catholic experts will have the most happy and beneficial influence."

I feel that Pope John has Africa uppermost in his mind in this list of activities. Unless Catholic laymen have a hand in framing the policies of the new social welfare regimes and labor unions in Africa, the new nations will take a turn either in the direction of communism or of excessive nationalism. In either case, the probability is that the tendency in the new nations would be to hamper the work of the Church or to oust it altogether from African territory.

While he made clear that the laymen was to bear the brunt of the fight in public affairs, Pope John was not unmindful of the important roles to be played by bishops, clergy (especially the native clergy) and Religious women. They will give light and life to the lay movements of penetration. Nor did he neglect to appeal to lay Catholics outside the mission countries. He asked them to help "their newly acquired brothers" even though they did not leave their own lands and suggested that they give laymen their advice, technical assistance and professional experience.

"Principes Pastorum" is, as I see it, an appeal for recruits in the peaceful army of Catholic Action in Africa.

AN ALTAR BOY NAMED "SPECK"



"Heat up your coffee a bit, Father?"

QUESTION CORNER

How Much Does Mass Cost? It Is Something Priceless

I have tried in several parishes here in Florida to have Mass offered, but the priests would never tell me what the exact stipend is for them. Up North there was more or less a set fee and everyone knew what the offering should be. Does it differ throughout the country or does every priest more or less set the fee himself?

Well, first of all, there are no fees for Mass. Sometimes to aid the persons requesting Masses, the diocese suggests what would be considered an adequate offering. This may vary from place to place.

It is not up to the priests, whom you consult and request to offer Mass, to establish and set any particular amount your offering should be.

Custom is one standard by which to govern yourself. Your ability to make a larger offering or your inability to reach the standard set by others would govern it also.

The value you set on the Mass itself, the interest and concern you have for the welfare of the priests whom you request to offer Mass for you — these enter into your decision also.

EXTRANEIOUS TASKS

You must remember that priests are to live from the work they do, "from the altar." In order that they can spend their time for the good of their people, doing the work assigned them by their Bishop, they refrain as much as possible from extraneous tasks, which are time-consuming and not particularly useful to the Church. If a priest had to spend 40 hours each week doing plumbing or setting type or cutting grass (in order to support himself and often his family), he would have little time or energy left for Christ's work.

So he must rely on the generosity of those who request him to offer Mass to help him

earn a livelihood. The Mass stipend, therefore, which always goes to the priest who offers the Mass, is a means whereby we support him and aid him in the work he does for us.

As you may know, priests may accept only one stipend each day for Masses they offer. For example, on Sundays, when a priest has to offer Mass as many as three times, he may accept a stipend for only one of them.

MASS FOR PEOPLE

Pastors of parishes have an obligation of offering the "Missa pro populo" or Mass for the people almost 100 times each year. The Church indicates these days: Sundays, feasts of the Apostles, some feasts of Our Lady etc. On these days they may not accept any stipend at all. For this reason he may be forced to refuse to fulfill your wish for a Mass on a specific day.

You must remember also that the more you share in the Sacrifice of the Mass, the more you benefit from it. Those who follow the Mass intelligently through the use of a missal or who sing the various parts or who receive Holy Communion get more spiritual benefits as a result of the participation in it. Those also who request a Mass, making an offering to the celebrant so that he may live and work as a priest, benefit from that Mass all the more.

Those, of course, who are well off have, it seems to me, a
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MAKING MARRIAGE CLICK

Marry Just For Love?

By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBLANC

"We did not marry to have children. That really never entered our minds at the time. We married because we were in love and wanted to be happy. How can the Church say that the first purpose of marriage is children?"
G. M. C.

There is a difference between "why" people marry and why they "should" marry, G.M.C. You see, there is a priority of intention and there is a priority of values. There is a difference between purpose and motive as there is a difference between thinking and feeling.

MAJOR PROBLEMS

I am sure you did not explicitly exclude the desire of having children. If you did, then you would have major problems to worry about. There would also not only be a question of values, but there would also be something infantile, selfish and fragile about a couple who do not desire children. We would wonder whether their marriage was strong enough to survive even the first conflict.

Note, G. M. C., we do not say that having children is the only end of marriage. There are two purposes to a

marriage and both are intimately related. The marriage act is primarily concerned with procreation but it also signifies the total gift of self to each other, so mutual love and aid are definitely involved in the marriage act.

As simple as it seems, it is good to remember that the marriage contract gives the right to a natural act, capable of producing children, but it does not give the right to have children. This is the mistake made by those who insist that strictly artificial insemination is moral. It cannot be.

There is a hierarchy of importance in the two ends of marriage, that is, between children and love. This may be understood better with a few examples: the eye was intended for vision and also good looks, but vision in the eye is more important than beauty of the eye.

The tongue was made for speech but also as an aid in swallowing. But again, speech is more primary for the tongue than even swallowing. A fig tree produces figs but also, through its leaves, it contributes chlorophyll. There is ever a ladder, a scale of

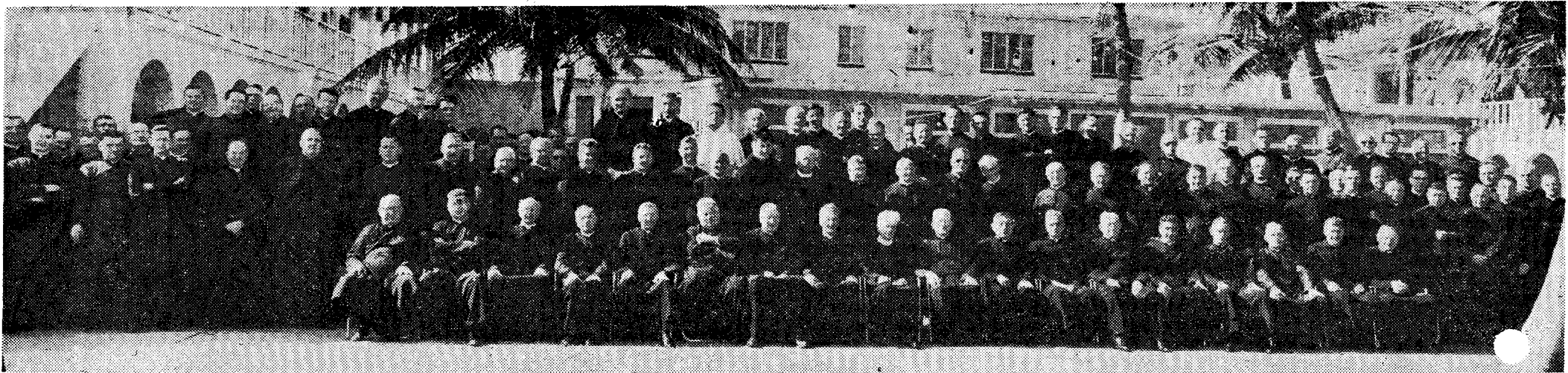
values in those two ends, as also in the marriage act.

There are many who say that they have to enjoy the marriage act as the first purpose in marriage and believe that marital happiness is in direct proportion to this enjoyment. This again is obviously not so. Happiness in marriage is in direct proportion to the respect a couple has for each other in these intimate relations.

PRIMARY PURPOSE

If God had wanted pleasure to be the primary purpose of marriage, Pius XII reminded us in his talk to midwives, then God would have chosen another plan. There is one end of marriage definitely subordinated to the other — the two ends are not equal in importance. Pius XI, in his encyclical on Christian Marriage, condemned those who said otherwise: "The two ends are not of equal importance," he said, "the second end is dependent on the first." (Casti Connubii, 1930).

Because children and their education are the first purpose in marriage, it does not mean that the size of a family is to be left to the whim or instinct of man.



ANNUAL RETREAT for secular and regular priests serving in the Diocese of Miami was held from Monday to Friday of last week at the Colonnades Hotel in Riviera Beach. Conferences were

given by the Very Rev. Father Francis Connell, C.S.S.R., eminent theologian of Washington, D.C. There were 25 altars provided in the hotel for the convenience of the clergy who attended.



God Love You

Most Reverend
Fulton J. Sheen

"Mary Christmas"

The usual greeting is "Merry Christmas" because we rejoice that on this day is born to us a Savior. But over and above that, we must wish you a "Mary Christmas". That is the kind of Christmas Mary had, namely Christ IN HER and FROM HER and WITH HER. The whole world can be "merry" on the outside celebrating a festival, but only the special few who celebrate the FEAST can have a Christmas like Mary.

May Christ be IN you as with Mary; in your soul through Holy Communion as He was in her body through the Incarnation.

May Christ be FROM you as you radiate His Truth and Love and Charity to those around you and to the Missions, as Mary put Jesus in the hands of the home missions of the shepherds and in the foreign missions of the Wise Men in all their pomp.

May Christ be WITH you in your home, your office, your journeys, your works, your trials as the Divine Child was with Mary in a stable, in her journey to the land of the Sphinx, during her flight from the bloody sword of Herod.

No one can be truly Merry on December 25 except through Mary. Why? Because "He was born of the Virgin Mary." Either we get Christ the Son of God from Mary, or we have only a Jesus who is nothing more than another teacher like Buddha or Confucius. As Richard Crashaw has pointed out, there is a relation even between Mary and His "sepulchre in which man was NEVER laid."

"How life and death in Thee
Agree!
Thou hadst a Virgin womb
And tomb.
And Joseph did betroth
Them both."

How true! The only ones today who believe in the virgin tomb (Resurrection of the Son of Man) are those who believe in the Virgin's womb (Incarnation of the Son of God).

There is a Christmas because Mary gave her consent; she was willing to give God a human nature! Think ye it is possible for us to give God our human nature without Mary? As the Son coming into the world said to the Father "I am come to do Thy Will", so Mary said to the Angel: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord". The obedience of Mary was the first act of perfect submission that any creature made to God since the fall of Adam. Mary teaches us obedience again in the last words recorded of her in Scripture: "Whatsoever He shall say to you, that do ye".

Mary formed Jesus within her chaste body; so may she form Him within your soul that He as the Vine may entwine Himself about the branches of your thoughts and lives and deeds until you are less your own than His.

And finally, remember, he who writes this column about Christmas, knocks at your door to ask you to help him, who represents the Holy Father's mission works, bring Christ to the world. Will you be to Him an inn or a stable? If a stable, send us your sacrifice; if an inn, we love you anyway.

"MARY CHRISTMAS" to all!

SHEEN COLUMN: Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N. Y., or your Diocesan Director, Rev. Neil J. Flemming, 6301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami 38, Florida.

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Dec. 29 — St. Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr. Mass of the feast, Gloria, sec-

ond prayer of Christmas, Credo, preface of Christmas.

Dec. 30 — Sunday within Octave of Christmas. Mass of the Sunday, Gloria, second prayer of Christmas, Credo, preface of Christmas.

Dec. 31 — St. Sylvester, Pope and Martyr. Mass of the feast from the common of Supreme Pontiffs, Gloria, second prayer of Christmas, Credo, preface of Christmas.

Jan. 1 — Circumcision of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Mass of the feast, Gloria, Credo, preface of Christmas.

Jan. 2 — Ferial Day (weekday). Mass of the feast of the Circumcision, Gloria, no Credo, preface of Christmas.

Jan. 3 — Sunday between Circumcision and Epiphany, feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Mass of the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, Gloria, Credo, preface of Christmas.

40 Hours Devotion

According to a schedule announced by the Chancery, Forty Hours Devotion will be observed in the following parishes:

- Jan. 3 — St. Agnes, Key Biscayne
- 6 — St. Anthony, Fort Lauderdale
- 10 — SS. Peter and Paul, Miami
- 13 — St. Patrick, Miami Beach
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In an unprecedented six-page, 2,300 word written decision, the jurist found the four guilty of "displaying and selling books containing obscene, indecent language and manifestly tending to corrupt morals of youth."

Auto Sticker Campaign

DETROIT (NC) — More than 30,000 automobile window stickers with the motto "Observe Christmas as Christ's Birthday" have been distributed by the Detroit Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The dealers fined, following arrest by officers of the Juvenile Bureau are Mrs. Jessie Bennett, 55, of 1236 Drexel Ave., Joseph Mindlin, 72, of 1011 5th St., Moe Kalisch, 69, of 1674 Michigan Ave. and Julius Cohen, 74, of 1244 Pennsylvania Ave.

All said they were unaware of the contents of the pocket-sized novels published by the Fabian and Saber Publishing Companies of California.

After consulting opinions of higher courts on the "Lady Chatterley's Lover" and "Ulysses" cases and reading all the novels in question, Judge Saperstein, found that the books are those "in which lust laughs at the locksmith of legislative limitations" and that "they are being exploited and sold for the purpose of profiting by the titillation of the dirty-minded."

"The covers are obviously designed and intended to reach out from the newsstand shelf and fasten themselves upon the casual eye of the potential purchaser," the judge said in his written decision.

"Almost every book contains inserted material which has no relationship to the story whatsoever, but which deals with legal decisions concerning obscene literature test cases in which the publishers were victorious," Judge Saperstein pointed out.

"Either it is intended to salve the conscience of a reader who might experience a sense of personal degradation and loss of self-respect upon completing the reading, or it is to convince the potential purchaser examining the book that he is not about to purchase 'dirty' reading matter."

Aliens Must File Address Reports

An estimated 78,000 aliens will report their address in the State of Florida during January 1960 under the Federal Alien Address Report Program, according to Edward P. Ahrens, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

All non-citizens, except those in diplomatic status, foreign representatives of certain international organizations and those admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers, are required to file the address report, Mr. Ahrens said.

The District Director said that address report cards will be available at the Immigration Service Offices at Miami, Port Everglades, West Palm Beach, Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West and all United States post offices beginning January 1, 1960.

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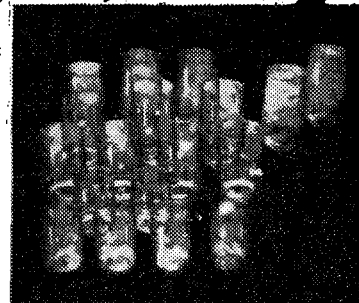
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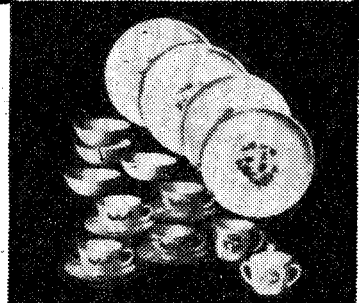
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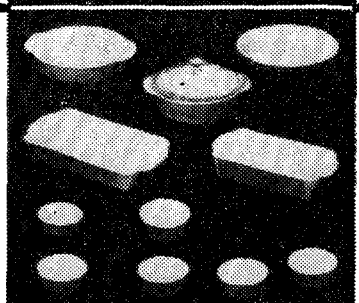
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Editor Roams 'Gloomy' Moscow, 'People Exist, But They Don't Live'

The writer of the following report is managing editor of *The Catholic Review*, Baltimore archdiocesan weekly, who has completed a 22-day fact-finding tour of the Soviet Union and other European countries.

By GERARD E. SHERRY

MOSCOW (NC) — This is a city of gloom and doom.

If there is a "spirit of Camp David" floating around Nikita Khrushchev's "peace" headquarters at the Kremlin, it is not apparent anywhere else in Moscow. There's an awful lot of phoney reporting.

Many Western visitors come away unnecessarily overawed by surface impressions. Hence, it is frequently heard that the Russians are doing marvels and we had all better watch out on the economic front. However, I

avoided official guides. I saw Moscow on foot.

I arrived in Moscow on a Saturday evening. The airport is certainly a busy place, full of the most modern commercial jet planes as well as the more conventional types.

It was terribly cold — something like ten below. The airport may have had a heating system, but it obviously wasn't in working order. The place was dimly lit and the furniture was sparse.

My first view of Russian people was in the general waiting room. They were all huddled up in long overcoats and fur hats, and many wore high boots. They looked frightfully uncomfortable. The majority sat on wooden benches in the main hall, looking as indifferent as their cold surroundings.

ACCOMMODATIONS CHANGED

Although I had paid for first class accommodations, I arrived at my hotel to find it had only a very small room available. The bathroom was far down the corridor and the plumbing was antiquated. The heating, too, left a lot to be desired. The next morning I managed to protest loud enough to be able to get a larger room with bath.

My hotel, the Nationale, looks out on Red Square, where the towering Kremlin walls protect the inner sanctum of the huge bureaucracy which directs the lives of each and every Soviet citizen.

My first view of Red Square, on Sunday morning, was quite revealing. There was a four-deep queue stretching almost all round the Kremlin. The people were waiting, so I found, to en-

ter the mausoleum that houses the bodies of the Red prophets, Lenin and Stalin. This pilgrimage is a "must" for Soviet citizens visiting Moscow. However, there seems to be nothing spontaneous about it. It's all part of the official sight-seeing itinerary drawn up for the people.

MASS IN MOSCOW

My Sunday morning was spent trying to find a place to attend Mass. There was none at the only Catholic church in Moscow, St. Louis of France. The priest in charge, Father Vitold Bronitski, a Polish priest from Vilna, was away sick and the people turned up only to sing hymns and say prayers. I eventually was able to find the address of Assumptionist Father Louis Dion of Worcester, Mass., chaplain to American Catholics in the Soviet capital. His apartment chapel, housed some 20 people for the 12:30 Mass.

The first real contact I had with Russians was at dinner in the Nationale dining room. It is supposed to be one of the finest eating places in Moscow. It isn't too bad by American standards, except that the food is always bathed in grease. More important, the tea is frightful and the coffee unbearable.

A group of young Russians at one table invited me over. Several of them spoke English. They were mostly students who can afford to eat at the Nationale about once a month. They told me they came mostly to listen and dance to the band, which is noted for playing "capitalist" music. They spoke about the desire for peace in the world and wished that the American people would follow Mr. Khrushchev's lead. In fact, every vodka toast had this rather plaintive leitmotif.

POOR KNOWLEDGE OF U.S.

Their knowledge of life in the U.S. was pathetic and they used all the shop-worn phrases of communist propaganda. When I mentioned that I own my own house, they showed obvious doubt. They said they knew that many Americans have houses but that they are the rich ones. They also said that the average American worker is much worse off than his Russian counterpart.

I made it plain that they are the victims of vicious propaganda, which hinders rather than helps world peace. They refused to believe that the average U.S. worker has a car. Anyhow, they said, the Soviets are busily engaged in producing cars which will be available to all. However, when I asked how many of their families own a car, I drew a blank.

The students pointed with pride to Soviet space efforts and said that America is so far behind. I said that America is devoted to more than space missiles. Much of our scientific effort goes into the field of human welfare, I told them. After all, I said, under

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Two Schools Add Facilities For Classes

Additional classroom facilities, recently completed at Central Catholic High School in Fort Lauderdale and St. John the Apostle School in Hialeah have been blessed in formal ceremonies by Bishop Coleman F. Carroll.

THIRD ADDITION

Classrooms were constructed at Central Catholic High School which is staffed by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Adrian, Mich. and has an enrollment of 800 students. At St. John the Apostle School, the third addition to the original building provides three additional classrooms and athletic dressing rooms and showers.

The 19 room school now has more than 900 pupils enrolled in grades Kindergarten through nine, and is staffed by the Sisters of Mercy of Merion, Pa.

Pointing out that moral training permeates teaching in the Catholic schools, Bishop Carroll reminded students at Central Catholic High School that in the world today "intellectual virtues are emphasized and moral virtues forgotten in education. You are privileged to study on a campus where Christ lives," Bishop Carroll said.

EDUCATION DEFINED

Catholic education was defined by Father Michael J. Fogarty, pastor, St. Coleman's parish, Pompano Beach, as an education "which unites mental, moral and religious training." Physical, mental and moral powers must all be developed and duties to God have primacy, Father Fogarty said in stressing that education must teach God and His laws.

Important contributions of the Catholic school system to the community and society were outlined by Msgr. William F. McKeever, diocesan superintendent of schools who spoke to children of St. John the Apostle school.

"Catholic schools are an absolute necessity today to remedy the evils that are threatening our community," Monsignor McKeever said. The evils which today threaten to ruin our community and our nation have been spawned in the areas where religion has been rooted out of society," he said. "The schools of a community which could and should inspire the moral tone of our society have themselves been a contribution to the present situation since they are prevented by law from imparting the goodness which flows from religious training."

Emphasizing that the expansion of a Catholic school is a great occasion for the entire community, Msgr. McKeever said that the material cost of building Catholic schools is negligible compared to the "immense" contribution which its students will make to the community as good citizens.

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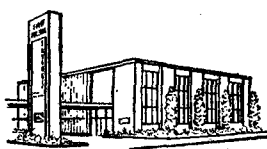
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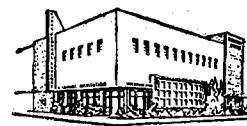
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Organist Plays Music For Friend In Hospital

BALTIMORE (NC) — Catholic hymns boom from a Lutheran church across the street from Bon Secours hospital as one man's way of praying for a sick friend.

Karl V. Petz, organist at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, is a neighbor and friend of Michael V. Lardner, recovering in the hospital from a heart attack.

Mr. Petz said, "I couldn't get in to see him, so I decided to pray for him the best way I know how, with my music."



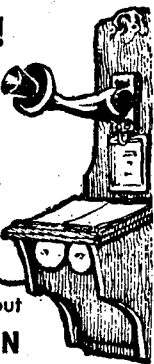
CHRISTMAS CAROLS were sung by St. Mary's CYO members on Christmas Eve at many homes for aged in the parish area. The singers had to break into two groups to cover as many homes as possible. After carolling they went in a group to Midnight Mass at St. Mary Cathedral.

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St. Brendan's Club Sets Dance, Dec. 26

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Mrs. Steve Courtney and Mrs. John Sparks are in charge of arrangements for the benefit, proceeds from which will be donated to the church air-conditioning fund.

Tickets may be obtained by calling CA 1-6349.

CYO To Make Christmas Happy For Needy, Shut-Ins

Christmas will be more cheerful this year for shut-ins and needy children, thanks to the hard working members of Catholic Youth Organizations in the Diocese of Miami.

Five well-organized parish CYO groups have planned Christmas activities this year.

St. Theresa CYO, of Coral Gables, is having a Christmas party on Jan. 3 for the children of Spanish-speaking migrant

workers in the Miami area. With the help of Sister Clare, S.S.J., the group intends to make this Christmas one to remember for these children.

DONATE TOYS

The party is sponsored and financed by this group of young adults, but they depend on the parishioners to donate used toys and help spread the joy of Christmas a little further into the lives of these less fortunate.

There has never been enough toys in the past but it is hoped to make this year an exception.

St. Mary's Cathedral CYO entertained the orphans of St. Joseph Villa at a party in the parish CYO clubroom Monday evening. In the past the group has taken special interest in the orphans of the Villa, taking them on picnics, swimming parties and many other activities.

EASE LONELINESS

St. Brendan CYO is planning to sing Christmas carols in some hospitals in the area. Christmas in a hospital promises to be a very lonely day for patients confined to bed. And the young people feel that the singing of Christmas carols is sure to ease away some of the loneliness.

Since Thursday is the day CYO members of SS. Peter and Paul parish visit the Southern Convalescent Home, this coming Thursday, Christmas Eve, will be no exception.

This year-around weekly visit has helped many patients in the Home in the past as it will this Christmas Eve.

The day will prove to be a busy one for the CYO group who will hurry back to SS. Peter and Paul Church to sing in the all CYO choir at Midnight Mass.

St. Michael Sodality of young men and women had a Christmas party last Sunday for the residents of Villa Maria Home for the Aged. Refreshments and gifts were included in the program, and the party was another success for the Sodality.

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Mother Seton Proclaimed 'Venerable'

VATICAN CITY (NC)—High praise for the United States was expressed by Pope John XXIII as he presided at the ceremony proclaiming Mother Elizabeth Seton a "venerable Servant of God."



The proclamation was a major step in the beatification cause of the Protestant convert who founded the Sisters of Charity in the U.S. and may become its first native-born saint.

The occasion was called "a glorious day for the Catholics of the U.S." by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who was one of the American Cardinals present at the ceremony.

APPROACHES MATURITY

The Pope in his eulogy of Mother Seton declared that the U.S. has "passed its time of development and approaches full maturity in national and international service."

The proclamation ceremony took place in the Vatican's Clementine Hall which was packed with close to 1,500 U.S. bishops, priests, nuns, seminarians and laymen.

Present along with Cardinal Spellman were the two new U.S. Princes of the Church — Aloisius Cardinal Muench, former Bishop of Fargo, N.D., and Apostolic Nuncio to Germany, and Albert Cardinal Meyer, Archbishop of Chicago.

DECREES READ

Also attending were six other cardinals, including Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, former Apostolic Delegate to the U. S.

The ceremony began as Msgr. Enrico Dante, Pro-Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, stood at the foot of the papal throne and began reading the first of two decrees.

The first proclaimed Capuchin Brother Jeremy of Wallachia venerable; the second, Mother Seton.

When the reading of the two decrees was finished, Vincentian Father Luigi Bisoglio, postulator of Mother Seton's cause, stood before the Pope to thank him for approving the decree of

name also recalls its bonds with the common mother of nations" (Rome), while Mother Seton evoked "the so-called 'New World,' no longer a land of mystery and fables but one which, since the times of the generous

woman whose praises we have heard, has passed its time of development and approaches full maturity in national and international service."

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AMERICAN nun proclaimed "Venerable" in a formal decree read in the Vatican's Consistorial Hall on Dec. 18 is Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton. Shown above is a statue of Mother Seton on the campus of St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Md. (NC Photos)

venerability. He spoke also in the name of the Capuchins present for the same decree in the cause of Brother Jeremy. He noted that Mother Seton was a figure "in the true spirit of the Catholic Church of America."

DOMINANT VIRTUE

The Pope in his talk underlined charity as the dominant virtue in the life of Mother Seton who "as a devoted and faithful wife, as a wise educator of her children, as a patient manager of her household tasks in prosperity and adversity (even before her conversion to Catholicism) appeared in a shining light worthy of admiration."

He noted that Mother Seton had 10,000 spiritual heirs in the Sisters of Charity, which she founded, and that they carry on the same sort of charity as their founder in the service of God and of souls.

The Pope compared Capuchin Brother Jeremy of Wallachia and Mother Seton, whose decrees of venerability he had just heard read. He said the Rumanian Brother brought to mind "an old country of Europe, whose

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This included television sets, bicycles, clothes, furniture, medicines, toys and 30 beds in perfect condition. Even two real estate lots were donated. What happens to the material received?

Beds and mattresses are given to Christ the Redeemer Shelter which, according to Archbishop Camara, "never closes its doors to a poor person, and has more than 100 persons sleeping on the floor."

Medicines are sent to the Social Center of St. Alexius, which has been transformed into the general pharmacy of the bank. Radio and television sets are sent to hospitals.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS of Christmas Carols will be presented in churches of the diocese on Christmas Eve, before Midnight Mass. Shown above is Boys' Choir of Corpus Christi parish.

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3 Masses On Christmas Is Ancient Church Custom

Celebration of three Masses on the Feast of the Nativity is a custom dating back to the early centuries of Christianity.

Originally reserved to the pope alone, it did not become universal until papal books of ceremonies were adopted by the Frankish Church.

The first Mass was associated with the vigil service in the Church of St. Mary Major in Rome where Pope Sixtus III (440) erected an oratory with a manger. In the presence of a small crowd, because the chapel could not accommodate many people, the pope celebrated the Holy Sacrifice about midnight.

On Christmas Day the public and official celebration of the Feast was observed in the Church of St. Peter where large crowds assisted at the

pope's Mass and received Holy Communion. This was the third Mass as it now appears in Missals.

The place of this Mass was changed by Pope Gregory VII (1085) from St. Peter's to St. Mary Major inasmuch as that church was nearer to the Lateran Palace, residence of the popes.

During the fifth century, the popes inaugurated the custom of visiting, between these two Masses, the palace church of the Byzantine governor where they celebrated Mass in honor of St. Anastasia, martyr.

The saint's remains had been transferred from Constantinople about 465 and rested in this church. The entire Byzantine colony gathered here on Christmas Day for the visit of the Holy Father.

In later centuries, when the popular devotion of St. Anas-

tasia declined, another Mass of the Nativity was substituted which is the second of the three Masses celebrated

on Christmas Day. The first Mass honors the eternal generation of the Son from the Father, the second

celebrates His Incarnation and birth into the world and the third Mass honors His birth, through love and grace, in the

hearts of men. These are known as the "Angels' Mass," the "Shepherds' Mass," and the "Mass of the Divine Word."

O Holy Night



*For, this day, is born to you
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Lord, in the city of David.*

— St. Luke

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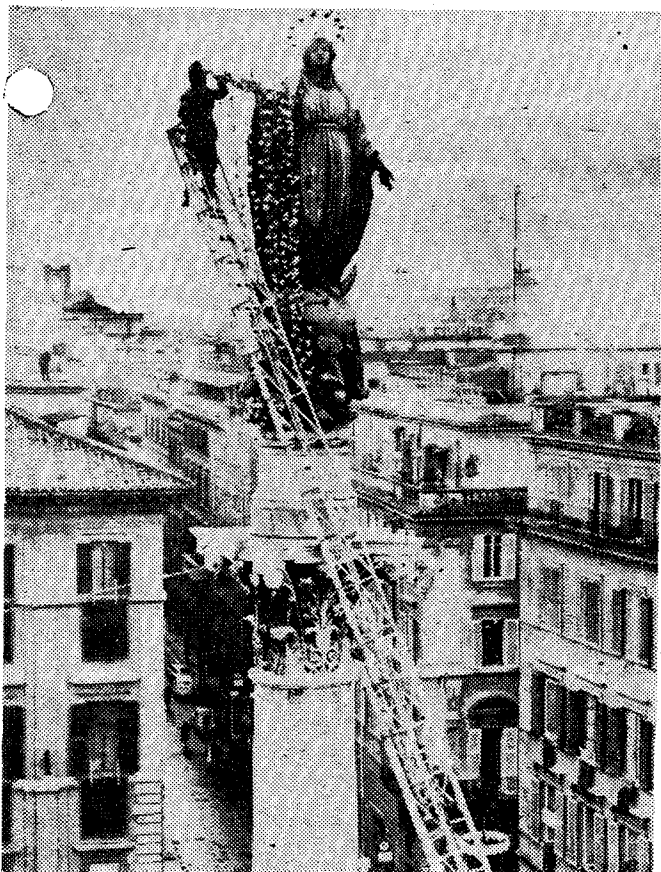
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British Rural Priests To Receive Food Gifts

LONDON (NC) — Four hundred of the poorest and loneliest priests in England will receive baskets of food at Christmas, thanks to an appeal by a Catholic newspaper here.

The Universe, national Catho-

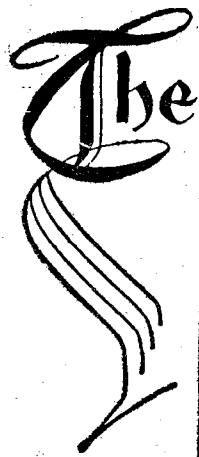
lic newspaper of Britain, appealed to its readers to aid the clergy in rural parishes. The readers responded with \$9,800 that will go for the purchase of the food baskets.

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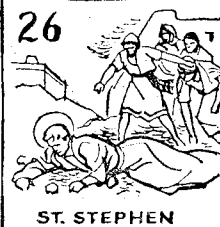
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The Twelve Days of Christmas

By FRANCIS X. WEISER, S.J.



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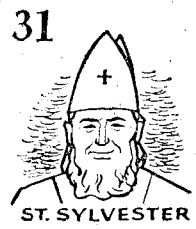
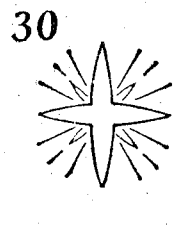
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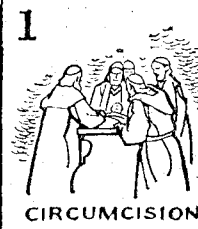
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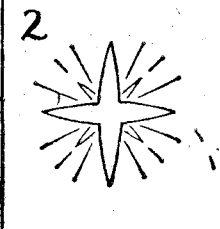
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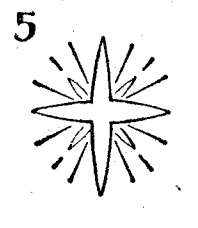
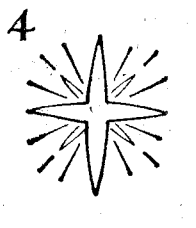
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EPIPHANY

The true meaning of Christmas will be discovered by families who observe the Twelve Days of Christmas from Dec. 25 to Jan. 6. Special customs for some of the Twelve Days are explained in the accompanying article.

Blessing Of The Tree

In recent years a custom which has grown in popularity is the blessing of the Christmas tree in a darkened room as the children of the family hold lighted candles.

The Father of the family leads the family in the prayers of blessing which are as follows:

Father: This is that most worthy Tree in the midst of Paradise

All reply: On which Jesus by His death overcame death for all.

Father: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;

All: Let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! All the trees of the forest shall exult before the Lord, for He comes; for He comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the people with His constancy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: This is that most worthy Tree in the midst of Paradise on which Jesus by His death overcame death for all.

Mother: God said: let the earth bring forth vegetation: seed-bearing plants and all kinds of fruit trees that bear fruit containing their seed. And so it was. The earth brought forth vegetation, every kind of seed-bearing plant and all kinds of trees that bear fruit containing their seed. The Lord God made to grow out of the ground all kinds of trees pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And God saw that it was good.

All: Thanks be to God.

Father: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Father: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, who by dying on the tree of the Cross didst overcome the death of sin caused by our first parents' eating of the forbidden tree of paradise, grant, we beseech Thee, the abundant graces of Thy Nativity, that we may so live as to be worthy living branches of Thyself, the good and ever green Olive Tree, and in Thy strength bear the fruit of good works for eternal life. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Observances Keep Spirit Of The Nativity

By MARJORIE L. FILLYAW

In keeping with the liturgical celebration of Christ's birth from the Feast of the Nativity on Dec. 25 to the Feast of Epiphany on Jan. 6, the "Twelve Days of Christmas" are being observed by a growing number of Catholic families.

Through carrying out customs and observances entered in the liturgy, the family is able to understand more deeply the meaning of the Incarnation and thus makes it a part of their everyday lives

Question Box

(Continued from page 7)

greater obligation to support their priests in this way than do those who are scarcely able to exist. That is why the offering of a well-to-do person should reflect the status of the one requesting the Mass.

There is an unfortunate tendency on the part of our people not only to ask the unfortunate question "How much does a Mass cost?" but not to bother having Mass offered at all!

TOO FEW REQUESTS

Many priests with whom I have spoken recently have admitted that they are seldom approached by their parishioners with a request for the Mass. This speaks poorly for the parishioners' evaluation of the Mass in their own lives. Surely it would not be too much to expect each family to have Mass offered yearly for their deceased relatives and friends and perhaps their own personal and family needs. Each family, it seems to me, has needs for God's help — financial troubles, personality problems, in-law troubles, sickness, spiritual difficulties, worries of one sort or another. These should be the reasons for requesting the Holy Mass.

Should it ever happen that a priest gets too many requests for Masses, he will send the intentions and the stipends to some brother priest so they may be offered more quickly.

in the neighborhood, in school, at the office, and out into the community life.

Since it is necessary that all celebrations and customs be an overflow of participation in the holy Sacrifice of the altar, reading, studying and praying the Propers of the Masses for Christmastide marks the beginning of the celebration of Twelve Days of Christmas.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

The Divine Office, official prayer of the Church, with its readings, psalms, hymns and prayers extends the theme and spirit of the Mass through the whole day and an increasing number of families and lay groups are adopting and adapting it as their family prayer.

Special observances are held on some of The Twelve Days which have their own liturgical character. Story telling, carolling, hospitality and gift-giving continue on the other days. Special night prayers are said around the crib to keep the Christmas spirit alive when nothing else is planned.

St. Stephen's Day, Dec. 26, is a time when the faithful pray particularly for their enemies. This is also an appropriate time to remember the persecuted Church and all the peoples throughout the world who, like St. Stephen in times past, are now being persecuted for their faith.

STONED TO DEATH

Stoned to death while praying for his enemies, St. Stephen was one of the first "social workers" in the Church. In some homes and communities a box labelled and set beside the Christmas tree receives donation of clothing and other articles which are sent to the foreign missions. The story of Good King Wenceslaus who "looked out on the Feast of Stephen," is a story which children delight in hearing.

An ancient tradition connected with St. John's Day, Dec. 27, developed from the legend of the poisoned wine he was served by the followers of an

enemy. Making the sign of the cross over the cup, he drank it without harm.

In remembrance of this, wine that has been blessed by a priest is poured into a glass by the father, who drinks and passes it first to the mother and then around the table to children and guests. A greeting showing that it is love that binds the family together is recited as the cup passes: "Drink to the love of St. John, the Apostle. And where love is, there is God," responds the next member of the family.

CHILDREN'S PATRON

The Feast of the Holy Innocents, observed on Dec. 28, is fittingly celebrated at this time, since the Holy Innocents were murdered in Herod's futile search for the Child Jesus.

Parents are afforded an opportunity to explain to small children that the Holy Innocents are their special patrons. The father blesses the children with holy water and signs their foreheads with the sign of the cross at family night prayers. The youngest child in the family is given special privileges and leads the family in Christmas carols and turns on the Christmas tree lights.

New Year's Eve is recognized universally as an appropriate time for relatives and old acquaintances to meet and join in festivities of dancing, singing and feasting. In some homes, a custom of an hour of prayer and peaceful affirmation of new resolutions has been adopted during the last hour of the old year.

The Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord is a holy day of obligation when all members of the family assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

On the Feast of Epiphany observed on Wednesday, Jan. 6, the crib which has remained set up in the parish church and the family living room is transformed into a royal throne denoting the extension of Christ's kingship to the entire world and the adoration of the Magi.

A wonderful project for the

family is the decoration of the crib. A cloth of gold or red velvet lines the crib. A crown is placed upon the head of the Christ-Child. In His hand is a golden sceptre. Golden candlesticks with tall candles that burn during family prayers eloquently express His revelation to the world.

The blessing of homes on Epiphany is a custom now being revived in some parishes. If he can be present, a priest blesses the house; if not, the father of the family may do so. He leads the family, through the house blessing each room with Holy water, and inscribing the initials of the three Magi above the doors with chalk, as a manifestation of faith.

World Observes 'Holy Night' By Many Varied Customs

Christmas Eve, acknowledged from ancient times as "Holy Night," is observed with varied and traditional customs by Americans and Europeans alike.

Festive meals on Christmas Eve are the most common celebrations in European families. Native dishes are served and the entire family gathers together to pray and sing Christmas hymns.

Lithuanians and the Slavic peoples observe an impressive custom in which the father of the family breaks wafers known as Oplatki. He then distributes them, kissing each member of the household and wishing each a joyful holiday. Straw is frequently placed under the tablecloth and on the beds of small children in memory of the Savior's reclining on straw and hay in the manger.

A tradition still kept in northern, central Europe and Scandinavia is the widespread practice of special kindness to animals. The practice was begun by St. Francis of Assisi (1226)

A "Twelfth Night" party featuring the visit of the three Magi makes vivid for children the feast of Epiphany as they help "enthron" the Christ-Child and form a procession with the three Magi dressed in colorful robes in the lead.

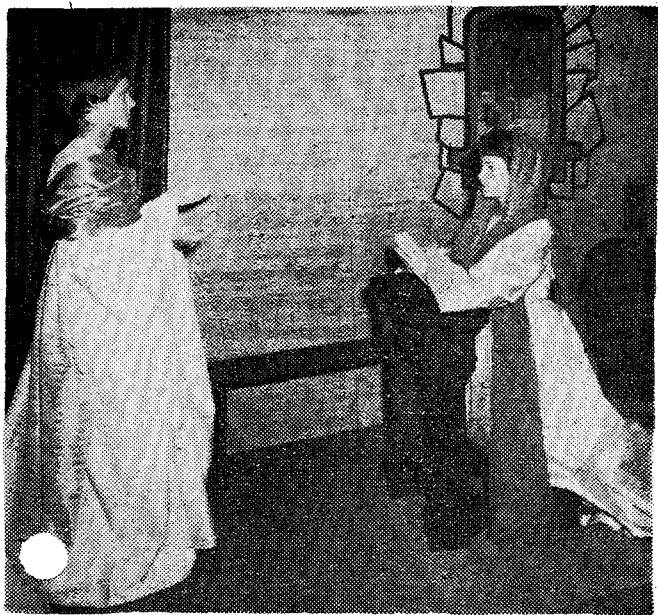
The carol, "We Three Kings of Orient Are" provides an excellent rhythm for the procession as each king carries the statue he represents to the crib. As the mother explains to the children that the gold signifies love; the frankincense, prayer, and the myrrh, suffering and mortification, each child writes on a slip of paper a promise to do one act of this kind. Laid at the feet of the Infant they represent the gifts of the children to the Christ-Child.

who urged farmers to give their field animals extra hay and corn at Christmas.

Do this, he told them, "for reverence of the Son of God, whom on such a night the blessed Virgin Mary did lay down in the stall between the ox and the ass." All creation, St. Francis said, should rejoice at Christmas, and the dumb creatures had no other means of doing so, except by enjoying comfort and better food.

Keeping the tradition, people of these countries, give their farm animals extra fodder and put out sheafs of grain for the birds on the vigil of Christmas.

Joyful family gatherings and festive meals are held by the French people immediately following midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. In Spain, the first Mass on 'Holy Night,' is followed by promenades through the streets with torches, tambourines and guitars as the Spanish sing and exchange Christmas greetings.



"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee."



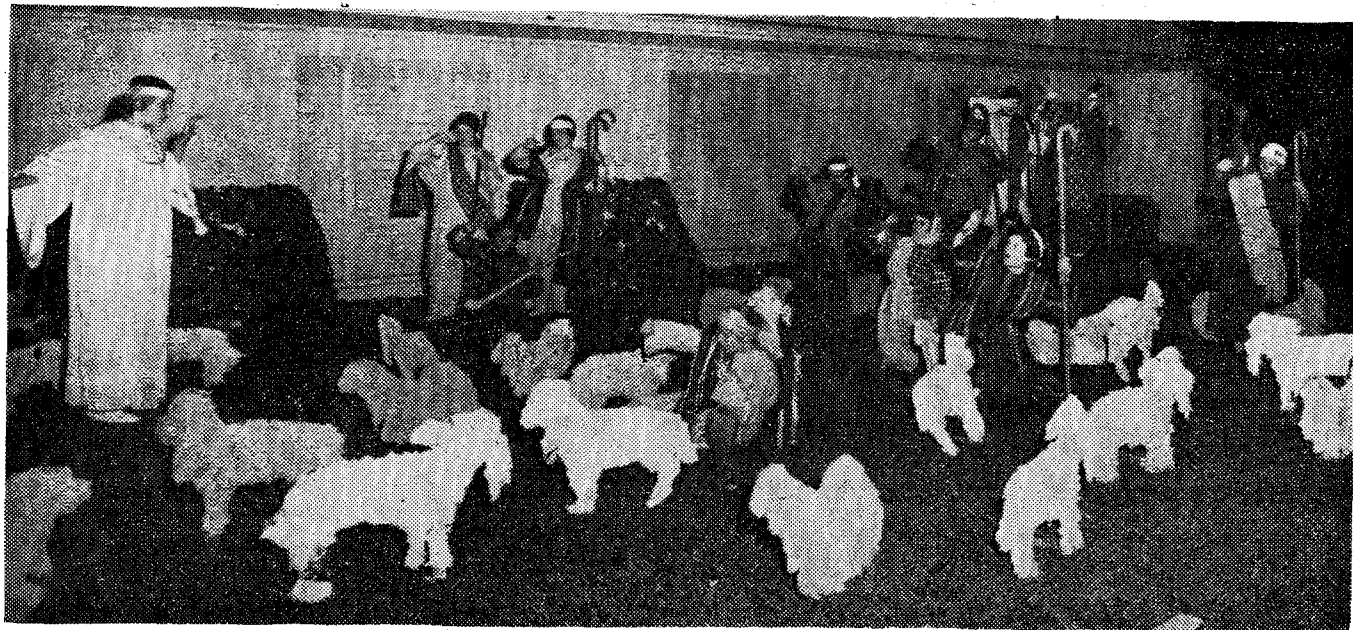
Joseph and Mary journey to Bethlehem.



"She brought forth her first-born son."



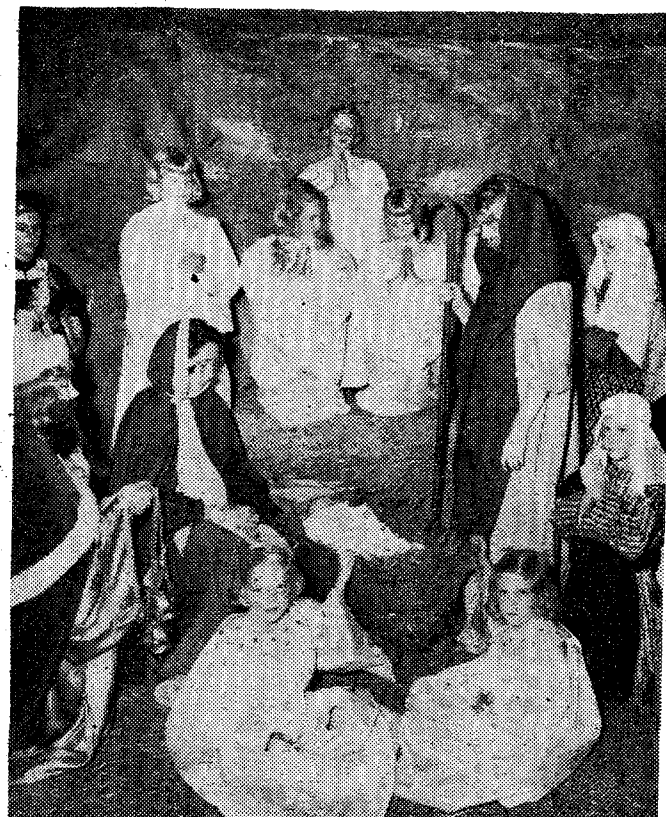
"And there was no room for them in the inn" in crowded Bethlehem.



"An angel of the Lord came and stood by them," the shepherds in the hills.



"Where is He that has been born, the king of the Jews?" ask the Three Wise Men.



Wise men seek the Child foretold in prophecy.

Children Portray Bethlehem Story

Bethlehem is re-lived each year by students of Rosarian Academy in West Palm Beach. Costumed as shepherds and kings, townspeople, angels and members of the Holy Family, they present ten episodes taken from the first Christmas. The pageant, pictured on this page, is staged on the academy grounds. As visitors walk from scene to scene, a student choir of 70 voices fills the air with Christmas hymns. Under the direction of Paul Crabtree and Sister Thomas Gertrude, O.P., the pageant was presented to the public last weekend.

Every student of the academy is given a role in the production which each year attracts more and more visitors. People of the West Palm Beach area regard it as a community tradition, reflecting the true spirit of Christmas.



May the blessings of the Christ child be showered upon you abundantly during this Holy Season.



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West Palm CDA To Hold Charity Card Party Jan. 5

WEST PALM BEACH — An annual charity card party sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Palm Beach, will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 5 in the Palm Beach Biltmore Hotel.

Announcement of the change

in date for the party, originally scheduled to be held on Dec. 29 was made by Mrs. H. P. Cartwright, general chairman. Mrs. M. V. McLaughlin, ticket chairman is now accepting reservations at JU 5-1443.

More than 75 members and guests were present for the annual Christmas dinner of the organization held on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Guests brought layettes of infant clothing to be sent abroad in cooperation with the Foreign Relief program of the NCCW. Mrs. Theodore Fleischer, president of the Sacred Heart Altar Guild, Lake Worth, spoke on "Atomic Participation and You."

The newly organized school band from St. Francis of Assisi School in Riviera Beach presented a musical program and provided accompaniment for group singing of Christmas Carols, directed by Mrs. William Raymond.

Mrs. Norbert Ruhlman and Mrs. Cecil Hutson were in charge of the program assisted by Mrs. D. D. Trivett, Mrs. O. J. Parks, Mrs. H. C. Ridge, Mrs. E. H. Bohmer, Mrs. Elias Jawdy and Mrs. Fred Denne.



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Riviera Beach Guild To Hold Annual Tea

RIVIERA BEACH — An annual Christ Child Tea for members of the Women's Guild of St. Francis of Assisi parish will be held Sunday, Dec. 27 at the home of Mrs. Harry Nye, 1281 Morse Blvd.

Barry Auxiliary To See Fashions

Fashions of French designers will be featured during the Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show sponsored by members of the Barry College Auxiliary on Monday, Jan. 11 at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach.

Proceeds derived from the benefit are used to maintain a scholarship for a student at Barry College.

Mrs. Theodore Schroeder is general chairman for the luncheon assisted by Mrs. Joseph H. Walker and Mrs. Michael O'Neil, co-chairmen.

Mrs. C. T. Fernans and Mrs. Fred Kalil are accepting reservations until Tuesday, Jan. 5 at PL 8-2844 or PL 8-6516.

Children Will Be Delighted By Christmas Birthday Cake

For children, no birthday is complete without a Birthday Cake and you can remind them of the true meaning of Christmas by celebrating the Birthday of Christ with lighted candles on a white frosted cake.

A Christmas Angel, silver star of Bethlehem and 20 red birthday candles are the symbolic decorations which the children will enjoy using to decorate a cake in honor of Christ.

After baking a cake of any size or shape, and frosting with plain white icing, have ready a small plastic Christmas angel, silver candy sprinkles which may be purchased in small bottles at grocery stores, 20 red birthday candles, a package of tiny marshmallows and a large sheet of wax paper, scissors and pencil.

DRAW STENCIL

Draw on the wax paper a five-pointed star of the size you wish to use on the cake. Carefully cut out the star leaving a neat star stencil in the paper. Press this star stencil gently

into place over the center of the cake. If frosting is too dry and paper fails to stick, moisten the area for the star with the back of a spoon that has been dipped in water.

Press the Christmas angel in place in the center of the star so that the angel's wings are in a straight line with the side star-points. The angel should face the lower star-points. Children may then sprinkle the silver decorations into the star stencil and carefully fill in each blank space with one sprinkle at a time until there is a solid silver star around the angel. All sprinkles are pressed gently into the frosting before removing the wax paper stencil.

If you prefer, a pedestal star can be cut from a single cake layer, frosted with white icing and covered completely with silver sprinkles.

Each of the 20 candles, which signify 20 centuries, are placed in a tiny marshmallow and one candle in its marshmallow holder is placed 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches away from each star point. The remaining candles are added so that a complete circle is formed.

When ready to light the candles on the cake, first light a single, tall, white candle symbolize Christ, the Light of the World. From this flame light the 20 birthday candles which symbolize the Light of Christ shining through the centuries.

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Crib And Presents Ready, Suddenly It's Christmas

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Merry Christmas, readers!

There's something mighty cheerful about that greeting — short, crisp and to the point, a friendly way of answering the phone at our house all day December 25.

To all of you — North, East, West, South (origin of the word NEWS), we at our house wish you, and yours, the finest and holiest Christmas season ever.

Together, we're celebrating the anniversary of the most wonderful news that ever came to mankind.

SECULAR RUSH

Underlying all the hectic "got-to-get-this-done," "Oh-my-goodness-I'll-never-be-ready" atmosphere imposed on us largely by a secular attitude toward this sacred season, there is inherent in every true believer in Christ the awesome and very real meaning of Christmas.

Perhaps you are one who started your Christmas saving account last Dec. 15 and will face no January bills; had your house refurbished, and shining clean from attic to basement by Thanksgiving; had cards written, addressed and stamped in October; presents bought, wrapped and waiting with those for out-of-town mailed by Dec. 1; turkey stuffed and in the freezer; gala holiday garb for the entire household in perfect order; checks made out for end-of-year giving for obvious and not altogether altruistic reasons; house bedecked inside and out; party invitations issued; food all fixed and frozen awaiting last minute serving.

If so, you are the "Organized Woman" that I have striven, spasmodically and vainly, to imitate.

Never made it.

Remember the old song, "Suddenly, it's Spring!"?

For me, suddenly it's Christmas.

Another coat of paint is still due on the bedroom we did over — but it will stay one-coated until after the holidays; a sock and a half of the pair I started to knit with such sweet sentiments is done, and I haven't the nerve to present a footless sock to the Head of the House; the 12 kinds of Christmas cookies I'd resolved to have finished end up at six; we are still debating whether or not we should publish our "Daly Greeting" this year (and not a word written for it nor a picture taken).

And that's about the state our house is in as Dec. 25 inexorably draws near.

I shouldn't worry, and I don't. Hasn't it always been thus?

In spite of good resolutions made about row as to next Christmas, probably 1960 will be much the same.

CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION

The house is clean, on the surface anyway. The traditional creche is in place, tree, wreath and turkey ordered. Presents for family aren't elaborate but they will be given with fondest love. And the "surprise" gifts — those for people who don't expect them but whom we truly want to remember — are in readiness.

So, what didn't get done will remain in the realm of the room-for-improvement category.

We'll enjoy Christmas as usual; the warmth of family and friendly ties when the house is always open and people we don't see often enough drop in for no special reason — just because they want to see us as they know we want to see them.

And there's the prospect of Midnight Mass, that peak of the season which has an atmosphere all its own. Snow or no snow, there's that White Christmas feeling as we set the house to rights, turn on the tree lights and start off for Mass together.

St. Michael's Club Party Set Dec. 27

The annual Christmas and New Year's party for members of St. Michael's Women's Guild will be held on Sunday, Dec. 27 at 8 p.m. in the parish hall.

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St. Paul Guild Plans Party At Hospital

ARCADIA — Catholic patients at the Dorr branch of the G. P. Wood Memorial Hospital will be feted at a Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 28 by members of St. Paul's Altar Guild.

refreshments served to the patients, who meet once each week throughout the year with Guild members for recitation of the Rosary and spiritual reading.

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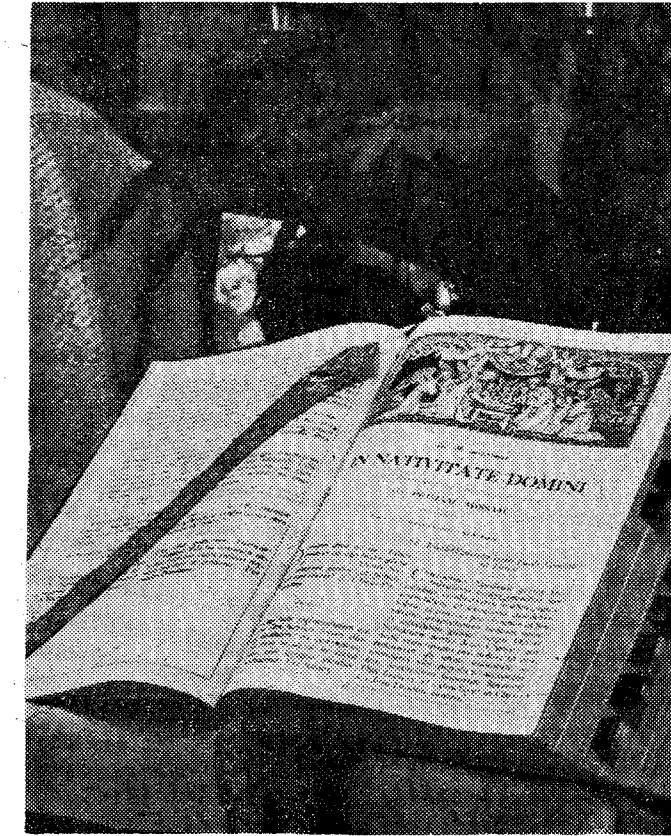
Father Cary-Elwes has been Prior of Saint Louis Priory in Creve Coeur, Missouri since 1954. He is the author of several books, including "The Beginning of Goodness", "Law, Liberty and Love", and "China and the Cross".

Advent is St. John the Baptist's time. He was the forerunner, the herald announcing the arrival of the King. He planted himself at a key point on the road to Jerusalem which came down from the north at the crossing of Jordan, due east of the Holy City; down there in the deep valley he caught all pilgrims, at a place where they might naturally pause, on their way to and from Jerusalem.

John's message to the pilgrims was God's message preparing his people for His own coming and is still applicable to us. How did he tell the people to prepare for the coming of the Saviour? He told them to be sorry for their sins. Like men today, men in that age forgot about sin to concentrate on money, politics, love-making.

Clean Of Heart

Christ did not come to save anyone from political oppression but to save from sin. If those of His day were unconcerned about their sins or hid from them, they would not turn to Him for help. So St. John, by action and word, preached the need for forgiveness. He practiced penance, living in the desert. His theme at the water's edge was: Be cleansed, be made clean. Only the clean of



CHRISTMAS DAY, will be observed throughout the Christian world as the birthday of Our Lord and Saviour, on Friday, Dec. 25. Poinsettias known as the "flower of Holy Night" are used to decorate the altar in the chapel of the Christian Brothers Normal School at Ammendale, Md. (NC Photos)

heart will see God. "The Lord is nigh."

St. John saw Jesus as a great King, even whose shoe he was not worthy to untie. This King was coming to his own. The roads of his triumphal entry into his own city had to be cleared; the steep parts filled. The City was the human soul. "Do penance," cried St. John, "clear away the rubble of past sins, be rid of the crookedness of vice."

There is something deeply tragic in the figure of St. John. His own words express it: "I am the voice of one crying in the desert." Of course, that can be taken literally — his home was on the edge of the desert; but, also, it has a more profound meaning. He was crying out in a wilderness of unbelief or of disdain or dullness of heart. No one was listening. Everyone was in a hurry to move on, to get out of earshot of this insistent voice speaking

of sin and judgment and of penance.

Joy The Key

A few linked themselves with St. John. They did penance with him. When Christ appeared by the water's edge and John pointed Him out: the Lamb of God, to be sacrificed for all our sins, two of these, we know for certain, followed Jesus.

Only if we have a true picture of our own unworthiness, if we take upon ourselves the troubles that come as our deserved cross, will we follow Jesus when He presents Himself to us in those showers of inspirations and insights which He gives us, all daily. If our spiritual eyes are dimmed by evil, we will either not recognize these helps for what they are, or recognizing them, not have the courage to follow them.

So the period of preparing for Christ's coming is one of penance; and Christ is always ready to come, to come closer, to unite Himself to us. One thing holds Him back, shuts Him out, sin. Sin must be recognized for what it is — a turning away from God. To turn

back may hurt and in order to have the courage to turn back we need to practice courage, because it hurts. But we should not be sad about it.

Light Of Christ

Joy is the key to return. The reason? God is with us: without Him we could not return. But now that we know He has come, the victory is won. We must bless the Lord. Rejoice, always for the Lord is: "Stir up thy might, Lord, and come save us."

The ancients yearned for the coming of the light of Christ. Mary experienced it, St. John the Baptist preached it. We look at it from the other end — after it has happened. We look back on the first coming with loving gratitude, but another Advent is to come, the one for which the first was only a preparation — the coming into men's souls. Christmas reminds us of this too.

It all happened — as the Gospel of the 4th Sunday has it — at a definite time in past, in a definite place, during a definite, known period of history. God did come on earth; He has visited His people. He is not deaf to our cries; He is not unconcerned. He has proved it by breaking into our world, His world; He walked among us, talked, suffered, died.

Temples Of God

But that first coming was to that time and place. We know, too, He is to come again. This time as a mighty judge. He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and make manifest the counsels of the heart.

But the Lord is near us now also, the Risen Christ, knocking at the door of our hearts and of our minds, standing outside waiting for the answer. Come, do not delay Lord. The Lord is always coming in judgment and in love. We say to Him: "I will," then He comes in love. We say to Him: "I will not," then are we judged

But always in this life there remains the possibility of change — we can repent. Lord, do not delay: forgive the sins of thy people.

This inward Advent, this inward Christmas, is what our Lord, Jesus, wants. He wants to make his home with us in our souls. We are the Temples of God. Therefore, as Christmas comes nearer, we resolve to have a clearance in the house, to throw out of the door and window and unworthy thought, any base habit, to call upon the Lord to come unto his own, and say many times as we walk about, as St. John, one is tempted to think, repeated more and more as he grew older: Come, Lord Jesus.

Rich are the gifts God gives us at Christmas — far more splendid than all the presents we give one another. It remains only for each of us to take the gift, use it and thank God for it.

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Couple Must Understand Emotional Trials

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S.J.

How can a wife get her husband to realize that she also is a person with needs? My husband brings his frustrations and problems to me, but when I mention my emotional or physical trials he dismisses them lightly. Since I can't confide in him, these problems build up inside and when I break down emotionally, he can't see why I'm unable to hold myself together. Now I find myself growing increasingly passive and indifferent toward him.

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The situation you describe is found in a good many marriages, Florence, though frequently it is the husband who feels that his wife pays little attention to his problems. Thoughtlessness, selfishness, and immature self-centeredness certainly play their part in creating this situation. Nevertheless, I feel that what is most often involved is lack of communication. As you remark, "I have not mentioned my attitude to him."

Why not? Well, it's difficult to talk about such highly personal needs. Besides, it's not like confessing a weakness and asking for help. The very nature of the need is such that married people feel their partners ought to recognize it spontaneously. In the same way, one shouldn't have to ask for a manifestation of affection or love. To do so, seems to deprive the gift of its real meaning and makes it seem artificial.

Lack of real communication between husband and wife is one of the most puzzling traits some marriages display. Couples who have been married for years tell you they just can't "talk" to each other. Of course they engage in routine conversation — there are amazing exceptions! — but somehow, they have never been able to discuss or disclose to each other their intimate thoughts, feelings, weaknesses, desires, aspirations, and needs.

Extends To Only Certain Areas

Sometimes this lack of communication extends to only certain areas such as religion or sex. Often, however, their inner worlds are completely closed to each other, so that they never know what their partner really feels and thinks.

In such cases it is not unusual, after some critical situation has exposed these inner worlds, to hear one of the partners exclaim, "I never knew she felt this way!" or, "Why didn't he tell me that this is what he thought?" And the answer is always the same, "I tried to, but you never seemed interested."

The type of communication I'm talking about involves much more than conversation. It includes all the varied, subtle ways — the gesture, look, tone of voice, mood, unspoken word, considerate action and so forth — by means of which we reveal our inner thoughts and feelings. In marriage communication proceeds along all these lines, provided the couple learn to interpret the signs. Evidently some never do.

Some Never Learn Language

Their failure may stem from several sources. Some never learn the language. Like some careless drivers, they don't even notice the signs.

Their partners' changing moods, eloquent silences, acts of thoughtfulness, and so on, pass unrecognized and uninterpreted, for they lack awareness and sensitivity to all but the most obvious clues. If you wish to communicate with such persons, you must literally spell it out.

Some are so self-concerned that they really don't notice other people except as objects or projections of themselves. Hence they really aren't interested in what their partners may think or feel. Attention is focused primarily on their own thoughts and feelings, and others enter the picture only to the extent that they may be used, manipulated, get in the way, or appear as obstacles. Such persons never seem to realize that others are persons like themselves. Their world is centered on their own concerns, so it never occurs to them that their partners may have needs distinct from their own.

Project Feelings Into Others

Some regard others as persons, but they tend to project their own feelings and thoughts into others, thus misinterpreting the signs that they see. For example, a liar suspects others of not telling the truth; a selfish person tends to look for an ulterior motive when others show kindness.

Finally, because marriage involves masculine and feminine personalities, with all their native and acquired differences, communication cannot be taken for granted from the beginning. All too often, marriage partners cease to study or to continue trying to learn more about the rich and subtle intricacies of each other once they enter marriage. Hence their communication never proceeds beyond the relatively shallow stage of courtship and the honeymoon.

How can you get your husband to pay some attention to your needs? Well, Florence, you might try giving him a dose of his own medicine — just for a brief time. This may prepare



the ground for a realistic discussion of your mutual needs. As a man, a husband may find it difficult to understand that his wife's problems are highly significant to her though they may seem small in themselves. Husbands and wives live in somewhat different worlds much of the time. It requires considerable effort to learn equal appreciation of the problems which arise in each. I think your husband needs a little help in this regard.

(It will be impossible for Father Thomas to answer personal letters.)

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"HOME ON THE RANGE"

'Wassail' Is
A Tradition

The expression "She's the apple of his eye" is a time honored way of saying that one is very dear to another. It is not slang. Indeed, it comes directly from the Bible and refers to the center of the eye through which we see . . . and thereby implies something precious. (If you are still curious, turn to Deuteronomy in the Old Testament and read the tenth verse, thirty second chapter.)

The apple, though cultivated by nearly every nation and popular for centuries, is commonly thought of as the 'forbidden fruit' that was linked in the downfall of our first parents.

American speech is sprinkled with a generous helping of 'applesauce.' It's common knowledge that an apple a day is supposed to keep the doctor away. Sports fans often call a baseball an apple and in some localities a farmer has the dubious distinction of being known as an apple knocker. An apple polisher is that unsavory character who seeks the favor of an instructor for the purpose of improving his grades.

Apples are an important ingredient of the wassail bowl, symbol of hospitality and good cheer and a traditional holiday drink for 1500 years, as much a part of Christmas and New Year celebrations as holly and plum pudding.

Wassail was the first English toast, and means be well; the ancient Anglo Saxon answer was "Drink hael," meaning drink well. The word "toast" comes from the fact that toast used to be put in the bowl, to be eaten as you sipped. Originally, ale was used to make wassail, but when the sherries of Spain became popular in England, it was found that the sherries made a much better drink, and have been used ever since. The recipe couldn't be simpler, wassail can be drunk hot or cold, and either the dry fino type or nutty amontillado can be used.

WASSAIL

1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon ginger
2 bottles dry Spanish sherry
½ cup water
½ teaspoon nutmeg
6 eggs separated
6 whole baked apples, preferably small

To make a wassail bowl, a cup of brown sugar is dissolved in half a cup of water, a teaspoon of ginger and half a teaspoon of nutmeg (preferably freshly grated) is added. Some people also like to add half-teaspoons of allspice and mace, three cloves and a small stick of cinnamon. This sweetened,

spiced water is brought to a boil, two bottles of Spanish sherry are added, and this is again brought to a boil. The yolks of six eggs are beaten until lemony in the bottom of a two and a half quart punch bowl, then the whites are beaten until stiff, and folded into the yolks. Add the hot wine slowly, stirring constantly. Float small baked apples on the foam, sprinkle the surface with more nutmeg, and serve hot.

Shakespeare described the magic moment of serving, when he wrote of "crabs (crabapples) hissing in the bowl." This wassail will provide eighteen cups or more. The punch is not sweet, so a sugar bowl should be placed nearby for guests with sweet tooth.

Some people prefer the traditional recipe, with toast instead of eggs used in the wassail. A way to preserve the tradition, and satisfy the need for something to eat with wassail, is to serve toast on the side, buttered and hot. Robert Herrick, the seventeenth century Cavalier poet, summed it up in rhyme:

"And thus ye must doe
To make the wassaile a
swinger."

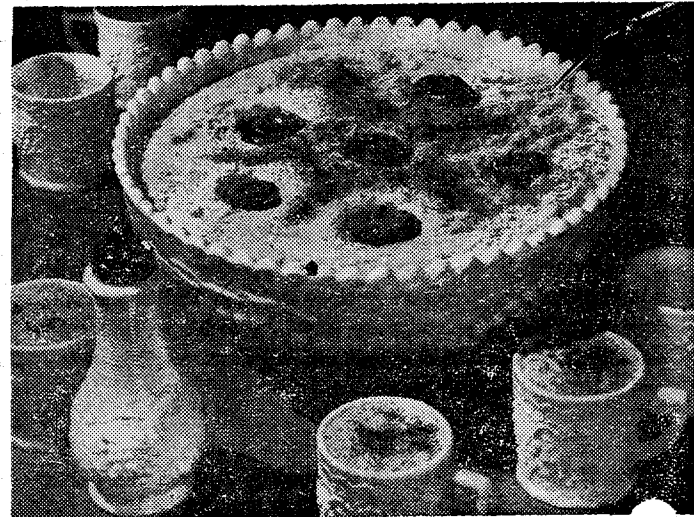
To top off that big Holiday dinner, serve this luscious PUMPKIN CHIFFON PIE. It's light and fluffy — yet still traditional — the perfect finish to a festive occasion!

PUMPKIN CHIFFON PIE

1 envelope unflavored gelatine
3 eggs, separated
¾ cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon Pumpkin Pie spice
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
¼ cup cold water
1 ½ cups mashed cooked or canned pumpkin
½ cup milk
6 tablespoons granulated or super fine sugar
Baked pastry or crumb crust for 10" pie

Add gelatine to cold water and allow to soften. Beat egg yolks slightly; add brown sugar, pumpkin, pumpkin pie spice and salt. Mix thoroughly. Gradually stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until it begins to boil. Cook for 2 minutes, stirring all the while. Remove from heat; add softened gelatine and mix well. Cool.

Add cream of tartar to egg whites and beat until light and fluffy. Add the six tablespoons sugar — one tablespoon at the time — and beat until stiff but not dry. Without washing the beaters, beat cooled pumpkin mixture until smooth. Gently and carefully fold into egg whites. Pile into crust; chill in refrigerator. Garnish or top with whipped cream.



Magazine Editors Reminded
Of Obligation To Readers

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John XXIII told magazine editors they have a "triple trust": responsibility, honesty and truth.

is not an anonymous mass of persons without a face, but persons formed as sons of God, our brothers in Christ."

In an audience granted to the Third National Congress of the Union of Periodical Press, the Pontiff noted the diverse publications represented, some scientific and others more general in content.

"We can't conceive of an editor, director or writer of periodical publications who does not feel the responsibility which weighs on his conscience," the Pope stated. "He carries out his work as a noble profession, as a high mission, ever putting aside through sincere conviction whatever is less beautiful or less good."

Yet despite these differences, the Holy Father said, all "have in common the sacred duty not to damage, not to betray, not to degrade (the) public, which

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POAU Challenged To Prove Catholics Plan School Grab

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (NC) — A challenge to prove that a film alleging a Catholic plot to "capture" the nation's public schools is based on facts has been issued to the movie's producers, Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

The challenge came from Don Zirkel, a member of the staff of the Tablet, Brooklyn diocesan newspaper. He was replying to Paul Duling, a local POAU official who had protested an N.C.W.C. News Service story describing the film which was published in the Tablet.

Mr. Zirkel made public his request for documentation of the POAU charges after waiting for three months without results for an answer from Mr. Duling or his associates.

The movie, called "Captured," purports to tell how Catholics in a fictitious town took over the local public school in order to turn it into a parochial school, and how their efforts were thwarted by the POAU.

Inasmuch as POAU associate director C. Stanley Lowell has claimed that the incidents depicted in the film really have occurred "usually not once, but

many times," Zirkel asked for instances of the following incidents:

1) A public school bus comes an hour earlier so that Catholic children may attend Mass. Protestant children either have "to stand out in the cold" or stay in the church basement — or go to Mass.

2) A nun claims the Protestant parents are not really married since their wedding was not performed by a Catholic priest.

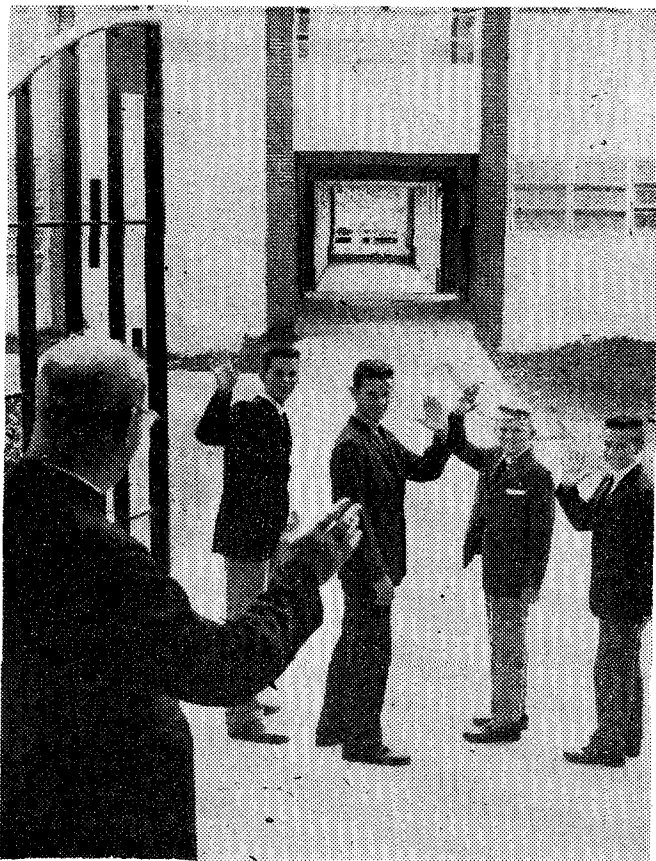
"The truth of course is that the Catholic Church teaches non-Catholics can be really married before non-Catholics," Mr. Zirkel wrote. "Any real nun who acted as your fictitious one does would be more severely reprimanded by the Church than by the POAU."

3) The same nun says a Protestant boy goes to Confession to a Catholic priest. ("The truth of course is that the Church bestows the sacrament only on Catholics," Mr. Zirkel wrote. "Any real priest who acted as your fictitious one does would be more severely reprimanded by the Church than by the POAU.")

After the organization had been given three months to provide a documented answer, Mr. Zirkel's letter was made public to counteract what he called "a crash program to revive bigotry throughout the metropolitan area."

Since the middle of October, POAU meetings have been held in at least seven New York counties. They feature the movie, speakers attacking the Catholic Church and the distribution of anti-Catholic literature. Announced purpose is the formation of local POAU units.

The tone of the literature is typical of the bitterness and viciousness of the meetings, Mr. Zirkel said. The leaflets discuss "the Catholic Problem," the totalitarian church" and "those who spend sleepless nights plotting ways by which laws can be circumvented and constitutional provisions nullified."



MINOR SEMINARIANS, James Hartnett, Norman Lewis, William Waters and Anthony Engel wave good-bye to Father John R. Young, C. M., as Christmas holidays begin.

Dr. Dooley Tells Reds Of Return

NEW YORK (NC) — "Tell the communists 'Dooley is coming back'."

These were the parting words of Dr. Thomas A. Dooley as he explained here for his return to the jungles of Laos.

The 32-year-old physician thus gave the lie to the communists there who declared when he left Laos that "Dr. Dooley is a paper tiger who runs away when the war breaks out."

The Notre Dame and St. Louis University medical school

alumnus, who has been acclaimed for his medical work in the Asian jungles, came here last August to undergo surgery for a chest cancer. After a brief recuperation, he toured 44 cities and raised about \$400,000 in behalf of Medico, an organization he founded which provides medical aid to underdeveloped countries.

Replying to questions about his health, Dr. Dooley told reporters that he was physically fit and that there "is no definite extension" of the cancer.

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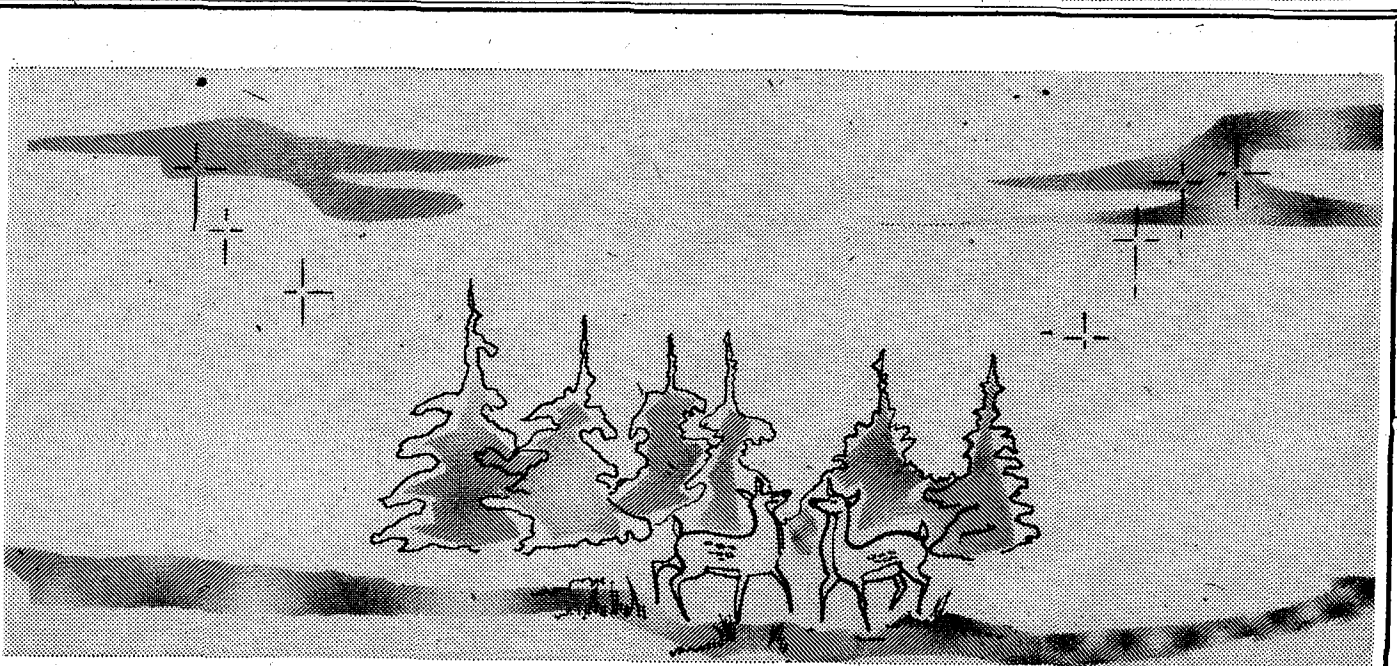
SANTIAGO, Cuba (NC) — Cuban Minister of Education, Armando Hart, said that Catholic schools will not have to use the standard text books which have been adopted for public schools.

However, he recommended that the textbooks used by Catholic schools be revised in accordance with the history and needs of Cuba.

The minister said that he did not like the standard public school text books, but that he would have to keep them for the time being.



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Deaths in Diocese

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Haskell

Mass of Requiem was offered last Saturday in Gesu Church for Mrs. Elizabeth F. Haskell, 79, of 313 N. Miami Ave.

She came to Miami from Cleveland 30 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Conley; two sisters, Mrs. Frances Carpenter and Mrs. Alan Stuart; two brothers, Roger and Phillip Fox, a grandchild and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Woodlawn Park with arrangements under the direction of Combs Funeral Home.

Salvatore Fogu

Requiem Mass was offered last Saturday in Immaculate Conception Church for Salvatore Fogu, 73, of 56 W. 38th St.

He came here six years ago from Bayonne, N. J.

Surviving are two daughters, including Mrs. Maria Cernuto, of Miami, two sons and 12 grandchildren.

Burial was in Our Lady of Mercy

Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of the Carl F. Slade Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cecilia C. Gonzalez

Mass of Requiem was celebrated last Friday in St. Michael Church for Mrs. Cecilia C. Gonzalez, 78, of 1045 SW 29th Ave.

Surviving are a son, Leon, and a daughter, Celia Reyes, both of Miami.

Burial was in Miami Memorial Park with arrangements under the direction of Lithgow Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mae Schmidt

Requiem Mass was celebrated last Saturday in Visitation Church for Mrs. Mae Schmidt, 73, of 80 NW 185th Ter.

She came here 15 years ago from Pittsburgh.

Surviving are her husband, John H., two daughters, Mrs. Anna M. Wilhelm and Mrs. Willa D. Thompson; three sisters, Mrs. Ann Gillespie, Mrs. Charles Darby and Mrs. Louise Leive; a brother John Kromer, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Woodlawn Park with arrangements under the direction of Plummer Funeral Home.

William J. Darcy

HOLLYWOOD — Requiem Mass was celebrated last Saturday in Epl-

phany Church for William J. Darcy, 50, of 4626 Garfield St.

He was a manager of a shipping firm in Fort Everglades, moving to Hollywood from Miami a year ago.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; a son, William J., a step-son, Michael Conley, all of Hollywood.

Burial was in Miami Memorial Park with arrangements under the direction of Lithgow-Wilhelm Funeral Home.

Mrs. Belva M. Geurink

Mass of Requiem was offered last Saturday in St. Rose of Lima Church for Mrs. Belva M. Geurink, 71, of 372 NE 103rd St.

She came here 12 years ago from Kansas City, Mo.

Surviving are a son, John E. Dryden, a sister and six grandchildren.

Burial was in Southern Memorial Park with arrangements under the direction of Philbrick Funeral Home.

James F. Gannon

POMPANO BEACH — Requiem Mass was offered in Cambridge, N.Y., for James F. Gannon, 75, of 541 SE 15 St.

He came to Pompano one year ago from Stillwater, N.Y., and was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Coleman Church.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; three sons, including Francis J., of Pompano; a daughter, four brothers and two sisters.

Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery, Cambridge, with local arrangements under the direction of Kraeer Funeral Home.

George E. McLaughlin

Mass of Requiem was celebrated last Thursday in St. John Church for George E. McLaughlin, 17, who was killed in a hunting accident.

He came here six years ago from Brentwood, N.Y., and lived with his parents at 840 SE Sixth Ave.

Surviving are his parents Mr. and Mrs. George McLaughlin; a sister, Mrs. Barbara Clavier; a brother, Steven and his paternal grandmother.

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Mr. Reiss organized "Operation Toylift" in 1951 to collect toys at Christmas time and deliver them to orphans and poor children.

This year's program, completed only a few days before his death, brought 15 tons of toys to some 64,000 youngsters in 38 communities.

er, Mrs. Josephine McLaughlin, all of Miami.

Burial was in Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Carl F. Slade Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ida E. Brisko

Requiem Mass was offered last Friday in St. Rose of Lima Church for Mrs. Ida E. Brisko, 64, of 841 NE 90th St.

She came here from Indianapolis 14 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Michael; a daughter, Mrs. Anise Funk; two sons, including Joseph and a sister, Mrs. Stephanie Sklabia, all of Miami.

Burial was in Southern Memorial Park with arrangements under the direction of Edward McHale and Sons Funeral Home.

Saints Of The Week

Sunday, Dec. 27

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, Evangelist. The son of Zebedee, he was the youngest of the Apostles and was called to follow Christ during the first year of His preaching in Galilee. He became the "beloved disciple," was privileged to be present at the Transfiguration, at the Agony in the Garden and was the only one of the Twelve who did not forsake the Saviour during His Crucifixion. He stood at the foot of the cross with the Blessed Mother. Besides his Gospel, he wrote three Epistles and the book of the Apocalypse. He died at Ephesus in the year 100.

Monday, Dec. 28

HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs. When the three Wise Men did not return with word of the Saviour Whom they had gone to seek, Herod became enraged. Hoping to make certain of the death of the new-born King, Herod ordered that every male child two years old or younger in Bethlehem and its environs should be slain.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, Bishop-Martyr. He was the son of Gilbert Becket and became Lord High Chancellor of England. In 1160 when Archbishop Theobald died, King Henry II insisted upon the consecration of Thomas as Archbishop of Canterbury. Thomas at first refused but eventually yielded and was consecrated. Protecting the right of the Church against encroachments of the state, he quarreled with the King and was banished to France. Upon his return in December, 1170, he was murdered in the Cathedral.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

ST. SABINUS, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs. During the persecution under Diocletian in the 4th century, St. Sabinus, Bishop of Assisi, was apprehended, his hands were cut off and he died in prison. Two of his deacons, Exuperan-

tius and Marcellus, were beheaded. Venustianus, who was governor of Etruria, with his family became converted and they, too, were beheaded.

Thursday, Dec. 31

ST. SYLVESTER, Pope-Confessor. A native of Rome, he succeeded St. Mechiades as Pope in 314. He was a young priest when the Diocletian persecution was in progress. During his 23-year pontificate the persecutions of the Church ceased and the Church moved out of the catacombs. He was noted for his able organization of the discipline of the Church and for combating the Arian heresy. He died in 335.

Friday, Jan. 1

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD. Commemorated on the eighth day after Christmas, this feast is in memory of the day on which Our Lord was circumcised according to the Jewish law and received the name of Jesus, fulfilling the announcement made by the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Mother at the Annunciation. It has been a solemn feast of the Church since the sixth century to atone for crimes committed by pagans.

Saturday, Jan. 2

ST. MACARIUS THE YOUNGER, Hermit. Also known as St. Macarius of Alexandria. He gave up a fruit grower's trade to become a monk in the Thebaid, Upper Egypt, about 335. He took up abode in the desert of Nitria, Lower Egypt. Because of his unflinching orthodoxy, he was banished by Lucius, the Arian patriarch of Alexandria. He died about 408.

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Anti-Religious Drive Continues In Soviet Union

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The Vatican City daily has deplored recent intensification of anti-religious propaganda in the Soviet Union despite "the prevailing atmosphere of eased tension." L'Osservatore Romano cited launching of a Soviet review entitled Science and Religion. It said: "The new review attacks the encyclical of (Pope) John XXIII (Ad Petri Cathedram). It accuses it of being a political document. Therefore it cannot convince consciences of this, it resorts to the usual slander against the Catholic Church, asserting that it is against the cause of popular democracy and social justice."

Does History Record Exact Day, Year of Christ's Birth?

By FLORENCE WEDGE
 While there is universal agreement that Christ was born in Bethlehem on the occasion of a census that had brought Mary and Joseph there, the actual date of the Saviour's nativity has long been a topic for argument and research by scholars and historians.

No one knows when Christ was born. It is generally admitted by now that the traditional date, A.U.C. 753 (Anno Urbis Conditae 753 — the 753rd year from the founding of the city of Rome) is too late by a few years.

St. Matthew states in his Gospel that Jesus was born in the days of King Herod; and Herod died in A.U.C. 750. Moreover, between the birth of the Christ Child and the death of the ambitious Herod, there must have been time for the coming of the Magi, the exile of the Holy Family into Egypt, and the slaughter of the Holy Innocents.

A TIME OF PEACE
 There is a record of a remarkable conjunction of two planets in the year A.U.C. 747, which to some annalists is all the explanation they need for the so-called Star of Bethlehem, which directed the Magi from the Orient to Palestine. Thus, it is conjectured by some that Our Lord was born at some time between the middle of A.U.C. 747 and the end of A.U.C. 749 (between 7 B.C. and 5 B.C.).

As for the precise month, there is none in the year which has not been assigned, at some time or other, as that in which the Saviour was born.

It took the Christian Church more than 300 years to settle on a date for Christmas. Theophilus of Antioch wrote toward the end of the second century that the Gauls were observing the anniversary of the birth of Christ on Dec. 25.

Between 310 and 320 A.D., the Church at Rome fixed Dec. 25 permanently as the date for the

Christian observance of Christmas.

At that time, Dec. 25 was "sandwiched" between two important heathen festivals, the Saturnalia in honor of the god Saturn, and the Kalends of January, which closed the old year and ushered in the new with unbridled revelry and carnival.

The Christian Church recognized the need for an entirely different feast around which the faithful might rally. In this connection St. John Chrysostom wrote: "On this day also, the Birthday of Christ was lately fixed at Rome in order that while the heathens were busy with their profane ceremonies, the Christians might perform their sacred rites undisturbed."

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Dice el Presidente de México Que Hay Libertad Religiosa

CIUDAD DE MEXICO, (NC) —El presidente de México reiteró en Querétaro la afirmación de un líder obrero de que "ser religioso no significa ser enemigo de la Revolución."

El presidente Adolfo López

Fe Cristiana Fuente de Bien y Prosperidad

CIUDAD DE MEXICO, (NC) —"Entre sus más preciosos tesoros México cuenta con la fe cristiana de su pueblo: fuente inagotable de bien, de paz y de prosperidad."

Con estas palabras comentó el arzobispo primado de México las declaraciones de libertad religiosa que acaba de dar a los obreros el presidente de la república.

Mons. Miguel Darío Miranda agrega que "desconocer la existencia de este tesoro, ignorarlo, cohibir su desarrollo y lo que es peor, destruirlo, es obrar contra los intereses más sagrados de nuestra patria; hacerlo fructificar es contribuir eficazmente al verdadero engrandecimiento de México."

Por su parte, el cardenal José Garibi Rivera, arzobispo de Guadajajara, encomió "la declaración de catolicidad de los obreros de Querétaro, y el público reconocimiento de parte del Presidente (Adolfo López Mateos), del derecho que tenemos de profesar nuestra religión y de colaborar en todos los órdenes por el adelanto y prosperidad de la nación, y la implantación de la justicia social."

El líder Fermín Nieto había dicho durante una visita del presidente López a su ciudad, que "ser religioso no significa ser enemigo de la Revolución."

El cardenal Garibi recuerda que la Iglesia "siempre ha proclamado los principios básicos de justicia social, y desde años viene trabajando en México por un orden social cristiano."

Mons. Miranda a su vez dice: "Estamos seguros que unidos a todos los mexicanos, y trabajando inspirados por la justicia y la caridad, con la ayuda de Dios lograremos resolver nuestros complejos problemas."

Mateos declaró que "en México existe absoluta libertad de creencias, y en el amplio programa constructivo de la Revolución caben todos los hombres de buena voluntad."

La cuestión surgió del discurso de saludo que pronunciara en un teatro de las afueras de Querétaro el líder Fermín Nieto, secretario general de la Federación de Trabajadores de Querétaro.

Nieto dijo que su organización había sido blanco de ataques que acusaban a los dirigentes de profesar la religión católica.

"Ser religioso no significa ser enemigo de la Revolución —dijo el líder obrero—. Nuestras creencias religiosas no nos impiden ejercer nuestros derechos, señor presidente."

La respuesta de López Mateos tiene una importancia que no se le escapa:

"Nuestro amigo Nieto se refirió a un problema que considero de la mayor significación en la República: el de si las creencias religiosas pueden ser obstáculo en la marcha constructiva del programa de la Revolución", dijo el presidente.

Quiero afirmarles en Querétaro, donde se juró la Constitución de la República, que en México existe absoluta libertad de creencias, que en el amplio programa constructivo de la Revolución caben todos los hombres de buena voluntad, que tengan la convicción de que en México sólo bajo el imperio de la justicia social podría llevarse felicidad al hombre."

En un comentario editorial, el diario Excelsior de esta ciudad afirma que "nada puede dar mayor vigor y espíritu a un pueblo que la compatibilidad de las creencias civiles y las creencias religiosas."

"Esa compatibilidad, además de ser capítulo de las libertades públicas, constituye una unidad que da vigor al poder del Estado, desarrollo a los sentimientos humanos, moral a las relaciones entre los individuos, fuerza a la comprensión colectiva."

La Constitución de Querétaro, proclamada en 1917 en la efervescencia revolucionaria, contiene varias cláusulas anti-religiosas; pero los últimos gobiernos, escarmentados por los efectos de la persecución de Calles hace 30 años, han fomentado un clima de tolerancia religiosa.

Dijo el Papa

Que la FAO Realiza Obras de Alcance Mundial

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO, (NC) —Su Santidad el Papa Juan XXIII elogió la labor que realiza la FAO calificándola de "inmensa obra llevada a cabo en escala mundial."

El Padre Santo recibió en audiencia a unos 500 participantes en la X Conferencia General de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura.

La alocución pontificia, en

francés, a los representantes y observadores de unos 80 países, versó sobre la necesidad de mejorar el nivel económico del campo y la producción agraria, como uno de los medios más seguros para la unión y la verdadera paz entre los hombres y los pueblos.

"Por pertenecer a una familia rural", dijo el Padre Santo, "tuve ocasión de ver con mis propios ojos algo que nunca olvidaré: la dureza del tra-

bajo campesino y las cargas que sufren los que se dedican a laborar la tierra.

"¡Qué gran obra, digna del mayor encomio, la de contribuir a aligerar esa carga y a proporcionar cierto bienestar a los que con su trabajo logran el pan de cada día para ofrecerlo a sus semejantes!"

Prosiguió, señores, concluyó el Papa, "vuestra labor meritoria" en pro del campesinado, "con la que cooperáis incluso al logro de la paz."



Declaran los Directores Episcopales de la National Catholic Welfare

WASHINGTON, (NC) — A todos los hombres les asiste el derecho de trasladarse a otras tierras en busca de una vida mejor, se afirma en una declaración facilitada aquí en nombre de los directores episcopales de la National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Los diez prelados que forman la Junta Administrativa del organismo católico norteamericano añaden que ese derecho debe tener reconocimiento legal en todos los países.

Facilitó la declaración, titulada "El Año Mundial del Refugiado y la Migración", el secretario ejecutivo de la N. C. W. C. Mons. Paul F. Tanner.

Preside la Junta el arzobispo de Cincinnati, Mons. Karl J. Alter, quien lo mismo que los restantes miembros, fue designado para el puesto por los obispos de Estados Unidos durante su última asamblea anual en Washington. Los cardenales de este país son miembros natos de la Junta.

En la declaración se aboga en favor de que los Estados Unidos dupliquen la cuota anual de inmigrantes, propugnándose además la corrección de ciertos defectos de las leyes de inmigración.

"Muchos de los que han estudiado nuestras leyes de inmigración consideran que fa-

vorecen a los inmigrantes mejor preparados, fuertes y saludables."

Esto, añaden de seguido los obispos, significa de hecho "arrancar sus mejores ciudadanos a una nación con problemas demográficos, dejándola con aquellos que pueden contribuir menos a la prosperidad nacional."

"Unas leyes tan poco generosas parecen reflejar egoísmo en vez de auténtico deseo de ayuda a pueblos necesitados por parte de una nación privilegiada."

La cuota anual de inmigrantes está establecida en 154,657 pero además entran en los Estados Unidos cada año otros 175,000 inmigrantes, para los que no se aplica el sistema de cuota. Estos inmigrantes proceden principalmente de los restantes países independientes del Hemisferio Occidental.

Aunque la declaración no menciona específicamente a qué ley se refiere, parece indicar en concreto el Acta de Inmigración y Nacionalización promulgada el año 1952 y conocida por el nombre de Ley McCarran-Walter.

Los prelados indican también como "elementos perjudiciales" del reglamento norteamericano de inmigración, el que sólo otorgue "cuotas simbólicas" para inmigrantes de origen oriental, y la cláusula de división por nacionalidades.

Con arreglo a esa cláusula, que afecta a los países no americanos, cada "cuota nacional" está determinada en proporción al número de personas de ese origen que vivían en los Estados al realizarse el censo de 1920. Algunos países tienen cubierta su "cuota" para un período de hasta diez años.

La declaración reafirma "el derecho de los seres humanos a tener acceso a los recursos naturales que Dios les ha otorgado" y señala "la necesidad de que se legisle en todas las naciones para asegurar el disfrute razonable y ordenado

Tópicos Doctrinales

Por el Rev. Padre Ibarra

Os ha Nacido Hoy un Salvador

Era la media noche, todo descansaba en la paz y en la quietud silenciosa. Nadie tenía idea del acontecimiento que se avecinaba. ¡Tantos niños nacen todos los días y todas las noches!

Pero sólo una vez en la vida de la humanidad en la tierra, ha habido una mujer que haya sido madre y virgen. Y así, aquella purísima Virgen estando en oración, sin dolor, sin pena, sin corrupción y sin mancha, vió ante sí nacido de su purísimo seno, más resplandeciente y más limpio que el sol a su hijo, el que venía a salvar a los hombres.

Desde aquel momento la historia del mundo cambió por completo. Ya no estamos solos los hombres, Dios vive aquí en la tierra.

Y Vivió con Nosotros

Nació como cualquiera de nosotros. No; más humildemente, porque usted y yo tuvimos una casita y nuestra Madre se vió rodeada de cuidados y de atenciones. El en cambio, se vió obligado a abrir los ojos en la desnudez de una cueva y todo cuanto le rodeó desde un principio fués hostilidad.

Y era Dios. Aquel cuerpecito tan frágil y tan poca cosa era: un estuche en que se guardaba la divinidad. Y todo lo que aparentemente era debilidad y pequeñez humana servía para ocultar la inmensidad de Dios.

Dios con Nosotros

Bueno; usted tiene corazón, ¿no es eso? Y usted pone una cara feroz cuando algo no le sale bien y sus ojos se inyectan de sangre cuando el furor o la cólera le dominan.

Pero usted, no puede menos que sonreír cuando un encantador muñeco recién nacido y que parece un montoncito de rosas, mueve torpemente sus bracitos y como que le mira curiosamente con sus ojillos medio cerrados.

Cualquiera que tenga una pizca de alma y un pedazo de corazón se siente emocionado ante un niño. Ante su delicada presencia todos se rinden. Nadie le puede negar una sonrisa amable a un niño.

Sin embargo, nadie ve más allá de los ojillos medio cerrados ni de la boquita entreabierta.

¡Quién iba a decir que aquel niño, no era un niño cualquiera! Y no lo era. Era Dios.

Los Suyos no lo Recibieron

A través de la frágil envoltura de su débil cuerpecito infantil, oculta en él la divinidad, el pequeño niño podía en su ciencia divina seguir el curso del mundo.

El había creado el mundo, El había hecho a los hombres, y El seguía conduciendo la creación hacia su fin.

Lleno de amor, de misericordia hacia la humanidad caída en el pecado y por consiguiente incapaz de salvación, El, Dios, se había decidido a hacerse hombre y tomando nuestra misma naturaleza humana nació de la manera más humilde y pobre, como un niño.

Hacia muchísimos años que El había profetizado su venida, su presencia algún día entre nosotros. La humanidad le esperaba. En todos los pueblos del mundo había una inmensa ansiedad por su llegada.

Y... cuando llegó los suyos no lo recibieron.

La Navidad

Los hombres no han querido aceptar a Cristo, es demasiado bella y heroica su doctrina. Pero no pueden resistir al encanto del niño. Hoy el mundo entero espera su venida. Y aún los que viven más alejados de El, al menos en estos días se sienten más cerca del bien. Y si no reconocen su poder y su divinidad al menos admiten el mágico poder de su debilidad de niño. Todos los hombres viven estos días una vida un poco irreal envueltos por la alegría prefabricada por las tiendas, por la radio, y la televisión. La conclusión más importante para mucha gente será si hubo mucho o poco dinero en estos días.

Pero este niño que ahora parece tan débil y humilde, algún día será el juez eterno que dictaminará el destino inapelable de todos y cada uno de los hombres.

de esos recursos, de suerte que se facilite el acceso a ellos, en vez de estorbarlo."

Los arzobispos y obispos advierten no obstante que la migración no debe ser considerada como única solución al problema de los países superpoblados, ni a la pobreza que padecen otros de economía retrasada, o en crisis, ya que debe tenerse en cuenta el

debercho a permanecer en la tierra natal, con la esperanza de mejores días.

Por todo ello, concluyen, "la familia de naciones, y especialmente las más prósperas, deben unir sus esfuerzos en un plan de largo alcance destinado a incrementar la producción de forma que los países ahora necesitados lleguen a valer por sí mismos."

No se Impondrá Texto Único A las Escuelas Privadas de Cuba

LA HABANA, (NC). — El Ministro de educación declaró que excluye a las escuelas privadas del texto único destinado a las públicas.

El asunto provocó una polémica en octubre al conocerse el decreto que reglamenta la enseñanza en Cuba, con respecto a horarios, textos, orientación y nombramiento de maestros.

El ministro, Armando Hart, dijo ahora al pronunciar en Santiago un extenso discurso sobre la reforma de la enseñanza, que no le gusta el texto único, pero que lo mantiene como recurso necesario por ahora.

Agregó: "En cuanto a la escuela privada, ofrecemos la seguridad que el ministerio no tratará de imponer texto alguno."

Recomienda sin embargo, que los usados por esas escuelas revisen los textos de acuerdo con a historia y las necesidades de Cuba.

El gobierno revolucionario se empeña en una vasta reforma de las escuelas para resolver el problema de millares de niños sin aulas y sin maestros. Hart vino a confirmar en su discurso los principales aspectos del decreto de octubre.

Según cifras del ministerio, hay 400,000 niños sin escuela, y más de un millón de jóvenes sin educación secundaria, amén de dos millones de adultos analfabetos, legados patético de 57 años de república, comenta Hart.

Este año el régimen revolucionario aumentó en cerca de 5,000 las aulas disponibles: 5,739 maestros que se preparaban para materias especiales serán dedicados a maestros normales para aumentar sus filas, que llegan a 24,000. En cuanto a la secundaria, sólo las universidades estatales tienen el encargo de preparar profesores.

En su discurso sobre la "reforma integral", el ministro dijo que tiene la "firme convicción de que la escuela es uno de los instrumentos más poderosos con que cuenta el Estado para promover las profundas transformaciones" que pide la realidad cubana. El gobierno, agrega, da prioridad a la cuestión de las escuelas a la par de la reforma agraria. "Ello obedece a la razón de existencia misma de nuestro movimiento de liberación."

"Así pues —declara más adelante— (nadie) puede quedar al margen de este gran propósito de renovación: tanto los niveles pre-escolares, primarios, medios como superiores están comprometidos total e ineludiblemente."

En estilo característico de otros librepensadores, el ministro Hart coloca por igual "entre los forjadores de doctrinas" a Platón, Cristo, Rousseau y Martí. Agrega que "la educación en todos los países modernos está orientada y atendida por el Estado."

En seguida propone una orientación pragmática de la educación y cita como ejemplo al educador norteamericano.

El decreto de octubre, que tiende a sustituir el sistema memorístico de educación por la llamada escuela viva—de aquí la posición de Hart con

respecto al texto único— encaja las materias escolares dentro de la reforma social y política que el régimen ha planificado. Además el decreto da nuevos poderes al ministerio.

El artículo 150 del decreto establece que "las escuelas privadas se regirán por las mismas normas que las escuelas públicas de la nación, en cuanto a su organización, funcionamiento, planes de estudios, cursos y programas, li-

bro del texto, horario de clases, graduación, exámenes, certificados de estudios y orientación general de la enseñanza, y estarán sujetas a la inspección oficial."

El decreto también regula el nombramiento y funciones de directores y maestros privados.

Con dos millones y medio de habitantes en edad escolar, en Cuba se educan solamente poco más de 900,000, de ellos 100,000 en escuelas privadas.

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Noticias Varias

BERLIN, (NC).—El régimen comunista polaco sigue empeñado en eliminar la religión de las escuelas públicas, a pesar del acuerdo entre la Iglesia y el Estado, de 8 de diciembre de 1956 que restauraba la instrucción religiosa en los centros de enseñanza, donde fuera pedida por los padres de los alumnos. Según informaciones de Polonia las autoridades escolares prohíben que impartan esa instrucción profesores seculares, una medida que se agrega a la prohibición dictada en 1958 contra las monjas y los sacerdotes. Suman a centenares de miles los estudiantes polacos que carecen ahora de clases de religión.

LUBLIN, Polonia (INC) La Universidad Católica de Lublin, única en su clase tras el telón de acero, ha conmemorado el 15º aniversario de su reapertura realizada después de la II Guerra Mundial. El rector Padre Rechowicz anunció que la Universidad fue invitada a participar en la labor preparatoria del anunciado concilio ecuménico, y que en los últimos 15 años miembros del centro universitario han publicado un total de 127 obras y 1,043 trabajos de carácter científico. La matrícula actual es de 1,500 estudiantes, casi la mitad que hace siete años.

PARIS, (NC).—El programa, aprobado en principio, del VI Congreso de la Unión Internacional de la Prensa Católica, a celebrar en Santander, España, del 6 al 10 de ju-

lio de 1960, anuncia para el 6 de julio de ese año reuniones del comité ejecutivo de la Unión y del Secretariado del Congreso. El 7 se celebrará la sesión de apertura dándose lectura a un mensaje de Su Santidad el Papa Juan XXIII, siguiendo las sesiones de trabajo durante ese día y los dos restantes. Para el 10, después de la clausura, se proyecta una excursión de los congresistas a Madrid.

ROMA, (NC). — Una vez publicada en la Gaceta Oficial entrará en vigor la nueva ley italiana que eleva en un 50 por ciento los haberes del clero, mediante subsidios del Estado. La subida no afecta a todos los obispos y sacerdotes por igual, pues depende la cuantía de los beneficios eclesiásticos, de forma que salen más favorecidos los de las diócesis y parroquias pobres. De acuerdo con lo estipulado en el artículo 30 del concordato de 1929, el estado italiano tiene obligación de subvenir al mantenimiento del clero.

ROMA, (NC). — El Cardenal Amleto Cicognani tomó posesión como Protector de los Hermanas de la Misión Médica, sociedad religiosa fundada el año 1925 en Washington por la doctora Anne Dangel, quien es ahora superiora general. La sociedad, reconocida ya oficialmente por la Santa Sede, estableció hace poco su casa central en Roma, en vez de en Filadelfia, donde estuvo mientras fue "instituto"



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En España

Abre Nuevas Perspectivas la Semana Social

MADRID, (NC) — La XIX Semana Social de España — sobre caridad, beneficencia y asistencia social—, fue como un examen de conciencia que abrió perspectivas y posibilidades para la aplicación de la doctrina católica.

Profesores y semanistas cumplieron cada jornada una tarea conjunta de hermosa colaboración

En la sesión inaugural leyó el Nuncio Apostólico, Mons. Hildebrando Antoniutti, el mensaje que en nombre de Su Santidad el Papa Juan XXIII dirigió a los semanistas el Secretario de Estado del Vaticano, cardenal Domenico Tardini.

"Los planes oficiales de seguridad social no deben menguar la iniciativa privada en el ámbito de la cridad", afirmaba el cardenal Tardini en su mensaje al sintetizar las enseñanzas pontificias referentes al temario de la Semana.

Respecto al derecho de propiedad, agregaba el mensaje, "que ante Dios los propietarios son simples beneficiarios, los cuales han de procurar aliviar las necesidades del prójimo una vez satisfechas las propias."

El cardenal Tardini subrayaba por último, el derecho

de la iniciativa privada, combinado con el respeto a las "instituciones legítimas dependientes del estado que rindan verdadero servicio a la comunidad y ayuden efectivamente al débil..."

"Del ya mencionado derecho de iniciativa", confluía el mensaje pontificio, se deriva el principio de propia y libre administración, combinado con el derecho de patrimonio..."

El RP José María de Llanos SJ desarrolló el tema "La caridad como amor al prójimo, fundamento y característica general de la vida cristiana", llegando casi a afirmar que algunos no cristianos cumplen mejor que nosotros con el mandamiento básico de la ley nueva, y asegurando que las dos pruebas clave de una sociedad cristiana son la renuncia a la riqueza personal y la renuncia a la violencia.

Pero al "mea culpa" del Padre Llanos y de otros oradores que recargaron de tinta negra la conducta en el ejercicio de la caridad, llegándose por poco a decir que "no se ha hecho nada" y que "somos unos cristianos a medias", siguieron conferencias como la del profesor Ruméu de Armas, catedrático de la Universidad de Madrid, quien al ex-

poner el tema "La Iglesia y la beneficencia a través de los tiempos", subrayó, con el testimonio histórico realizado en favor de los necesitados a lo largo de casi dos mil años, adelantándose a los estados incluso en iniciativas que creemos son de nuestro tiempo, como la previsión social, el cooperativismo y la mutualidad, y mediante una obra tan asombrosa que sólo la fuerza documental de la historia puede convencernos de su realidad...

6El Primado de España y Arzobispo de Toledo, Cardenal Enrique Pla y Deniel, rindió tributo a la memoria del fundador de las Semanas Sociales, don Severino Aznar, quien falleció a los 89 años de edad el día anterior al de la clausura de las jornadas de este año.

Su Eminencia y el presidente actual de las Semanas Sociales, Mons. Rafael González Moralejo, obispo auxiliar de Valencia, hicieron el panegírico del ilustre sociólogo fallecido, "incomprendido por sus contemporáneos, cuando no difamado y hostigado, porque de momento no se veían las aplicaciones prácticas de sus predicaciones y enseñanzas."

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 St. Philip: 9:30

BOCA GRANDE
 Our Lady of Mercy: 11:15

BOCA RATON
 St. Joan of Arc: 7, 9, 10:30

BOYNTON BEACH
 St. Mark: 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30

CLEWISTON
 St. Margaret: 7:30 first two
 Sundays: 11:15 thereafter

COCONUT GROVE
 St. Augustine: 11
 St. Hugh: (Coconut Grove Elem.
 School) 8, 10

CORAL GABLES
 Little Flower: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
 11:30 12:30

DANIA
 Resurrection: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

DEERFIELD BEACH
 St. Elizabeth: (Sun-Cove Res-
 taurant) 8, 10

DELRAY BEACH
 St. Vincent: 6:45, 8:30, 11

FORT LAUDERDALE
 Annunciation: 10

Queen of Martyrs: 6, 8, 9, 10,
 11, 12

St. Anthony: 6, 7, 8, 9:15 10:30
 11:45

St. Bernadette (Stirling Eleme-
 ntary School): 8, 9, 10

St. Clement: 8, 9, 10, 11:15,
 12:30

St. Gregory (Plantation-Peters
 Elementary School): 8, 10

St. Sebastian: 8, 9:30, 11, 12:15

FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH
 St. Pius Chapel (Marie Antoi-
 nette Restaurant): 8, 9:30, 11

FORT MYERS
 St. Francis: 7, 8, 10, 11

FORT MYERS BEACH
 Ascension: 8

FORT PIERCE
 St. Anastasia: 7, 8:30, 10, 11

HALLANDALE
 St. Matthew: 6:30 8, 10, 12

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 Immaculate Conception: 6, 8,
 9:30, 11, 12:30

St. John the Apostle: 6, 7, 8,
 9, 10, 11, 12

HOBE SOUND
 St. Christopher: 10

HOLLYWOOD
 Annunciation, (Lake Forest Civ-
 ic Center): 8, 10, 11:30
 Little Flower: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
 12

St. Bernadette: 8, 9, 10
 St. Stephen: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

HOMESTEAD
 Sacred Heart: 6:30, 8, 9:15,
 10:30

IMMOKALEE
 Lady of Guadalupe: 11

JUPITER
 Salhaven: 8:30

KEY BISCAYNE
 St. Agnes: 8:30, 11

LABELLE
 Mission: 9

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 Sacred Heart: 6, 7, 8, 9:15,
 10:30, 11:30

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MIAMI
 The Cathedral: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
 11, 12

Corpus Christi: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
 11, 12, 12:55 (Spanish)
 Gesu: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11:30
 12, 12:30

Holy Redeemer: 7, 10

Lady of Missions: 7, 8:30

St. Brendan: 7, 8, 9:30, 11,
 12:15

St. Michael: 6, 7, 8, 9, (Polish)
 10, 11, 12:30; Dade Auditorium:
 9, 10:30, 12

SS. Peter and Paul: 6:15, 8, 9,
 10, 11, 12

MIAMI BEACH
 St. Francis de Sales: 7, 9, 11

St. Joseph: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

St. Mary Magdalen: 8, 9, 10, 11

St. Patrick: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
 and 12:30

MIAMI SHORES
 St. Rose of Lima: 7, 8, 9, 10,
 11, 12

MIAMI SPRINGS
 Blessed Trinity: 6, 7:30, 9, 10:30

NAPLES
 St. Ann: 6:15, 8, 10, 11

NORTH MIAMI
 Holy Family: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
 12

St. James: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Visitation: 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30

NORTH DADE COUNTY
 St. Monica (Carol City Junior
 High): 8, 10

NORTH MIAMI BEACH
 St. Lawrence (Jr. High School)
 8, 9:30, 11

OKEECHOBEE
 Sacred Heart: 9

OPA LOCKA
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

7, 9, 10, 11:30
 St. Philip: (Bunche Park) 9,

11, 12

PAHOKEE
 St. Mary: 11:15 First Two Sun-
 days, 7:30 thereafter

PALM BEACH
 St. Edward: 7, 9, 12

PERRINE
 Holy Rosary (Elem. School): 8,
 10:15 11:30

POMPANO BEACH
 Assumption: 7, 8, 9:30, 11

POMPANO SHORES
 St. Colman: 7, 8, 9:30, 12:15

PORT CHARLOTTE
 St. Charles Borromeo: 8, 10

PUNTA GORDA
 Sacred Heart: 7:30, 9

RICHMOND HEIGHTS
 (Martin Elementary School) 9

RIVIERA BEACH
 St. Francis: 7, 8, 10:30, 11:30

SEBRING
 St. Catherine: 7, 9, 11

SOUTH MIAMI
 Epiphany: 6:30, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
 St. Thomas (Southwest High
 School): 8, 10

STUART
 St. Joseph: 7:15, 8:30, 10:30

VERO BEACH
 St. Helen: 7:30, 9, 11

WAUCHULA
 St. Michael: 8

WEST PALM BEACH
 Blessed Martin: 9:30

Holy Name: 7, 9, 11

St. Ann: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

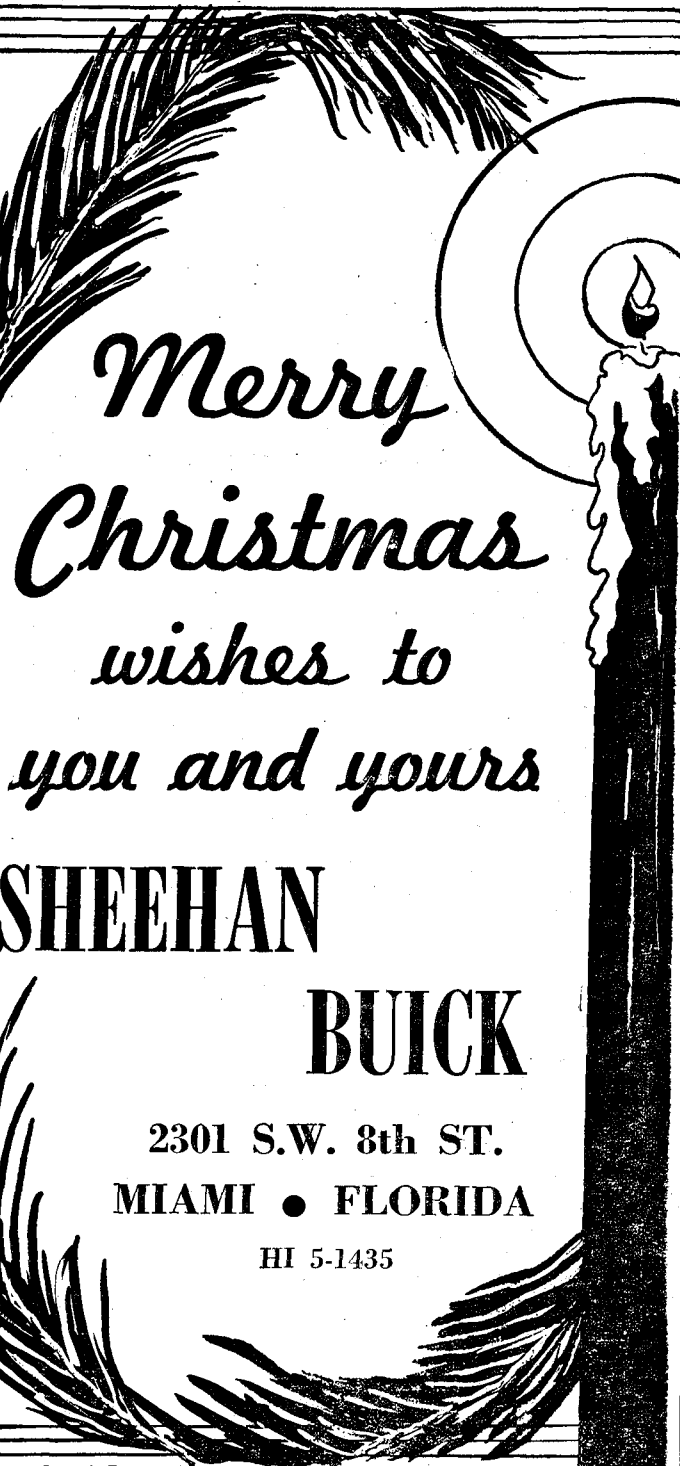
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 St. Mary of Pines: 10

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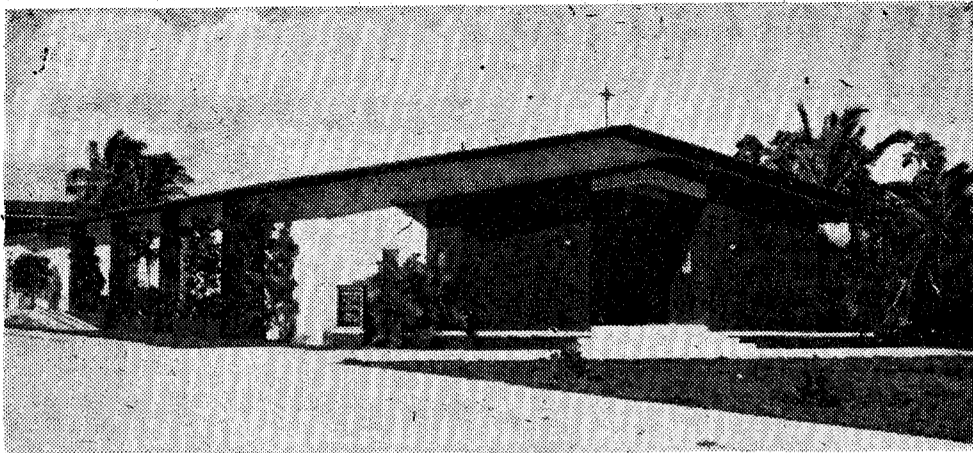
Father Gerard J. Manning was appointed pastor on Jan. 1, 1956. Boynton Theater was used for Sunday Mass from the first days of the parish until Father Manning's arrival. Because the Catholic population was growing rapidly, Father Manning lost no time in starting construction of a more permanent church building. Work was started in late summer, 1956. In February, 1957, the fully air-conditioned church in contemporary Mediterranean architecture was completed at a cost of \$100,000.

In the fall of 1957, construction of St. Mark's School began. Completed in February, 1958, the first four grades were opened and since then, two more grades were added. Pupils are under the supervision of three Sisters of Charity, of Convent Station, N.J., and three lay teachers.

The parish purchased a house, made several additions and transformed it into a convent for the Sisters.

Parish territory includes the new retreat house in Manalapan. Formerly called Tranquillitas, it is operated by the Convent of Our Lady of the Retreat in the Cenacle.

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ST. MARK CHURCH, BOYNTON BEACH



FATHER MANNING

tana, conducted for physically handicapped children between the ages of 6 and 12, is also in St. Mark's territory. The school is staffed by Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, and has a capacity enrollment each year.

Sisters of St. Joseph also operate a Spanish Mission for migrant workers in the area.

The parish has four seminarians studying for the priesthood. One attends St. John Vianney Seminary, Miami. Two women of the parish are in the religious life.

Organizations in the parish include the Holy Name Society, Altar-Rosary Society, Catholic Women's Club and St. Mark's Auxiliary.

The parish holds an annual spring carnival on the church grounds.

U.S. Editor Roams Moscow, Finds Life There 'Gloomy'

(Continued from page 10)

the American system, human welfare is paramount.

This drew more protests about coddling of the rich at expense of the poor. Soviet propaganda has reached them in large measure. They genuinely believed that a few rich Americans are oppressing the majority of our people.

I spoke about a city of gloom and doom. The gloom lies in the fact that the people are regimented to such a degree that nothing can be done or said without some sort of communist party approval.

And the prices of most consumer goods are beyond the reach of the average Soviet citizen. He has to save for many months to buy bare necessities such as clothes, furniture and the like.

The atmosphere of doom is reflected in the fact that there is no escape from regimentation. The party really controls the people in every phase of life.

The mere fact that Russians coming from other parts of the country have to have internal passports to visit Moscow or any other city is bad enough. However, it goes well beyond mere travel restrictions. Nothing can be done, from the cradle to the grave, without some party functionary having a hand in it. Everything is directed toward the welfare of the state. Human welfare is secondary.

It is probably true that no one actually starves in Moscow. But very few live. They merely exist.

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THEOLOGY FOR EVERYMAN

A Question Often Asked Of Catholics: Why Do You Honor The Blessed Mother?

We have been reminded by Cardinal Newman that 'the glories of Mary are for the sake of her Son.' No matter what aspect we consider of the Church's teaching about Mary, she is never the center of the picture. She points always to Christ our Lord; she is not to be considered as blessed in herself alone. Of her, more than of any other creature, is it true that her life is hidden with Christ in God.

The primary truths of religion concern God: His Unity of Being, His Trinity of Persons, His work of the creation, redemption, and the sanctification of mankind.

The primary truth of Christianity is that Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh. This was the mystery that was revealed on

This article, prepared at St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass., is condensed from "The Pilot."

the first Christmas Day, when both the shepherds and the kings, the simple and the learned, found Christ with Mary His Mother.

In considering those truths of our faith which have reference to the Blessed Virgin, we shall anticipate the charge that devotion to the Blessed Virgin is idolatrous if we keep these fundamental truths about the relation of Mary with Jesus in mind. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. The Word was Mary's Son and the Word was God.

This simple expression of the truth was clearly understood by the early Christians. We can imagine, therefore, the disturbance that was caused in the early part of the fifth century when the claim was made that Mary was the mother of Christ, but not the Mother of God.

Divine Revelation

This teaching had the effect of introducing a dissolution into Christ. It implied that there were two Christ's, not one: the divine Christ, who was not the son of Mary, and the human Christ, who alone was Mary's Son.

It focused attention, however, on the details of Mary's relations with Christ, and it led to the formulation of more precise presentation of the teaching which had its source in Divine Revelation. It was the clear implication of the Gospel story that God became man not by uniting to Himself a previously existing human being, but by receiving the flesh and the human soul of the human Christ into the unity of His Divine Being at the very first moment of their existence.

Christ's flesh did not exist before it became the flesh of the word. From the very instant at which it became informed by a rational soul, the body of Christ was the body of the Word, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.



FRAMED TAPESTRY depicting Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the U.S. and the Diocese of Miami, hangs in St. Augustine's Church, Waikiki, Hawaii. Believed to have been made in Ireland, it formerly hung in the Ursuline Convent on Mt. Benedict, Charlestown, Mass., destroyed by a mob 125 years ago. (NC)

Here was the first and fundamental truth about Mary: she was the Mother of God.

No less important in the divinely revealed truth about Mary is that she was a Virgin Mother. It has been the firm and constant belief of the Catholic Church that Mary was a virgin before, during and after the birth of her Divine Son. Only in the fifth century was this belief called into question when certain heretical writers began to assert that Mary had had other children after the birth of Jesus. Their claim was based on references in the Gospels to Jesus' brethren, and on the Gospel text which speaks of Jesus as Mary's first-born son.

These objections were answered conclusively by the great Scripture scholar, St. Jerome. The brethren of Jesus were near-relatives, not children of the same mother. The phrase 'first-born' does not necessarily imply that subsequent births occurred.

The tradition that establishes the perpetual virginity of Mary is so well founded in Sacred Scripture and so consistently reflected in the patristic writings of the first four centuries that subsequent attempts to impugn it were doomed to failure.

The only real argument against the perpetual virginity of Mary is that it is naturally impossible, and would demand a miraculous intervention of God's power. This argument is logically self-destructive. It is precisely because there is evidence that the necessary divine intervention actually occurred that Catholic theologians defend the teaching that Mary was always a virgin.

with Christ in the blessing of the Redemption, as Eve had been associated with Adam in the tragedy of the Fall.

Thus we have firm patristic foundation for the teaching that Mary, through the foreseen merits of her Son, was preserved from the first moment of her existence from original sin, and was endowed from that moment with the fullness of sanctifying grace. Though the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was not solemnly defined until 1854, its roots in the original deposit of faith are clearly discernible. It was taught and believed from the very beginning.

Doubts Dispelled

It was called into question in the Middle Ages by reputable theologians, who found it difficult to think of any child of Adam as immune from the consequences of Adam's sin.

These doubts were dispelled, however, in the brilliant teaching of the Franciscan theologian John Duns Scotus in the fourteenth century. Scotus distinguished between the debt of original sin and its actual incurring. Mary, he held, like all other children of Adam, was subject to original sin; but, through the merits of her Divine Son, applied to her by anticipation, she was exempted from its actual incurring from the very instant of her conception.

From the theological controversy in which the question of the Immaculate Conception was clarified, there developed a greater understanding of the relation of Mary to her Divine Son in the work of the Redemption. Mary's freedom from sin, both original and actual, was a consequence of her closeness to the Person of Christ. Only He of all men was essentially undefiled. He deigned, however, to draw His human life from a human mother.

Human Mother

It was fitting, therefore, that He should bestow upon His human Mother the privilege of immunity from the consequences of Adam's sin. She was thus made worthy to provide the blood by which her Son would redeem the race of Adam from the guilt and punishment of sin. The Redeemer of mankind extended His merits to preserve His Mother from the slightest taint of sin which might even for an instant disfigure her soul in His sight.

It is significant that Our Lady gave free consent to the part which she played in the mystery of the Incarnation. It was only after she had indicated her submission to the design of Divine Providence that the Word was made flesh. From that moment the close association of Mary with her Divine Son was never to be broken.

It continued while Christ suffered and died; she stood by His side uniting her will to His. She stands at His side today, as His saving grace is channeled into the souls of men.

THE VOICE

LEGION OF DECENCY FILM RATINGS

- A I—FILMS MORALLY UNOBJECTIONABLE FOR GENERAL PATRONAGE
Across the Bridge
Alias Jesse James
Battle Flame
Battle of Coral Sea
Beat of Budapest
Big Bear
Big Hur
Big Fisherman
Black Orchid
Blood & Steel
Buccaneer
Buchanan Rides Alone
Cast A Long Shadow
Cosmic Man
Crash Landing
Dangerous Exile
Day to Remember
Diamond Safari
Diary of Anne Frank
Dog of Flanders
Embezzled Heaven
Enemy from Space
Escape from Terror
Face in the Night
FBI Story
Face of Fire
Flaming Frontier
For The First Time
From the Earth to the Moon
Ghost of the China Sea
Good Day for a Hanging
Jant For the Unknown
Gift of Love
Green Mansions
Handle With Care
Hey Boy, Hey Girl

Critic Picks His 'Ten Best'

By WILLIAM H. MOORING

This year the annual game of picking the "Ten Best" calls for some definitions and stipulations. Best by reason of what? Best in artistic or technical values? Best as mass entertainment?

I select my ten because I think they best applied artistic perception to good, moral purpose, in an effort to entertain and perhaps, in varying degrees, elevate the human mind.

Thus I arrive at the following: "Ben Hur," "The Nun's Story," "The Diary of Anne Frank," "The FBI Story," "The Wreck of the Mary Deare," "North by Northwest," "Shake Hands with the Devil," "Blue Denim," "John Paul Jones" and "Compulsion." I, of course, have some reservations.

WHAT WAS WRONG
"Ben Hur" omits from its "Tale of the Christ" every situation from which Christian dogma is derived. "The Nun's Story" might better have been frankly offered as fiction, not biography. "Blue Denim" might have been much stronger had it producer not shirked certain moral strictures.

I offer no apologies for omitting several 1959 pictures most other critics may be counted upon to include. In a year of increasingly contradictory signs, movies have reflected wider variety in thematics. Some of them have presumed to explore, at greater depth and with intensifying realism, the twists and temptations of human kind.

While I have selected my "Ten Best" without eyeing box-office reports, I do not ignore the fact, too frequently overlooked nowadays, that movies are a mass medium of entertainment. While a hodge-podge of spectacular hokum called "Hercules" and a puerile, tasteless comedy called "Some Like It Hot," raked in fortunes at the theaters, so too, did the

Breig Column

(Continued from page 7) love by living the life of the Church, and obeying and defending the many truths the Church teaches? "If you love Me, keep My commandments." The Infant in Bethlehem means that, every bit as much as the Man dying on Golgotha. Christmas and Calvary — they are of one piece.

pornographic, but technically polished "Anatomy of a Murder," which doubtless will show up in many a "Ten Best" list.

SEPARATELY CLASSIFIED
A "Separately Classified" film, Tennessee Williams' "Suddenly, Last Summer," which deals nauseously with sex perversion, can hardly be deemed a "best" by anyone who appreciates the Legion's concern that theater owners recognize their "social and moral responsibilities to the impressionable and immature."

While the film may, as the Legion states, be "moral in its theme and treatment," it is repellent in the extreme. Again, "On the Beach" which fails to make my list (but may figure in many another) negates all moral, artistic and theatrical purpose by its nihilistic philosophy and its theoretical condonation of mass suicide.

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Legion Puts Movie In Special Category

NEW YORK (NC) — The National Legion of Decency has charged that Hollywood's Production Code broke its own rules by approving for general patronage a movie about sexual perversion.

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a momentous message, but its hackneyed, Hollywood insistence on sex romance, to my mind cinches the opinion that it is a fake, albeit the best and biggest of 1959.

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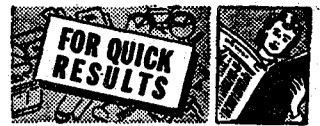
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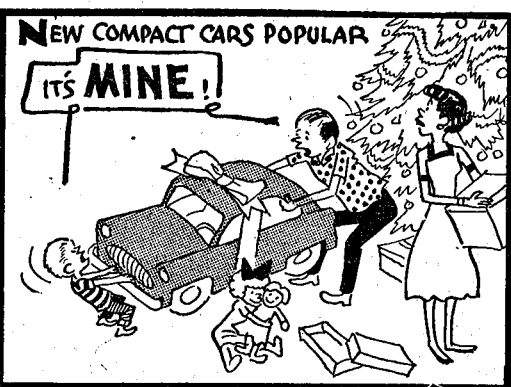
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Host Central Catholic of Fort Lauderdale and Archbishop Curley High of Miami will be favored to score opening day victories in the first Diocese of Miami Catholic high basketball tournament Sunday afternoon at the St. Anthony gym in Fort Lauderdale.

Central Catholic meets Christopher Columbus in the first game at 2:30 while Curley takes on St. Patrick's of Miami Beach at 4 p.m.

The Raiders from Central Catholic have only a 1-2 record going into the contest but have been looking good in their games to date. They dropped close contests to Delray Seacrest, perennial Class A power, and Fort Lauderdale High, Class AA standout.

Frank Bean, Drake Batchelder, Ron Gillis and Tom McCabe are the top Raider performers.

The tournament game will be the season's opener for Columbus as the Explorers football season was extended to Dec. 11. Coach Dick Pollock doesn't know what to expect from his cagers but is counting on Joe Keefe, who had an average of 18 points per-game last year, for his scoring punch.

The Knights from Curley will have only one game under their belt when they meet St. Patrick's but showed plenty of promise in their 58-48 loss to Miami Jackson. Ed Montellicano is the top returnee from last year's squad and should lead the Knights past small St. Pat's.

The Shamrocks have been playing all the big schools to date and show losses to Miami Beach, Miami Southwest and Fort Lauderdale Stranahan. St. Pat's should make Curley fight for its victory with Lowell Goldman, Virgil Alonzo and Allan Damino doing the scoring.

Losers of the Sunday games will meet Tuesday night in the first game of another double-header at 6:45 p.m. The winner of the Tuesday game will advance to the consolation finals on Wednesday night.

If Central Catholic should get by Columbus on Sunday then they will meet undefeated St. Ann's of West Palm Beach in the second Tuesday night game.

St. Ann's defeated Miami Military and Belle Glade in its first two games with Bucky McGann averaging over 20 points per game. St. Ann's will be the underdog to the Catholic-Columbus winner but if McGann has a hot night could upset either.

The Curley-St. Pat's winner on Sunday does not play until Wednesday night when it moves into the championship game.

The complete schedule: *
GAME NO. 1 - Dec. 27 at 2:30 - Central Catholic vs. Christopher Columbus
GAME NO. 2 - Dec. 27 at 4 p.m. - Curley vs. St. Patrick's
GAME NO. 3 - Dec. 29 at 6:45 - Loser Game No. 1 vs. Loser Game No. 2
GAME NO. 4 - Dec. 29 at 8:15 - Winner Game No. 1 vs. St. Ann's
GAME NO. 5 - Dec. 30 at 6:45 - Winner Game No. 3 vs. Loser Game No. 4 for Consolation Championship
GAME NO. 6 - Dec. 30 at 8:15 - Winner Game No. 2 vs. Winner Game No. 4 for Tournament Championship

All-Florida Names Six

Six Diocese of Miami Catholic high football players were named to the honorable mention list of the annual Little All-Florida team selected by The Miami Herald.

Archbishop Curley High of Miami placed three members on the list with end Frank LaPietra, center Pat Brickman and quarterback Gene Duffy while Christopher Columbus had its brother combination of Tom and Jack Ellison selected. Tom, who played both end and fullback, was picked for end and Jack for the backfield.

Tommy Richmond, St. Anastasia's high scoring half-back, was also on the list.

The only Catholic high player on the first team was Richard Pierson of Orlando Bishop Moore, one of the state's leading scorers.

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Central Catholic built up its big lead in the second period and were 10 points ahead at the half-way mark. Fort Lauderdale, trailing by six points at the start of the fourth quarter, tied the score with 5:28 left to play and after trading points with the Raiders pulled away to win in the final minute of play.

Ron Gillis scored 20 points to lead the Central Catholic attack while ace scorer Frank Bean accounted for 12. Tom McCabe had eight for the Raiders.

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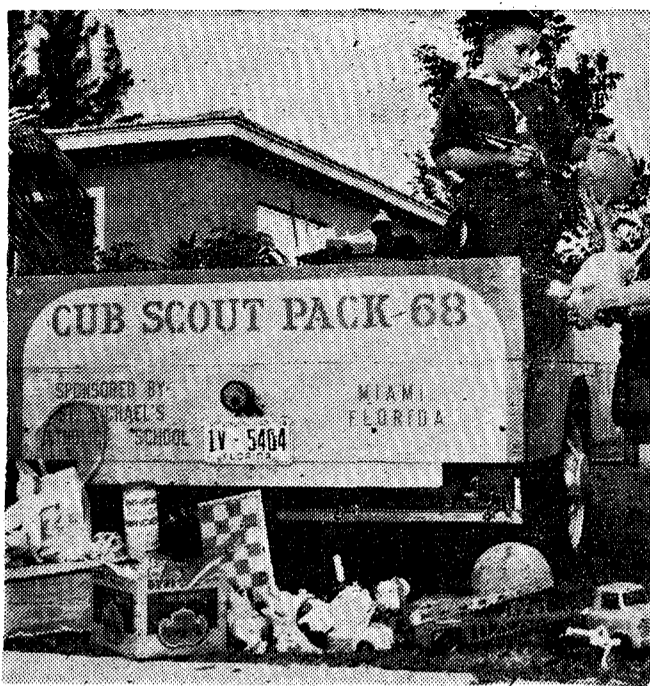
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Tips For Teenagers

What Would Life Be Like If Christ Had Not Come?

By FATHER G. W. HAFFORD

We have become so accustomed to the idea of Christmas that perhaps it no longer leaves the deep wonderful impression on us that it should. If we could imagine ourselves as foreign missionaries, faced with the delightful opportunity of telling someone for the first time the

story of the first Christmas, we would get the idea in all its wonder. Sometime during the holidays try to imagine what your life would be if Christ had not come. Then, perhaps, you will begin to appreciate how much He loves you.

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PERFECT PRAYER

The most perfect kind of prayer is said in thanksgiving. It's said that if we spend all the time we devote in prayer to actually thanking God for life, and everything our life holds, He will find our prayers much more acceptable. It's something to give thought to, and then a bit of an experiment.

YOU NAME IT —A career is just a job that a person really likes.

HOW TO DO IT

This will give you something to think about if you are too young to put it to work right now. Medical men say that a person 25 years of age and older should reduce his food intake one per cent every year. One of the reasons given is that with all the gadgets one has to help reduce work, a person does not require as much food as in days gone by, and one begins to taper off in the department of physical exercise or exertion. Right at this time of year such advice is hard to follow what with cookies and Christmas treats, but it is smart to heed, for next Christmas might be even more exciting than this. So stay alive.

THOUGHT For The Weak — Some people who are lost in thought never come back the same.

Mother Seton

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of Brother Jeremy emphasizes simplicity, while that of Mother Seton presents "the triumph of charity."

He said that "both of these virtues are needed by the modern world, dissatisfied because of every manner of complication and confusion, but above all feverish with egoism which is a contradiction of the tranquil and fruitful life and of human and Christian fraternity."

Mother Seton was born Elizabeth Ann Bayley in New York City in 1774. A devout Episcopalian, she married William Seton when she was 20. After his death in 1803 she was left with five children. She became a Catholic in 1805 and four years later she founded the American Congregation of the Sisters of Charity. She died in 1821.

Capuchin Brother Jeremy of Wallachia was born in what is now Rumania on July 29, 1556. He went to Naples, Italy, to join the Capuchin Order. The first steps in his beatification cause were taken two years after his death on March 5, 1626. His cause was not taken up again until 1952.

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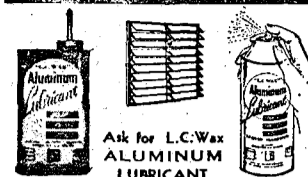
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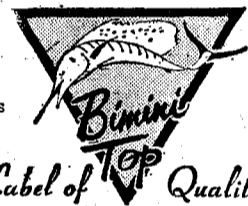
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In addition to missals and bibles, there are biographies of saints, novels based on Catholic themes, and church histories that are popular choices this year.

At the Christopher Book Store, 2920 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, many calls have been made for "My Catholic Faith" by Louis LaRavoire Morrow, and the "Catholic Marriage Manual" by Father George A. Kelly.

John R. Robertson, who manages the non-profit shop sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, reported that the "Catholic Picture Bible" by Father Lawrence G. Lovasik, S.V.D., has been another popular volume

along with "Three To Get Married" by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Paperback editions of favorite best sellers in Catholic literature are equally in demand, Mr. Robertson said. They can be fitted into a Christmas stocking for younger members of the family, and for the adults as well. Leaders in this category are "The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux," "Our Lady of Fatima" by William Thomas Walsh and "Jesus and His Times" by Daniel-Rops.

At least three biographies of Pope John XXIII have come off the presses and are being gift-wrapped for future reading. According to book critic Msgr. John S. Kennedy, "the best of the biographies of the present Holy Father is 'Pope John XXIII' by Zsolt Aradi, Father James I. Tucek and James C. O'Neill." Readers of

"The Voice" will recall that the volume was serialized in their diocesan newspaper during the summer.

The field of fiction is being led by a novel which has received mixed reviews in the Catholic press. Entitled "The Devil's Advocate" and written by Morris L. West, is the best

American Poles Warned Of Hurting Polish People

PITTSBURGH (NC) — Americans of Polish extraction were cautioned by Bishop John J. Wright against using freedom in this country so that it would add unnecessary crosses to the people of Poland. He reminded the Central Council of Polish Organizations that statements and protests "which cost us nothing... might hurt those we wish to help!"

selling "religious" book at the Doubleday Store, 934 Lincoln Rd., Miami Beach. Monsignor Kennedy "expressed cordial admiration of it." Other works of fiction which are recommended include John Buell's "The Pyx," Walter Macken's "Seek the Fair Land" and Francois Mauriac's "Questions of Precedence."

For readers who prefer volumes that are purely spiritual, Catholic critics are suggesting "The World To Come" by Father Robert W. Gleason, S.J., "The Life of Christ" by Andres Fernandez, and "Liturgical Retreat" by Father Roy J. Howard, S.J.

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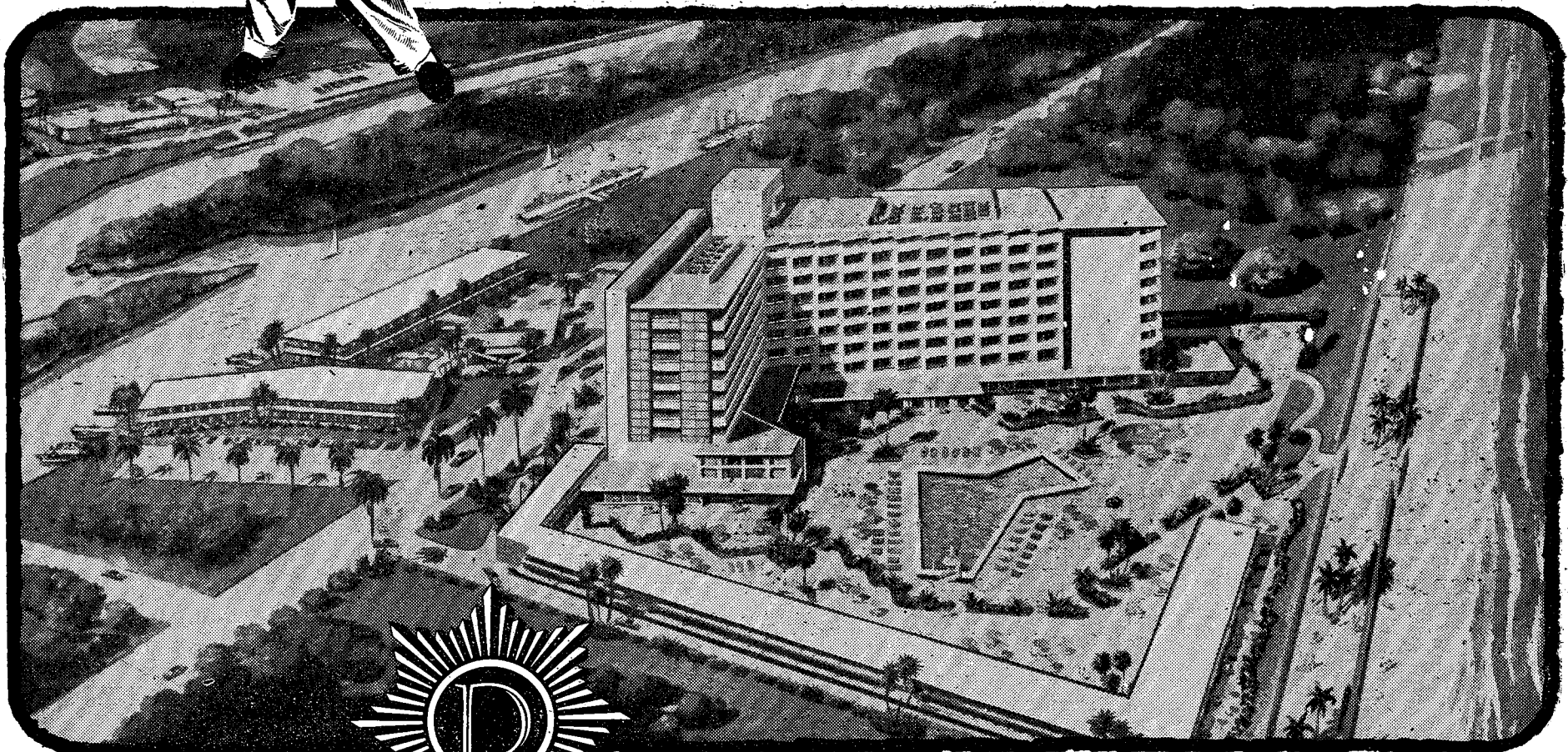


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