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Catholic Churches To Offer Prayers For Mexicans

Bishop Sends Letter to Priests Urging All Parishioners to Join Pope in Prayers

The Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D., bishop of Rochester, has issued a pastoral letter to all priests in the diocese, asking them to invite all their parishioners to join with Pope Pius XI. in his prayers for the Catholics in Mexico. The letter follows:

"Conformably to the direction of our Holy Father, Pius XI, I am issuing through you to the faithful of your parish the invitation to unite their prayers with those of the Holy Father for the ending of the persecution in Mexico and for the pardon of the persecutors. His Holiness asks that these prayers be offered on the first day of August, the Feast of Saint Peter in Chains, which coincidentally is the day of the great Portiuncula Indulgence.

"It is directed, therefore, by me that on next Sunday, August 1, the Oratio Imperata, 'Pro Quacunque Necessitate' be said in all the Masses, and that at the conclusion of the last Mass in every church the pastor will recite with the faithful the Litany of the Saints; and that all who will receive holy communion on that day be requested to have in their prayers the intention of our Holy Father."

The offering of prayer for the Catholics in Mexico will, undoubtedly, be general on both sides of the water Sunday, as the Pope has expressed the wish that "the entire Catholic world" should follow those in Rome. The secretary of state at the Vatican, Cardinal Gasparri, recently wrote in the name of Pope Pius, to the church's archbishops, recommending that prayers be offered in that day. The cardinal refers to the fact that Sunday will be the feast of Saint Peter in Chains.

"The date is most opportune, since it recalls the prayers of the faithful in the first persecution of the church that secured such miraculous intervention from God," he continued, referring to the account in the Book of Acts, of how the Apostles were released from prison.

"Another happy coincidence is that the prayers will begin on the day of the great Portiuncula Indulgence, of more solemn import this year because it marks the seventh centenary of the death of St. Francis," said the letter.

The cardinal writes that "His Holiness is deeply grieved that so beloved a portion of his flock is subjected to such a persecution." The Pope recently wrote himself by hand a letter to the Cardinal Vicar, charging him to ask "the faithful of Rome," to join him in prayers for the Mexicans.

Solemn Closing of Novena to St. Anne

Last Monday night witnessed the closing of the Solemn Novena in honor of St. Anne at St. Joseph's Church.

The novena was given by Rev. Peter Waringer, a missionary priest of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. For nine days there had been Rosary, Sermon, Novena Prayers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Each morning a Mass was celebrated for those who were making this novena.

On Monday, July 26th, the feast of St. Anne a solemn High Mass was celebrated at 7:30 by Rev. Charles Burger, C. S. S. R., assisted by Rev. Francis Bader, C. S. S. R., as deacon and Rev. Louis Vollmer C. S. S. R., as subdeacon. Monday night at 7:45 o'clock after the usual sermon the Papal Blessing was given to all the faithful. After this Solemn Benediction was given.

Each night after the services a relic of the Saint was given to the faithful for veneration.

SS. Peter and Paul's

School collection will be taken up at the masses on Sunday.

At the request of the Women's Sodality a requiem mass was said on Tuesday morning for Mrs. Pauline Zapf, late member of the sodality.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 44, Knights of St. John will be held on Monday evening, August 2nd. The delegates who attended the convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, will give a report at this meeting. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

Supper and Carnival

The Mission Society of St. Joseph's Church will hold a supper and carnival Wednesday evening, August 4th in the school yard. Supper will be served from 5 to 7:30. At 8 o'clock the side show will begin. Don't miss it. Come and bring your friends. Everybody welcome. All kinds of amusements for young and old. Bring the children, their sure to have a good time. Entrance on Franklin street.

Mt. Carmel Lawn Fete

The fourth annual lawn fete of Mount Carmel parish opened on the school grounds Thursday night and will continue to-morrow and Saturday evenings.

The school grounds, which have been enlarged during the past year, have been decorated with colored lights. Booths have been erected and these will be well stocked with blankets, candy, dolls, serving trays, silver, and electrical appliances. Ice cream and soft drinks will be on sale. The proceeds of the festival will be applied on the debt recently contracted when a site for a new church was purchased.

The following young men and women of the parish are members of the various committees in charge of the festival: Rose Mancuso, Sarah Mancuso, Mary Petrosal, Hilida Petrosal, Elvira Paelesse, Josephine Granata, Emma Gerstner, Mary Ricotta, Madalyn Mascari, Catherine Morall, Assunta Brescia, Edith Brescia, Annette Giamberardino, Carmela Maszula, Josephine Dispensa, Lucy Broccolo, Angelina Gimino, Mary Laiuppa, Josephine Laiuppa, Dominic Nigler, Joseph Ross, James Claglis, Guy Cptali, James D'Amico, Paul Brusca, Joseph Cirincione, Andrew Cirincione, Charles Dispensa, Louis Dispensa, Antony Salomone, Nicholas Marchiola, Dominic Gekko and Angelo Incavo.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

A lawn social is being conducted on the church grounds this week end by the Rosary and Holy Name Societies.

An Oldsmobile Sedan, valued at \$1,115 will be given away at the fete.

Celebrate Anniversary Of St. Joseph's Society

A parade of the Federated Italian Societies and the Sons of Italy, followed by a band concert at Catania Park, Norton Street, marked the second day's ceremonies in commemoration of the second anniversary of St. Joseph's Society of the Church of the Annunciation Sunday afternoon and evening. A display of fireworks and dancing in the pavilion concluded the entertainment.

Order Of Martha Hold Successful Cruise

Household No. 118, Order of Martha of St. Francis Xavier Church, celebrated its patronal feast Thursday, July 29th, by a general reunion of its members, aboard the steamer Ontario No. 1. A programme of sports for the children was arranged and a pleasant time had by all.

WEDDINGS

CALHOUN—ROCHE.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude A. Roche of Virginia Avenue, and Arthur B. Calhoun of Weldon Street, took place Monday morning at St. Monica's Church.

Carl Frenz was best man. The ushers were Harry Calhoun, brother of the bridegroom, and John Bebe.

After the ceremony a reception took place at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun left on a trip to the Adirondacks. They will be at home in Woodbine avenue after August 15th.

LANCASTER—STENSON.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth F. Stenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stenson, of Emerson street, and Alfred J. Lancaster, son of Mrs. Mary Lancaster of Lake avenue, took place Thursday, July 22d, at Holy Rosary Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. A. Hughes.

The attendants were Mrs. Nellie McLean and Anthony G. Stenson, aunt and uncle of the bride.

After the ceremony dinner was served to twenty-one guests. Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster will live at No. 368 1-2 Emerson street.

Piccadilly Theater.

Pola Negri in her first role as comedienne in "Good and Naughty" will be the film feature at the Piccadilly for the first four days of this week, beginning Sunday. Ever since she came across the ocean to play in American films her admirers have been clamoring for Miss Negri to play in an up-to-date story of a light nature and with a strictly American setting. In Avery Hopwood's popular stage farce which played for months on Broadway with Irene Bordoni in the lead is the answer to these demands.

Ford Sterling and Tom Moore have prominent roles.

"It's The Old Army Game," meaning "Never Give a Sucker An Even Break," will bring D. W. Griffith's folies star, to the Piccadilly the latter half of the week, beginning Thursday, in another of his hilarious comedies.

Louise Brooks, another folies star has the feminine lead. A comedy, "Chase Me," and other features supplement the principle film.

Pilgrimage and Tour to Father Baker's Shrine

The interest displayed by the Catholics of Rochester, N. Y., and vicinity and by the subscribers of the Victorian Magazine and friends of Father Baker in the First Annual Pilgrimage and Tour to Father Baker's Shrine at Lackawanna, N. Y., on the outskirts of Buffalo, N. Y., just completed costing \$5,000,000 and to the World famous Niagara Falls, N. Y., has been far beyond all expectations. Large number of letters of inquiry are pouring in every day.

The tour is being arranged by the Washington Tours and Travel Dept. of the Catholic Union and Times Press, Buffalo, N. Y., which is officially recognized by the Buffalo Diocese, and by Father Baker himself. The pilgrimage party will leave Rochester early Sunday morning, August 15th. Immediately upon arrival in Buffalo the pilgrims will be transferred in special busses to the Lackawanna hotel where they will meet pilgrims from other points. At 10 a. m. the pilgrims will march in a body to Our Lady of Victory Shrine a distance of one half block. The pilgrims will occupy specially reserved seats during the Solemn Pontifical high Mass celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Nelson Baker, Protosacer Apostolic, which will mark the closing of the great and Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Victory in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into heaven. Following the Mass a beautiful procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Shrine and on the grounds of Father Baker's St. John Rectory. After the services the pilgrims will be conducted through Our Lady of Victory Shrine and all will be explained in full detail.

Luncheon will be served at 1 p. m. at the new and up to date Lackawanna Hotel. At 1:45 p. m. all those who care to see the Falls will leave in a special train for Niagara Falls, N. Y., where the rest of the day will be spent in sight seeing of the world famous Niagara Falls and its many points of interest. A very interesting tour around the Niagara Gorge over the Niagara Belt Line has been arranged whereby the pilgrims will view the Falls to the best of their advantage from the Canadian and the American sides. A sumptuous dinner will be served the pilgrims in the New Niagara Hotel. The special pilgrimage train will leave for Rochester at 7 p. m. arriving at Rochester about 10 p. m.

This pilgrimage has the approval of the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Nelson Baker, who also is leading his fullest cooperation for its success. The pilgrimage includes everything of the very best, this has been done only through a special arrangement and co-operation with the railroads, sight-seeing companies and the hotels in Lackawanna and at Niagara Falls, N. Y. The cost of the Tour has been set at very low figures in order that all may take advantage of this extraordinary tour. The party is positively limited to two hundred. A great number of reservations have already been booked.

For reservations, cost and full Washington Tours and Travel Dept. of the Catholic Union and Times Press, Franklin and Erie streets, Buffalo, N. Y.

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