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Minneapolis Priest Obtained  
 Approval of Vatican to  
 Have Special Pictures  
 Taken.

Minneapolis, March 27.—The Rev. J. W. Brady, assistant pastor of St. Thomas Church here, returned this week from Europe with the first motion pictures ever taken of a ceremonial Catholic Mass in Rome. Father Brady said he had great difficulty, but finally received approval of the Vatican to take the pictures in the cloister of St. Isador's, the Paulist church in Rome.

The celebrant of the Mass for the special film was Father John B. Buckley, formerly of the Paulist Fathers Church in New York, now located in Rome.

Vatican Gives Permission

"I was told when I proposed making this picture that it was impossible," Father Brady said. "I told the Vatican authorities that there had been motion pictures of the apostles' services at the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, and that sooner or later a picture would be made. I believed it a better plan to have the picture made under the best conditions. Finally, I received permission and with the aid of camera men from the National Institute Lucea, the central Italian motion picture bureau, the film was made."

The priest said he had had audiences with the Pope on the question of a change in the calendar year, and the Holy Father revealed that he already had communicated with the League of Nations on the question of a thirteen-month calendar, having no opposition to it himself. He said the subject of a fixed date for Easter also had been discussed.

Father Brady was ordained in 1925 and previous to his study for a religious career was a well-known cartoonist and artist.



Glad Season  
 of Renewal

A season of rejoicing is here—Easter, with its spirit of renewal. Life that has been dormant through the winter months awakens itself; the snow and ice that have covered the earth disappear; brooks and rivers swell; the sap runs from the trees; the migratory birds return from the south; the sun warms the chilly surface of the earth. All that was seemingly dead becomes again infused with life. Man, too, should renew himself. The body, along with all nature, is renewed in the spring and mankind should seek to rejuvenate spiritually as well.

By a happy circumstance Easter fell in the season when spring was just beginning, at the vernal equinox—when day and night are practically of the same length all over the earth.

The goddess of spring was venerated, sometimes, with extreme jubilation, and the Resurrection took place here after the Jewish feast of the Passover—the first and greatest of the three annual festivals of the Jews—instituted by Moses in commemoration of the deliverance of the Israelites from the Egyptian bondage. The very Jewish Passover was a renewal of the natural life of the people, long held in bondage by the pharaohs.

Old Tradition Preserved

The early Christians carried over into their new faith many of the traditions of old. The ancient feasts and celebrations did not at once die out among them. They gave new meanings to their feasts. It was only natural that the day of the Resurrection—the day upon which the Savior, after having tasted the bitterness of persecution, betrayal and death, after having borne his cross for the salvation of mankind, arose from the dead into a life never-ending, triumphant over everything—should appeal to the imagination as no other feast day.

The Sunday, the first day of the week, succeeded the Jewish Sabbath—the seventh day of the week—the day of rest. And thus Easter even may be said to mark the first differentiation of the Christians from the Jewish faith, as in many ways it symbolized their essential continuity.

The very first Christians set their Easter feast by the Jewish lunar calendar of 354 days and celebrated it upon week days or upon the Sabbath, as an annual observance. But about the year 190, in the time of Pope Victor, and when Septimius Severus was emperor of Rome, a controversy arose over the proper date for celebrating the feast, because the Gentile Christians in parts of the empire were reckoning their calendar by the Roman year. The Asiatic dioceses held with the Jewish Christians that Easter should be celebrated on the fourteenth day of Nisan, even if upon a week day. The supporters of this contention were given the name of Quartodecimans. The western dioceses, following apostolic tradition and the Roman calendar, were for an Easter upon Sunday only, that Sunday to be determined by reference to the four-

teenth day of the vernal week. A synod of bishops decided in favor of the western contention and the decree was gradually respected throughout the Roman empire.

Time of Crucifixion

The Crucifixion actually took place upon the day following the fourteenth of the first Jewish month, Nisan. The fourteenth was the day for slaughtering of the lamb for the Passover under the Jewish law. On that day the head of the family killed the lamb and its blood was sprinkled on the door sill in commemoration of the night preceding the escape from Egypt, when the angel went through the country and slew all the first-born but passed over the houses of the Israelites. Then, the Crucifixion was on the day of the Passover feast. There is, therefore, to the Christian mind, connection both real and ideal between the Old Testament and the New Dispensation as emphasized and typified by the coincidence of the Jewish Feast and the Passion of Jesus—the lamb of the sacrifice and the Lamb of God.—New York Herald Tribune.

THAT OTHER DAY

They lay the colors drip a day way—  
 A path, across my kitchen floor to-day,  
 Vermilion, blue, jade green, emerald,  
 rose  
 Upon my spotless sink and on their clothes.

I will not scrub this brightness from the room.  
 The spots seem like the small flowers in bloom  
 Dropped here by children's fingers, pollen sweet—  
 As once, in old Jerusalem, they decked a street.  
 —Josephine Bouton, in the Christian.

Ancient Feast of Eggs

The exchange of eggs in spring has been traced back far beyond the Christian era. The egg was a symbol of the germination of life; was worshipped and considered of the most sacred of things. The ancient Romans and Persians held a feast of eggs at their solar new year, about March 25. Eggs were dyed and games were played with them. It was an occasion of great licentiousness.

LIFE AGAIN

Out of the dusk a shadow,  
 Then, a spark;  
 Out of the cloud a silence,  
 Then, a bark;  
 Out of the heart a rupture,  
 Then, a pain;  
 Out of the dead, cold ashes,  
 Life again.

Named for Easter

Easter has given its name to Easter Island in the southern Pacific; Easter hole, in Patagonia, a fearsome cavern, believed by the natives to be bottomless; Easter hill, in the New Hebrides; and Easter Sunday canyon, in Arizona.

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