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AMONG THE NEW CARDINALS



Among the 29 Cardinals to be proclaimed by His Holiness Pius XI at the Consistory in December are the following: Upper row, left to right, Archbishop ...

THREE KINGS RULE OVER PUERTO RICO

Magi Not Santa Claus Get Attention of Islanders at Christmas Time

By J. M. TOO-NARJO. Fourteen hundred-odd miles southeast of Manhattan—a day by air, far by water—struggles the largest overseas community of American citizens living upon the only speck of land under the Stars and Stripes on which Columbus set foot. Two-thirds the size of Connecticut—with the Lamb of God and a Gospel text on its seal—Puerto Rico is Uncle Sam's sunny land of the Magi. Uncle Sam's colony with three Kings the three Kings of the Epiphany. Santa Claus is not for them.

Story of Christianity Presented in Volume

New York (NC)—Prompted, the author states, by evidence that "never before, perhaps, in the history of the world, has mankind so desperately needed Christianity as it does today," the English Press has published "I Believe," a volume by the Rev. Wilfred G. Hurley, C.S.P.

word as starting from the simple truth that God exists and then bringing forth the other truths which, it says, inevitably follow. Dedicated to the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, the book presents the teachings of the Church graphically and in simplified language. It is profusely illustrated.

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AROUND CRIB IN HOME IS SUGGESTED FOR FAMILY

By THE REV. WILLIAM H. PORTER, S.J. BRIGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

The purpose of the following article is to offer a suggestion for a family Christmas celebration around the Christmas crib in the home. Its purpose is also to encourage the building of Christmas cribs in the home and the holding of devotions around the crib on the great Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.

Arrange the crib beneath the Christmas tree or near it. The crib for the family should be placed in the room in which the Christmas tree is set up. A glowing fireplace lights up the room; no other lights, except burning candles which members of the family may hold. All these are distant from the crib and are...

right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For they only are holy. They only are the Lord. Thou only, O Jesus Christ, art most high, together with the Holy Ghost, in glory of God the Father. Amen. Leader: Let us pray, O God. Who hast made with holy angels and shining forth with the brightness of this starry light, grant we beseech Thee, that we may enjoy His happiness in heaven, the mystery of Whose light we have known here on earth. This living and reigning in unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Weekly Calendar of Feast Days

Tuesday, December 11—St. Melchior was appointed abbot of the monastery at Moy in the time of Clovis. During a terrible famine he fed nearly the whole city of Orleans with wheat from his monastic granaries, miraculously defying it. After governing his monastery for ten years, he died as he had lived, in the odor of sanctity, in the year 450. Wednesday, December 12—St. Elizabeth, Bishop, was born of a noble family on the island of Sardinia. He was taken to Rome by his mother and having been ordained, served the Church of Vercelli with a zeal that when the episcopal chair became vacant became unanimously chosen by both clergy and laity to fill it. He fought courageously against the heretics who had been introduced to Scythopolis and thence to Upper Thebais in Egypt, and died in the year 371. Thursday, December 13—St. Olympia was the glory of the widows of the Eastern Church. After the death of her husband twenty days after her marriage she resolved to consecrate her life to prayer and to devote her fortune to the poor. She was appointed deaconess by Innocentius, Archbishop of Constantinople. She suffered great persecution and was crowned a virgin by a saintly death about the year 410. Wednesday, December 14—St. German, Bishop, came from Rome with St. Basil of Caesarea, about the middle of the third century. In spite of great opposition he succeeded in making converts to the faith, although constantly in danger of death at the hands of the heathen. He died in peace and was honored with a martyr's cult. Thursday, December 15—St. Nemesius, Martyr, was an Egyptian who was apprehended at Alexandria during the persecution of Diocletian. He was charged with having committed theft and having easily cleared himself of this accusation, he was then charged with being a Christian. After being scourged and otherwise tortured he was condemned to be burnt with robbers and other malefactors. Friday, December 16—St. Philogonius, Bishop, was placed in the See of Antioch upon the death of Theophilus in 345. When Julius, bishop of Alexandria, St. Alexander condemned him and sent the sentence in a synodal letter to St. Philogonius who strenuously defended the Catholic Faith before the Council of the Council of Nicaea. In the storm which was raised against the Church first by Maximian II and afterward by Licinius St. Philogonius won the title of Confessor. Saturday, December 17—St. Thomas, apostle, was one of the fishermen on the lake of Galilee whom Our Lord called to be one of His apostles. He was slow to believe and after the Resurrection would not credit the report that Christ had risen. But at the actual sight of the pierced hands and side and the gentle rebuke of the Saviour, unbelief was gone forever as his faith triumphed in the joyous utterance, "My Lord, and my God."

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Swiss Students Urge Study of Encyclical

Fribourg (NC)—At its recent congress, held at Solothurn, the Society of Swiss Students adopted a resolution asking the University of Fribourg to institute a chair devoted exclusively to the study of the Encyclical "Humani Generis Summa." The congress also voted to support as actively as possible the movement in favor of total revision of the Swiss Federal Constitution in the sense of a federalist, Christian and democratic State. When next faith is put in the text of the encyclical, you may know that God knows there is good news in it.

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