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Catholics of England Building New Churches Despite Bombings

By GEORGE BAINBRIDGE LONDON. (INC) - Although churches are falling through enemy action in various parts of the country, churches are still being built here and there, and others are being extended.

It is not likely that churches destroyed by bombing here will be rebuilt until after the war. The Church of England authorities have decided to wait.

Some of the sums of Tyburn have been returned to their convents. The nuns of the convents have been ordered to do so.

Three days of special intercessions were observed in all churches throughout England and Wales by the dioceses of the hierarchy.

Explosion of the Blessed Sacrament was observed in every church in which it was possible to make the sacrament.

Pope Benedict XV's prayer for peace was recited in the churches together with the Miserere and the Gloria of the Mass.

The Cardinal added: "We must not be discouraged by difficulties. Let us turn to God wholeheartedly."

Fleet Chaplain



Commander William A. Maguire, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, who has just assumed his duties on the staff of the Commander of the Battle Force as Senior Chaplain Afloat, with the title of Fleet Chaplain, stationed on board the flagship California.

Italian Catholic Daily Scores Journalists Who Criticize Holy See

VICHY, France. - The Catholic daily newspaper, Italia di Milano, has published an article scoring journalists who criticize the Holy See and observance of Christmas.

"An attack on the Vatican newspaper, which we had considered on the whole, very interesting and more, we find ourselves annoyed," the article stated.

The article stated: "It is not our duty to defend the content of Count Dalla Torre's newspaper, nor to give any advice or suggestion. If we mention the subject, it is because we cannot explain the repetition of an abuse by which the religious feelings of all who profess the Catholic faith are wounded."

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"You have heard of missionaries calling locusts heaven's army? Well, hereafter you must count me as one of them! In the evening of this eventful day I found 15 feeding-the-fat locusts in my plate at supper time. My first reaction was to bring the plate to the side with disgust."

"Well being an American, I am tempted to try anything once! I ate a second one, then a third, and kept right on till I had eaten my dozen 'hoppers'. I must admit I do not find much taste to them yet, and I have no intention of exporting the dish to the U. S. A."

Presents Bicycle For Mission Use At Audience With Pope

VATICAN CITY. - When His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, received Gino Bartali, Italy's champion cyclist, in audience on Saturday, Signor Bartali presented a bicycle for use on the missions.

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Text of Pontiff's Message Voicing Hope For Christmas Peace

Since the present war is bringing ruin and carnage not only to combatant armies but sometimes even to peaceable citizens, we, inspired by the paternal affection which we cherish toward all peoples, are everlastingly praying that an armistice at least spiritual comfort to those who are bearing sorrows and distresses of all kinds because of war.

Let us hope and trust that at least on that holy night and on that holy day all belligerents will declare a truce, either spontaneously or by mutual agreement, so that the clash of arms shall not surpass the angelic chorus of peace which will be repeated in the sacred temples and that there will be no new bloodshed to disturb or misery, extinguish the heavenly joy of that hour.

In any event however moved by a desire that, as we said above, the faithful shall not lack heavenly blessings and comforts after major deliberations, by means of our apostolic authority, we decree and establish by Motu Proprio as follows:

With the present very sad circumstances continuing in those regions in which black-out laws are in force, it is permissible for individual Ordinaries to concede that in parishes, metropolitan, cathedral, collegiate and parochial churches Mass, which usually is celebrated at Christmas midnight, be celebrated instead in the afternoon of Christmas Eve in such a way, however, that between the end of the sacred rite and the moment in which the above-mentioned laws are enforced there remain some intervals of time.

Ordinaries may also concede the above provision to other churches and public oratories - not however to semi-public and private oratories - provided they enjoy by custom or centuries since time immemorial or by apostolic indulgence the privilege of having the Eucharistic Sacrifice celebrated on the night of Christmas Eve.

Those who piously take part in the Eucharistic Sacrifice the afternoon of Christmas Eve will fulfill the holy duty for the following day.

Finally all of the faithful who take part in the Eucharistic Sacrifice the afternoon of Christmas Eve may, even if they received Holy Communion the morning of Christmas Eve, approach the Holy Table, provided they are confessed, well-disposed and have fasted for four hours.

They may not, however, approach the Divine Table the following day, unless they will and ordain everything established in this Motu Proprio shall have force and effect, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Priest Says No Economic Santa

BATHURST, N. B. - In opening a special mass of the course of study in Sacred Heart University here on the co-operative movement, the Rev. Dr. M. M. Coady, head of the Extension Department of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N. S. said: "There is no use waiting for Santa Claus to change economic conditions," but "with energy and sacrifice we can realize the destiny which is ours and of which we must become conscious."

"It is the duty of the middle class to go out and attain this destiny," he said. "The first requisite for economic recovery is free will put to good use. That will power must be applied to work through adult education. During the past 10 years, 75,000 people in these provinces have been enrolled in study clubs, forums and other types of adult education movements. These people have developed personal efficiency."

Bishop Pinton Named To Sela Titular See

VATICAN CITY. - The Most Rev. Joseph G. Pinton, retired Bishop of Grand Rapids, has been appointed to the titular See of Sela.

A native of Rockland, Mich., where he was born on Oct. 3, 1884, Bishop Pinton was ordained November 1, 1910. He recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his priestly career. He was named Bishop of Superior on December 3, 1934, and was consecrated on May 3, 1937. He was translated to the See of Grand Rapids on June 25, 1939.

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