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GRIB FEATURED

A special program has been planned to mark the Great Feast of Christmas Preceding the Midnight Mass the children's choir will sing the Christmas hymns beginning at 11:40

The regular choir will then sing the Mass.

Rev. Lec. Schwab, pastor, will celebrate the Midnight Mass and Rev. Winfred Gunther, C.P. of Scranton, will preach the sermon.

'Keys Of The Kingdom' Heads Catholic List Of Current Best-Sellers

NEW YORK (INC) "The Keys of the Kingdom" by A. J. Cronin, takes the lead in the November Book Log of volumes recorded as best sellers in Catholic book stores of the nation, published by America, weekly review edited by the Jesuit Fathers here.

Another feature of the Book Log is the inclusion of four new titles in the first 10 listed in the Log, which represents the result of a sales survey of 40 leading Catholic book stores throughout the nation. These volumes are: "The Story of American Catholicism," by Theodore Maynard; "The Emancipation of a Free Thinker," by Herbert E. Cory; "All Day Long," by Daniel Sargent; and "Gall and Honey," by Edward Doherty.

"The Keys of the Kingdom" drops "The Man Who Got Even with God" by the Rev. M. Raymond, into second place after it has held first place for several months. The listing in order of sales is as follows:

"The Keys of the Kingdom" (Little, Brown); "The Man Who Got Even with God" (Bruce); "A Declaration of Dependence" by Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen (Bruce); "The Story of American Catholicism" (Macmillan); "The Emancipation of a Free Thinker" (Bruce); "All Day Long" (Longmans, Green and Company); "Fear Not, Little Flock" by the Rev. George Zempfer (Bruce); "Gall and Honey" (Sheed and Ward); "Eric Gill Autobiography" (Devon-Adair); and "Land of Spices" by Kate O'Brien (Doubleday, Doran).

American Women Sending Supplies, Funds, To British

NEW YORK — The American Women's Unit for War Relief is sending supplies and funds for Catholic war relief in Great Britain and has been doing so regularly since its establishment by Contessa de Janze in 1939. It was announced at a meeting of the unit here.

Mrs. Porter Chandler, president of the unit announced that a cable of appreciation and thanks for recent contributions had been received from Lady Illingsworth on behalf of the Catholic Women's League in England. The funds sent it was announced, will be between the Catholic Women's League work for women in war services and Cardinal Hinsley's fund for aid to damaged churches.

The annual Communion Breakfast for the Young Ladies Sodality took place on Sunday, Dec. 7. The Sodality received Communion in a body at the 9 o'clock Mass and attended the breakfast held in the school hall immediately afterward. The Rev. Joseph O'Connell of Nazareth Academy was principal speaker on this occasion.

Mission Bishop Tells Of Poverty In China

TORONTO — Wanting a vivid world picture of the material poverty of the great mass of the Chinese people, the Most Rev. W. C. McGrath, Vicar General of the Scarborough Foreign Mission Society and Vicar Apostolic of Lishui, China, speaking on the "Catholic Hour" broadcast from St. Michael's Cathedral here, said Catholic missionaries were happy to share the sacrifices and privations of the Chinese people in order to show them "the hopes and joys of the Christian life, the peace that this world can neither give nor take away, the abiding realization of the transitory nature of all life's trials and sorrows."

"Why were you kept in school this morning, Tommy?" "Because I laughed when the teacher said: 'Never use a preposition to end a sentence with!'"

Other Masses will be at 7, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock.

Confessions will be heard on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

In keeping with the Feast, a beautiful crib will be erected before the St. Joseph altar. It will depict the Manger scene and recall the first Christmas.

Books Available

In response to numerous requests for more information on Lourdes, Father Schwab has placed two books in the Herby Ave. school library. One is the "Sublime Shepherdess" by Frances Parkinson Keyes and the other is "Bernadette of Lourdes" by Margaret Blanton.

Many have asked for authoritative books and these are written by competent authors. Father Schwab has given a title of the history of Lourdes each Sunday so as to acquaint all with the beautiful story of the appearance of the Blessed Lady to Bernadette.

TO PRESENT FLAGS

Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, will present a Papal and an American Flag to Our Lady of Lourdes parish early in January. Full details of the presentation will appear in later editions.

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Ceylon Thirteen candidates for the priesthood were ordained at ceremonies at the Papal Seminary at Kandy by the Most Rev. Bernard Regno, Bishop of Kandy. Among them was Fra Francisco, well-known writer for The Catholic Messenger, who was one of two priests ordained for the Diocese of Kandy.

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