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Christmas Radio Talk Set By Pope

VATICAN CITY.—(NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII will deliver a Christmas Message over the Vatican City radio at noon, Rome Time, on Christmas Eve, as in previous years. At the conclusion of his discourse the Sovereign Pontiff will impart the Apostolic Benediction. An English translation of the Pope's message will be broadcast to the United States.

The Holy Father's address will be delivered in response to the message of Christmas greeting from the Sacred College of Cardinals presented by the Cardinal Dean. His Holiness will speak in the Consistory Hall.

The time set for the broadcast of the English translation for the United States is tentatively at 3:45 P. M., Eastern War Time.

Midnight Mass Rites Listed At Army Camps

CAMP LEE, Va.—Camp Lee's first Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at midnight Christmas Eve.

Catholic soldiers participating in the Mass will gather in the large theater No. 1 on the post. Richmond's station WRVA will broadcast the Mass, with radio reception expected to extend in a radius the distance from Southern Virginia to New York.

Celebration and broadcasting of the Mass was made possible by cooperation of the Most Rev. Peter L. Ireton, Bishop of Richmond; Camp Chaplain Irvin G. Wickman, Christian Scientist, and Catholic Chaplains of Camp Lee. Chaplain Geoffrey Stone of the Recruit Reception Center of Camp Lee will preach, and Chaplain Jeremiah D. Sullivan will celebrate the Mass.

Music for the Mass will be arranged by the well-known orchestra leader, Paul Tremaino, now Sergeant Tremaine of Camp Headquarters.

Services of all leading denominations will take place Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Significant of the unity of service men and civilians in adjacent communities will be presence of Hopewell High School's A Capella Choir in one of the chapels of Camp Lee's Quartermaster Replacement Training Center Christmas Eve.

At Camp Lee's Quartermaster School, the chimes presented to the chapel by civilian workers who constructed the School, will have their first Yuletide use.

FT McCLELLAN, Ala.—Catholic soldiers at Fort McClellan will observe Christmas with befitting religious services, highlighted by a Solemn High Mass at Midnight, Christmas Eve.

Catholic chaplains here are completing arrangements for the impressive midnight service. The Mass will be sung in the huge Field House before an anticipated soldier attendance of 3,000, the Field House capacity.

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Deadline Advanced

To permit distribution of the CATHOLIC COURIER to subscribers before New Year's next week's issue goes to press one day earlier. All news must be in the CATHOLIC COURIER office by noon of Tuesday, Dec. 29.

'Silent Night—Holy Night'

Veteran of Pacific Ocean Battles Comes Home For Holidays

Back from a series of major battles with the Japanese in the Pacific is John A. Morrell, seaman from the carrier sunk on Oct. 21 in the battle of Santa Cruz Islands, and not yet identified by the government. First class aviation machinist mate, Morrell is the son of Mr and Mrs. Anthony J. Morrell, 1619 Davis St., of St. Anthony's Parish.

The seaman, who enlisted in November, 1939, witnessed the sinking of the Yorktown and the Wasp, participated in the Battles of Midway Island and the Coral Sea, and was with the initial force attacking Guadalcanal, although there he did not handle a gun; he "would have given a million dollars for anything, even a slingshot," because the Jap planes swooped so close to the carrier that a slingshot would have knocked them off.

BOMB MISSES HIM

Referring to the sinking of his ship, he said that disembarkation was orderly and that the men stuck to their posts as long as possible. A bomb fell within 20 feet of him, which was his nearest approach to injury. Tribute to the courage and ability of American fighters was his comment that 72 out of 80 Jap planes were destroyed planes fell apart and crash when hit, but the job is to hit them.

Contributing to the Merry Christmas at the Morrell home will be the presence of Miss Marilyn Irving, of Felix, Ariz., fiancee of the sailor. Pvt. Paul Morrell of Camp Wheeler, Va., is also expected home. Stationed too far away for a Christmas visit are Carl, at Station at Chicago, and Pvt. Anthony J. Morrell, now in Honolulu, Hawaii. Fifth member of the family to enter in the service of his country will be Jerry, who leaves Dec. 29.

John Morrell received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation at St. Anthony's Church. He attended

Bishop Kearney

Extends to the Readers

OF

THE CATHOLIC COURIER

His Best Wishes

for

A Merry Christmas

Midnight Mass Set By Bishop At Sampson

Petitioning the New Born Prince of Peace to bring the Peace of Christ to a world torn by its greatest war, the faithful in the Rochester Diocese will assemble for Midnight and other Christmas Masses as one of the most solemn Nativity Feasts in the world's history.

The week's observance will be emphasized by the Solemn Pontifical Mass to be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D. D., Bishop of Rochester at the Sampson Naval Training Station on Seneca Lake. The Bishop will preach the Christmas sermon.

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Five thousand boys at the Naval Training Station will assist at the Solemn Liturgical services and will receive Holy Communion.

Chaplains Assist

His Excellency will be assisted by Assistant Priest, the Rev. William McPadden; Deacons of Honor, Chaplain Joseph D. McDonald and Chaplain Francis M. Nolan, O.F.M.; Deacon of the Mass, the Rev. Dr. Wilfrid Cronin; Sub-deacon, Chaplain Nicephore Grolkowski; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Raymond Nolan and Assistant Master, Chaplain Eugene E. LeGault.

Navy men of the Sampson Station will fill the minor offices of the Mass.

A volunteer choir from St. Bernard's Seminary consisting of students from Rochester, Oswego and Buffalo with the Rev. Benedict Ehmann of St. Bernard's directing will sing the Mass. They will join with the Sampson Naval Training Station of 75 voices in the singing of Christmas carols before the Pontifical Mass.

Naval Escort

The Bishop will enter the large drill hall, scene of the Mass, accompanied by a military escort. The ecclesiastical party will have a Naval escort from St. Stephen's rectory in Geneva to the base.

Chaplain LeGault will offer a Mass at Lyndock Thursday to consecrate the Sacred Hosts for the large number of Communions. Confessions afternoon and evenings begun early in the week so all the boys would be accommodated.

Commandant Harry A. Badt and Captain Coleman, the executive officer, are cooperating with the Naval Station's Senior Chaplains, Commander William W. Edell and Father LeGault in making arrangements for the impressive liturgical ceremony, unprecedented in this diocese.

Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, assisted by priests of the Cathedral.

In the Cathedral, and in other churches of the diocese, the presence of service rolls of honor will remind those at home to pray for the men and women in the Armed forces of their country. The true Christmas spirit will be expressed in the number receiving Holy Communion at the various Masses on Christmas Day.

REDEMPTORIST PROVINCIAL VISITS BRAZIL MISSIONS

MATO GROSSO, Brazil.—The Rev. William McCarthy, C.Ss.R., Provincial of the Redemptorists of Baltimore, has paid a recent visit to the missions of his community here, where some 40 American Redemptorists have been achieving great work for the Church in the