

CONSECRATING THE WORLD TO MARY'S HEART



In these pictures just received from Vatican City His Holiness Pope Pius XII is shown in St. Peter's Basilica, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception when thousands joined him in a Holy Hour of Impetration and expiation. The immense congregation, which included 20 Cardinals and members of the diplomatic corps, knelt in perfect silence as His Holiness recited the prayer of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary which he himself composed. (N.C.W.C.)

Vatican Denies Japs Seized Funds Pope Sent For Internees

WASHINGTON.—There is no foundation for the report that Japanese military authorities in Hong Kong had seized a portion of funds sent by the Holy Father for the relief of internees in Japan and had used the money for the Japanese army. His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, has advised His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Cicognani (Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States).

The communication from Cardinal Maglione informed Archbishop Cicognani that the funds sent by the Holy Father have reached their proper destination.

A secular news service dispatch from Chungking, published in certain newspapers in the United States, stated that the Japanese authorities in Hong Kong had seized \$40,000 of \$100,000 sent by His Holiness Pope Pius XII for the relief of internees in Japan and that the \$40,000 was used for the Japanese army.

Heroism of Virtues Of 'Lily of Mohawks' Recognized in Decree

VATICAN CITY.—The heroic virtues of Kateri Tekakwitha, "Lily of the Mohawks," are formally recognized and the cause for her beatification is advanced another step; namely, to the proof of the miracles proposed in her cause, by a decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites read and promulgated Jan. 4 in the presence of His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Following the reading of the decree by His Eminence Carlo Cardinal Salotti, the Cardinal Rector, the Rev. Carlo Miccinesi, S.J., Postulator of Tekakwitha's cause, expressed gratitude to Pope Pius XII in the name of the Bishops and faithful, including Indian tribes of the United States.

If you snub Conscience a few times she will cut your acquaintance.

'ROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHAPLAINS

(By N. C. W. C. NEWS SERVICE)

AUSTRALIA

The Rev. Austin J. Henry, an army chaplain of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee stationed in Australia, reveals in a letter that in his section "many of the weekday Masses are said at night to prepare the boys who leave early in the morning for battle stations. Most of them go to Holy Communion just before boarding planes or boats," Father Henry adds.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

"Bouncing around in a jeep in and out of coconut woods" in the early morning darkness is one of the ways the Rev. Thomas J. Montgomery, chaplain from the Diocese of Crookston, gets to different areas to say Mass somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. The priest says there are "no lights on the jeep because of strict blackout" and he tries to head for some spot "where the men know Mass will be offered."

HUDSON BAY

"As I have a dog-team of my own, from now on there will be no snow or storm to interfere with the religious life of the boys."

This statement appears in a letter from the Rev. R. Ferron, O.M.I., an auxiliary army chaplain in the Hudson Bay region of Canada.

"Till a few weeks ago the boys were coming to church in town. Father Ferron writes, with the risk of being unable even to reach the church. One group, for instance, tried for three consecutive Sundays to come to church, but could not get the trucks to their destination."

It seems that Father Ferron's acquisition of a dog-team and sled has somewhat solved the problem of Mass for many of the soldiers, because now the auxiliary chaplain can go to them, via the old-fashioned northern means of canine power.

NEW YORK

Chaplains' heroism is implied rather than described in the cor-

respondence received by Bishop O'Hara from the priests in service. One chaplain tells him that it is a keen pleasure to witness "the eagerness shown by our Catholic chaplains to get front line duty." Another chaplain in North Africa briefly but touchingly relates how the Rev. Clement M. Falter, C.P.P.S., "died gloriously in action whilst landing with his troops from assault boats." Still another, stationed in Alaska, says "conditions are anything but comfortable or anything but comfortable. I don't think I've ever been happier. Perhaps it is because I can easily see the results of my humble priestly activity."

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

How much the presence and ministrations of a chaplain meant to the servicemen on far-flung fronts is told by a chaplain in the Southwest Pacific.

"The censors inform me that all the boys—Catholic and non-Catholic—are writing to their folks back home how happy they are they have a chaplain," the priest reports. "A few boys told me that when there is no chaplain around there is no difference between Sunday and any other day. One just forgets about God and praying. Now one feels at least like trying to be good."

TEXAS

A collection asked for by the congregation itself is the experience of the Rev. Cosmas Dahlheimer, O.S.B., army chaplain at Midland, Tex. Father Dahlheimer relates.

"Since last May I have been taking a collection at Sunday Mass. The plate is placed at the rear of the chapel for anyone who wishes to give. This practice was inaugurated after repeated suggestions by the soldiers and through the encouragement of the Inspector General. The latter said that it was part of the Christian ritual, and that we should keep it before the men, so that when they go back to civilian life the good habit will still be with them. I have

Peru Weekly Flays Proselytizing By Protestant Groups

LIMA (NC)—"We are against those Protestant sects which, never reaching an agreement among themselves and each interpreting the Bible at whim, have come to Peru to create a religious problem among us and a web of theories which they themselves cannot explain."

Verdades, Catholic Weekly of this city, says. The editorial also reminds that the Peruvian Law of 1910 prohibits propaganda against the Catholic religion.

The article comments on recent incidents which took place during the Eucharistic Congress of Ayacucho, Peru, where proselytizing Protestants disturbed some of the religious ceremonies. It cites the report of a witness, "concerning the audacity of Protestant propagandists who, challenging the highest political and ecclesiastical authorities, attempted to carry out their propaganda in a most daring act of religious controversy, which did not develop into a bloody act due to the sagacious intervention of the Prefects of the Department, and the counsels of the prelates headed by His Excellency the Most Rev. Fernando Cento, Papal Nuncio to Peru."

"Our weekly," Verdades says, "has already expressed concern repeatedly regarding Protestant propaganda in our country. On the other hand, we are glad that members of the North American

Catholic clergy have decided to establish themselves in our country to preach Catholic teachings in our community."

After declaring that the Constitution of the State protects the Catholic religion, the Peruvian publication mentioned the activities of various sects that continuously violate this law by publishing magazines and distributing pamphlets. It also mentions activities of Protestant writers in public places. "They do not hesitate," the editorial notes, "to undertake campaigns which bring about discussion in religious thought, increasingly create a wave of hostility towards all that the true and only religion of Christ represents, and disturb the public mind."

If these street preachers and distributors of pamphlets do not appear to be attacking patriotic interest, Verdades points out, nevertheless they are affecting the national unity in that they get followers who "quit one religion without having another inculcated in them" and who "may develop into subversive sectors."

Observances of Church Unity Octave Planned

GAYMOOR, N. Y.—An appeal for the observance of the annual Church Unity Octave has been issued by the Very Rev. Raphael P. Grandi, Father General of the Franciscan Society of the Atonement here.

The Octave will be held from Jan. 18, Feast of St. Peter's Chair in Rome, to Jan. 25, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

The Octave is a period of prayer for Catholics throughout the world to beseech God for the fulfillment of the Saviour's appeal "that they all may be one."

"The year 1942, darkened as it was by war and suffering in almost every quarter of the globe, witnessed a great increase in the number of the faithful who participated in the public observance of the Church Unity Octave," Father Grandi said in his appeal. "We are hopeful that during the Octave next month (Jan. 18-25), even greater numbers of the faithful will proclaim to the world their prayerful zeal for the fulfillment of our Lord's plea 'that they all may be one.'"

Ordinaries of various dioceses throughout the country have commended the Octave to their faithful, asking prayers in that time for the reunion of Christendom, and in some instances prescribing services in churches at which such prayers will be offered in a public manner.

A plenary indulgence is granted to those who on the first or last day of the Octave receive Communion and fulfill the usual conditions. An indulgence of 200 days may be gained each day in the Octave by the recitation of the authorized prayers.

The Octave was instituted 34 years ago by the late Father Paul James Francis, Founder of the Fathers of the Atonement, while he was still a member of the Anglican Church. A year later—the Anglican Society of the Atonement, headed by Father Paul, was corporately received into the Catholic Church. In 1916, Pope Benedict XV extended the observance of the Octave to the entire Catholic Church.

Overseas for NCCS



Francis P. Matthews, Chairman of the National Catholic Community Service Executive Committee, has arrived in England. The Archbishop and Bishops of the Board of Trustees of the NCCS, member agency of the United Service Organizations commissioned Mr. Matthews to make a survey of work being done by sister Catholic organizations in Great Britain for American servicemen. Mr. Matthews, Supreme Knights of the Knights of Columbus, was in Rochester, Oct. 18.

bought vestments, an abundance of literature, a regular Sunday paper, and medals with the money."

Mexico Court Reverses 15-Year-Old Decision

MEXICO CITY.—The Supreme Court has reversed the 15-year-old decision of a lower court which nationalized a Catholic school conducted by the Jesuits at Puebla. The Normal School, which has been using the property meanwhile, has been ordered to vacate the property and will return to its former edifice on the calle de Ventanas.

The appeal to the Supreme Court was made by former students, five of whom are today attorneys—Gustavo Elias, Joaquin Blasco, Francisco Velasco, Jose Manuel Concha and Jeronimo Diaz—and one who is a physician, Dr. Juan Marquez Montiel. When the property was seized, 15 years ago, Federal troops took possession of the building and furnishings, and allowed the Jesuit instructors to take with them only objects for their personal use.

ARTIST OF WORLD

Pain is, in some wise, the artist of the world which creates us, fashions us, sculpts us with the fine edge of a pitiless chisel. It hurls the overflowing life and that which remains stronger and more exquisite, enriched by its very loss, draws thence the gift of a higher being.