

Haitian President Sees Son Make First Communion

PORT-AU-PRINCE. — President Elie Lescot and members of his family attended the early Mass at St. Louis de Gonzague chapel when...

...of his son and in other ways made their first communion. Following the ceremony at the Christian Brothers' chapel, the presidential party went to the convent of St. Rose of Lima to witness the religious profession of two Haitian young women in the congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chazy.

Latest Possible Date For Easter, April 25; Comes Again in 2038

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JERICHALEM. — The usually late date of the Catholic Easter this year recalls some interesting facts. As is generally known, Apr. 25 is the latest date on which Easter can fall at any time, while Mar. 22 is the earliest possible date. However, it is not as generally realized how rarely Easter falls on either of these extreme dates. As a matter of fact, the date of Easter, as computed by the Catholic Church, has come on Mar. 22 only 16 times since the dawn of Christianity, and it has occurred on Apr. 25 only 13 times during the 19 centuries since the Resurrection of Our Lord.

It was in 1928 that Easter last fell on Apr. 25, and while many who celebrate it this year may remember that occasion, few indeed of us will be here the next time that the Paschal festival occurs on this latest possible date, for that will not be until Apr. 25, 2038.

Easter on Mar. 22 is even more remote an event. It is quite safe to say that no one now living recalls the last time that Easter fell on that early date, for it was 123 years ago—in 1818. With even more certainty can it be prophesied that no one now in this vale of tears will survive its trials and tribulations to celebrate Easter when next it comes on March 22. That will not happen until the year 2285.

African King Recites Rosary Daily

NEW YORK. — When Francis Makumbwa, King of the Ijaw tribe in Western Africa, adjourns his court daily it is with the statement, "I must leave you now for it is time to recite the rosary." This information has been received by the National Headquarters of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, France. The king was a non-Christian. When he died he was baptized to Francis...

...not only his scepter of authority but also his 300 "wives." Asked what he would do about the situation, Francis replied simply, "Nothing." He has remained devotedly attached to his own wife, whom he married when he was a catechist. The king directs the instruction of his people to the truths of the Catholic faith.

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The repairs which were made some two years ago at the Holy Sepulchre, when the great arches of the rotunda were braced with wooden beams, are now being carried a step further by the Government through the installation of steel supports, of which some 50 tons will be required.

At the foot of each of the 16 strong piers supporting the dome over the Sacred Tomb, the stone flooring has been removed and the ground excavated down to solid rock, which was reached from a few inches to a yard or two beneath the surface. Thus far, the excavations made have not revealed any finds of archaeological importance. Into these openings, concrete foundations for the new supports will be poured.

During the progress of the work, which even now is in the nature of a temporary expedient designed to preserve the venerable fabric of the ancient Basilica, entrance to the church will be severely restricted.

YOUNGEST OFFICER:
Brooklyn. — A commendation for "conduct under fire, marked by courage, energy and intelligence," has been won by Second Lieut. William C. Finkbeiner, alumnus of Loyola Military Academy, Garden City, L. I. and who is to be the youngest commissioned officer serving with the Army on Guadalcanal, from his commanding officer, Col. W. B. Tuttle, of the Infantry, according to advices received here.

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