

Says Pope Becomes 'Beggar for Christ' On Mission Sunday

NEW YORK—In the matter of funds for the missions the Pope himself "becomes a beggar for Christ for his distant brethren in Christ," the Most Rev. Celso Costantini, President of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, declared in a letter received today by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell, National Director of the Society in the United States. Mission Sunday will be observed on Oct. 22 in every diocese in this country.

The letter was sent from Vatican City to mark the opening of a campaign for home and foreign missions by the Society, which is the oldest and largest mission-aid organization in the Church.

Mission Sunday, the day of Faith and of Love, is the occasion

on which the Pope himself becomes a beggar for his distant brethren in Christ," Archbishop Costantini said. "Missionary charity rises above the trenches of hate; it constitutes one of the few bonds of love not yet broken among all people."

Always Been So

The age of miracles is not over. Throughout the Christian ages God has continued actively to intervene in the affairs of His children. What has always been is so today.

Dominican Head Lauds Holy Name Work in U. S.

ROME (NC)—Admiration and praise for the edifying works accomplished by the Holy Name Society in the United States were voiced here Sunday by the Very Rev. Marlin S. Gillet, O.P., Master General of the Dominicans.

Father Gillet spoke at a Communion breakfast of the Rome chapter, Allied Forces Holy Name Societies in Italy, in the American Catholic Club for Allied Forces. Earlier, members of the chapter received Holy Communion in a body at a Mass offered by Father Gillet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Basilica of St. Peter.

The Dominican Master General spoke in French and his remarks were translated by the Very Rev. Thomas Garde, O.P., Assistant General of the Dominicans. Father Gillet recalled that he had visited the United States three times.

He recalled the many Holy Name Society Communion services he had witnessed, as well as Holy Name parades, in many States of America. He remarked that it was "wonderful to see hundreds of thousands—yes, hundreds of thousands—even millions of Catholics men as in the United States who were not afraid to live outwardly their Catholic life."

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

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Just putting on an act," concluded the strap-hanger skeptics.

Even our Lady Shopper was incredulous. She had already passed sentence on this would-be gallant, and no fugitive from a foxhole was going to fool her by any overture of chivalry. At the moment, her over-wrought imagination had convinced her that acceptance of this young man's offer would be tantamount to an act of treason. To take his seat would be almost as bad as betraying General Eisenhower to the enemy. These thoughts all passed through her mind in a split second and just as quickly she determined to shame this youth whom she judged to be a draft-dodger.

"Lady," he smiled, "you may have my seat," and he was still smiling as he stepped aside and waited for her to sit down. But she stood still and even stepped back. "Oh no," she spoke scornfully. "I wouldn't think of taking a seat from a 4-F!" She had spoken deliberately but loud enough for other passengers to hear. They lowered their tabloids and magazines and stared expectantly. Here was drama on the Long Island Train.

The strong-looking youth was obviously stung by the insult. First his face went white with anger and shook but almost as quickly a wave of crimson swept across his face betraying his embarrassment. He struggled to control himself before he spoke.

"You have some one in the service?" It was a question and the Lady did not hesitate to answer.

"Yes," she said, "I have one son in an Army camp down South and another son over in Africa."

"I see," the young man began and then he continued, "The next time you write to your sons, ask them, if they ever get as far as the beaches of Salerno, to look around for my foot!"

As he turned and moved along the aisle, passengers noticed that he walked carefully and with a slight limp.

MORAL: Dr. Johnson once said that "patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel." He might have added that it is also the first refuge of people who make rash judgments and talk too much. If you're tempted to suspect your neighbor's patriotism, hold your peace. He might have shouldered a gun. If he didn't carry a gun, he still may be carrying a CROSS!

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Selma Drive Tops \$5,000

Funds to aid Rochester Diocesan Sisters of St. Joseph now conducting a hospital for colored people at Selma, Ala., this week soared over the \$5,000 mark as additional donations continued to arrive at the Propagation of the Faith Office.

Donations from Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester to the Sisters at Selma now total \$5,322.15, according to the announcement of the Rev. John J. Randall, who directed the recent appeal in behalf of the Sisters.

President Designates Oct. 11, Pulaski Day

WASHINGTON, (NC)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt has signed a Congressional resolution setting aside Oct. 11 as Pulaski Day, honoring Gen. Casimir Pulaski, Revolutionary war hero, on which honor may be paid to the people of Poland with appropriate ceremonies in schools and other public institutions.

INVEST IN WAR BONDS

Pope Voices Hope Nation Will be Liberated in Message to Polish Leader

ROME (NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII, in a message to President Wladyslaw Raczkiewicz, of the London Polish Government in Exile, expresses compassion over the sufferings of Poland and states that the recent appeal addressed to the Holy See by the women of war-torn Warsaw "moved Us to the depth of our heart."

The Holy Father's message was in response to a plea by President Raczkiewicz that the Holy Father raise his voice "for the protection of this population, of the women and children of this martyred city."

The Pontiff said: "It is unnecessary for Us to tell you how deep an echo is aroused in Our heart by the sorrows of all the victims of this terrible war, and in particular those of Our very dear sons of Poland, who for five years have faced indescribable anguish and tribulations."

"We have never ceased to pray to the Almighty that, in His mercy, He may shorten the number of these days of sorrow, and that the hour of deliverance may soon come."

His Holiness told of his efforts to "defend the oppressed," and added that as far as Poland is concerned, he had "expressed the wish for her resurrection."

In conclusion, the Holy Father stated: "So, in Our desire to leave nothing undone in order to save so many human lives which are threatened, We receive the new appeal with all our heart. We hope that God will accept Our wishes and Our supplications, in order to make Our work fruitful and to help stop the shedding of so much blood and so many terrors."

"With this prayer on Our lips and with these sentiments in Our heart, We grant Our Apostolic Benediction, in testimony of Our fatherly affection and as a pledge of the celestial life, to all those who have implored it with such moving words, to you, My dear son, and to all the Polish nation of which you have made yourself the interpreter."

Faith is a gift of God which man can neither give nor take away by promise of rewards or menaces of torture.—Thomas Hobbes.

Vilna Archbishop Charges Germans With Atrocities

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MOSCOW — (By Wireless) — Archbishop Romuald Jalbrzikowski, Roman Catholic Metropolitan of Vilna, has been liberated from the Monastery of the Marian Fathers, where he was imprisoned by the Germans for two and one-half years along with Father Adam Sawicki, Chancellor of the See.

Red Army troops, on entering Mariampol, near the Polish frontier, in their present advance to the East Prussian border, freed the 63-year-old churchman who, according to B. Kintitsky, a Russian writer who saw him, was worn and drawn by his long confinement.

50 Priests Shot
Returning immediately to the Lithuanian capital where a "ghastly picture of desolation and destruction met my eyes," Archbishop Jalbrzikowski gathered and verified numerous accounts of atrocities perpetrated against "the Roman Catholic Church and its servants by Germans in Lithuania."

The Archbishop revealed that the Nazis had shot about 50 Catholic priests in his archdiocese, one of the largest in eastern Europe, and that in the small town of Reksita, they drove 4,000 local inhabitants into the church and burned them to death, together with two priests.

Among those killed were Father Stanislaw Pyrtel and Father Wladyslaw Mackowek. Their only crime, they stated, in messages written to the Metropolitan shortly before their execution, was to teach the catechism to children of Polish Catholics.

Reconstruction Problem Moral One

NAPLES, Italy — (NC) — "Notwithstanding appearances, the problem of reconstruction is essentially a moral problem," the Christian Democratic Party of Italy declared at the close of its convention here.

Unless all classes of Italian people regain moral conscience" the party program stated, "material and civil reconstruction is impossible, and even if it were achieved, it would result in a purely ephemeral structure because of the internal corruption which would continue to consume and destroy the fibers of the new State. Making

a supreme call to all spiritual forces to come together, Christian Democracy brings the nation closer to the well-springs of its life and infuses it with the strength to travel once more the road of Christian civilization."

So-Called 'Dark Ages'

Monarchy in the Middle Ages was constitutional and limited and sovereignty was recognized as having come to the prince from the people.—Father William W. Bayne, O.S.B.

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