Negro Priests Assist Bishop Mooney at Mass

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[illegible] than 30 Archbishops and [illegible] management and [illegible] the [illegible] St. Bernard's Co-[illegible] Mary [illegible] Chancellor of Dubuque [illegible] Bishops Louis [illegible] of Lincoln and Leo A. [illegible] and Apostolic [illegible] E. Vincent. The [illegible] delivered by Arch-[illegible] D. Rudgen of [illegible]

[illegible] Loras College, where [illegible] served for 21 [illegible] a member of the hierarchy [illegible] expressed [illegible] to the Pope "for this [illegible] Bishop, a son of Iowa and [illegible] for many years." The [illegible] eight about [illegible] Bishop Boggs said.

[illegible] sign Pontifical Mass which opened the Council's "Testimonial to the Colored Missions," here.

His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, pontificated at the Mass in Sacred Heart Church and was assisted by two Negro priests —the Revs. Basil Matthews, O.S.B., of Trinidad, B.W.I.; Austin Cheshire, M.S.S.T., of the Holy Ghost Missionary Cenacle, Stirling, N. J., and Norman Duchotte, of Flint, Mich.

Father LaFarge pointed out that there are 511 priests and 1,800 Sisters, of whom 475 are Colored, working in missions among Negroes in this country. He also targeted that there are again 5,000 Negro students in Catholic high schools, colleges and seminaries and some 60,000 in parochial schools for colored.

"We see today," Father LaFarge said, "the flowering of the vast work of Mother Katharine Drexel, foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Negroes and Indians, and still happily living and praying for God's blessing on the Colored harvest, and of her sister, the late Mrs. Edward V. Morrell; Xavier University in New Orleans; St. Emma's and St. Francis' Institutes at Rock Castle, Va., and a host of splendid urban and rural parochial schools."

Father LaFarge cited the rapid growth of the interracial movement and asserted that its aim is to counteract by vigorous and direct activity particularly in the educational field, the diseases of prejudice, apathy and frustration which have weighed so long on the missionary work in this country.

Mt. Carmel Debt Goes Up in Smoke

Pastor the Rev. Charles J. Azzi, pastor, (center) with his two assistants the Rev. William Lammers (top left) and the Rev. Joseph O. German looks on as trustees, James G. D'Amico (front, left) and Charles J. Dispenza, burn the mortgage marking liquidation of a $41,000 debt.

First School Principal Is Honored; Mortgage Burned, at Mt. Carmel Rites

Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester's largest Italian parish, marked a twin celebration on Sunday when trustees burned the church mortgage and the alumni tendered a surprise testimonial to the Very Rever-[illegible] Mother Mechtilde, F.S.M., first principal and veteran teacher of the parish school.

When Mother Mechtilde, currently marking her 50th anniversary in religion, entered the school last Sunday evening to attend a parish entertainment, she was surprised by 400 alumni who presented their former teacher with a purse of gold.

The Rev. Charles J. Azzi, pastor of Mt. Carmel, welcomed the graduates and expressed felicitations to Mother Mechtilde. Also present was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, vicar general of the diocese and nephew of Mother Mechtilde, who gave an address recalling her career as a teacher. Charles J. Lombardo, alumni president gave the welcome address.

34 Years At Mt. Carmel

Mother Mechtilde has spent thirty-four years of her teaching career at Mt. Carmel School and was principal of the school when it opened in November 1928.

In 1938, she was chosen as Mother Assistant of the Sisters of Mercy, an office which she held for six years. During this period she continued to teach at Mt. Carmel. She was selected Mother Superior of the community in 1944 and during her three year term in that office she lived at the motherhouse. On completion of her term as superior of the community she returned to Mt. Carmel School and resumed teaching.

A native of Corning, she entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy at Batavia, N. Y., on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, 1894. In June of the next year she received the habit and pronounced her first vows as a religious at St. Ann's Convent Chapel in Hornell in the summer of 1897. Before she opened Mt. Carmel School she fulfilled teaching assignments at St. Mary's, Corning; St. Ann's, Hornell; and St. Patrick's, Owego.

Burning of the mortgage ceremony, symbolic of the liquidation of the parish debt, took place Sunday morning following the celebration of Solemn Mass at 11 o'clock.

Trustees Officiate

Charles Dispenza and James D'Amico, trustees, conducted the ceremony, assisted by Father Azzi. Celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. Joseph O. German, assisted by the Rev. William Lammers and the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn as deacon and subdeacon respectively.

Sermons at the Mass of thanksgiving were preached in both Italian and English. Father Azzi, who spoke in Italian, congratulated the parishioners and stressed the importance of preserving parish properties, particularly the church itself, in good condition and of making improvements which would enhance the beauty and dignity of God's temple.

The English sermon was delivered by the Rev. Joseph Cirrincione, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, and the first graduate of Mt. Carmel School to be ordained to the priesthood.

Father Cirrincione first congratulated Mother Mechtilde on her golden anniversary and explained that her long years of service to the children of Mt. Carmel School "made her truly a spiritual mother of all of us."

Tribute To Pastor

"The liquidation of the church debt," he said, "proves that Father Azzi enjoys the loyal support of his people. This achievement," he told the congregation, "must be a source of joy not only to yourselves but also to all those who have contributed in any way to growth of this parish. I am sure that it is a source of joy to Father Foery and Father Brennan." (Father Foery, now Bishop of Syracuse, and Father Brennan are former pastors of Mt. Carmel.)

"Today, however," he continued, "we look to the future. The final chapter of this parish is not yet written." Recalling the familiar exhortation, 'Keep the Faith!' which Bishop Foery often repeated during his pastorate, Father Cirrincione said: "Father Foery was a man who saw the dangers of his times and the importance of keeping the Faith. But today the same dangers are even more threatening and therefore your duty today and for the future is clear. You must not only 'Keep the Faith' but you must also spread the Faith! Like apostles you must spread the Faith in the factories, the offices, and the shops."

The present church edifice was built during Father Foery's pastorate. Burning of the mortgage ceremony Sunday marked the liquidation of a debt of $41,000.

Former Staff Sergeant Enrolls at Assumption

William L. Maier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Maier, 878 Clinton Avenue North has left for Assumption College at Windsor, Ontario, Canada, where he has enrolled as a student.

Recently discharged from the United States Army, Maier had served for eighteen months in the ETO, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. He participated in several engagements with the 7th Armored Division, and after the cessation of hostilities was transferred to the 1st Armored Division, in which he was assigned the duty of interpreter for his company command.

For the six months preceding his discharge, Maier was with Headquarters Intelligence Detachment, stationed at Ludwigsburg, Germany, where he had the assignment of translating German correspondence for the headquarters command.

Hongkong Bishop Asks Funds To Rebuild Ruined Missions

The Most Rev. Henry Valtorta, Bishop of Hongkong and veteran Far East missionary, is currently visiting in America where he hopes to solicit financial aid for the 200 looted or destroyed mission centers of his diocese.

Bishop Valtorta's immediate plans involve restoration of only a few of the larger stations and the minor seminary for which he requires $30,000.

"I have no place to turn to obtain this sum but to the good people of America," the 63-year-old Bishop declared in an interview at the Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in New York.

Bishop Valtorta, who has seen forty years of service in the Far East, described the desperate circumstances of the Chinese people after eight years of war. "I have no doubt that 50,000 persons died of starvation in the streets of Hongkong," he stated.

The veteran missionary told how dead were removed from the hospitals to give place to the living who only suffered the same fate since even the hospitals had no food.

In one day alone, a Chinese Protestant Bishop told him, 721 corpses were picked up in the streets of the city. Merchants sold dried rats to the starving people.

During the war Bishop Valtorta was able through the aid sent him by the Holy See to help Japanese-held prisoners. His Vatican passport, because the Japanese respect the Holy See, made him independent of the captors when Hongkong fell, said.

Northern Ireland Catholics Gain

Belfast — (RNS) — Catholics in Northern Ireland are making inroads on the Protestant Church, the Rev. John A. Kensit, English Protestant, declared here.

Mr. Kensit, who is making a lecture tour of Northern Ireland, asserted that Protestant young people are frequenting Catholic dances and Sunday shows, that mixed marriages are increasing, and that Protestant parents are allowing their children to attend Catholic schools.

"There is evidence that Protestant farms are passing into Catholic hands, and mansions are being transformed into monasteries, convents and schools, each of which is a new center of Catholic influence," Mr. Kensit said.

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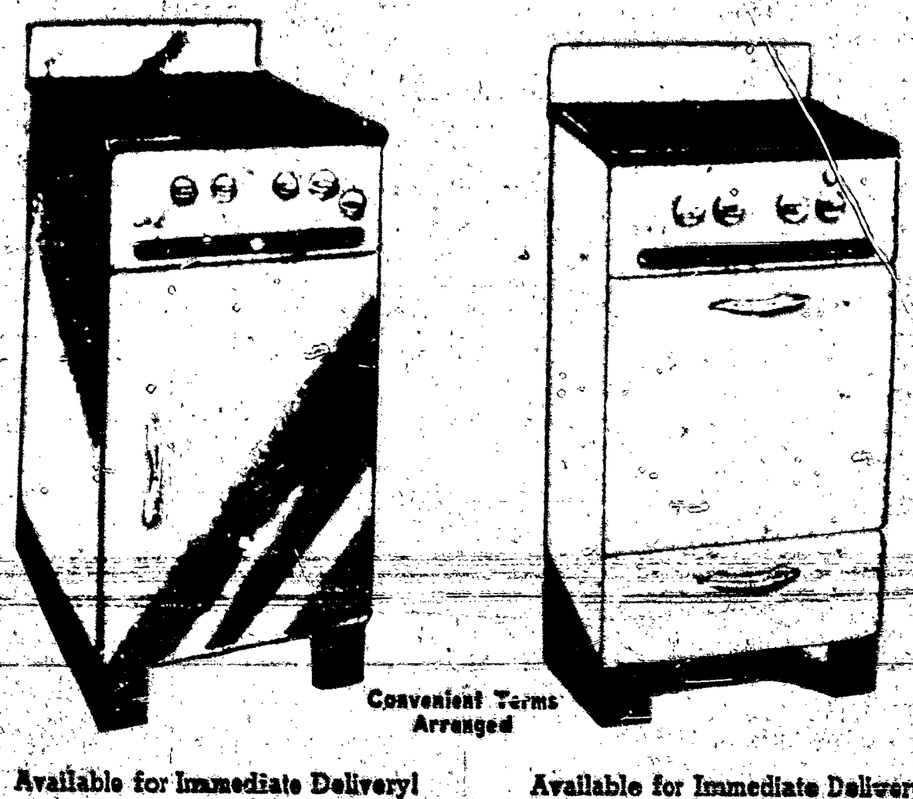

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