

Octogenarian
Famed Cardinal Faulhaber of Munich, Bavaria, tower of strength against Nazism and Communism, on Saturday celebrates his 80th birthday.
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Testimony
A handwriting expert presents an analysis of the signature of Cardinal Faulhaber before and after his imprisonment to show deception.
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60TH YEAR

Holy Father Marks Historic Decade In Saint Peter's Chair

1939-1949
'Gloriously Reigning'

(NCWC NEWS SERVICE)
His Holiness Pope Pius XII has now occupied the Chair of Peter for a decade. It has been among the most momentous in all history.
His Holiness observed his seventy-third birthday on March 2, of this year. It was also the tenth anniversary of his election as Pope. His coronation as Pope took place on March 12, 1939. On April 2, next, he will have been a priest for 50 years.

It is unlikely that any Pontiff was called to face problems that were at the same time more serious, more widespread and more complex than those Pope Pius XII has had to meet in the last 10 years. It is unlikely, too, that any of the present Holy Father's predecessors saw or was seen by so many people, or knew about more of the world's great nations first-hand.

THERE WERE distinct breaks with tradition when on March 12, 1939, the conclave in the Vatican chose Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli to be Pope. He had been Secretary of State to Pius XI and no one holding that office had been elected Pontiff since 1667. At his coronation, March 12, 1939, he became the first native of Rome to ascend to the Papacy in more than two centuries.

Straightway in his allocutions, in his acts and above all in his first Encyclical Letter, Pope Pius XII made clear the aim of his Pontificate. The construction of moral, social and public life on Christian principles was a supreme need, he pointed out, and he indicated the ways in which it should be achieved.

However, less than seven months after the coronation of Pope Pius XII, Germany sent her troops hurtling into Poland and World War II was on, bringing with it ruin, anguish, carnage and unrest such as the world had never seen.

UP UNTIL the moment of its unheralded start, the Holy Father worked with every resource at his command to stop war's outbreak. Once the first shot was fired he labored unceasingly to halt its spread, to mitigate the almost inconceivable suffering it caused.

Even before the furious clash of arms died down to the rumbles of an uneasy and sullen peace, Pope Pius XII began tireless efforts to have a real and lasting peace.

Unfortunately in his Christmas Message of 1948, the Holy Father was compelled to observe that "any clear-sighted person who has the moral strength and courage to look truth squarely in the face" must recognize that the world stands "on the brink" (Continued on Page 11)



HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII

This typical action pose, characteristic of the drama-packed pontificate of Pius XII, shows the Holy Father as he addressed the assembled crowds in St. Peter's Square, June 6, 1941, following the liberation of Rome by the Allied Armies.

Red Blast At Pope Sets Anti-God Crusade In Italy

Persecution Charged ... Sofia 'Trial' of Protestant Clergymen

(NCWC NEWS SERVICE)
The "trial" now under way in Sofia, Bulgaria, of 15 Protestant clergymen charged by a communist regime with treason, espionage and illegal currency dealings, marks another step in the relentless war on Christianity that is raging in all countries under Soviet domination.

Denounced by the American Government as a "blatant, terrorist effort, in cynical disregard of the facts, designed to intimidate the small respected Protestant religious denominations in Bulgaria and to discredit their sincere religious leaders," the Sofia proceedings follow the pattern set a few weeks previously by the "trial" of Cardinal Mindszenty and six others in Budapest, which Secretary of State Acheson had branded a "sickening sham."

THE SOFIA regime, obviously imitating the "successful" methods employed by the Hungarian rulers, also managed to produce lengthy "confessions" of the indicted clergymen, pleas for mercy

and promises henceforth to serve faithfully the "people's democracy." Sofia admitted a greater number of western correspondents to cover the proceedings than Budapest and also made it possible for American and British diplomatic observers to attend the "trial."

In its note to the Bulgarian regime, the American Government, as in the case of Hungary, reserved its rights to take further action as a co-signer of the peace treaty under which Bulgaria promised to respect basic human rights. The British Government has taken similar steps.

Attack Tied To Moscow World Aims

By REV. JES. J. SULLIVAN, ROME—(NO)—The attack of communist leader Palmiro Togliatti on his Holiness Pope Pius XII in an article in the communist weekly, *L'Unita*, fits in with the current, ever-all Red strategy of attacking, discrediting and ultimately destroying religion. This is the verdict here of those watching recent trends and analyzing the strategy of his attack on the Pontiff and the cold indifference with which he twists the meaning of the Pope's words. They see evidence that the attack is a further step in the general plan rather than a new campaign.

In his signed article, entitled "God and the Atlantic Pact," the Moscow-trained Red leader deliberately distorts the words of the Pope's recent allocution and tries to make his readers believe that the Holy Father approved the Atlantic pact and called for a holy alliance against Marxist movements or those who do not believe in God.

THE PONTIFF'S allocution, addressed to the Atlantic Pact, went out the world, urged worldwide prayers in reparation for the criminal impety of our times. The passages seized on and distorted by Mr. Togliatti in an attempt to substantiate his charges are widely separated and totally unconnected. The Pope mentioned atheism and hatred of God very early in the allocution and later, expressing his horror of strife, civil discord and wars, said: "That such disaster be ward off We welcome with approval the steps that have been taken to unite States together in ever closer alliances."

Observatore Romano, Vatican City daily, has labeled the Togliatti article "a perfect piece of cowardly insult, of hypocrisy, of falsification of deception."

DEPLORING THE fact that the Pontiff's words have been "completely misrepresented," the paper says: "The author of the article attributes warped intentions to the Pope's article for the benefit of a few nations, whereas it suffices to read the text of the Apostolic Exhortation to the Catholic Bishops for it to be abundantly clear that the con- (Continued on Page 11)

Exiled Bishop Seeks Entry To 'Iron Curtain' Diocese



Bishop Brizgys of Lithuania, touring the U. S. to thank Americans for their European relief, uses a map to point out his "Iron Curtain" Diocese of Kaunas from which he was exiled in 1940. Confering with him is the Rev. John M. Bakay, pastor of St. George's Lithuanian Church, Rochester.

Soviet Official Confides He Is Glad For Prelate's Sake — He Must Refuse

By ARTHUR P. FARREN
Bishop Vincent Brizgys of Lithuania has been exiled from his diocese for eight years but is ready to enter the world behind the "Iron Curtain" any time the Russians will permit him.
Visiting Rochester last week during a tour of the United States, the Bishop readily admitted he realizes what is going on behind the "Curtain"—but still feels it to be his duty to return to his diocese and his people.
DEPORTED TO Bavaria by the Nazis in 1944, the 46-year-old Bishop of Kaunas repeatedly has sought permission to go back to Lithuania. But Soviet authorities have refused him.
In fact, his Excellency related, one kindly Russian officer confidentially stated he was glad, for the Bishop's sake, that he had to refuse the permission.
Here on a three-month tour to express thanks for American aid to Europe and to inform his countrymen here of conditions, the alert, mild-mannered, distinguished appearing prelate said (Continued on Page 8)

Thos. O'Connor To Be Honored At Testimonial

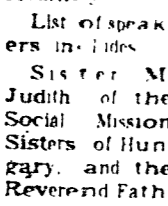
Thomas H. O'Connor, news editor of the Courier-Journal, will be feted at a testimonial dinner in his honor Monday, March 14 in the Rochester Club. The dinner will mark Mr. O'Connor's completion of twenty-five years of service the Catholic Press in the Diocese of Rochester. He has been a member of the Courier-Journal staff for the past seventeen years and previously served as Rochester editor of the Catholic Echo of Buffalo.



Thomas O'Connor

Vocation Speakers To Tour Schools

Program for the observance of Vocation Month during March in the Rochester Diocese was announced today by the Rev. Charles V. Boyle, Associate Superintendent of Schools of the Rochester Diocese.
Eight speakers will tour the schools addressing students on the subject of vocations at the invitation of the Rev. Bishop Kearney.



Sister Judith

DISCUSSION by the speakers will center on the meaning of vocation to the needs of the Diocese of Rochester, and the work of each of their own communities.
Bishop Kearney has sent a letter on vocations to every school to be read and discussed in the classroom. Special vocation exhibits featuring posters, pictures and displays of appropriate literature will point up the importance of the project.

C-J Forecasts 30,000 Mark In Circulation

Indications that the Courier-Journal will reach a record figure of 30,000 in the current circulation campaign was forecast this week by the newspaper's circulation manager Elmer Grapenstedter.
The forecast is based on first reports received this week from parishes throughout the diocese.

Holy Rosary parish, Rochester, which had the largest number of subscriptions last year, again reports an increase with a new total of 1,028 subscriptions.
Seven other parishes have reported increased subscription figures, representing one hundred per cent coverage of their families. These include: St. Helen's, Rochester, 250; St. Mary's Geneva, 208; St. Bridget's, East Bloomfield, 94; St. Mary's Ontario, 111; St. Stephen's, Geneva, 789; St. Patrick's, Moravia, 147; St. Pius, Colonius, 93.

Deadline for parish subscribers is Sunday, March 6. Mr. Grapenstedter stated, Parishes are asked to report all subscriptions to the Courier-Journal office no later than Saturday, March 12. New subscriptions and renewals will start with the issue of April 7.

Baptists Increase Parochial Schools

Los Angeles (RNS)—Two more Southern California Baptist elementary schools will be added next September to six similar schools now being operated by the denomination, it was announced here.

Nazareth College Awards Scholarships To Seven High School Seniors



K. CARSTATER, Elmira Catholic; EILEEN CONHEADY, Nazareth Academy; MARY C. SULLIVAN, Mercy High; RITA VALEBIO, Madison High; JEANNE SCARDET, Nazareth Academy

Seven tuition scholarships to Nazareth College valued at \$3400 have been awarded high school seniors — five from Rochester Diocese and two from Buffalo on the basis of a competitive examination taken February 19. The College announced today.
MISS JEANNE SCARDET, 110 Mt. Read Blvd., Nazareth Academy senior is one of two winners of complete tuition (\$1400) scholarships to Nazareth College. She is a member of St. Augustine's Parish, Rochester.
MISS MARY CATH' NE SULLIVAN, a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Rochester (Continued on Page 8)

1949 Lenten Regulations

- All the days of Lent, except Sundays, are fast days. The Lenten fast ends at noon on Holy Saturday.
- All between the ages of 21 and 59 inclusively are obliged to fast, except the sick and convalescent; women in delicate health and condition; those to whom fasting would cause grave injury to health, or produce such illness or exhaustion as would interfere with their daily duties; and those whose occupations are of a very laborious and exhausting nature. Those who doubt whether they are excused or not should consult their confessor.
- Those obliged to fast may take only one full meal a day. This meal may be taken either at noon or in the evening. The law also permits a light breakfast as well as a lunch either at midday or in the evening.
- During Lent every Wednesday (except the Wednesday in Holy Week), every Friday, the second Saturday and Holy Saturday until noon are days of abstinence. However, by special privilege of the Holy See, working people and their families are obliged to abstain from meat only on Ash Wednesday, Fridays and Holy Saturday until noon. On all other days of abstinence those of the family who are obliged to fast may eat meat at their principal meals; those not obliged to fast may eat meat at any of their meals.
- Those who are excused from fasting or abstinence during Lent should practice self-denial in some other way.
- In all Churches having a resident pastor there will be a sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evenings, and the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Pastors in charge of two churches will give a sermon in each church during the week.
- Parish parties or similar activities of the church are to be ceased during Lent.
- The time for compiling with the process of Lenten Computation extends from the first Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday inclusive.

— JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester

ON GUARD
Letter Received
'Euthanasia Society This is Socialism'

By REV. P. J. FLYNN
The Euthanasia Society of America, which seeks to legalize so-called "mercy-killing," has forwarded a copy of an interesting letter to the Courier-Journal editorial desk.

THIS LETTER, signed by Mrs. President Jones executive Vice-President of the Euthanasia Society is addressed to Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Society. It reads as follows:

Dear Dr. Fishbein:
The Catholic Courier-Journal of January 3th quoted you as saying "No one has yet been able to devise a law authorizing this act without placing full burden of responsibility on the doctor."

May we explain that the law we propose would permit the doctor in charge of the case to share the burden of responsibility with other doctors and with a law court.
According to the Journal of (Continued on Page 6)

YOUR watch will look grand with a Spindel band from Thorne's. William S. Thorne, Jeweler, 318 S. Main St. — Adv.

Express your sympathy with Flowers, Call Main 1986, Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Avenue, where you really get best value. Daily deliveries to all sections, including hospitals.—(Adv.)