

St. Peter's Basilica Thronged As Pope Pius XII Offers Golden Jubilee Masses

American Officials Attend Observance

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Vatican City — His Holiness Pope Pius XII offered both his Masses today, the one for Passion Sunday and the votive Mass in reparation for the sins of "the enemies of God," at the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica.

The second Mass was offered immediately after the first, and both were low Masses, but the usual splendor of pontifical ceremonies was present.

COLORFULLY UNIFORMED Swiss and Noble guards, gentlemen at various posts, Cardinals, and other officials in the first rows of the apse were part of that splendor. Immediately behind the prelates were members of the diplomatic corps and distinguished visitors.

His Eminence James Cardinal McGulgan, Archbishop of Toronto, was among the 13 members of the Sacred College present. Others were Their Eminences Benedetto Cardinal Aloisi Masella, Giuseppe Cardinal Bruno, Nicola Cardinal Canali, Pietro Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi, Massimo Cardinal Massimi, Giovanni Cardinal Merati, Clemente Cardinal Micca, Ignazio Cardinal Tappalà, Federico Cardinal Tebaldini, Eugenio Cardinal Tisserant and Alessandro Cardinal Verde.

PREMIER ALOISE De Gasperi, other government officials, Mayor Rocchini of Rome, and the city council had places of honor at the side of the main altar.

Franklin Gowen, special assistant to Myron C. Taylor, President Truman's Special Representative to the Holy Father, who is not in Rome at present. Among the distinguished visitors were Ambassador to Italy James C. Dunn and his wife. Born aloft on the sedia gestatoria, the Holy Father entered the Basilica blessing the throng as he was carried to the prie-dieu before the steps of the main altar. There he recited the prayers of preparation for Mass and after having finished them remained in meditation for several minutes.

THE HOLY FATHER then rose, vested, and began his first Mass. The main altar being in historic position of the celebrant facing the congregation, the Pope offered the Masses facing the people, and without turning around to say the "Ergo vobis" or "Domine vobiscum." Each Mass took about a half hour.

The Latin choir rendered several polyphonic selections, alternating with the huge composite

choir of priests and seminarians who sang Gregorian numbers.

AFTER THE second Mass, the Holy Father descended the altar steps, took off his vestments, and recited the prayers of thanksgiving at the prie-dieu. He then donned his stole and ascended the steps to give the papal blessing. After he was carried back to his apartment, thousands waited in the piazza until the Pontiff came to the apartment window and blessed them.

In the congregation at Mass were several of the Holy Father's former fellow-students at Capranica and Apollinare colleges, among them Cardinal Canali and Bishop Francesco Bertoli, living at the Vatican, and Giuseppe Migone, papal almoner.

SOME 20,000 Roman poor received a free meal today as the gift of the Pontifical Relief Commission in honor of the Holy Father's ordination jubilee. The recipients were from the poorer parishes from the outskirts of Rome. Ten thousand were served in parishes having facilities for meals; 1,000 were served in places under the direct management of the commission, and the other 9,000 received rations distributed by the parishes not having facilities for serving meals.

The day's observance in Rome was concluded with major ceremonies at the Basilica of St. Peter and at St. Mary Major. In the latter members of the Sacred College, the diplomatic corps, dignitaries of the papal court, and government officials attended a solemn Te Deum ceremony at the papal altar.

At St. Peter's His Eminence Federico Cardinal Tieschinski, Archbishop of the Vatican Basilica, presided while the chapter chanted solemn vespers. After vespers there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for the Pope, a solemn Te Deum and Benediction.

Similar ceremonies were held throughout Italy to mark the jubilee.

Delegate to Philippines Vatican City — (NC) — Magr. Egidio Vagnozzi, Italian-born priest now serving as Councillor at the Papal Internunciature at Delhi, India, has been appointed Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines. He was named Titular Archbishop of Mira.

POPE PIUS XII — A STUDY IN FACES



These intimate camera studies of His Holiness Pope Pius XII were taken on the occasion of the Pontiff's first television message to the United States, in connection with the annual appeal of the Bishop's Fund for Victims of War. The Holy Father holds a Bible from which he read the gospel for Laetare Sunday. (NC Photos).

Orthodox Attend Jubilee Rites

By BRO. ANTHONY BRUYA

Jerusalem — (NC) — Palestine's Orthodox prelates and Anglicans joined Catholics here in celebrating the golden jubilee of the Holy Father's ordination to the priesthood.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was thronged as the Very Rev. Alberto Gori, O.F.M., Custos of the Holy Land, pontificated at the tomb of the Savior in the presence of Archbishop Gustavo Testa, Apostolic Delegate to Palestine.

Conspicuous among those attending were the Armenian Orthodox Patriarch and the Abyssinian Coptic Bishops. The Anglican Bishop was represented by Canon Clyde, the United States by Mr. Burdett, the consul, while the consuls of Belgium, France, Italy and Spain were resident in their court dress.

Among the Catholic prelates present were Bishops Louis Vincent, Grand Vicar of Jerusalem; two Abbots, and representatives of all the Orders and rites in Palestine. The mayor of Arab Jerusalem and other civil and military officials also attended.

Holy Father Gets Tribute On 50th Anniversary From 50,000 School Children Of Eternal City

By REV. JOS. J. SULLIVAN

Vatican City — (NC) — Smiling happily like a father surrounded by his children who have come to pay him honor. His Holiness Pope Pius XII received today — the actual 50th anniversary day of his ordination to the priesthood — the greetings of more than 50,000 Roman school boys and girls.

The children, arrayed in their Sunday best, gathered in the Belvedere courtyard of the Vatican, cheered the Pope, heard His Holiness give them a short lesson on the need of charity, saw him accept with delight their greetings and gifts received the Pontiff's blessing and then went home — each one munching contentedly a large sweet roll from the Vatican bakery.

OFFICIALLY TERMED an audience, it was really a family affair. And it was as a father that the Pontiff addressed to the children a brief homily, reminding them that there was no better way of observing the occasion of his jubilee than by constantly remembering the words of St. John: "Love one another which came from Our Lord Himself.

Regardless of their color and race the Pope said. In simple words, adapted to the understanding of the youngsters, he appealed to them for love and charity toward all, particularly those who are poor. He closed his seven-minute talk with the Apostolic Blessing in token of his thanks and of his wishes and prayers for them all.

THEN THE Holy Father took a seat on his throne and watched smilingly as 14 boys and girls came to the platform erected in front of him. Three boys and girls delivered their well-learned little speeches and then they all knelt down to present the jubilee gifts from the children of Rome — a portable altar in a leather suitcase, flowers, and an album registering the gifts of

the Rome school children for the technical improvement of Vatican Radio. He encouraged the timid, smilingly chatted with the little boys and girls.

When the Supreme Pontiff rose to ascend from his throne loud cries of "Viva il Papa" rose from the crowd. The Pope waved to them and blessed them anew two or three times before he finally departed.

For three hours preceding the scheduled beginning of the audience of four in the afternoon, the children marched into Belvedere courtyard. They came from all sections of Rome in buses and trucks they were taken from more than 200 schools where they had gathered to St. Peter's Square which served as a marching ground.

Pontiff Leads Church In Hour Of Great Crisis

Washington — (NC) — In the last decade, Pope Pius XII has been called upon to meet more numerous, more varied and more world-shaking problems than any other Pontiff in history. Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington declared in his sermon in the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle here.

A chasmodon O'Boyle spoke at a Solemn Pontifical Mass which commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Holy Father's ordination and the tenth year of his pontificate. The Mass was offered by His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

"LONG BEFORE his advent to the throne of the Fisherman," Archbishop O'Boyle said, "his great predecessor, Pope Leo XIII, had warned of the downward path of the liberalism of his day as destined to end in tyranny or chaos. The new Pontiff faced the dread fulfillment of the prophecy, and it is true to say that no Pope was ever called upon to meet so many and varied and world-shaking problems and crises as have confronted Pius XII in the last ten years."

The first act of the Holy Father's pontificate was the emphatic avowal of an endeavor to shape the moral, social and political life of men and nations on Christian principles, a coherent exposition of the Christian supernatural, translated into practical forms of accomplishment in which the vision of peace and concord could be made real among men.

THE WASHINGTON prelate asserted that no one has realized more perfectly than the Holy Father that the doctrine of the dignity of man has no intelligible validity when it is not fortified with the substance of Christian revelation and what is embodied therein in the way of unchanging moral and ethical standards of private and public conduct.

Street Named For Pontiff

Berlin — (CP) — The City Council for the Western sectors of Berlin has decided to honor Pope Pius XII on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a priest (April 2) by naming a Berlin street "Pacelli-Strasse". Archbishop Eugenio Pacelli (now Pope Pius XII) served for more than twelve years (1917-30) as Apostolic Nuncio in Munich and Berlin.

French Underground Paris — (CP) — Headed by Cardinal Salenge, Archbishop of Toulouse, members of the former anti-Nazi Resistance movement are planning a pilgrimage to Lourdes to be held from May 26 to 29.

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