

Convent In Hong Kong Receives Rose Petals From Apparition In Philippines

Hong Kong, China —(Special)— Some of the rose petals which have been showered from the sky on the Carmel convent at Lipa in the Philippines have been sent to the Hong Kong Carmel here, reports Rev. Maurice Ahern, Maryknoll Procurator.

Father Ahern says that the petals are red in color, have kept their original shape, and have not dried up or wilted.

The fall of rose petals on the Lipa Carmel began when a Filipina novice had an apparition of the Blessed Virgin. During the apparition rose petals are said to have fallen on the convent, and from time to time since then,

more petals have showered down, and have been seen by many witnesses.

A Christian Brother, Brother Anthony, whose home is in Brooklyn and who has been in the Orient since 1914, told Father Ahern that he had seen the rose petals fall during a visit to Lipa. He was not able to pick any up since they fell within the Carmel walls.

Another missionary, Father Buerms, the Scheuf Fathers' procurator in Manila, visited the Maryknoll House here and told several stories about Lipa.

One of the most interesting concerned the Bishop of the Lipa Diocese. When the Bishop first heard of the

apparition, he left immediately for Lipa determined to tell the nuns to stop their foolishness and get back to their prayers.

As he stepped through the Carmel gate a shower of rose petals fell around him. The priest who was with the Bishop reported, "His Excellency turned around and went immediately home to say his own prayers."

As a result of the Lipa happenings, many cures and conversions have been reported. A prominent army officer, a Mason, was finally persuaded by his Catholic wife to accompany her to Lipa.

While she visited the Carmel he sat outside in his car. Suddenly, he saw rose petals falling from the sky.

Despite the fact that it was a windy and blustery day the petals fell straight down. The officer is now organizing pilgrimages to Lipa.

Another story which reached Hong Kong, reports Father Ahern, concerns the infant son of a Filipino doctor. The child had been born with the back part of its skull missing. The father had the best surgeons in Manila attempt to cure the child, but without success. The mother obtained some of the rose petals from the Carmel superior, and while the child was in convulsion applied them to its head. Immediately the convulsion ceased. When the father returned home later that day, he found the baby's skull to be perfectly normal.

DIocese School Plans Total 2½ Million

Report Tells Of Building Expansion

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

Early construction of three new education buildings in Rochester Diocese, and expansion of three present schools, at a total estimated cost of \$2,325,000, is forecast in the Annual Report of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese issued today by the Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, Ph.D., superintendent of the Catholic Education Office.

This expansion, the report says, comes on the heels of an expenditure of \$2,851,828 allocated in 1948 for 12 other school buildings.

Taxpayers Saved Over Six Million

Taxpayers in the twelve counties of Rochester Diocese are being saved a total of more than \$6,000,000 yearly by the operation of the 94 Catholic self-supporting educational institutions, it was revealed today in the Annual Report of the Catholic Education Office.

The following table, the report states, "can be taken to represent the contribution of the Catholic people to each community in the Diocese."

Communities	Registration	Cost Per Pupil	Savings
Rochester	19,070	\$219.80	\$4,182,051.00
Auburn	1,923	193.59	\$372,273.57
Elmira	1,769	185.48	\$328,114.12
Geneva	1,163	224.78	\$261,419.14
Irondequoit	1,148	192.34	\$220,806.32
Greece	870	171.85	\$149,509.50
Corning (Dist. 9)	498	199.78	\$99,490.44
(Dist. 13)	253	145.12	\$37,005.60
Ithaca	392	202.17	\$79,250.64
Gates	404	185.12	\$75,228.96
Brighton	255	248.44	\$63,352.20
Canandaigua	346	181.03	\$62,536.38
Hornell	351	177.95	\$62,460.45
Seneca Falls	353	181.79	\$63,811.87
Danville	260	209.63	\$54,500.00
Wayland	171	225.79	\$38,412.00
Perkinsville	54	141.04	\$7,615.00
Webster	300	218.23	\$65,468.57
Brockport	159	233.06	\$37,045.54
Clyde	140	199.84	\$28,000.00
Avon	145	209.20	\$30,329.00
Spencerport	141	177.32	\$25,000.00
Mt. Morris	152	181.33	\$27,652.64
Penn Yan	148	143.55	\$21,388.95
Waterloo	149	176.20	\$26,180.00
Lima	121	134.47	\$16,343.22
Owego	126	134.47	\$16,943.22
TOTAL	30,855		\$6,435,054.63

(Average of three operating districts (registration basis).)

(Above figures are arrived at by multiplying the number of children in the Catholic schools of a community by the per pupil cost of public education in that community. The per pupil cost figures used here are those of 1946-47, the latest figures available from the New York State Department of Education.)

High School Enrollment Step-up Seen



Increases in Catholic high school enrollments "for a number of years to come" were predicted today by the Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, Ph.D., superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Rochester.

Rising registrations in diocesan elementary schools will swing secondary school enrollment in a continuing upward direction, Doctor Mahoney explained in his Annual School Report.

Nothing that the current diocesan elementary school registration increased 1,539 pupils over the year before, the report states.

"THE PRESENT high school population of 4,816 represents a decrease of 90 pupils under last year's total. It is to be noted that this year's freshman potential from elementary school graduates is at its lowest mark, and increase in the size of high school freshman classes for a number of years to come can be expected beginning in September 1949."

Total population of the elementary and secondary diocesan schools, the report reveals, is 30,855. This figure is divided into 26,039 pupils in 80 elementary schools, and 4,816 in the 14 secondary schools.

An increase of 310 children over 1947 figures is noted in the 45 kindergartens of the diocese. Total increase over last year for the first grades in the 80 elementary schools is listed at 789. Grade totals for the 26,039 elementary pupils follow:

Kindergarten 2,341; First Grade (Continued on Page 11)

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Pope Points Clergy's Role; Decrees Canonization Dates

Five Women Slated For Sainthood

By REV. JOSEPH SULLIVAN

Vatican City — (NC) — The last step before the solemn canonization of five beatified women was taken by His Holiness Pope Pius XII when he received the votes of 15 Cardinals and approximately 60 Archbishops, Bishops and Prelates Nullius on their canonization in the semi-public consistory here.

After receiving their assenting votes the Holy Father announced the schedule of the canonizations, two in the near future, and three during the coming Holy Year.

The beatified and their dates of canonization are: Blessed Joan de Lestonnac, foundress of the Daughters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, May 15, 1949; Blessed Maria Joseph Rosella, foundress of the Daughter of Our Lady of Mercy, June 12, 1949; Trinity Sunday; Blessed Bartolomea Capitanio, foundress of the Sisters of Charity, and Vincenza Gerona, co-foundress of the Sister of Charity, May 18, 1950, the Feast of the Ascension; and Blessed Joan of Valois, May 28, 1950.

Five U. S. Bishops and one from Uruguay were present at the consistory: Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis, and Bishops Charles H. Buddy of San Diego, Charles H. Helmsing, Auxiliary of St. Louis, Henry J. O'Connor, Rector of Martin J. O'Connor Rectory of the North American College in Rome, and Alfredo Viola of Salto, Uruguay.



Pope Alerts Priests On Today's Duty

By REV. JOSEPH SULLIVAN

Vatican City — (NC) — Warning that this is a critical turn in history, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has pointed out that the clergy cannot remain as inactive spectators, because the very fate of souls is at stake.

Speaking at an audience granted to seven Bishops and some 300 priests who had gathered in Rome for the golden jubilee observance of a regional seminary, the Holy Father said:

"To the spirit of falsehood which dominates the world, the clergy must respond with unshaken love of truth; to the spirit of hate and selfishness, the sentiment of Christian brotherhood and the safeguarding of justice, especially towards the needs of the humble classes; to the spirit of corruption, priestly purity; to a seeking after pleasure, detachment from the miserable goods of this world."

"The present hour," the Holy Father said, "demands from the priest a stronger virtue, a more burning zeal, a more intrepid firmness. We to the priest who today would wish to spare himself and would measure the renunciations, the sacrifices and the troubles! We to the priest who would allow himself to be intimidated by threats and dangers, forgetful of the warning of the Redeemer: 'He who loves his life loses it.'"

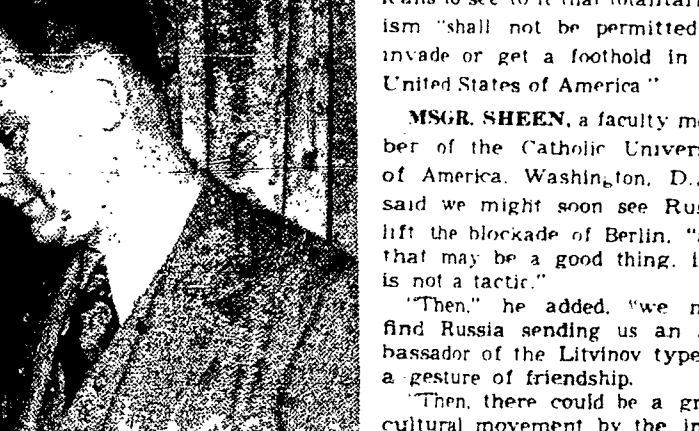
Loyal Americans

Notables in the reviewing stand watch New York's Loyalty Parade march down Fifth Avenue in opposition to the May Day left wing march. Left to right: Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin; Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug; His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman.

Cardinal Leads New York In Loyalty Pledge To U.S.

New York (RNS) — Thirty thousand Roman Catholics gathered in the Polo Grounds here Sunday pledged their loyalty to the United States and prayed for oppressed people in foreign lands during a rain-swept Loyalty Day rally sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York.

The also heard speeches by Francis Cardinal Spellman Msgr.



Fulton J. Sheen and Vice President Alben W. Barkley.

BARKLEY, A PROTESTANT, told of three visits he had made to Pope Pius XII in the past 18 months and said he was one of the Pontiff's "greatest admirers."

The Vice-President urged Americans to see to it that totalitarianism "shall not be permitted to invade or get a foothold in the United States of America."

MSGR. SHEEN, a faculty member of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., said he might soon see Russia lift the blockade of Berlin, "and that may be a good thing, if it is not a tactic."

"Then," he added, "we may find Russia sending us an ambassador of the Litvinov type as a gesture of friendship."

"Then, there could be a great cultural movement by the intelligentsia—those who are educated beyond their intellect. Then we will find that it is 'impossible' for scientists and intellectuals to work together without having the treasures and secrets of the United States opened to a foreign power."

"THERE IS NOT one intelligent man in the world today who believes that the State has anything to fear from the Church," Msgr. Sheen said. "Communism cannot be judged by its foreign policy. We have been on the record on this from the beginning, and we say that Communism is intrinsically evil."

"We shall resist it despite all of its tactics and techniques. Russian foreign policy has nothing whatever to do with Communism. To keep our rights, we must keep our God."

Explaining that the Mystical Body of the Church is, like the men composing it, a living organism, the Pope stated that "Peter would recognize in the Roman Catholic Church of the Twentieth Century the first society of believers whom he addressed on the day of Pentecost."

HIS HOLINESS compared the Mystical Body to the physical body which grows, develops and tends to maturity. Just as the physical members constituting it, "it does not live, does not move in the abstract, outside the incessantly changing conditions of time and place," the Holy Father said.

John Fisher Groundbreak Set For June

Ground will be broken next month for the first two buildings of the new St. John Fisher College—the Administration and Science Buildings—according to authorities of the College.

An announcement of the groundbreaking is contained in the Annual Report of Catholic Schools of the Diocese, released today by the Catholic Education Office. The new college will rise on a 72-acre tract at East Avenue and Fairport Road, Rochester.

Declaring that the latter expenditure "by our Catholic people within a single year is a great act of faith," Doctor Mahoney stated:

"IT CONSTITUTES a definite challenge to the secularism of the day, which vainly believes it can build a democratic society upon an education that fails to include the foundation stone of Eternal Truth."

Included in the proposed construction, besides two buildings for St. John Fisher College, are the following:

Auburn—A new St. Alphonsus School to be started early next month, at an estimated cost of \$250,000.

Owego—A new St. Patrick's School on a \$18,000 newly-purchased site overlooking the banks of the Susquehanna River.

Gates—St. Helen's School, four additional classrooms and a kitchen. (Continued on Page 11)

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U. S. Failure
Abp. Yu-Pin
China Can Win

By REV. P. J. FLYNN

If the Communists can lay their hands on him, Archbishop Paul Yu-Pin of Nanking may become the Minzsheng of China. The scholarly churchman and patriot of Free China is No. 2 on the most recent list of "war criminals" released by the Chinese Communists. His friend Chiang Kai-Shek is No. 1.

DURING THE war we met Archbishop Yu-Pin when he paid a visit to Rochester. He surprised us by stating very frankly that Moscow was at that time carrying on a worldwide propaganda campaign to discredit the Chiang Kai-Shek regime (Free China) as a dictatorship.

This was news to us. Not because we had any delusions about the real nature of the Soviet ambitions but we had supposed that because of wartime alliances Russia was following a temporary hands-off policy against China.

Archbishop Yu-Pin's charges were significant. At the very (Continued on Page 6)

Remember the "Shut-in" with bright spring flowers, most reasonably priced—call BLANCHARD FLORIST at 59 Lake Ave., W.A. 1888. Daily deliveries to all sections, including hospitals.

Msgr. Lambert Will Offer Mass For Chest Campaign

God's blessing will be invoked upon the 1949 Community Chest Campaign for Rochester and Monroe County at Solemn High Mass Sunday morning.

The Chest campaign for 46 local agencies including eight Catholic-operated and five national appeals will be urged in a letter by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney to be read at Sunday Masses in Monroe County.

"I AM SURE," the Bishop's letter states "that many of the requests for assistance represented in this year's budget would win a generous response from you if they came one by one. They should not lose their appeal to our generosity because our Chest has endeavored to simplify the problem for us."

Chest campaigners are looking forward to an effort calling for more giving this year. Budget Committee chairman Louis A. Langie sees agencies faced with increased costs resulting from increased demand for their work.

The eight Catholic Agencies estimate a need for \$248,320.22, a higher amount than last year, to carry on their work.

THE EIGHT agencies under Catholic auspices are: St. Ann's Home for the Aged, St. Elizabeth Guild House, St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester, Charles Settlement House, Columbus Youth Association and East Rochester Branch, Genesee Settlement House, Rochester Catholic Charities and St. Mary's Hospital.

Assisting Monsignor Lambert at Sunday's Mass will be: Deacon, Very Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, Chancellor of the diocese and Subdeacon, the Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, director, Family and Child Placing Division, Rochester Catholic Charities.

Music will be provided by St. St. Monica's Choir under direction of Hugh Dodge.

Mother will certainly appreciate a gift of the jewelry from Thorne's. William S. Thorne, Jeweler, 318 E. Main, opposite East Ave.—Adv.

HNS Plans Welcome for Bishop Kearney

A "Welcome Home Dinner" for His Excellency Bishop Kearney on his return from Rome will be held at Rochester's Hotel Sheraton Tuesday evening, May 31, under the auspices of the Diocesan Holy Name Union.

Open to clergy and laymen of the diocese, the dinner will provide Bishop Kearney an opportunity to report on his "ad limina" visit to the Holy Father and the Vatican.

Sponsoring the dinner is the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union and its more than 100 parish affiliates. Lewis A. Schur, president, announced that the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P.A., V.G., has consented to act as honorary chairman, and that Frank E. Wolfe is general chairman in charge of arrangements.

In accepting the honorary chairmanship, Monsignor Hart declared that "we know our laymen will rejoice with us in this opportunity to welcome back the shepherd of our flock to a diocese which deeply appreciates his labors among us, and to hear his personal message from our Holy Father."

Reservations for the dinner will close May 27, Wolfe said. Requests for tickets will be made through the Holy Name Office, 35 Selo St., Rochester 4, N. Y. Tickets will be mailed to each parish as soon as their request is received.

Head of Canada Meets Sister, A Nun

Saskatoon, Sask. — (NC) — While making a tour of Western Canada, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent was greeted in this city by his sister, Mother Therese de l'Enfant Jesus of the Sisters of the Presentation. Mother Therese is director of studies at the Sisters of the Presentation Convent in Saskatoon.

President's Plaque

is turned over by Deputy Sheriff Joseph P. Kennedy to newly elected Rochester Holy Name Society president Sgt. Arthur Doyle as Monsignor John S. Randall, secretary-treasurer looks on. Plaque is placed in headquarters of the Society's president each year. Doyle, twelfth president was elected at annual Communion Breakfast Sunday



at 7:30 p.m. at the headquarters of the Holy Name Society, 111 E. Main St., Rochester.

Speaks Her Mind

BRETT PALMER, noted convert and writer, is a new Courier Journal feature. Her column, widely syndicated by the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service, rapidly is becoming an increasingly popular feature in Catholic papers throughout the country. For a new, thoughtful slant on current events, read Miss Palmer's TOP OF MY MIND on the Editorial Page.