

Pontiff's Theologian Explains New Holy Year Indulgences

ROME (NC) — Several millions of prospective Holy Year pilgrims are preparing themselves these days to reap their spiritual harvest in Rome — the indulgence of the Jubilee.

To refresh their minds for this experience, the Rev. Mariano Corradini, theologian to His Holiness Pope Pius XII, has expounded for them "the theology of the Jubilee" which, he says, basically, "should empty Purgatory and fill Heaven with Saints, without troubling the Sacred Congregation of Rites."

THE EMINENT Roman theologian sketches the history of the Jubilee as related to indulgences. And, stating the conditions for receiving them, he theologially pictures the spiritual "Treasury of the Church," that rich fount of mercy into which the Savior and the Saints poured their merits and from which the penitent pilgrim draws the redemption of punishment for his sins.

This is the 25th Jubilee since, in the year 1300, Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first, which was proclaimed in the name of Dante. But as Father Corradini writes, there was the Old Testament practice of the Jubilee with the liberation of servants and settlement of debts.

THEY CAME the days of the persecutions. When the "Lapels" or "Lapels" presented themselves to the Church, with what might be called letters of spiritual credit given to them by Martyrs and Confessors out of their own stock of merit. With those the "Lapels" obtained reconciliation with the Church "before the appointed time."

Later "reconciliation before the appointed time" became "commutation," and indulgences were granted for the forgiveness of sins, for the building of cathedrals, for the Crusades and other acts of piety. Finally plenary indulgences for visits to the basilicas of Rome became the basic character of the Jubilee. All this Father Corradini tells in his treatise, "The Theology of the Jubilee," in the June issue of the Official Bulletin of the Central Committee for the Holy Year.

During the Jubilee Year, the Pope writes, the Supreme Pontiff with the key of St. Peter, "opens the strong doors of the safe containing the spiritual treasures, gathered from the suffering of the Saints and the many Martyrs and heroes who with . . . did not sin, and with those treasures, mercy and the gift of punishment were by us and set free our accounts both with strict charity that has forgiven us and with strict justice that requires satisfaction."

And all this the Supreme Pontiff does by virtue of the promise made in St. Peter that "whoever thou shalt loose upon earth will be loosed also in Heaven." The remission of sins for the Holy Year, says Father Corradini, "is visited, that, strictly and divinely spoken, us in the Jubilee in Heaven and upon earth."



Eight Jesuits of the Chicago Province will travel 14,000 miles to reach their stations on the Tains (India) Mission. Rev. Edward J. O'Keefe, S.J. (lower right), a native of Pittsburgh, has been appointed to the Russian Hills and will enter the Collegium Museum in Rome to prepare for work that may take him to any part of the world. The missionaries going to India, named in white above, are: Seated, left to right: Mr. Leroy F. Ryan, S.J., Chicago; Rev. John L. Blanchard, S.J., Toledo; Mr. Anthony J. Greilly, S.J., Cincinnati; and Mr. John J. Kennedy, S.J., Chicago. Standing, left to right: Rev. Albert J. Wilbacher, S.J., Evansville, Ind.; Mr. James J. Kenney, S.J., Cleveland; Mr. John A. Knapik, S.J., Natrona, Pa.; and Rev. Joseph F. Willes, S.J., Newport, Ky. (NO Photos.)

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Reports Mass Conversions In Japanese Town

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR
SAGA, Kyoto-Fu, Japan—(NC)

Two hundred persons received baptism here on August 15, making the largest number known to have been baptized on one occasion in the 400 years since Catholic missions began in Japan.

The 200 are part of the 2,800 population of this village, which applied last February as a body to enter the Catholic Church. Beginning on Easter Sunday, small groups have been baptized as they completed their instruction. The total now baptized in the village is close to 800 according to the Rev. Francis Itakura, the Japanese priest here.

THIS MASS conversion in a rural village is doubly significant. Hitherto the rural communities of Japan have been regarded as most difficult to penetrate. Though Buddhism shows little vitality, the country people are conservative and unwilling to break traditional ties binding them to the local Buddhist temples.

Saga also called Sagamura, was Buddhist. (Mura, meaning "village," was added to distinguish it from other places bearing the same name.) Father Itakura, whom Bishop Paul Taguchi of Osaka sent here to prepare the people for baptism, is himself a convert from Buddhism.

SAGAMURA'S conversion began early this year when village leaders became worried over current social and spiritual dangers. Buddhism, they realized, meant little in everyday life. They wanted a world-wide religion, one that would safeguard their children among the new perils of today and would have the answer to communism.

"Join the Catholic Church," urged Mrs. Sakui Takahashi, wife of a trading villager. She had become a Protestant as a schoolgirl and afterwards had lived in Urakami, the great Catholic parish on the outskirts of Nagasaki. There she had admired the Catholic religion in everyday practice, especially in family life. Returning to Sagamura to marry, she had brought with her a picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For years she had been telling her husband and in-laws about the Catholic Church.

The chief men of Sagamura were impressed and sent a delegation to Bishop Taguchi. Mr. Takahashi was the spokesman. The Bishop investigated and was satisfied that Sagamura really meant it. Father Itakura came, with John Hayakawa, a young convert layman, as teacher. Japanese Sisters of the Visitation came to instruct the women and girls.

JOURNALISM FROM GROUND UP



Nun advisers to high school newspapers were among the 1,800 Sisters of Providence who attended summer sessions at their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. Here teachers became pupils again in music rooms, science laboratories, and print shops. In the above picture, Sister Cecile, S.P., operates the keyboard of a linotype machine in the Providence Press print shop, while other faculty advisers to high school publications observe. (NC Photo.)

German Bishop Tears Up Red Leaflet Publicly

By MAX JORDAN
Frankfurt — (NC) — In the presence of a large audience, Bishop Wilhelm Kempf of Limburg tore to pieces a leaflet issued by a group of progressive Christians here and declared "Nobody can proclaim himself a 'progressive Christian' if his alleged progressiveness is merely directed against the supreme head of the Church."

The Bishop's action and remarks came after he had been shown the leaflet and asked to comment on the question it raised: whether there was any possibility of agreement between communism and the Church.

"THE HOLY Father has clearly answered that question," the Bishop said. "Anyone who freely and knowingly without being forced to do so represents, promotes or supports communism thereby excludes himself from the community of his Catholic brothers and sisters."

According to reports from Berlin Church authorities there have been made it clear that the excommunication decree of the Holy Office will be fully applied if any attempt should be made in the Soviet zone of occupation to set up spurious "Catholic Action" groups on the Czechoslovak pattern. At the same time confidence was expressed that not a single priest in the Berlin diocese would lend his hand to such attempts.

THAT COMMUNISTS in eastern Germany are fully aware of the pitfalls they would have to face in any attempted open persecution of the Church becomes clear from a remark of Werner Eichfeld, communist leader in Weissenfels, Saxony. He told party officials that Catholicism has become "a grave danger for progress in the eastern zone," because so many Catholics had arrived as refugees from the former German territories now under Polish and Soviet control. In view of this he added "Catholics must be watched severely."

From all reports coming from the Soviet zone it appears that Catholic youth there is in no way intimidated by communist threats.

Accordingly communists apply subterfuge methods and carefully conceal all actual measures of persecution. A case in point is the 25-year-prison sentence imposed upon Otto Gallus, a Catholic youth leader in Leipzig, who now serves his term at the penitentiary of Bautzen, Saxony. He had been arrested two years ago, but news of his fate has become available only now.

Archbishop Cushing Leads Boston's Ireland Pilgrimage

Boston — (NC) — Led by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, the largest pilgrimage to sail for Ireland will leave Commonwealth Pier, here Friday aboard the liner Britannic of the Cunard White Star Line.

Thousands of relatives and friends will join the pilgrim to give a traditional send-off to the Archbishop, who was accompanied by his Auxiliary, Bishop John J. Wright, and the other pilgrims.

MAKING ITS first post-war call at Boston, the Britannic carried 825 pilgrims as it headed for the Emerald Isle. State and city officials including Walter Waldron, a member of the board of trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Association; Lt. Comdr. Wilfred Paquet, representing Governor Paul Dever, now en route to Europe; Mayor James M. Curley, accompanied by his son, George, official city greeter, and Joseph Shields, Irish Consul in Boston, were on hand to bid the Archbishop and his party "bon voyage."

During the trip, Monsignor Michael J. Splaine, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Brookline, Mass., will present a series of daily talks on "The Story of Ireland from a Religious and Cultural Point of View," so that his passengers may be briefed on the historic episodes which made Ireland an "Isle of Saints and Scholars."

AFTER SIX DAYS at sea the Britannic will dock at the harbor of Cobh (formerly Queenstown) in the southeast corner of Ireland where passengers will go in by tender.

Meals the ship will be clerical and civic representatives. After

'Crying Room' In New Church

Kankakee, Ill. — (NC) — A new church edifice and school building donated to Bishop Martin J. McNamara, Joliet by Mr. and Mrs. Romy Hammes to serve Kankakee's fifth Catholic parish are rapidly nearing completion. The church, when completed, will accommodate 300 persons and the school will house some 100 students.

Regarding the church construction, The Kankakee Daily Journal notes: "Among the many features in the church will be a specially-constructed room for babies with a glass wall to enable mothers to sit through church services with small children taking active part without disturbing others in the church."

Bavaria Catholic Paper
Munich — (NC) — The Rev. Georg Melxner, a Catholic priest, is one of the lieutenants of Neues Volkshaus, of Bamberg, Bavaria, whose publication has recently been authorized by American occupational authorities. Father Melxner is a member of the Bavarian dist.

Russian College in Rome Observing Silver Jubilee

Vatican City — (Radio, NC)

In connection with the observance of the silver jubilee of the foundation of the Collegium Russicum (Russian College), the Catholic Action daily Quotidiano refers to the many false ideas and rumors concerning the purposes and activities of that institution. Some of these rumors, aided and abetted by Soviet propaganda, even go so far as to call the Russicum an espionage center directed against the Soviet Union.

The explanation is simple, says Quotidiano. The Russicum has the task of preparing priests who are familiar with the Russian language and the Eastern Rites of the Church to become instruments of Divine Providence toward a spiritual resurrection of the

generous Russian people in the thousand-year-old schism that divides the True Church and the (schismatic) Orthodox Church.

The Russicum also supplies priests to take care of the spiritual needs of Russians living in various parts of the world. There is nothing strange or mysterious about the Russicum, Quotidiano says, when it is remembered that there are many other national colleges in Rome: for the Germans, French, Spanish and others.

Camden Pilgrimage
Camden, N. J. — (NC) — A diocesan pilgrimage to Rome and other shrines in Europe, during the Holy Year of 1950, is being sponsored by Bishop Bartholomew J. Eustace of Camden Diocese.

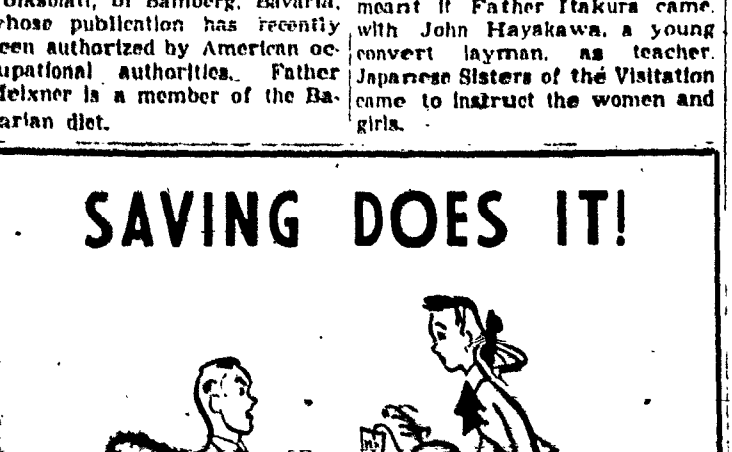
Neuro Bishop Visits Canada

Montreal — (NC) — A Negro Bishop of Africa, the Most Rev. Joseph Kiwanuka, member of the White Fathers, is in Canada to thank benefactors, who have assisted his native clergy by providing the financial and other means necessary for their education.

Bishop Kiwanuka, who is the Vice Apostle of Masaka in Uganda, is 50 years of age. He speaks English and French with equal facility.

Consecrated on October 29, 1936, by Pope Pius XII at Rome, he was one of the first native priests from various mission fields to be raised to the episcopacy by the present Holy Father.

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