

# Papal Ceremonies Opening Holy Year Carried by WHAM on Christmas Day

Christmas ceremonies will have "front-row seats" for the nation's Christmas ceremonies at the Vatican when they come to WHAM (11:55 a. m.) from 2 to 3 p. m. on Christmas Day to hear the NBC on-the-spot coverage of the historic opening of the Holy Year by Pope Pius XII.

Each hour, NBC's Rome correspondents, speaking directly from the Vatican Basilica in Rome, will describe every step of the ceremonies and the activities of the Pope and his attendants when the Holy Year is proclaimed on Christmas Eve.

NBC in New York will transmit Regon's colorful commentary (arriving in the U.S. about 8 p. m. on the 24th) and re-broadcast it for a nationwide hookup on Christmas afternoon. Bob Trout will be the New York announcer.

A musical dramatization of the Nativity, with the orchestra and chorus of the famed Santa Cecilia Academy in Rome, directed by its composer Maestro Perosi will be a feature of the program.

The ceremonies to be broadcast follow a set pattern established when the Holy Year was first proclaimed in 1300.

A procession forms in the Sixtine Chapel in Vatican City just before Midnight on Christmas Eve. The Pope with his retinue enters at the foot of the main altar in the chapel, then leaves for the portico of St. Peter's Church. His approach is heralded by the sounding of silver trumpets.

During this portion of the journey the Pope is seated on the sedia gestatoria, a portable throne which rests on the shoulders of his scarlet-clad carriers. A canopy on long poles is supported over his head, and other attendants carry two flabelli, semi-circular ostrich fans.

The garb of the Pope and his attendants is somber, in commemoration of the death of Christ.

ARRIVING AT the holy door in the basilica of St. Peter's the Pontiff dismounts and seats himself on a throne set to the left of the portico. An attendant Cardinal called the Grand Penitentiary presents an ivory-handled golden hammer, carried on a golden plate, which the Pope takes and then walks to the door.

In Latin, he repeats three times the phrase, "Open to me the door of justice, for God is with us," striking the door lightly with this hammer after each sentence. The heavy marble slab in the portico revolves slowly, on hidden hinges, revealing the church, dimly lit by countless candles and filled with thousands of worshippers.

FOUR APOSTOLIC masters of ceremonies wash the threshold with holy water, after which the Pope, lighted candle in right hand and spear-headed cross in the other, kneels at the entrance in silent prayer.

He is the first to enter the church as the Sixtine choir sings and the bells of Rome's 400 churches begin ringing.

In the church, the Holy Father is carried along the main aisle on the portable throne, blessing the throng within. He pauses at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and venerates the relics of Christ's Passion contained there: St. Veronica's veil, the spear which pierced Christ's side, and a large portion of the True Cross.

THE POPE THEN mounts the sedia, gives the apostolic blessing, mounts the sedia gestatoria again, and is borne to the Papal Altar as the congregation cheers him along the way.

The WHAM broadcast will include the sounds of the trumpets heralding the approach of the Pope to St. Peter's and the peykeys offered up by the Pope during the ceremonies. Listeners will also hear the tapping of the hammer, the opening of the sacred door and the responses of the faithful at each phase of the observations. Regon will describe the ceremonies marking each portion of the ritual.

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**NEW 'GIRL OF THE YEAR'**

Voted "Girl of the Year" by the Catholic Youth Organization of Los Angeles, student nurse Mary Alice Kohane of Queen of the Angels Hospital here, received the annual trophy from actress Joan Leslie, last year's winner. Rev. Richard F. Cotter, C.Y.O. director, looks on. (NU Photos)

## Radio Offers Special Shows For Christmas

Radio will spread Christmas messages of music and sermon, church ceremonies and special events, drama and comedy according to weekend schedules announced today by stations within the diocese.

**Christmas Eve**  
1:15 p. m. - WBNY - Mercy High Liturgical Choir in Christmas Carol concert directed by Virginia Carstenuto.  
2:30 p. m. - WHAM - Notre Dame Glee Club Christmas concert.

3 p. m. - WVET - Rebroadcast of "Joyful Hours," Christmas Rosary program produced by Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. from Hollywood.  
8:30 p. m. - WHEC - CBS eye-witness description of opening of Holy Year ceremonies in Rome.  
9 p. m. - WARC - New Christmas Cantata sung by Robert Shaw Chorale.  
11:30 p. m. - WHAM - Christmas Concert with Lauritz Melchior.

11:45 p. m. - WHAM-TV - Telecast of Midnight Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, with Francis Cardinal Spellman as celebrant.  
Midnight, WHAM - His Excellency Bishop Kearney's Midnight Mass and Christmas sermon, from Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral.  
Midnight, WHEC - Old St. Mary's Midnight Mass.  
Midnight, WSAV - Holy Rosary Midnight Mass.  
Midnight, WVET - Holy Family Midnight Mass.  
Midnight, WARC - St. Monica's Midnight Mass.  
Midnight, WMOB - St. Mary's, Auburn, Midnight Mass.  
Midnight - WQVA, Geneva - St. Francis De Sales Midnight Mass.  
Midnight - WVRG, Hornell - St. Anne's Midnight Mass.

**Cardinal's Midnight Mass Planned for Rochester TV**

The first telecast of a Midnight Mass ever provided for viewers in the Rochester Diocese will bring the complete Christmas Eve ceremonies from New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral in this Saturday night from 11:45 p. m. to 1:15 a. m. on WHAM-TV.

WHAM-TV, now serving an estimated 16,000 television homes in the Rochester area, will telecast the NBC-TV feature on a relay via Kable from the national television cable at Cleveland. Francis Cardinal Spellman will celebrate the Mass.

Program plans call for a reverent and close-up coverage of every detail of the Pontifical Mass plus the musical program and the sermon. Using a group of cameras placed in different corners of the sanctuary, choir and nave of the cathedral; the NBC mobile television crew will be assisted by the descriptive commentary of the Rev. Charles McManus of the Cathedral staff.

The telecast will clearly picture every sanctuary ceremony plus the pre-Mass procession, the carol service of the Cathedral Men and Boys' Choir and the Christmas sermon preached by Most Rev. Bishop Joseph F. Flannery, rector of the Cathedral.

Christopher Lynch, concert artist will sing *Sanctus* and *Ave Maria* at the Offertory of the Mass and the Cathedral College Choir will also be heard.

## MOVIE GUIDE

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## Priests Reported In Concentration Camps

Vienna (CIP) - Several hundred Catholic priests are among approximately 3,000 forced laborers now building a metallurgical plant near Cracow, Poland, according to eight former Polish Army officers who reached Austria after escaping from Poland via Czechoslovakia. The Poles had been prisoners in the same concentration camp as the priests but succeeded in fleeing, they stated.

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## Video Covers Rome Ceremonies

Vatican City (NC) - The coming Holy Year will mark another historical milestone with the use of television according to word here today.

French technicians recently arrived here with equipment donated by French Catholics, and are working day and night to install it in time for the Holy Year opening ceremonies.

Television has not yet been legally established in Italy. Plans are being made to install receivers in several points in Vatican City, however, in order to provide some use of television without breaking Italian laws in such matters.

But even such small use is regarded here as a sign of the desire of His Holiness Pope Pius XII to be among the advanced guard in every scientific program.

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In the Grotto of the Nativity where Christ was born in Bethlehem—in the Refugee Camps—beneath the stately Cedars of Lebanon—on the stony steppes of Hauran—in the dry sandy wastes of the desert—all over Palestine—our Missionary Priests and Sisters with their suffering people will pray God's blessing for our benefactors on Christmas... With them we join in prayerful wish for all who have answered our appeals—A happy, holy, blessed Christmas!

## THE FOURTH WISE MAN RELICS OF THE HOLY INFANCY

Perhaps you remember that lovely story. Do you remember Elizabeth? It is a real problem to Archbishop Joseph Cheka. American proselyting agencies are trying by every means to win over the orthodox Nestorians, who have lost their spiritual leaders. With a Chapel School this good Bishop can welcome into the Church 2,000 Nestorians who are ready to renounce with their Catholic children. You will never find a better investment or a greater opportunity to do something big—for God and for Yourself.

## A CRIB OF GOLD

To MARY'S newborn Babe you can offer a Crib of Gold—chalice and a paten where Christ will be reborn again and again in the morning sacrifice... Our baby bishop of the Near East—Bishop Paul Nousseir—wishes to give you this special gift. The cost is fifty dollars.

## NOT BY THE SWORD

The slaughter of the Holy Innocents (December 28th) still continues today. They die—not by the sword—but by hunger, desolation, sickness, lack of clothing and medical care in the Refugee Camps... Every dollar you give for Refugee Children will save a life... How many Holy Innocents would you like to save?

## YOUR LAST CHRISTMAS

Some who read these words are spending their last Christmas on earth... Have you any insurance for eternity? Our Gregorian Masses in Suspense can shorten your stay in Purgatory. Send us the offering (thirty dollars for thirty Masses) and we will send you—our Suspense Card and full details of this ancient privilege of the Church... Of course you may have them said for a departed loved one.

## MUST BE HIS NAME

Frankly, there is one reason why we read very carefully every letter from the Bishop of Istanbul. It is his good old Irish name—Dennis... Bishop Dennis Varouhakis has laid in putting a roof on his Cathedral. He needs five hundred dollars. Could you spare five or ten to win an old bishop's lasting gratitude? We wish you could read his warm appeal!

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