

# Parishes Mark 'Holy Family Feast' Sunday



HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY: AS DEPICTED HERE BY THE ARTIST, CATHOLICS WILL ATTEND MASS AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN FAMILY GROUPS.

## Bishop Asks Families To Holy Communion

Eleventh annual observance of Family Communion Sunday, inaugurated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in 1940, will take place throughout the Diocese of Rochester, Sunday, Jan. 8, Feast of the Holy Family.

Additional significance will be given to the custom of the entire family approaching the altar rail together at one of the Masses by the fact that this is the Holy Year of Jubilee.

Current attacks on family life have emphasized the need for a family practice of this kind in which fathers and mothers, and the children receive Holy Communion at the same time.

Throughout the Rochester diocese, in the See City, Elmira, Corning, Auburn and Geneva dioceses, family groups will honor the Model Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph at the altar rail. Sermons will be preached on the Holy Family and the faithful will meditate on the ideals of the Holy Family.

DIGNITY OF THE family, the rights of parents, the respect of children for their parents and the consistent vigilance of parents were stressed in Bishop Kearney's letter to the faithful read at all Masses Sunday. These are foundations of home life, the Bishop said. Without them no nation can be great.

"Let us avail ourselves of this feast dedicated to the Holy Family of Nazareth to sanctify our own homes and our family life by observing this beautiful ceremony of the Family Communion," the Bishop's letter said. Importance of family life also was stressed by the Bishops of the United States in annual meeting last November. They warned that dangers to family life at this time are "more fearsome than the atom bomb."

### Noon-Hour Classes Held For Inquirers

Duluth — (NC) — An inquiry course for non-Catholics, consisting of 25 noon-day classes given each Tuesday and Friday in the Holland Hotel, here, will open January 10 under the auspices of the Duluth Priests' sodality.

Subjects of discussion will include the existence of God, the nature and destiny of man, the necessity of religion, the Divinity of Christ, the establishment of the Church, the Sacraments, the moral law, the Commandments of God, the precepts of the Church, prayer, devotions and the sacramentals.

## Bishop's Family Sunday Letter

My Dear People:

Next Sunday (Jan. 8) will be the feast of the Holy Family. Following the practice established in our diocese a few years ago, we shall have our Family Communion Sunday in every parish. There will be no special children's Mass in any church in order that families may unite in this ceremony. May I ask that the entire family approach the communion rail together and receive the Holy Eucharist as a family. We have asked in the past, and do so again, that mother be the honored guest of her family at breakfast after the Mass so that she may be relieved of the responsibility of preparing breakfast on this feast.

The dignity of the family, the rights of parents, the respect of children for their parents, and the consistent vigilance of parents are the foundations of home life without which no country can prosper or be great. Let us avail ourselves of this feast dedicated to the Holy Family of Nazareth to sanctify our own homes and our family life by observing this beautiful ceremony of the Family Communion. Praying God's choicest blessings upon all of you during this holy Jubilee Year, I remain

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

† JAMES E. KEARNEY

Bishop of Rochester

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## Msgr. Sheen N B C Talks On W H A M

Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen's annual series of radio addresses on the NBC "Catholic Hour" will reach all diocesan listeners for the first time in local radio history beginning this Saturday afternoon from 5 to 5:30 p.m. on WHAM.

The noted author, lecturer and Catholic University professor will open his twenty-first year series of nationwide radio broadcasts on "The Catholic Hour" with the topic "Love One Another."

His series of 13 addresses generally titled "The Rock Plunged Into Eternity" is a treatment of the role of the Church and Catholic principles in these troubled times.

THE NEW Saturday feature for the Rochester area is usually carried on the NBC chain at 6 p.m. on Sundays. By special arrangement, from Jan. 1 to April 9, WHAM will transcribe each Sunday's "Catholic Hour" from the NBC wire and broadcast the complete program on the following Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Well-known to millions from his best-selling books such as the current "Peace of Mind" and his numerous lecture engagements, Monsignor Sheen has won his greatest fame as a radio orator. Each year during the "Catholic Hour" series, his weekly mail totals a 30,000 letters. NBC estimates that nearly 20,000,000 people hear him each Sunday from New Year's through Easter from the 50-odd stations that carry the "Catholic Hour."

RECOGNIZED AS America's most quoted churchman, Monsignor Sheen has instructed and inspired such converts as Henry Ford II, Haywood Brown, Fritz Kreisler, Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, Gretta Palmer and hundreds of others, both Protestants and Jews.

For several years the Courier-Journal has requested WHAM to schedule "The Catholic Hour" which has been an NBC weekly feature since March, 1930. But commercial commitments filling WHAM's Sunday evening schedule have made it impossible to provide the network feature in this area.

Arrangements for the Saturday rebroadcast will bring the program to many in the Rochester Diocese and throughout the WHAM listening-area who have never heard Monsignor Sheen. In the past Diocesan listeners seeking to tune in the program from WBNB, Buffalo, or WGY, Schenectady—its only other upstate outlets—have usually found reception impossible or unsatisfactory.

Attendees — Ask for a booklet explaining your schedule. Call Blanchard Forest, 35 East Ave., R.A. 5121—Daily deliveries to all sections, including hospitals.—(ADV)

### U. S. Taxes For This?

## MacArthur Aides In Japan Publish Birth Control Book

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR

Tokyo — (NC) — American Occupation officials here have reopened the birth control offensive. At a press conference Lt. Col.

Hubert C. Schenck, one of General MacArthur's section chiefs, launched a new GHQ-published book that specifies birth control as the only course for the Japanese people to take. Entitled, "Japanese Natural Resources," and written by Dr. Edward Ackerman, the book gives a detailed survey of Japan's productivity in relation to the population's needs and finishes by urging birth control as a "workable solution."

Dr. Ackerman, a geography professor from the University of Chicago and formerly an adviser to Colonel Schenck in the Natural Resources Section of the Occupation, nowhere refers to any moral aspect of the issue. "IT GIVES ME great pleasure," Colonel Schenck said at the press conference, "to distribute copies of this book." It is a 560-page book, printed with coated paper and contains pictures and maps—probably the most elaborate and most expensive publication by the Occupation so far. A Japanese edition is in preparation. Copies will be sent to prefectural governors and American civil affairs teams throughout Japan, and also to American and Japanese libraries. A lengthy handout announcing the book highlighted the author's arguments for birth control.

"The author is responsible for all conclusions and interpretations," it remarked unnecessarily. The foreword of the book says it is not to be considered "a statement of official policy," which it will be already be in many quarters. The title page names the publisher as "General Headquarters, Japanese Commander for the Allied Powers, Natural Resources Section, Tokyo."

One cannot link the inconsistencies this book's appearance suggests. "We in the Natural Resources Section are authorized to study the problem, not to set up a solution," I was told officially last summer. But Dr. Ackerman insists on proposing a "solution."

"THE PROBLEM of population is certainly not within the purview of prescribed Allied policy or the defined scope of the Supreme Commander," General MacArthur said last June 6. This book deals directly with the problem.

If this book's conclusions are correct, its promoters will have to think up something much smarter than birth control to avert disaster. Dr. Ackerman sees a balanced economy as "probable" only if Japan's population remains at about 80,000,000. But it already exceeds 82,000,000. Even with a maximum-popular surrender to birth control, a GHQ consultant has estimated a population of 100,000,000 by 1970.

Maybe, before it is too late, statesmen will consider the limited natural resources of other lands in relation to Japan's human needs.

An uneasy Church-State truce continued in force as the New Year was ushered in.

### Former Minister Offers First Mass

Quebec — (NC) — The Rev. Douglas Brown, a former Protestant minister, celebrated his first Mass inillery, Quebec, in the chapel of the Convent of Jesus-Mary Father Brown had been a Protestant minister in the United States until 1946 when at the age of 37, he decided to become a Catholic and, if possible, a priest. He finished his Theological studies at Loyola College in Montreal.



FAMILY OF 14 EXCHANGES NEW YEAR'S GREETING WITH BISHOP KEARNEY

Among the hundreds of families attending Bishop Kearney's annual New Year's reception at his home on Monday afternoon was that of Mr. and Mrs. Constant Blaakman. The parents and their 12 children came to this country from Eindhoven, Holland, last year. Shown with the Bishop are Mr. Blaakman, far left; his wife

Marie, holding Ann Marie, 6 months; Guido, 5; Rose Marie, 8; Mary Louise, 10; Marie Jose, 12; Stanny, 14; Emiel, 15; Jan and Franz, both 16; Arcene, 17; Marcel, 18; and Roger, 20. All except the three older boys arrived in Rochester last November. (Democrat & Chronicle Photo)

### Baptists Oppose Hospital Aid

Dallas, Tex. — (RNS) — Southern Baptists will cooperate with a proposed court test of the Hill-Burton Act which allows federal aid to church-owned hospitals.

The disclosure was made here by Dr. Duke K. McCall of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention executive committee.

DR. McCALL SAID in an interview that the executive committee had accepted the opinion of a legal firm that the act violates the First Amendment to the constitution.

He said the legal opinion on the act was prepared for the Baptist Joint Conference Committee office maintained by four national Baptist bodies in Washington, D. C.

The Joint Committee office, he said, would lead the court fight. Dr. Joseph M. Dawson is executive director of the Joint Committee, which acts for the four Baptist bodies on legislative and public relation matters.

THE HILLBURTON Act was recently extended for five years and doubled its annual aid to states from \$70,000,000 to \$150,000,000 for "public and other non-profit hospitals."

### Brother And Sister, Exiles From China, Join Church

Brooklyn — (NC) — Separated from their parents, their country overrun by communists, and their fortunes at low ebb, Paul Yu, critically ill on Welfare Island, and his sister, Claire Yu, student at Seton Hill College, Greensburg, Pa., were received into the Catholic Church in a ceremony at the young man's sick bed.

THE REV. WILLIAM M. Casey, rector of St. Vincent's Home for Boys, here, who had befriended the young Chinese, baptized him and his sister.

Paul Yu was born in Wu Chang, Hupeh Province, central China. He lived with his parents and four other children in Nanking, where his father was a professor at Nanking University. He came to the United States in August, 1947, on a scholarship to Columbia University awarded by the Chinese government, and took up residence at St. Vincent's Home.

He studied philosophy at Columbia and whenever occasions permitted, he discussed Catholic philosophy with Father Casey. When he learned that Manchuria had fallen to the communists, he went back to his native village to rejoin his father and mother in January, 1949. He persuaded his parents to flee to Canton, where they persuaded him to return to the United States.

PAUL YU FLEW to Formosa and wrote to Father Casey, who

### Czech Marriage Law Launched

Prague — (RNS) — Busts of President Klement Gottwald looked down on bridal couples here and elsewhere in Czechoslovakia as local authorities provided decorated wedding rooms for the first marriages taking place under the new marriage and family law. The law, which became effective on January 2, makes only civil marriages legal.

In one town near Prague, the first pair to be wedded in the new on-the-spot marriage system, received a present of a set of pictures showing Marshal Stalin from boyhood to manhood. They also received some cut glass, and a set of books written by Premier Antonin Zapotocky.

UNDER THE new law, couples need only present identification papers to be married at once. The custom of church banns has been abolished and civil ceremonies must precede church weddings.

However, indications are that the civil authorities are not opposed to church banns being issued in time for religious rites immediately after the civil ceremony.

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### Vatican Paper Answers Protestants

Vatican City — (NC) — Osservatore Romano has made a brief comment on the reported refusal of 29 Pittsburgh Protestant leaders to accept the invitation of His Holiness Pope Pius XII to return to the Catholic Church, contained in the Pontiff's Christmas Message.

Reports here quoted the Protestant leaders as saying that "while Protestants love unity, they love truth and freedom more."

"From which it is seen," Osservatore says, "that if the love of liberty of those meeting at Pittsburgh is unquestionable, their love of unity and truth is at least doubtful, because the former is divided and the latter contested by the 29 churches."