

Maria Goretti's Canonization Advanced: Night Of June 24

Pontiff Adores The Host

Vatican City — (NC) — The canonization of Blessed Maria Goretti will take place in the basilica outside of St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday, June 24, at seven o'clock in the evening instead of the previously announced date of Sunday, June 25.

The Pontifical Mass in honor of the new saint will be celebrated inside St. Peter's on the next day, Sunday, at ten a.m.

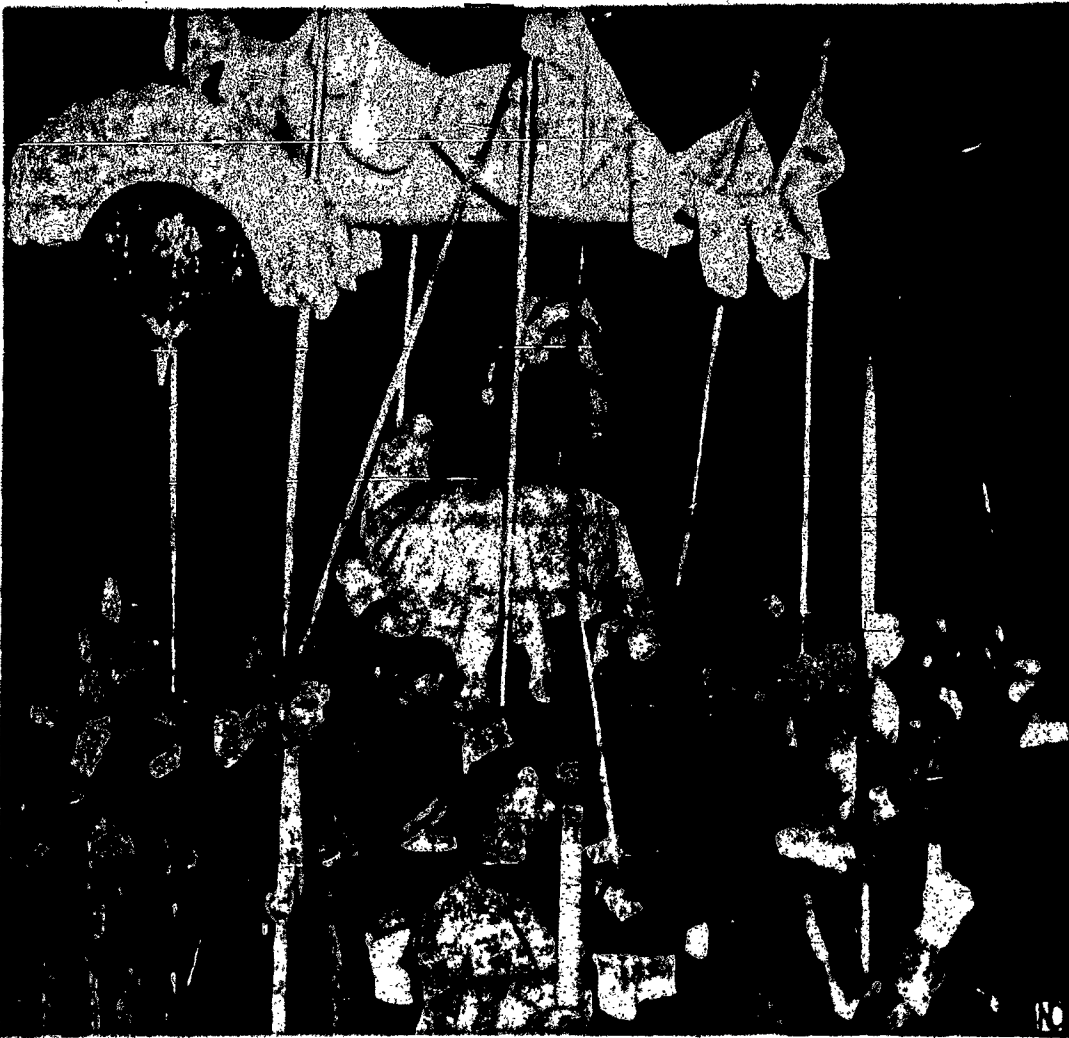
THREE CHANGES were officially announced in the Vatican today, which said that this wholly exceptional step was taken in consideration of the extraordinary number of applications for admission to the ceremony.

"In this manner," the announcement says, "the masses of faithful can assist in the memorable event while devoutly gathered in the immense spaces of St. Peter's Square."

THE DATE before the date set for Blessed Maria's canonization, the number of applications for admission tickets to St. Peter's had already passed 100,000. The total capacity of the basilica for such a ceremony is estimated at a maximum of 50,000. While for obvious reasons many Italians are anxious to render honor to one whom they consider in a particular manner "their" saint, untold thousands of pilgrims from all parts of the world also wish to be present at that historic and exceptional occasion.

Meanwhile, Vatican circles recall that several memorable canonizations have not been held since in Rome. Among these was that of St. Francis of Assisi, on July 1, 1228, only two years after his death, his canonization, already proclaimed at Perugia, was carried out by Gregory IX in the square before the Basilica church of Assisi. In the same square the Pontiff proclaimed a solemn canonization of the new saint, but a Mass in his honor was celebrated inside the church.

A SIMILAR procedure was carried out on June 3, 1228, at Assisi for the canonization of



An enormous crowd, including Holy Year pilgrims from many lands, gathered in St. Peter's Square to witness the Corpus Christi procession. For the first time in seven centuries the famous Reliquary of Orvieto was carried. Students from the North American College took part in the ceremonies. In the photo, POPE

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St. Anthony of Padua, less than a year after the saint's death. The canonization of Blessed Maria Goretti will take place 48 years after her death at the age of 12 in defense of her purity, and three years after her death. Both her mother, Assunta, who still lives at Blessed Maria's native village of Corridonia in Italy, and her elder

brother, Angelo, who is to come here from New Village, N.J., in the United States, and other relatives are expected to attend the ceremony. Vatican circles also point out that in more recent days — not withstanding the rule that beatifications and canonizations shall take place inside St. Peter's when the Pontiff is in Rome — there

nevertheless have been variations for reasons different from those of today. Following the events of 1870, when the spoliation of the Papal States was completed and Rome was seized by the troops of Victor Emmanuel II, canonizations in 1881 and 1888 were celebrated by Pope Leo XIII in the Hall of Benedictions above the Vatican.

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Maryknollers Mark 39th Anniversary

Maryknoll, N.Y. — (NC) — The 39th birthday of Maryknoll — or more formally, the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America — will be celebrated on June 29 by its 2,321 members in many widely separated parts of the world.

Bishop Raymond A. Lane, M.M., Maryknoll superior general, said that the Maryknoll personnel today includes seven bishops, 477 priests, 763 students, 109 Brothers, one oblate and 964 Sisters.

It was on June 29, 1911, that Pope Pius X authorized the late Bishop James A. Walsh and Father Thomas F. Price to found a new society for training young Americans for the foreign missions.

TODAY, MARYKNOLL priests, Brothers and Sisters have mission posts in Japan, Korea, South China, the Hawaiian Islands, Bolivia and Tanganyika, Africa. Maryknoll priests and Brothers are to be found at mission stations in Chile, Peru, Guatemala and Mexico, and Maryknoll nuns staff missions in Manchuria, Ceylon, the Caroline and the Philippine Islands, Panama and Nicaragua. There are still other Maryknollers studying at schools, convents, seminaries and colleges in the United States and in Rome, Italy.

In China, despite the war, Maryknollers reported a substantial increase in converts in their mission areas of Wuchow, Kiating, Kongmoon and Kweilin during 1949-50. After disastrous floods in the Wuchow region, missionaries distributed relief supplies to more than 20,000 famine victims.

IN SOUTH KOREA, Maryknoll Missionaries recorded 16,000 baptisms during the year, while in Japan a number of new mission stations were set up in the Kyoto area, where one missionary provides food for 1,200 families each week, operates free medical clinics for the poor and distributes clothing to the needy in some 200 villages.

In the jungle region of Bolivia, Maryknoll Sisters conduct a modern hospital and priests operate mission dispensaries, treating nearly 30,000 patients during the year. In Chile, attendance increased at two Maryknoll schools operated to improve social conditions among the poor. In Guatemala the Maryknollers introduced rug-weaving among the Indians to supplement their meager income from farming in Mexico, at the request of the Mexican hierarchy. A Maryknoll Bishop opened the Mexican Foreign Mission Society Seminary.

Maryknollers in Tanganyika reported a seven per cent increase in the number of Catholics in their mission during the year. In the United States, Maryknoll's new Glen Elyn Seminary, near Chicago, welcomed its first class of 130 students during the year.

Nuns Buy Tract Envoy Once Owned

Concord, N.H. — (NC) — Construction of a Carmelite monastery on a 30-acre tract formerly owned by the late John G. Winant, wartime Ambassador to Great Britain, is expected to be started this Fall. It has been announced here. Purchase of the property was made through Mr. Winant's widow, Mrs. Constance Winant.

Coming to Concord four years ago, the Carmelite community has a monastery and chapel in Concord Heights, but needs larger quarters. At present there are 17 Carmelites here, but there is a waiting list of new applicants. The new buildings will include a monastery large enough to house 24 nuns and a semi-public chapel that will seat 250 persons.

Non-Catholics Aid Catholic Hospital

Little Rock, Ark. — (RNS) — Businessmen, doctors, civic and religious leaders of the Protestant and Jewish faiths have joined with Roman Catholics in the Greater Little Rock area in pledging \$300,000 to the furnishing of a \$3,665,000 hospital to be erected by Catholics with federal aid.

Sixty per cent of the overall cost, or \$3,400,000, will be paid by the federal government under the provisions of the Hill-Burton Act.

New Negro Priest Czech Reds:



First Negro priest from South Carolina, the Rev. Leonard Alajoussat, ordained at St. Mary's Seminary, Norwalk, Conn., is shown as he entered the cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston, S.C., where he sang his first solemn Mass. The sermon was delivered by the Most Rev. John J. Russell, Bishop of Charleston. Father Cunningham is a member of the congregation of the Holy Ghost. (NC Photos)

Thwart Hierarchy's Freedom To Minister

Linz, Austria — (NC) — A solid ring of Red restrictions is completely thwarting the ministry of the Bishops in an authoritative source here.

The severest block to the Bishops' freedom of action, this authority reported, is the government appointed commissar who has usurped full jurisdiction in the diocesan chanceries. The commissar uses the letterheads and seals of the dioceses, issues orders in the name of the Bishop, and countersigns all official acts issued by the chancery office. The regime does not recognize as valid anything issued by the chancery without the commissar's countersignature.

All the episcopal residences have been placed under police vigilance, the authority reported. Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague has not left his residence since June 19, 1949. Red police

Bishops Under Home Arrest

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — Quoting "reliable Prague sources," Vatican Radio announced that the Czechoslovak Bishops Arbrek Laski of Timava and Josef Carky of Kosice are being virtually kept under arrest and cannot leave their residences. These new measures are part of the intensified war against the Church waged by Prague communists, Vatican Radio said.

have been installed as "door-men," and keep the keys of both the entrance door and a second door leading to a stairway. They do not allow the Archbishop to receive anyone without their approval and censor all mail sent to him.

Vigilance over the other Bishops has been intensified, it was pointed out. Some of them are practically interned in their residences. The automobiles of some Bishops have been confiscated with the excuse that they are "unnecessary."

Archbishop Josef Malocha of Olomouc, this source reported, was forced to accept a policeman to accompany him on all his travels "for his own protection." Besides having Red policemen forced on them as servants, the Bishops are being constantly watched by secret agents.

This Red vigilance does not end with the Bishops, the authority stated, but extends to the diocesan deans, pastors and particularly the remaining religious houses.

The government's purpose behind this extraordinary vigilance is said to be twofold: to keep an accurate check on all that these churchmen do and say, and to deter people from visiting rectories and monasteries.

Aid Native Clergy



Rev. Leo Lemay, S.M., Vice-Provincial of the Marsh Path, Boston, who is en route to help Bishop Thomas J. Wade, S.M., establish a major seminary for the native clergy in the North Solomons, one of the last strongholds of cannibalism in the South Pacific. Ordination of the first two Solomonic priests is expected in 1953. (NC Photos)

Papal Audiences Slated for 6 P.M.

Vatican City — (NC) — The time of general audiences, hitherto held by His Holiness Pope Pius XII at noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays in St. Peter's Basilica, has been changed to 6 p.m. on the same days.

Plans to transfer the audiences to the open air, either to the San Damaso or Belvedere courtyards of the Vatican, have been dropped and audiences will continue to be held inside the basilica.

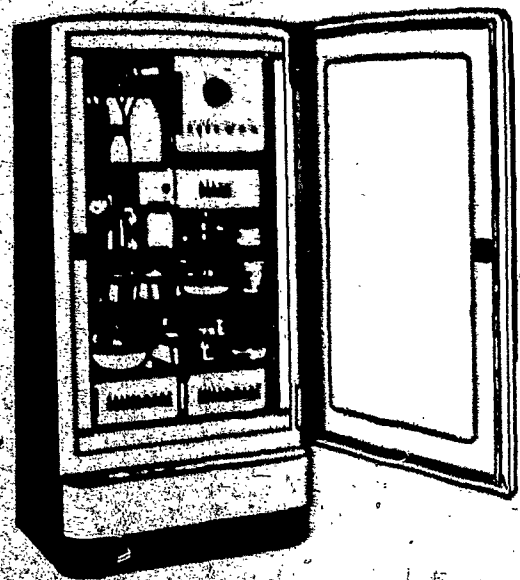
Pilgrims coming to Rome in a never-ending stream, will greatly benefit from the change in the time of the audiences, sparing them the need of approaching and leaving the basilica at the hottest time of day.

One of the delights of Rome's summer climate is the practically unending appearance in the evening hours of a sea-cooled west wind breeze called the "ponentino." It brings welcome relief from the daytime heat, which is carried to the city by the southeast wind called the "sirocco."

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