

Assumption Definition, Mass Slated On All Saints Day

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Father will deliver a message in addition to the proclamation of the dogma, but it is not yet known whether he will deliver his discourse at the time of the proclamation or at the Mass. The weather may have a bearing on this detail.

Similar to a canonization, the ceremony begins when the Pope reaches the Sixtine Chapel from the Papal apartments. From there the procession descends the "Scala Regia" (steps leading down from the Papal apartments to the Basilica), but this time instead of entering the portico of the Basilica the procession will exit from the bronze door of the Vatican and cross St. Peter's square to its center and ascend the steps to the main door of the Basilica in front of which will be the Papal Throne.

The Papal Throne, Cardinal Marchetti-Selvaggiani will approach the throne and make the formal request to the Holy Father that he proclaim the dogma of the Assumption. The Pope's reply will be his invitation to prayer and he will lead all in the singing of the "Veni Creator." Following this the Pope will ascend the throne and read the proclamation.

If the Pope's additional message is to be given outside, it is expected to begin at this moment, similar to the procedure followed at the canonization of St. Maria Goretti. If the message is to be delivered at the Mass it will not be heard until the following morning.

Thousands in the piazza as well as the people throughout the world will hear the complete ceremonies by means of public address systems and a radio broadcast.

Catholics Seek DP Assurances

New York — (RNS) — A drive has been launched in all Roman Catholic dioceses throughout the United States for 50,000 home and job assurances for displaced persons from Europe. It was announced here by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward E. Swanson, executive director of War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Oswego Parish Boasts Vocation Record



A splendid showing for vocations in an average-sized city parish was demonstrated when 17 priests, all natives of St. Mary's parish, Oswego, N. Y., posed for this photo with another native of the parish, the Most Rev. David Cunningham, Auxiliary Bishop of Syracuse, recently consecrated. (CNC Photos)

French Catholic Authorities Study Decreasing Vocations

Paris — (RNS) — French Roman Catholic authorities have undertaken a special study of vocations for the priesthood over the past 50 years preparatory to devising a modernized policy of recruiting priests. Also being studied are proposed reforms in the material conditions of priests' lives.

of ordinations fell abruptly after the anti-clerical campaigns and laws. By 1929 it had started to rise again slowly and from 1930 to 1938 it had passed the beginning-of-century standards. This was ascribed in great part to the increased birth rate between 1903 and 1913 and to the founding of an association for the encouragement of vocations and the development of Catholic Action.

U. N. Raps Red China Regime Soviet Puppets Hits Private College On Freedom

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although the revised resolution does not contain the provision of the Cuban amendment that the question should be placed on the agenda of the Sixth Session of the Assembly Nor does it contain a Cuban provision that so long as the three governments do not modify their attitude they may not be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

In the course of the debate on this question which came before the Assembly following the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary and the Protestant Churches in Bulgaria in 1948, Benjamin V. Cohen of the United States denounced the "steady deterioration in the administration of justice in these countries."

Mr. Cohen, who argued the United States case concerning the treaty violations before the International Court of Justice last July, said that "on one point we can be certain: the Governments of Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania have willfully violated the obligations contained in the disputed articles of the Peace Treaties."

The Court ruled that while the countries had violated the treaties by not participating in commissions to investigate the charges of violations of human rights in their territories the Secretary-general was nevertheless not empowered to appoint a third member to the Commissions.

MEMBERS OF the Soviet bloc in the Committee have denounced even the discussion of the subject and have maintained that human rights are not violated in the three countries. The Polish delegate cited the alleged agreement between the Hungarian Government and the Hungarian Catholic Bishops as insuring the "peaceful coexistence of the State and the Catholic Church."

Jacob A. Malik, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, in opposing the Australian resolution, asked by what right outsiders could take it upon themselves to investigate what had happened to Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, sentenced to life imprisonment on treason charges.

"The whole world knows," he said, "of violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the United States, Britain, Australia and other countries which spare no effort to interfere in the domestic affairs of Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania."

Tokyo — (NC) — Further and more far-reaching restrictions on Catholic and privately-conducted colleges and universities in China imposed by the Ministry of Education

practically places the conduct of higher education in the hands of the communist regime. It was learned here.

The most recent regulation appears under the misleading title, "The Temporary Regulation of the Management of Private Educational Institutions" and states that private colleges in need of financing may secure assistance from the Ministry "if they perform useful work."

HOWEVER, it is stipulated that the case must be reviewed by the government and that the administration of all finances and properties is to be conducted only by the Chinese.

Further stipulations contained in the regulations are: Private colleges must apply for new registration.

They cannot give compulsory religious instruction and cannot oblige students to attend religious services and activities.

The assets of the college can not be used for other purposes than expenses of the school.

NO CHANGE may be made in the legal status of the properties without the consent of the Ministry of Education and the Central Government.

Permission must be obtained before they can close down.

If the colleges do not function properly or violate the regulations of the government, the Ministry of Education may remove the director of the board of directors and may reorganize the college or close it.

However, the greatest current problem facing the Church in China is the Catholic education of the children of the faithful. With one single stroke, the re-

gime has cut away the two pillars that supported Catholic training: the family and the school.

THE PARENTS who had once relied on the Catholic educational system to teach their children even only the rudiments of their faith now complain that their young are filled with nothing but materialism in the so-called "Catholic" schools. The State dictates what the child shall study and read. The only textbooks, whether they teach history, literature or civics, are filled with materialism. The pupils are told that God does not exist and any belief in Him is superstitious.

This is the position of the government, and to hold differently is held reactionary and inimical to their country's best interests. Students are constantly exposed to these doctrines and come home to repeat them to their parents.

THE MISSIONARY has been effectively deprived of all direct influence in his own school. Catholic lay teachers are placed in the unenviable position of teaching the official texts even though they are contrary to the dictates of their own consciences. To correct these errors in the classroom, or even to question them, makes them liable to denunciation by non-Catholic students or colleagues.

Unwilling cooperators in the official position imposed on their profession, they can do little more than read without comment the texts attacking God and religion. But the young pupils hear and see nothing except the fact that everyone says the same thing in school about God.

Catholic Missions Hit In Manchuria

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Although many Roman Catholic missionaries remain in Manchuria, their normal activities have ceased almost completely.

According to the Catholic China Missionary Bulletin, "there is almost complete separation between the people and the priests" and "it has come to the point where great numbers of the faithful dare not speak to the missionaries because of fear of reprisals."

The local authorities are endeavoring with all the means at their disposal to turn the people against the Church," the Bulletin stated. "As a result there have been several cases of public apos-

Medical Sisters Mark 25 Years

Philadelphia — (RNS) — The Medical Mission Sisters celebrated their 25th anniversary here. This is the only order of Roman Catholic nuns devoted exclusively to training doctors, nurses, pharmacists and technicians for the medical mission field.



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