

# Pontiff Urges Prayer Crusade

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Vatican City, Dec. 8 — Following a recitation of the "Mirabile" prayer by the Holy See, Pope Pius XII in his message to the world, urged a prayer crusade for the peace of the world, particularly for the peace of the Holy Land, and for the Church's mission in preparing for Christmas.

The marvelous spectacle of brotherly concord, offered during the Holy Year by the numerous groups of pilgrims, has been the source of a new peace, a union of hearts and that Christian love which alone is the source of a new prosperous and happy life.

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## GIVEN 'THESE YOUNG LIVES'



Monsignor Frederick G. Hochwald, Secretary of the National Catholic Educational Association, presents a pictorial review of Catholic education in the United States to Dr. Karl McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education. The new book, "These Young Lives," is designed to give a complete picture of an educational system that is built around the conviction that God is important in every phase of life and must of necessity be the core of the educational curriculum. The book aims to explain the Catholic educational curriculum. The book aims to explain the Catholic educational curriculum. The book aims to explain the Catholic educational curriculum.

## Seminarians Offer Secular Press Articles On Religion

Washington (NC) — Free religious articles will be supplied in mat form to editors of secular papers in a new service edited by priests and seminarians of St. Paul's College, major seminary of the Paulist Fathers here.

Each 400-word article will include a picture to highlight the release. The mat service will be in January. Experimentation will be made with the service. The mat service will be in January. Experimentation will be made with the service. The mat service will be in January. Experimentation will be made with the service.

Meanwhile, may the Apostolic Benediction, which we impart from the fullness of Our heart in the Lord, be a pledge of divine grace and a testimony of Our fatherly love to all those in particular who will pray according to this Our intention.

## Balancing The Books

### Everyone's Book

Lives of Christ are as numerous as traffic lights in New York City. But really good ones are rare. To the select and highly prized company of first rate studies a new member must be admitted. Father Ferdinand Prati's "These Young Lives," is designed to give a complete picture of an educational system that is built around the conviction that God is important in every phase of life and must of necessity be the core of the educational curriculum.

And so with detail upon detail of a story familiar but not generally appreciated until investigated under expert and discerning guidance. CHRIST'S TEACHING is closely considered. The Sermon on the Mount, for example, is analyzed for its general import, its relationship to the Old Law, and the burden of its special features like the beatitudes. The parables are taken up collectively and severally. Principal discourses, like that promising the Eucharist and that at the Last Supper, are sifted.

Whether it be a single, paradoxical phrase, a little story, or a symphonic sermon filling whole chapters of the Gospel, the author has the scholarship and the insight to get, and the powers of exposition to give, the pith of the utterance. Other difficulties, great and small, are forthrightly tackled and brilliantly handled. Who were the "brethren" of the Lord? How could the omniscient Son of God advance in knowledge? What did Christ look like? Was

Mary Magdalene the sister of Lazarus and Martha? Was Mary the child for working and Mary commended for idleness? What was the scene of the Last Supper? How long was the way of the Cross? These represent but a random sampling of the questions faced and answered.

ONE FINDS here shrewd yet sympathetic character sketches of St. John the Baptist and St. Peter, for example, are convincingly depicted, and there is a just and revealing estimate of Pontius Pilate. The people of the Gospels, whether actual persons or characters in parables, are much more real and much better understood once Father Prati has had his say about them. And the greater their reality, the greater the reality of the central figure.

Father Prati does not draw on the Apocrypha, indulge in speed-union to fill gaps, or allow imagination, however reverent and well-meaning, a free rein. He points out that the Evangelists were careful to preserve "the impressive attitude of witnesses" and were "not aiming at literary effect."

JESUS CHRIST: HIS LIFE, HIS TEACHING, AND HIS WORK by Ferdinand Prati, S.J. Translated by John J. Keenan, S.J. Two volumes, 1118 pages. Milwaukee: Bruce, \$12.90.

## Is Our Holy Father On Your Christmas List?

His Holiness receives hundreds of appeals daily from every corner of a suffering world. The greatest need is for garments for babies and children. The Catholic Women of the United States are asked as a Holy Year offering to replenish the Holy Father's Storerooms. In the name of the Christ Child—make a gift of a new child's garment or of money.

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## ENDURING GIFTS

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IMMACULATE MARY body and soul in Heaven, is going to be newly honored on earth by the ASSUMPTION CHAPEL in the Near East. WRITE IN and tell us you would like to have a hand in building it.

CHRISTMAS CLUB SAVINGS might be shared by you with Our Lord without a strain on your purse strings. Would you "put in" our EXPENSE? They won't have the Christmas you are expecting, but their Christmas offering will be named in the New Year by the missions and badge your gift will buy.

SUBURBAN CATHOLICS sometimes find their homes so tiny and yet so far from Church and Parochial School. Such is the plight of some 300 poor Greek Catholic families just outside of Beirut, Lebanon. Two young priests are making semi-weekly Mass and Catechism journeys out there, but an established parish is what's really needed. \$1,000 will do the job. Some sympathetic American suburbanites may want it as his memorial.

ADVENT IS A TIME FOR PENANCE and in our neighborhoods we need to give up candy and movies. Suppose you passed up an extra dinner or a couple of shows. These expenses you could have used to help build the new chapel in Beirut, Lebanon, or to help build the new chapel in Beirut, Lebanon, or to help build the new chapel in Beirut, Lebanon.

STRING TO TIE YOUR GIFTS is for your shopping list, or did you forget? Gifts without strings, laid out in a fund to meet emergency needs, are worries of ours, for we never know when a call may come. Will you remember our STRING-TO-TIE GIFT CARD?

WHILE STATESMEN FENCE and fight and fight in their diplomatic duel over the Suez Canal Zone, our boys and girls are working hard at work under the sun of the thessalonians. They are working hard at work under the sun of the thessalonians. They are working hard at work under the sun of the thessalonians.

WHEN WINTER WITH HIS ICY BLASTS howls over the mountains of Lebanon, our poor Palestinian refugees are in need of any old clothes you might in the recent drive. Please send them to CHESA Warehouse, 52-15 Flushing Ave., Queens, L. I.

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