

Diocese To Hold Family Communion Sunday

Bishop Kearney To Inaugurate Evening Radio Rosary Devotion In Auburn

Auburn, Rochester Stations To Air Rosary Every Night

Nightly radio-recitation of the Family Rosary for Peace, now in its 45th consecutive week over Station WSAY in Rochester, will be extended to the Auburn Deaneary area this Sunday evening through the facilities of Station WMBO in Auburn.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will inaugurate the extended broadcast in a special ceremony at 10 p.m. in Auburn's Holy Family Church auditorium.

Each night at 10 o'clock thereafter the program, which ordinarily originates at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center, Rochester, will be carried by telephone to the Auburn station and broadcast simultaneously. At times the double hookup will originate in Auburn and will be picked up in Rochester.

Bishop Kearney will lead the Rosary prayers Sunday, with priests and laymen of the Auburn area responding. The Bishop will conclude the program with a talk on the day's feast—the Feast of the Holy Family.

Three other stations in Rochester Diocese will be connected by 370 miles of telephone for the broadcast. They are WGVA, Geneva, WWHG, Hornell, and WELM, Elmira. With WSAY and WMBO, they have been carrying the program regularly on Sunday nights only since July.

Auburn is joining Rochester in airing the Rosary nightly through the efforts of an Auburn Program Sponsoring Committee headed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Conway, pastor of Holy Family Church, and George B. Shamon, Auburn City Clerk. The committee includes the pastor and a lay representative from each of the six Auburn parishes.

THE REV. JOSEPH A. Cirincione, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, founder of the program, conducts it each night, with a layman leading the Rosary prayers. On the Rochester Sponsoring Committee are Frank E. Wolfe, Frank R. Davis and Joseph W. Benn. Bishop Kearney has appeared on the broadcast several times.

Following the Rochester policy, Father Cirincione said, no financial appeal will be made over the air, but eventually a mail campaign will be conducted to provide funds for continuance of the nightly broadcasts in Auburn.

Control Changed In Moscow Catholic Church

Paris — (RNS) — There is reason to believe that the French Roman Catholic church of St. Louis in Moscow has been ordered transferred to the control of a Russian Catholic priest by the Soviet government, according to the French news agency, A.F.P. The church is the only Catholic worship center in Moscow.

The agency said it was significant that the midnight Mass on Christmas Eve was celebrated by a Russian national, Father Joseph Butkovich, in the presence of an entirely Russian congregation. The priest is a Lithuanian belonging to the Latin Rite.

Father John O. Arthur Brassard, of Worcester, Mass., a member of the Assumption Fathers, has heretofore been in charge of the French church. The A. F. P. agency said that the American priest offered a midnight Mass in the salon of the American embassy for Catholic members of the foreign colony in Moscow who would ordinarily have worshipped in the church.

Father Brassard also said two other Masses on Christmas Day—one at the French embassy and another at his home, the agency said.

New Papal Mission Officially Appointed

Rome — (NC) — Msgr. Joseph F. Connolly of New York, Assistant National Secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, has been named Vice President of the Pontifical Mission to Palestine, according to word published here.

In this capacity, Monsignor Connolly will assist Msgr. Thomas J. McMahon, also of New York, who has been President of the Pontifical Mission to Palestine since May, 1949. Monsignor McMahon is also National Secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Zenith and Emerson Bldgs. at Thorne's, William S. Thorne, Jeweler, Room 312, Taylor Bldg. Temporary location.—Adv.

Ukrainians Ready For Christmas



An 80-voice Ukrainian choir in native costume will feature a two-hour broadcast of the Eastern Rite Christmas Mass at midnight Saturday, Jan. 6, from St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, over Station WVET. Shown in rehearsal are some of the choral group under

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Families Hear Bid To Pray Together For World Peace

Against the grim background of the Korean conflict and the growing threat of atomic war clouds, parishes of the Rochester Diocese expect the 12th annual observance of Family Communion Day (scheduled this Sunday, Jan. 7) to see an unprecedented turnout of families kneeling together in prayer for world peace.

Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family in the Church calendar and the day annually chosen for observance of the Family Communion devotion.

Stressing the importance of Family Communion in today's world crisis, His Excellency Bishop Kearney, in a letter read in diocesan churches last weekend, urged more widespread practice of the devotion to "beg God's protection on our homes and our country."

Family Communion is particularly timely, the Bishop wrote, "especially this year, when our prayers for peace in this Holy Year must ascend in intense supplication to the God of Peace."

Reds Arrest Maryknoll Bishop

Maryknoll, N. Y. — (NC) — Bishop Frederick A. Donaghy, M.M., of Wuchow, Kwangsi province, China, has been arrested by Chinese Reds, according to word received here. The Bishop is a native of New Bedford, Mass., and is from the Fall River diocese.

Two Maryknoll priests from the New York archdiocese were seized and imprisoned with the Bishop. They are the Revs. George N. Gilligan, of Brooklyn, and Justin B. Kennedy, of West Shokan, N. Y. A Chinese priest and a Maryknoll Sister were arrested at the same time. Their names were not given.

Hungary Sovietized Christmas Feast

Vienna — (NC) — Christmas in Hungary was more Sovietized than ever, reports of the holiday observations arriving here show.

For weeks newspapers had campaigned for the abolition of the "capitalist and superstitious conception of Christmas," and got some people to adopt instead the Soviet idea of "mid-winter" celebrations. Holiday celebrations for factory and business workers, troops and tenants in communal blocks of flats were based on this Soviet idea.

In the schools children were told that it was not from a "deceitful infant Jesus" but from a "genuine Father Frost" from whom they were going to receive "mid-winter" gifts. The most suitable gifts were listed, by the communists, as tanks, airplanes, rifles and guns.

The Family Communion

My Dear People:

The practice of celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family with our Family Communion and Breakfast is so familiar to all of us by now that it needs no further explanation. May I urge the devotion especially this year when our prayers for peace in this Holy Year must ascend in intense supplication to the God of Peace.

The defense of our country has called upon so many families for assistance, that families must join in special prayer this year for their men in the service. Let us then, gather before the altar on next Sunday and beg God's blessing and protection upon our homes and our country.

May I at this time call your attention to the "Family Rosary for Peace" which is on the air every night at ten o'clock. We beg our families to join in this prayer to Our Lady for the protection of our country and the restoration of peace in the world.

Praying God's blessing and protection on all our homes in the New Year, I remain

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

James E. Kearney

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Holy Year Seen Marking 'New Road'

Vatican City — (NC) — The Holy Year has demonstrated the people's will to a just peace and marks "the encouraging beginning of a new road." Pope Pius XII said in a French-language address delivered to the full diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See during a New Year's Day reception.

The eagerness of pilgrims to come to Rome has become "a symbol of Christian universality" and has acquired the strength of a people's "plebiscite for peace," His Holiness said. He thanked the diplomats and the countries they represent for their contribution toward making the Holy Year such an outstanding success.

COMMENTING UPON the marvelous fact that in time of conflict and fraternal struggle Rome's soil became the meeting place for a spiritual reunion of peoples, the Pope added:

"Among all the manifestations of the Holy Year, none has been more important and significant in the field of human relations than the loudly proclaimed and unanimously directed will of people toward peace—toward a peace freely arrived at and free from any unjust conditions and intolerable burdens.

"The eagerness to come to Rome," the Sovereign Pontiff continued, "has become a symbol of Christian universality, that community of life without a shadow of national resentment but in mutual respect and love; the impressive grouping of banner with banner and nation with nation, the open joy of sharing the same blessings and the same happiness without however forgetting their own country; all this had the power of a plebiscite of the peoples for peace, not alone in the name of Christianity but in the name of the entire humanity."

"One may well hope that in history the Holy Year of 1950 will mark rather than the end of an era the encouraging beginning of a new road."

Pope To Observe Week Of Retreat

Rome — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII will observe a week of spiritual retreat beginning Jan. 14. The retreat is one the Pope customarily makes during the Advent season preceding Christmas, but which he postponed this year because of his heavy schedule of Holy Year audiences.

Named as preacher during the retreat was the Rev. Pietro Righini, a 78-year-old Jesuit from Turin.

Ukrainian Catholic Church To Broadcast Eastern Rite Christmas Midnight Mass

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

Radio will bring "another Christmas" to Rochester Diocesan listeners this Saturday, Jan. 6, when for the first time an Eastern Rite Midnight Mass will be broadcast in its two-hour entirety over the air waves. The Solemn High Mass, according to the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite of the Catholic Church, will be celebrated at St. Joseph's (Ukrainian Catholic) Church, 303 Hudson Ave., Rochester.

Rochester's Station WVET (1280 kc.) will carry the unusual program. So far as is known, it will be the first such broadcast in North America.

Rumors On New Cardinals Called 'Interesting Gossip'

By G. R. BRUNST

Rome — (NC) — The death of His Eminence Konrad Cardinal von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, reducing the Sacred College of Cardinals to 32 members, has revived perennial speculation in the general press of many countries about the possibilities of the creation of new Cardinals soon.

Correspondents in Rome, quoting what they term "Vatican sources" or "Vatican circles," give a tip of one day or another as being fixed for the convocation of a Consistory for the creation of new Cardinals. This or that candidate, they say, is "prominently mentioned." To an American it is all somewhat reminiscent of speculations by political reporters back home during the weeks preceding national conventions in the presidential election.

IT IS TRUE, of course that the more a correspondent guesses, the greater become his chances of being proved right by subsequent events in the same manner that a bettor cannot possibly miss out on a winner if he puts his money on all the horses in a race.

To sum it up: Nobody knows at the present time whether the Pontiff will create new Cardinals, or their names. He may name them tomorrow, in a week, a month or a year from now—or never. All that is written about this matter comes under the heading, "interesting gossip"—interesting perhaps, but mere gossip nevertheless.

Holy Year Suspension Of Indulgences For Living Now Lifted, Says Holy See

Vatican City — (NC) — The suspension placed on practically all ordinary indulgences for the living during the Holy Year has now been lifted with the end of the Jubilee Year here.

This was made known in an explanation here of the Apostolic Constitution "Per Annum Sacrum" which extended the Holy Year privileges to the rest of the world outside Rome throughout 1951. The Constitution was issued by His Holiness Pope Pius XII on Christmas Day.

All indulgences have now been returned to their former status and are applicable as prescribed either to the dead or to the living who gain them. It was stated.

The suspension on indulgences for the living with few exceptions, went into effect at the beginning of the Holy Year and was intended to focus attention on the Jubilee indulgence which could ordinarily be gained only in the Eternal City.

During the Holy Year, it was pointed out, the faithful were still able to gain indulgences through such practices as recitation of the Rosary and making

the direction of Professor Kyrylo Capenda, a Displaced Person, who has been in Rochester only six weeks. More than half the choir are DPs. The Mass will be the first in the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite to be broadcast, in entirety over a North American station.

London Blocks Canada Move For Vatican Tie

Ottawa — (Special) — Canada's reluctance to send her own ambassador to the Vatican has been prompted partly by indirect pressure brought to bear on Ottawa by London, according to Andrew Boyle, London correspondent of The Ensign, national Catholic weekly of Canada.

Despite official reluctance to indicate official policy in this matter, it is known that the Foreign Office is far from anxious to see any move which might lessen United Kingdom influence on Commonwealth countries or in certain diplomatic fields. There is growing evidence that the Vatican is one of these fields.

One of the factors that weighs most in determining this curiously "empire" diplomatic attitude is the vague fear that Canadian representation at the Holy See might lead to stronger independent Canadian interest in European affairs, with the possibility of restraining Britain on particular points of policy or a refusal to take her advice as fully as she does now.

ST. JOSAPHAT'S Church is one of 131 parishes in the Diocese of the Byzantine Rite (covering the United States) with more than 300,000 adherents.

Three of the parishes are in Rochester Diocese—St. Joseph's; St. Peter & Paul in Auburn, and St. Nicholas in Elmira Heights.

Parishioners of the Elmira Heights parish celebrated Christmas on Dec. 25, having voted to change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar. St. Joseph's parishioners are in the process of voting for a change, according to Father Wolensky.

Thus next Saturday night, as the hour of midnight approaches, Ukrainian Catholics from many communities in Monroe County will flock to St. Joseph's Church for their Christmas Mass. To their "Merry Christmas" greeting will be added the traditional Ukrainian salutation: "Praised be Jesus Christ." And the traditional reply: "Praised be forever."

Benedictines Elect Coadjutor Abbot

Collegeville, Minn. — (NC) — The Very Rev. Baldwin Dworak, O.S.B., Prior since 1947 of St. John's Abbey here, has been elected Coadjutor Abbot of the abbey.

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