

Negro Priest Marks Jubilee

Detroit—(RNS)—Father Norman A. Dukette, senior of the 37 Negro Catholic priests in the United States, celebrated his 25th anniversary in the priesthood by offering a Solemn High Mass in Sacred Heart Church here.

Father Dukette, who is pastor of Christ the King parish in Flint, Mich., was ordained in 1926. He served in St. Benedict the Moor's Church here before being assigned to Flint, where he gained a wide reputation for battling Communism among people of his own race.

Text of Encyclical on Rosary Prayers

Vatican City, Sept. 15—(NC)—The following is an English translation of the text of His Holiness Pope Pius XII's Encyclical Epistle "Ingruentium Malorum," calling upon Catholics the world over to intensify their traditional Rosary devotions this October and emphasizing the Blessed Mother to obtain peace for individuals, for nations and the Church:

Recitation of the Rosary in Month of October Plus XII, Pope, Greeting and Gives His Apostolic Blessing to the Venerable Brethren.

Since We were raised to the supreme Chair of Peter, by design of Divine Providence, seeing the advancing evils, We have never ceased to entrust to the most powerful protection of the Mother of God the fate of the human family, and, for this aim, as you know, several times We have written letters of exhortation.

It is known to you, Venerable Brethren, with what zeal and how much spontaneity and unanimous approval the Christian people everywhere have answered our invitation. It has been magnificently testified many times by the great demonstration of faith and love towards the august Queen of Heaven and above all that manifestation of universal joy which last year Our eyes had the pleasure to behold, when in St. Peter's Square, surrounded by an immense multitude of believers, We solemnly proclaimed the Assumption into Heaven of the Virgin Mary.

THE RECOLLECTION of the events which have taken place in the past few days, is a source of joy and consolation for us. We do not lack reasons for profound sorrow which torment and sadden our paternal heart.

You know, Venerable Brethren, the sad conditions of our times. Fraternal union among nations, broken for such a long time, has not yet been re-established everywhere. Yet everywhere we see souls upset by hatred and rivalry, while threats of new bloody conflicts still hover over the peoples. To this one must add the violent form of persecution which for a long time, has been unleashed against the Church, adding to it very cruelly with calumnies and miseries of all kinds making the blood of martyrs flow again.

To what and to how many snares are the souls of so many of our sons submitted in these areas to make them reject the Faith of their fathers and to make them break with the utmost disgrace the ties of union which link them with this Apostolic See. Nor can We pass over in silence a new crime to which, with utmost sorrow, We want to draw your attention, but the attention of the very eyes of parents and even of public authorities.

We refer to the iniquitous campaign that the impious lead everywhere to harm the shining souls of the children. Not even the innocent age has been spared. On the contrary, audacious efforts are unfortunately made to snatch, with a gesture, from the mystical garden of the Church even the most beautiful flowers which constitute the hope of religion and society. Considering this, one cannot be surprised if people grown under the weight of the Divine punishment, and live under the nightmare of even greater calamities.

However, consideration of a situation so pregnant with dan-



gers must not depress your souls, O Venerable Brethren. Instead, that Divine teaching, "Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you" (Luke 11:9) spontaneously raises your hearts with great hope towards the Mother of God. There, the Christian people have always sought refuge in the hour of danger, because "she has been constituted the cause of salvation for the whole human race" (St. Irenaeus).

In the light of the above, we look forward with joyful expectation and revived hope to the coming month of October, during which the faithful flock in larger numbers to the churches to raise their supplications to Mary by means of the Holy Rosary.

O VENERABLE Brethren, We desire that this prayer should be offered with such greater fervor of heart as is demanded by the increased urgency of the need. We well know the Rosary's powerful efficacy to obtain the maternal aid of the Virgin. By no means is there only one way to pray to obtain this aid. However, we consider the Holy Rosary the most convenient and adequate means, as is clearly suggested by the very origin of this practice and of its nature, more divine than human.

What prayers are more adapted and more beautiful than the Lord's prayer and the angelic salutation, which are the flowers with which this mystical crown is formed? Adding to the vocal prayers the meditation on the Sacred Mysteries, there emerges another very great advantage that all, even the most simple and least educated have in this a prompt and easy way to feed and keep their own faith.

And truly from the frequent meditation on the Mysteries, the soul draws and imperceptibly absorbs the virtues they contain and lights up with extraordinary hope of the immortal virtues, and becomes strongly and easily impelled to follow the path which Christ Himself and His Mother have followed. The recitation of identical formulas, repeated so many times, rather than reading the prayer sterile and boring, has on the contrary the admirable quality of infusing confidence in him who prays and makes a sweet compulsion toward the maternal heart of Mary.

Not with force, nor with arms, not with human power, but with Divine help, obtained through the means of this prayer, strong like David with his sling, the Church undaunted shall be able to confront the infernal enemy, repeating to him words of the young shepherd: "Thou comest to me with a sword, and a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel... and all this assembly shall know that the Lord stands with sword and spear, for this is his battle, and he will deliver you into our hands" (1 Kings 17:45-47).

For this reason, We earnestly desire, Venerable Brethren, that all the faithful, following your example and your inspiration, should respond enthusiastically to Our paternal exhortation, uniting their hearts and their voices with the same ardor of charity. If the evils and the assaults of the wicked increase, so likewise must the zeal of all good people increase and become ever more vigorous. Let them strive to obtain from our most loving Mother, especially through the means of the Holy Rosary, that better times may quickly return for the Church and society.

THE VERY POWERFUL Mother of God, moved by the prayers of so many of her sons, should obtain from her own Child—we all beseech her—that those who have been miserably led astray from the path of truth and virtue, should be renewed in their souls and find it again. Grant us that finally hatred and rivalry, the sources of discord and every sort of misdeed, should calm down, and that a true, just and genuine peace should shine again upon individuals, families, peoples and nations. Grant that finally after the rights of the Church are secured as is just, the beneficent influence deriving from her and penetrating without obstacle the hearts of men, social classes and the arteries of public life, may join people among themselves in brotherly love.

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the recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight—most pleasing to God when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of the praises to honor the Queen of Heaven! Then the Rosary, recited in common, assembles before the image of the Virgin, in an admirable union of hearts, the parents and their children, who come back from their daily work. It unites them closely with those absent and those dead. It links them more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who, like a loving mother, will come among her children bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace.

Then the horns of the Christian family, like that of Nazareth, will become an earthly abode of sanctity, and a temple, where the Holy Rosary will not only be the particular prayer which every day rises to Heaven in an odor of sweetness, but will also form the most efficacious school of Christian life. This meditation on the Divine Mysteries of the Redemption will teach the adults to live, admiring daily the shining examples of Jesus and Mary, and to draw from these examples comfort in adversity, striving towards those heavenly treasures "where neither thief draws near, nor moth destroys" (Luke 12:33).

This meditation will bring to the knowledge of the little ones the main truths of the Faith, making love for the Redeemer blossom almost spontaneously in their innocent hearts, while, seeing their parents kneeling before the majesty of God, they will learn from their very early years how great is the value of prayer said in common.

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GOD LOVE YOU!

NEVER LET A day go by without three tiny sacrifices for the love of God, and let one of them be for the Holy Father's Missions. INDIA. Fifty years ago there was no Catholic native Indian in any high school. Today there are 42 Catholic colleges and Universities and 6,000 Catholic students. Want to sacrifice cigarettes for a month to help educate them in the love of Jesus and Mary? GOD LOVE YOU! W.S. who sent the Holy Father's Missions the payment he would otherwise have made to a psychoanalyst—and spent the time of "treatment" before the Blessed Sacrament. Two souls have benefited by the change his own and that of some poor pagan in a mission land. If all the hungry children of the world stood in a bread line the queue would reach more than twice around the globe. The Holy Father's Missioners beg for \$5 to shorten the line by one child for one week. Let the Holy Father decide where your sacrifice should go. GOD LOVE YOU to C. L. B. who sent his \$1 allotment to the Holy Father's Missions. "GI" means Government issue but it also can mean "Godly Investment" or "Gift Incomparable." A World Mission Rosary will be placed by us and sent for an offering of \$2.00 for the Holy Father's Missions.

CHINA. A girl arrived late for class and was violently punished by the Communist teacher. The next day the whole school which was pagan went to Mass in protest. GOD LOVE YOU to the housewife who walks to a cash-and-carry market where prices are cheaper and sends the savings on meat and groceries to the missions. We get the cash—she carries a little cross—and everybody has gained! "I am homesick for only one thing," writes a missionary in India—"for the quick kindness with which Americans dig into their pockets whenever they see a hungry man—even if he is a Bowery bum with the shakes. How can I make people of Idaho and Iowa and New York see the hundreds of hungry people whom I have to refuse to feed, each day, because I have no money left?" America has a priest for every 750 Catholics, Europe one priest for every 1,000, Africa one priest for every 1,500 and the Philippines one priest for every 12,500. You can adopt a young man studying for the priesthood for \$150.00.

JAPAN. Hiroshima which had 120 Catholics six years ago when it was atom-bombed, today has 1,200. Where the destructive force of man is most evident, the need of God's mercy is greatest. GOD LOVE YOU to the Sister in charge of a Louisiana hospital who keeps a mission mite box at the cashier's desk and forwards to us whatever sums patients drop into it when they have paid their bills. (Any restaurant keeper or drugist want to do the same?). In western China a whole leper colony, formerly supported by Protestant missionaries who have left the country, is in charge of Catholic priests. They beg bandages and medicines to ease the pain of the sick mena sores. \$15 will treat one leper for one month. GOD LOVE YOU to R. T. O. whose bridge club met with hearts as long as his. Do you want to give up smoking or drinking? Send the equivalent of each to the Holy Father's Missions and the merits and prayer of missionaries will come to your aid.

We believe the Holy Father's Missions has the best friends in the world because they sacrifice something for the Missions and sacrifice is the heart of our religion. Tear out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and send it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 100 East 38th Street, New York 18, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Magr. John R. Randall, 80 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

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