

Pope Pius Sees Fatima 'Miracle Of Sun'

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Propagation Of Faith Report

Diocese Contributed Missions \$228,263 During 1950

Added to prayers offered, Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester gave a total of \$228,263.70 for support of the Church's missions throughout the world in 1950, according to the annual report of the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Even greater support of the missionaries in the spread of the Gospel as a duty is urged by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in directing attention to Mission Sun-

day (Oct. 21) which will be observed throughout this diocese and the Universal Church.

MISSION SUNDAY is the annual opportunity to pray for the missions and to give alms.

"We are responsible for the spread of the Gospel of Christ, whether by example, word and deed, or generous help to those actively engaged in the work," the Bishop's letter, read in all churches of the diocese Sunday, said.

The Bishop pointed out that this country must bear the principal burden of aiding the Church in all of her missions and said "with all the demands on our generosity this still remains a privilege."

"It is the privilege of apostleship," the letter stated, "for when we give generously to the appeal for the missions we are making more effective the efforts of some bishop, priest, or nun."

"Even though unknown to them we enter their active apostolate and become in our limited way missionaries for the Gospel of Christ."

The Mission Sunday collection and other financial returns to the Propagation of the Faith Society are divided three ways. Monsignor Randall explained today. He said that 51 percent of each dollar goes to foreign missions, 40 percent to home missions and 9 percent to the Catholic Near East.

MEMBERSHIPS in the Society of the Holy Father's "Community Chest" for worldwide missions are received in the churches on Mission Sunday.

In Monsignor Randall's reports for 1950, the Mission Sunday receipts totaled \$56,327.99. Designated gifts amounted to \$39,963.33. The sum of \$30,978.76 was realized through the Missionary Plan. Wills provided \$6,782.94. Under the heading of Mass Stipends was the total of \$52,704.04.

Children in the schools through the Holy Childhood Association raised the large amount of \$21,431.83, an increase of \$1,000 over last year. Miscellaneous income amounted to \$53.68.

In the private schools' report, Aquinas Institute with a total of \$11,300 was high and Our Lady of Mercy High School with \$4,292.96 was second. St. Bernard's students turned in \$3,334.25. Nazareth College reported \$1,615 and Nazareth Academy \$1,990.40. Other schools are listed in the report.

Baptist Minister's Son Dies Priest

Manchester, N. H. — (NC) — The Rev. Hyacinth Dilts, O.S.B., professor of history at St. Anselm's College here and former assistant pastor at Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart churches in Elizabeth, N. J., has died here at the age of 58. Father Dilts was born in Boston, the son of a Baptist minister, and was converted to the Catholic Faith.

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BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN Predicts end of Communism in 34 years and that "Our Lady of the Kremlin" will review her legions marching in the Square of Moscow.

Bishop Sheen Sees Stalinism Conquered At Fatima Rites

By BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN
(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

If 18,000,000 people of the United States journeyed on foot to a little town, on a mountain top 7 1/2 miles away from a big city, and there spent a whole day and night in prayer, one would have a faint picture of what happened in Fatima on October 12 and 13, when one-eighth of the population of Portugal, or 1,000,000 people, came to Fatima for the closing of the Holy Year.

On October 13, 1917, when the Blessed Virgin appeared at Fatima, it rained. The people expect it to rain as a sign of blessing. It rained on 600,000 people on October 12, most of whom stood all night in prayer. Only a few drops fell on the million people on October 13, but it was enough to be a symbol of the shower of grace. Mud is not conducive to prayer. rain generally dampens spirits as well as bodies. But to the pious pilgrims both were opportunities for sacrifice for the peace of the world.

TWO GREAT IDEAS emerge from Fatima: one related to communism, the other to Moslemism. Fatima is the least of the cities of the world, but out of it will come the force that will conquer communism. The Red Square of Moscow meets its greatest challenge in the White Square of Fatima. The Red Square bristles with guns, and with flags dyed red with the blood of the victims of communism. The White Square of Fatima is alive with a million white handkerchiefs waving in affectionate greeting to the White Lady of Peace.

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Pope Writes Lay Apostle Prayer, Leads Recitations

Vatican City, Oct. 14—(Radio, NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII personally composed a prayer for lay apostles and led delegates to the World Congress of the Lay Apostolate in reciting it, when he received them in October, 1951, the prayer reads:

"Oh Lord, Jesus, who hast called us to the honor of making our humble contribution to the work of the hierarchical apostolate, Thou who hast asked of the Heavenly Father not to remove us from the world but to preserve us from evil (John 17, 15), grant us an abundance of Thy light and Thy grace that we may crush in ourselves the spirit of darkness and sin, so that, aware of our duty, persevering in good, and inflamed by zeal for Thy cause, by the power of example, prayers, action and supernatural life we may make ourselves every day more worthy of our holy mission, more capable of establishing and promoting among men, who are brothers, Thy kingdom of justice, peace and love."

Vatican Silent On Sun Miracle

Rome — (Radio, NC) — There has been no comment whatever, official or otherwise, at the Vatican regarding the statement made at Fatima, Portugal, by His Eminence Federico Cardinal Tedeschini that His Holiness Pope Pius XII little less than a year ago saw the "Miracle of the Sun" four times.

THE CARDINAL'S remarks, made during the Solemn Pontifical Mass at Fatima marking the close of the Holy Year observance there and the 34th anniversary of the final apparition of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima, became known here through the publication of the text of his sermon in Osservatore Romano.

The attitude of the Vatican is one of complete reserve. Nothing has been said or released officially regarding any phase of the event. The City of Rome is awaiting the return of Cardinal Tedeschini from Portugal, but there is no indication that any further information will be forthcoming.

Meanwhile, in the opinion of linguists who have closely studied the text of the cardinal's remarks, and in the opinion of theologians, it cannot be held that Cardinal Tedeschini intended to convey the impression that the Holy Father saw the Blessed Virgin but rather he saw the Miracle of the Sun.

Some press dispatches from Rome, in summarizing Cardinal Tedeschini's address, said he told the pilgrims that the Virgin Mary appeared to the Holy Father three times during the 1950 Holy Year.

SOME PERSONS seeking to interpret the cardinal's reference to "mute but eloquent messages" conveyed to the Virgin of Christ, hold these words to be an eloquent restatement of what he had already said; namely, that seeing the Miracle of the Sun was a "sign of Divine pleasure for the definition of the Assumption dogma."

Regarding another press report, according to which "a voluminous file of prodigious facts that occurred by intercession of Pope Pius XII," has been prepared by the Papal Secretariate of State, it has been pointed out here that a file is kept on everything that all sorts of people are constantly writing to the Pope as they write to President, Prime Ministers, etc., and that it is quite likely that a number of letters of that nature have been filed as a matter of routine.

Sainthood Rites To Honor Three

Vatican City — (NC) — The Church is making preparations here for the canonization of three servants of God who gave the world an example of towering spiritual strength.

On Sunday (October 21) His Holiness Pope Pius XII will raise to the honor of the altar the Blessed Ignatius of Loyola, an 18th century Capuchin lay brother, Francis Xavier Maria Bianchi of the Barnabite Congregation and Antonio Gianelli, Bishop of Bobbio.

Parents Exhorted On Released-Time

New Orleans, La. — (RNS) — Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel of New Orleans urged Roman Catholic parents throughout Louisiana to "insistently impress" upon civil authorities their support of released-time religious instruction.

Releasing public school pupils 50 minutes a week for religious education is common practice in many Louisiana parish (county) school districts.

Pontiff Saw 'Sun Transformed Under Hand Of Mary' Four Times In 1950, Card. Tedeschini Reveals At Fatima

(Radio, N.C.W.C. News Service)
Vatican City, Oct. 15—His Holiness Pope Pius XII saw Fatima's "miracle of the sun" four times during the Holy Year. His Eminence Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, Papal Legate to the Fatima celebration, said according to the text of his address printed in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily here.

The Cardinal spoke during the Solemn Pontifical Mass at Fatima marking the closing of the Holy Year outside Rome and the 34th anniversary of the final apparition of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima.

According to Osservatore, Cardinal Tedeschini said he made the revelation "in my own name only." He stated that the Holy Father saw the miracle on October 30 and 31, and on November 1 and 2.

The miracle of the sun first occurred on Oct. 13, 1917, when a crowd of 70,000 gathered at Fatima, saw the sun spin crazily toward the earth and then return to its place.

CARDINAL TEDESCHINI'S revelation was made in the following words:

"And nevertheless I tell you—but in my own name only, and I tell it to my new and old Portuguese friends and to the pilgrims joined with them—an even more wonderful thing. I tell you that another person has seen this miracle. He has seen it far from Fatima. He has seen it at a distance of years. He has seen it at Rome. The Pope, our very Pontiff Pius XII, has seen it! Was this a reward? Was this a sign of approval during pleasure for the definition of the dogma of the Assumption? Was this a heavenly testimony authenticating the connection between the wonders of Fatima with the center, with the head of Catholic truth and teaching authority? It was all there together!"

"It was at Rome in the afternoon on October 30 and 31, and on November 1 of last year, 1950, and on the evening of November 2, 1950, the day of the definition of Mary's Assumption, late evening. From the Vatican, his gaze toward Fatima and the sun's disk was seen in wonder of this valley and the day was removed."

"The sun's disk was surrounded by haze. Who could gaze upon it? But he could. On all four days he was able to gaze upon the activity of the sun. Under the hand of Mary, the sun, agitated and entirely convulsed, was transformed into a picture of life, into a spectacle of heavenly movements, into a transmission of mute but eloquent messages to the Virgin of Christ."

"Is this not Fatima transformed into the Vatican? Is this not the Vatican transformed into Fatima?"

Requiem Rites Conducted For Pastor At Cohocton

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for the Rev. William F. Frank was offered in St. Pius Church, Cohocton, Friday, Oct. 12, attended by more than 100 priests. Burial was in the Priests' Plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney celebrated the Mass for Father Frank who died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Oct. 9, 1951. He was pastor of the Cohocton parish for the past 22 years.

He was named pastor of St. Januarius Church, Naples, on August 1, 1929. On August 24, 1929, he was appointed pastor of St. Pius Church, Cohocton, where he served until his death.

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FDR's Son, Congressman, Urges U. S.-Vatican Link

Rome — (RNS) — Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., said in a radio talk here that he favored the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican. He made the talk after a half-hour audience with Pope Pius XII.

"We must be mature enough as a people," Mr. Roosevelt said, "to put aside personal prejudices which we may have. The Vatican is a center of world-wide information, and it is for this reason particularly that I have long felt that we should have at least a renewal of the personal diplomatic relationship which existed between the United States and the Vatican during the war."

(Myron C. Taylor served as Presidential envoy to the Vatican for ten years until his resignation in January, 1946. He was appointed in the post by the late President Roosevelt, and was recognized by President Truman.)



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Chinese Reds Arrest More Church Leaders

Tientsin — (RNS) — Two new members of the hierarchy and two more priests have been arrested by the Chinese Reds. It became known here that the Bishop of Mary had been arrested in Shanghai.

Major General Peng of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Peking, was reported to have arrested two more priests on October 1.

Trappists Reach \$100,000 Mark

Trappist, N.Y. — (NC) — The campaign for funds for Our Lady of Gettysburg Abbey's building program has passed the \$100,000 mark, about one-third of the amount needed, it was announced here. The Trappists hope to have a new retreat house open for use in the Spring of next year.