

# Receive Holy Communion With Your Family On 'Family Sunday'

## Chinese Reds Hold 'Funeral' For Church

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### Family Groups To Celebrate Holy Family Feast Sunday

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will kneel in family groups at the altar rail this Sunday (Jan. 13) in annual observance of the Feast of the Holy Family. In a letter last week to pastors, His Excellency Bishop Kearney appealed for a diocesan wide celebration of Family Communion day in all churches of the diocese.

Pointing to the celebration as an occasion of "special grace," the Bishop called upon all families to approach the Holy Table together for the reception of Holy Communion.

To promote family-group attendance at Church next Sunday, the Bishop has directed all pastors to request special children's Masses. Holy Name Society men are requested to receive Holy Communion with their families rather than "a body" as is customary on the second Sunday of the month.

The Bishop also asks families to take mother out to breakfast as a tribute to her work during the year.

THE PRACTICE of observing Family Communion Sunday every year during the month of January was inaugurated 13 years ago at Bishop Kearney's suggestion and has become a most popular celebration in the religious life of the diocese. The day is annually marked with unprecedented reception of Holy Communion in all parish churches. The impressive sight of families kneeling together at Mass also has been hailed by parish priests as a source of edification and good example.

The Diocese of Rochester was one of the first to observe the special celebration of Family Communion Sunday and since the establishment of the custom here the practice has been adopted in many other places throughout the country.

### Angel May Be Postman?

San Antonio—(NC)—Even if the postman won't pick it up, Mama, the angels will.

With these words John Michael Kelly, 4, dropped a letter in his dad's mailbox here. He knew that his father, T. Scott Kelly, had died December 23 after a plane crash in Japan. But Mike insisted on answering his father's last request to "draw a picture of an airplane for me." Mike's letter included the picture.

### N. Y. Catholic Daily Abandoned

New York—(RNS)—Plans to publish a Catholic daily newspaper in New York City have been dropped. It was learned here.

A spokesman for the American Press Association said that the proposed paper, which would have been published by the association, was abandoned because of financial considerations. The association, comprising Catholic publishers, had planned to publish the New York Catholic as soon as \$200,000 could be raised to support the proposed non-profit paper.

### 'Ruffles' For 'The Great General'

## Hungry, Sleepless GI's Flocked To Mass

By REV. P. J. O'CONNOR  
Seoul, Korea—(NC)—Thousands of GI's distinguished themselves when His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, visited the Korean front.

One of themselves described their best. Sgt. Charles Monahan, of Philadelphia, sitting in an open jeep with your correspondent, forgot the falling snow as he talked about the Cardinal's Mass in the Seventh Division's rugged sector.

"That display of faith was enough to inspire anyone," he said. "To see the men standing bareheaded even after it started snowing and the (ar-

dinal urged them to put their caps back on—that was magnificent."

He paused, thinking again of that scene.

"I met guys there I'd known up at the 17th Regiment," he recalled. "They hadn't had a wink of sleep for two days. They'd had 100 per cent guard duty on the line. They'd traveled five and six hours to get there to Mass. Snow was falling all the time."

"A lot of them gave up their Christmas dinner to come."

"They all asked me the Cardinal's age. (Cardinal Spellman is 62. And he's come

all the way over here to see us," they'd say."

Sergeant Monahan, now chaplain's assistant to Father (Col.) Benedict Henderson, a Franciscan of Seattle, stood beside Sgt. (1st Class) Vester A. McKinney, Seventh Division bandman, who sounded bugle calls during the Mass. Sergeant McKinney, a Negro from Chicago, is not a Catholic. He wanted to know why he was to play "ruffles" at the elevation of the Host.

"That's reserved for generals," Sergeant McKinney said.

"At that part of the Mass the General of Generals is on the altar," I told him and explained our belief in the Real Presence," Sergeant Monahan went on.

"He understood. I noticed him standing rigidly to attention between the elevation of the Host and the chalice. He missed dinner to play the bugle at the Mass."

Sergeant Monahan's comment on his fellow soldiers could be applied to servicemen all across Korea.

If decorations are given in Heaven, all these men must be on the list for a special medal—something with the Star of Bethlehem on it.

### K. K. K. Klan Warns Florida Priest

Fort Myers, Fla.—(RNS)—A crudely written note signed "KKK" and warning a local Catholic priest to leave town has been turned over to F.B.I. investigators here.

Word of the incident was withheld for several days by the state's attorney, the sheriff, the police chief and an F.B.I. agent who cooperated in an investigation.

Their announcement said that an unidentified white man had left a parcel at the rectory of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with the request that it be delivered to the Rev. William J. Carroll, the church's pastor, with his wishes for "a happy New Year."

When Father Carroll, who was away at the time, returned and opened the package, he found inside only a scrap of paper bearing the following message:

"KKK be gone before 12 tonight."

The priest, who came here last Oct. 25 from Bradenton, says he is unworried by the incident. The authorities said "no direct leads pointing to any suspect have been developed."

### Chair of Unity Octave Sermon Set For Bishop

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside and preach at the Jan. 23 service dedicated to the "Return of Lapsed Catholics," during the observance of the Chair of Unity Octave in Washington, D. C., from Jan. 18 to 25.

The Washington program, the 19th annual observance, is one of the highlights of this country's contribution to the worldwide, eight-day cycle of prayer, dedicated to "one fold and one shepherd." Services will be held in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Catholic University campus in Washington.

Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle will preside at the opening session on Jan. 18, dedicated to the "Return of Other Sheep to One Fold." Preacher will be the Very Rev. Eugene Figueroa, S.A., Vice General of the Friars of the Atonement.

The Friars of the Atonement who conduct St. John's Atonement Seminary at Montout Falls were originators in 1908 of the Chair of Unity Octave.

Persons desiring to recite the prayers of the Octave may obtain a booklet of the approved prayers from the National Office of Chair of Unity Octave, Graymoor Monastery, Garrison, N. Y.

### Clothing Rushed To Hong Kong

Hong Kong—(NC)—Some 20,000 pounds of clothing from War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference—are en route here, Magr. Martin J. Gahan, the agency's representative here, has been informed.

### School Head Ends Club On UNESCO

Lawton, N. J.—(RNS)—An East Pawtucket High School student club called UNESCO Thinkers has been suspended by the school principal because the principal believed the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) program to be "atheistic" and "detrimental to immature minds."

As an explanation for his action the principal, James T. McGough, referred to The Providence Visitor, official Rhode Island Catholic diocesan publication.

IN ITS ISSUE of Dec. 27 The Visitor printed a front-page story attacking the appointment by UNESCO of Dr. Ralph E. Turner

### Catholic Educator Urges Caution

Washington—(RNS)—Monsignor Frederick G. Hochwalt, general secretary of the National Catholic Educational Association, which is an official member of the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO, said he never observed atheistic tendencies within the organization.

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Magr. Hochwalt warned against "the danger of jumping to a conclusion about an entire program just because we may not approve of one individual" and said that "enough of us in the N.C.E.A. are interested in the UNESCO program to put up a fight to preserve the high moral tone of the program."

as chairman of the editorial committee of the International Commission for a Scientific History of Mankind.

The story, an NCWE release, also was featured on page one of the Courier-Journal in the Dec. 28 issue.

The commission, operating independently although sponsored by UNESCO, is to have \$600,000 and five years to turn out a 3,000,000-word definitive and unbiased "History of Mankind" with the sub-title "The Development of Peoples." Some 1,000 of the most prominent scholars of the world will take part in its preparation.

THE VISITOR STORY quoted sentences from William F. Buckley's recently published "God and Man at Yale" (Henry Regency Co., Chicago) which termed Dr. Turner "emphatically and vigorously atheistic" and "a dedicated iconoclast who has little mercy either on God or on those who believe in Him."

### Athletes Enter Religious Life

Dublin—(RNS)—One of Ireland's best-known woman athletes, ace canoe player Kathleen Cody of Dublin, will enter a convent early this year.

(Canoeing is the version of hurling played by women. Kathleen, who has been teaching the game to pupils of Catholic schools here, has won seven all-Ireland medals and 11 Leinster Championship medals.)

Another well-known Irish athlete has become a priest. He is the Rev. William Rex Hegarty of Cork city who has just been ordained in Rome. Before he began his studies for the priesthood he was a prominent member of the Dolphin Rugby Football Club.

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## Ousted U. S. Nuns Describe Communist 'Church Trial,' Stoning, Cross Desecration

Hong Kong—(NC)—A mock funeral service was held by the Reds in northern Kwangtung province to commemorate the "death" of the Catholic Church there after the Chinese pastor was killed, two American Maryknoll nuns placed under "house arrest" and a score of loyal Catholics imprisoned.

The story of sham ceremony, conducted with shouts of "the Catholic Church is dead."

"They Have Persecuted Me, They Will Also Persecute You!"

## Chinese Mob Rains Blows, Spittle Upon Defenseless Nuns In Eleven-Hour 'Trial'

Hong Kong—(RNS)—Three middle-aged Catholic nuns arrived here with a story of having been beaten and spat upon for hours by a Communist-infiltrated mob in Changchun, Manchuria.

The nuns, all Swiss nationals, were Sisters Mary Rudolf, Agnes Swicker and Anna Fung. They reached Hong Kong after being released from a Manchurian jail and sent to Tientsin where Communist police put them on a train.

Hong Kong—(NC)—Arriving here from Manchuria,

is, following a Communist expulsion order. Sister Mary Rudolf related that before the deportation she and two nun companions were forced to undergo an 11-hour mob trial.

Whipped to a frenzy by Red speakers, the mob demanded that the nuns be burned on a funeral pyre. Repeatedly during the "trial" members of the mob walked up to the nuns and spat in their faces. At the end of the "trial" the nuns were completely covered with slime and spittle and

beaten from the soles of the nuns.

Sister Mary Rudolf told of a boy and girl about 12 years old who tried to protect the helpless nuns from the blows and spittle.

The children stationed themselves in front of the Sisters and tried to use their small bodies as shields against the mob which had been wrought up by Red charges that the nuns had murdered infants in their orphanage. But the little boy and girl were also thrown to the ground and beaten, the nuns related.

was told by Sisters Paulita Hoffman of Cincinnati and Marion Cordis Riets of Chicago upon their arrival here after 15 months of imprisonment in their Kwangtung convent.

In November 1950 the parish priest, the Rev. Aloysius Au, was arrested in the middle of the night and the convent officials began releasing for what they termed "the trial of the Catholic Church."

The two nuns were marched to the end of the "trial" process, where they were held for several days.

By Communist demands for hundreds of girls and women to be "trialled," the nuns said. The nuns said they had been arrested when they were alone in the convent.

Thirty or 40 men, Catholics lined the first row of spectators at the "trial," the nuns said. They had come prepared to defend their faith and their parish priest. When 40 accusations were read out against the priest and the Church, the Catholics arose to denounce the falsehoods. Before the trial was over 20 of the faithful were carried off to jail for having defended "the shining star of the Imperialis."

After the "trial" the Chinese priest was sentenced to a year's imprisonment. The Communist officers and youth corps then held a mock funeral ceremony in the cemetery of the church, the nuns related.

In a final gesture of defiance and hatred, young Communists tore down the crucifix, which the nuns and monks had taken to the cemetery for protection before the eyes of the priest.

ON ONE OCCASION Father Au was able to get word to the nuns that he was still alive.

3,500 Missionaries Ousted From China

Hong Kong—(NC)—After taking complete control of China, the Communists have forced out nearly two-thirds of all Catholic foreign missionaries, the Rev. Paul J. Duchene, Maryknoll priest who directs the Catholic Welfare Bureau here, estimates.

Some 2,000 priests, brothers and sisters from Europe and North America are still in the country, he says.

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"Christ has for most missions in His Church's history and 90 per cent of the world's population are Catholics. What does it mean if we are beaten and murdered?" I shall give you something that I gave to the Communists. Your mission will be to give the Father for our persecuted Catholics in China!"

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## Red Successor To Czech Archbishop Beran Hinted

Vienna—(NC)—According to reports reaching here, the communist regime of Czechoslovakia is apparently preparing immediate steps to "dismiss" Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague from his position and to appoint as "successor" for him.

Archbishop Beran for almost two years now has been prevented from the exercise of his episcopal functions. He was "banished" from his See a year ago and is being held under virtual house arrest. His exact whereabouts are unknown. During the past year there have been frequent reports that the regime is preparing the "trial" of the Archbishop on charges of being an "enemy of the people."

The rumors of the Archbishop's forthcoming "dismissal" are supported by other reports saying that Zdenek Perlinger, communist minister in charge of religious affairs, recently called on the gravely ill Bishop Josef Hlouch of Budejovice and reportedly offered him free treatment by foreign medical specialists if he accepted the "appointment" as Archbishop of Prague.

The 50-year-old Bishop is reported to have refused the "offer." Appointment and transfer of Bishops is a matter exclusively within the competence of the Pope.



Archbishop Beran