

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.

### Monsignor Byrne's Requiem Offered

Priests of the Rochester Diocese and a score of other dioceses throughout the country mourned this week the sudden death of their former teacher, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Byrne, professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Bernard's Seminary for the past 40 years.



MONSIGNOR BYRNE

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 suspend special children's Masses. Holy Name Society men are requested to receive Holy Communion with their families rather than "in 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 to his dad in a mailbox here. He knew that his father, T/Sgt. John P. Kelly, had died December 29 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.

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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.

### School Head Ends Club On UNESCO

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

### Catholic Educator Urges Caution

Washington—(RNS)—Monsignor Frederick G. Hochwall, 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.

### 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.

### West Rushes Aid, Stalin Wires Sympathy To Italy

Washington—(NC)—A Congressional bill from Europe told President Truman that material assistance given by the West after the disastrous Po River floods was "mentioned on throughout Italy, while by contrast all the stricken Italians got from Russia was "a telegram of sympathy from Stalin."

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