By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

HERE is no record in history of any persecutors hating the mem-....ory of a woman. No one ever shakes his first of hate at Caesar or swears revenge on the ashes of a Hitler, much less did anyone despise their mothers. But the personation in China is revealing something new: There is a violent, rabid hatred of the Blessed Mother. The Communist judges make Et a major crime to belong to the Legion of Mary. Why do these "judges" who know mothing of Christianity rage and storm against any devotion to Mary the Mother of God? The answer is that the present world struggle is no longer a Civil War between adorers of God and slaves of Satan, A peculiarity of this struggle is that Satan would direct his hatred against the Woman. Before the Incarnation, Scripture describes a "great dragon" who stood fronting the Woman who was in childbirth, ready to swallow up the child as soon as she bore it. After the incarnation, the dragon is pictured as "in pursuit of the Woman, the boy's mother." Note that Satan attacks the Woman. He tempted the First Eve to fall from grace; now he attacks the Second Eve, Mary, to prevent the birth of her Son in the souls of men. . . . Communism as a political and economic world system is no more interested in Mary than are the Republicans and the Democrats. But Communism as the Mystical Body of the anti-Christ is Satan's enemy in Mary, Hence the attack on Mary by 

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Out out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and send it to the Most Beverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The lage stamps. Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 199 East 38th Street. New York 16x, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

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Vatican city with the Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan, NCWC News Service Correspondent and a priest of Rochester Diocese.

## Vatican Issues New Stamp Marking Centenary Of Papal Postage Stamps

lectors are these new com-

memoratăvo postage stamps.

Spain has issued two stamps

to mark the 35th International

Eucharistic Congress held at

Barcelon - one (top.) shows

Tiepolo's famed painting, "The

Eucharist"; amother (center)

Sister Maris Blicacia of the

· Blessod Sacrament, a Spanish

num canomized for her devotion

to the Exicharist, Vatican City

has lasted a stamp (lower to

commencerate the centerary

of the first papal postage

stamp, It bears an inset in the

lower left depicting a repro-

stareap. (NC Photos).

THE TRADITIONALLY attired

coaclaman is sitting high in the

drivers's seat, holding the custom-

ary whip and the reins of two

pair of spirited while horses that

seem to enjoy the speedy trotting

Polish Reds Close

Catholic Orphanages

London — (RNS) — The Valican Radio reported that the

Communist government of

Polarud has ordered the closing-

of all Catholic orphanages in

A spokesman for the Polish

regime was quoted by the sta-

tion as having said the reason

for the action was that "edu-

cation given in these institu-

tions does not correspond with

the country.

duction of the original blue

By HENRY A. GEFFERS (Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

As early as 1852 stamps with the traditional Papal coatof-arms, the crossed keys of St. Peter surmounted by the pontifical tiara, were being widely used,

This fact, which may surprise the general public, was highlighted by the recent issue by the State of the Vatican City of a ommemorative stamp-marking the first centenary of Papal post-

THE VATICAN'S "little colored pieces of paper" have become people all over the treasured items in the collections world. Their history is worth re-

On the basis of the experience gathered in England during a decade since the introduction of postage stamps in that country in 1840, the Papal postal authorities had studied the transition from the stampless covers that were prepaid at the post office to the use of stamps for the delivery of

But it was not until November 20, 1851, that the official "Notificazione (public notice) was released by Cardinal Giacomo Antonelli, the famous Cardinal Secretary of State of the then reigning Pope Pius IX, who announced introduction of the "belli franchi (the beautiful stamus).

A FEW WEEKS later, on December 10, 1851, the Papal Treasury Department, which had jurisdiction over postal matters because of the financial revenue that was involved, published "regulations concerning the postal taxes on letters, folders, printed matter and on foreign mails" that would become effective on January 1, 1852 in the "Stato Pontificio" (literally translated: "The Panal State") that comprised at that time a large part of Central Italy and which we have become accustomed to call: 'The Roman States."

Thus were introduced the first postage stamps bearing the crossed keys of St. Peter surmounted by the papal tiara that had been for centures the symbolic coat of the distinction of being the smallarms of the Popes. The inscripest state in the world. tion on these stamps omitted, therefore, any mention of the sovereign state but simply read: "Franco Bollo Postale" (in English: "Postage Stamp").

WITH the occupation of Rome, arranged, allowing for the insert tiara. in 1870, these stamps were super in the lower left part of an acseded by those of the newly curate reproduction in the origunited Italian Kingdom. Only inal blue color of the imperioral when Papal sovereignty, was rec. 50 Bajocchi stamp of 1852. ognized by the Treaty of the The remaining space is enliven-Lateran in 1929 did the Papal ed by the presentation of an encan, created then, although in 19th century, with a load of lug-dition. can, created then, aithough in-dependent and sovereign, covers are clearly visible on the rear and only 108 acres and has therefore top of the carriage.

Public School Becomes Parochial

Durand, Wis.- (RNS) -Taxpayers of the Lima Consolidated School District near here voted at their annual meeting to discontinue operating their elementary school as a public institution and to continue it as a Catholic parochial school instead. The Lima school had long been

center of controversy because it was taught by nuns and shared, with a parochial high school, a building owned by Holy Sosary Catholle church.

The meeting approved a tax levy of \$4,000 to pay tuitions and transportation costs of pupils whose parents want them to at the requirements of the Marxend a public school next year. | ist-Lemnist-Stalinist erm."

coat of arms on the glass-paneled door. We see a comfortably seat. ner. vio over the Tiber, because at the extreme left of the stamp we recouter gate of this old bridge that in the course of centuries has been crossed by untold millions. There were halts at ten in the from the Eternal City

tured in the limited available where the traveler of old caught the hill of Tepeyac. the first glimpses or was able to say goodby to Rome.

Proceeding from the left we mark - the harmonious master. Buenos Aires, it was announced piece of Michelangelo; the dome here. of St. Peter's, From the Tiber valley rise the high hills of Monte Mario, with the renowned villas and gardens topped by the old structures of the fortifications and the peaceful cypress trees.

ACROSS THE top of the stamp is the brief indication of the value in large numerals and the irascription: "Poste Vaticane" (Vatican Mail) while the text across the lower part of the stamp reads: "1852-1952 Centenario del L Francobollo" (Centenary of the Arst stamp).

In addition to the individual stamp, the Vatican postal authoritles have issued at the same time a souvenir sheet comprising block of four of the same per-Marking the centenary of the forated 50 lire commemoratives, first papal postage stamp is a sign in violet showing the crossed white lead same. Self-cleaning. Whiter white, Newsurmounted by a decorative debeautiful and interesting 50 lire commemorative in a gray-black keys of St. Peter and the Papal color. The design is horizontally

The stamp was engraved by C. Canfarini and printed by the Instituto Poligrafico dello Stato delle-Carte Vallori, the Government Printing Office in Rome, cost-of-arms reappear on stamps. graved plate showing a typical and combines artistry with sym-The State of the City of the Vati. Papal mail coach of the middle bolism in the best philatetic tra-

## 6,000 Mexicans March In Guadalupe Shrine Pilgrimage the ability to put that things

Mexico City—(NC)—One of the most impressive events in Mexico's Catholic life is the traditional pilgrimage that takes place every year from the Queretaro Diocese to the famed Basilica of Our Lady of

Besides the aviators, 10,000 other

pilgrims also came to the shrine

Countries represented, besides

the United States, included

France, Great Britain, Canada,

Belgium, Italy, Spain and Hol-

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munism.

Guadalupe here. It is a pilgrimage composed Flyers Visit exclusively of men and made entirely on foot. This year, 6,000 Lourdes Shrine men - rich and poor, old and Lourdes, France - (NC) young - braved the rigors of More than 5,000 civil and miliroads scorched by a relentless tany aviators from eight counsun, and wastelands turned into tries, including the United States, mud pits by the summer rains, participated in an international to offer homage to the Lady of aviation pilgrimage to Lourdes. Guadalupe.

IT WAS A seven-day journey of prayer, humility and heroic

A mile and a half long, the procession from the colonial city was made up of pilgrims of all conditions and ages. Millionaires and motion picture stars walked beside bull-fighters and humble ranchmen. Workers and students joined together in singing hymns and offering prayers to the Patroness of Mexico as the moving columns, progressed slowly over the 131. mile route to the great national

Among the pligrims also were young boys, taken along to be initiated into the tradition established by their grandparents. Some walked beside men of 80 and upwards who could remember the time, in 1886, when the Queretaro pilgrimage was first

BEFORE LEAVING Queretaro,

the pilgrims attended a "Good Journey Mass" in the Church of the Congregation. At their head was Father Sebastian Berumen, along the dusty Via Flaminia, the a priest of ascetic appearance, who carried the banner of the old Roman road that leads north through various Italian provinces Patroness of Latin America and and still is today one of the main the Philippines. The marchers, highways leading to the Eternal who .included several other priests, were divided into fifty The coach, a large, closed, four groups, each one of which carwheeled carriage, has the Papal ried its own Guadalupean barn-

The pilgrims carried their own ed passenger in the carriage who
must have been watching the reations for the long journey, restcrossing of the historic Ponte Mil- ing for the night in the open fields. The day's march ordinarily began at 6:30 a.m., and continued ognize a part of the monumental until 2 p.m., but sometimes the journey was continued from sunrise to sunset.

of pilgrims on their way to and morning while one of the priests preached a sermon. Frequently during the daily trek, the pil-THE DESIGNING artist of the grims sang hymns, recited the stamp, Prof. C. Mezzana, has cap Rosary or offered other tributes space some of the highlights of of prayer to the Virgin who centhe beautiful scenery that unfolds turies ago had appeared to a to the onlooker at this point, humble worker, Juan Diego, on

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