

Bishop Kearney's High School Jubilee Fund

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China Missionary Nun Home



NEW YORK—Sister Joan Marie Ryan, who was imprisoned for almost two years by the Chinese Communists, is greeted by her family here. She escaped 12 years with the martyrdom mission in China, having been arrested by the Communists in April, 1951, along with Bishop Francis X. Ford, Rochester missionary from Brooklyn, N. Y., whose secretary she had been. When she arrived in Hong Kong last month she reported the death of Bishop Ford in a prison hospital. Sister Marie Ryan is left to right: Brother Agathe John of the Christian Brothers and Joseph R. Ryan, her brother; Bonnie Marie Ryan, a niece; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ryan, her parents; and Navy nurse Lt. (jg) Margaret Ryan, her sister who accompanied the nun from Honolulu. The sisters met in Honolulu for the first time in 13 years. Sister Joan Marie, 38, who was ill with pleurisy after her imprisonment, said she was "feeling much better" and was "very glad to be home." (RNS Photo)

Nun, Weak From Red Jail Ordeal, Eyes China Return

By JOHN O'CONNOR

San Francisco—(NC)—The recent victim of Chinese communist brutality, a frail little missionary nun with deep brown eyes, has returned to her native United States.

Drawn, weak and tired, Sister Joan Marie Ryan, secretary to the martyred Bishop Francis X. Ford of Red-conquered Kaying, stepped off a Military Air Transport plane at Travis Air Base, looked back and sighed.

"I WISH I COULD go back to China . . . But China is closed." When she reaches New York and her home, the Sister, who spent 20 months in communist imprisonment, faces a long period of convalescence. The cell left its mark; her shoulders are narrow and pinched; her thin wrists poke out from the big habit sleeves like those of a too fast growing child; her eyes reflect the sadness of a people enslaved.

"THE CHINESE are like your own people," she hastened to tell. There was light in her eyes now. These Chinese were the people she went to in 1933, for the first time, as a missionary. The young Chinese were the children to whom her catechism lessons meant so much. Among these Chinese Christians were the native catechists, whom Sister helped train.

IN ADDITION to her teaching and teacher-training, Sister Joan Marie took over secretarial work for Bishop Ford in 1940. The China that she has known since 1939 has been a veritable

swathshop of dawn-to-dusk missionary field work.

But she wants to go back. In February, 1950, after months of "house arrest," Sister Joan Marie was jailed at Canton. Trumped-up charges, similar to those that preceded the imprisonment of Bishop Ford, were filed against her. From the communist police decision there is no appeal—she was given quarters in a Red prison, and the stone floor of a cell became her bed. That was nearly two years ago.

Yet Sister Joan Marie wants to go back. BISHOP FORD was among the first arrested. A man who had served in China since 1918 as a minister of the Sacraments, builder of schools and hospitals, teacher and friend of the Chinese, he was rewarded with imprisonment and torture.

Sister Joan Marie soon joined him. Just last month Sister was released from jail and ordered out of China. A Canton prison official told her Bishop Ford had died . . . of old age.

Sister Joan Marie was joined at Hong Kong by her sister, Lieut. Margaret M. Ryan, a Navy nurse who had been serving in Japan, and has been assigned to a Philadelphia Navy hospital.

Report 159 Priests Arrested In Poland

London—(RNS)—The Vatican Radio reported that 159 Roman Catholic priests have been arrested in Poland "under various excuses but with the view of forcing them to co-operate with the Communist regime."

Among those specifically mentioned by the station was Father Stanislaw Kowalski, an editor of Tygodnik Powszechny, official organ of the Cracow archdiocese.

Commenting on his arrest, the Vatican said that "this unjustified police action is but another episode in the slow agony to which the Communist government has condemned the Catholic Church in Poland."

The Vatican Radio also commented on the recent closing down by the regime of 59 seminaries in Poland.

It said that this Communist action "was arranged in such secrecy that the population had no opportunity to show their reaction and protest."

Some 10,000 students for the priesthood were said to have been evicted from the seminaries, which belong to religious orders and the dioceses of Czestochowa, Warmia and Siedlec.

5,000 View Rites Of Dedication For John Fisher College

Dedication of the new St. John Fisher College, last Sunday, forged spiritual links between the New World Rochester and the Old World Rochester, ancient See town of England's martyr-bishop St. John Fisher.

Presiding at the cornerstone laying and dedicatory rites was Bishop James E. Kearney, who as ordinary of the American diocese of Rochester, is today sole heir to St. John Fisher's proud title of "Bishop of Rochester." The former Rochester diocese in England is now part of the Diocese of Southwark.

DEDICATION OF THE New World College to England's martyr-bishop gave historic vindication to the brave prelate who 400 years ago died in defense of the Catholic Faith against the demands of King Henry VIII.

Highlight of the ceremonies was Bishop Kearney's seal into the cornerstone of the college two stones from St. Andrew's Cathedral in Rochester, England. This church, in the hands of the Anglicans since the Reformation, was once the cathedral of St. John Fisher.

A crowd of 5,000, including clergy and laity, witnessed the rites. The new college building, operated by the Basilian Fathers, was open for public inspection following the ceremonies. Among those present was Robert Wilberforce, of the British Information Service in New York, who represented the British Ambassador to the U. S.

Bishop Kearney expressed gratitude to the community for its contribution of \$1,235,057 for the building of St. John Fisher College. The funds were raised in a campaign conducted in 1948. Among the principle benefactors of the new college was His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spell.

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ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE CORNERSTONE is sealed by Bishop Kearney during impressive moment of dedication rites. With the Bishop (left to right) are the Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher; the Rev. John P. O'Meara, C.S.B., dean; and Bishop Charles E. Nelligan of Assumption College, Windsor, Ontario. (Courier Photo)

Missioners Banned In Virginia Towns

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Religious services and lectures by Roman Catholic missionary priests have been banned in several towns of Virginia, it was revealed here. But the priests are determined to use peaceful means of persuasion rather than to assert their legal rights by appeal to courts.

The priests involved are from the Diocesan Missionary Band of the Diocese of Richmond. They have a well-equipped trailer known as St. Mary's-of-the-Highway, which they use in their mission work. Lately they have added a second mobile chapel and now have two teams of priests in the field.

While the reception they have received in most small towns and hamlets in predominantly Protestant Virginia has been friendly; there have been a number of instances in which the priests have encountered hostility on the part of local citizens and have been ordered to "move on" by mayors or constables who said they feared a disturbance.

The incidents were brought to light by the Catholic Standard, weekly newspaper of the Archdiocese of Washington. "When refused permission, the Virginia priests have departed very unostentatiously and with no protest, deferring to the sensibilities of the people," the paper declared.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS: A reliable toaster or Waffle Baker, Sunbeam Toaster etc. at Thorne's, William S. Thorne, Jeweler, 515 Main St. East, Hamilton 591.—Adv.

United Nations Week Observance

October 14, 1952

My Dear People: This coming week of October nineteenth is United Nations Week. In our striving for world peace the success of the efforts of United Nations gives us all deep concern. We know that the planning of United Nations to effect a formula for settling the disputes among nations represents a forward step in the world program for international peace.

During the month of the Holy Rosary when our prayers echo nightly over the air for world peace, we do well to add a special prayer for the success of United Nations in the effort to effect a peaceful solution of international problems.

We sincerely hope and pray that this organization may, with divine guidance, become a vital instrument for that international understanding without which there can be no peace.

The United Nations Association of Rochester furnishes us the opportunity of hearing from those intimately associated with the activities of United Nations and familiar with the efforts of the organization to preserve the peace of the world and bring to an end the present conflict in Korea. These things concern all of us, and we do well to avail ourselves of the latest information which our own local organization affords us.

For all of us this week should be a time of special prayer then, that God may grant divine guidance to these international leaders who welcome His inspirations, and may at the same time open the eyes of those who fail to see that without such divine guidance man gropes hopelessly for a solution of the problem of peace in the world.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
James E. Kearney
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Soviet Youth Told To Push Atheism

London—(RNS)—A Russian boy who removed an ikon from the bedroom of his mother, who "believes in God and often prays," was praised by Komsomolskaya Pravda, official organ of the Komsomol, the Communist Youth League. The Moscow paper said that the Komsomol, which claims a membership of more than 10,000,000, "demands that every member take an active part in the struggle against religious prejudice" and be "an active fighter against religion."

An indication of what the Komsomol considers "religious prejudices" was given in its reminder that one of the jobs of the Soviet secret police is to keep track of "those whose prejudices include a belief in God."

Rochester Firms Join Support Of High School Bid

Four more industrial organizations have joined the parade of Rochester business firms rallying to the support of Bishop James E. Kearney's Jubilee Fund for new Catholic high schools.

At a meeting last evening, Frederick M. Tobin, Special Gifts chairman of the Rochester-area phase of the \$8,045,000 diocesan-wide campaign, reported the following pledges:

- Hickey-Freeman Company — \$25,000.
- James Cunningham Son & Co. Inc. — \$10,000.
- Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation — \$9,000.
- Genesee Brewing Company — \$5,000.

These four pledges, totaling \$49,000, followed an earlier announcement that Eastman Kodak Company had pledged \$85,000; the Tobin Packing Company, \$20,000; and Bausch and Lomb Optical Company, \$9,000.

In announcing the gifts from industry, Tobin hailed "this generous support of Catholic education by American private enterprise as unprecedented in Rochester or anywhere else."

THE \$25,000 pledge from the Hickey-Freeman Company, nationally known clothing concern, was signed by Jeremiah H. Hickey, president of the company.

A Papal Knight of the Order of Malta, Hickey is a brother of the late Archbishop Thomas J. Hickey, second bishop of Rochester, who almost 30 years ago headed a fund drive to build the Aquinas Institute, presently Rochester's only Catholic high school for boys. The Aquinas school is named after Archbishop Hickey's patron saint, St. Thomas Aquinas.

THE CUNNINGHAM Company pledge was signed by Augustine J. Cunningham, company president; The Rochester Gas & Electric pledge by Alexander M. Beebe, president, and the Genesee Brewing Company pledge by Louis A. Wehle, chairman of the board. A quota of \$1,795,500 has been assigned Rochester and Monroe County Catholics in the fund drive which will begin general solicitation on October 23 and conclude on Nov. 11. This quota will provide \$1,500,000 for the new McQuaid High School for boys under the Jesuit Fathers direction, and \$250,000 for the new St. Agnes High School for girls to be operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Both schools will be built in Rochester.

THE FUND DRIVE also will provide building funds for the new Notre Dame de Lourdes High School for boys and girls in Elmira and the new Mount Carmel High School for boys and girls in Auburn. Both cities have been assigned quotas of \$512,000 each. The Sisters of Mercy will build the Elmira school and the Carmelite Fathers will establish the Auburn school.

The campaign is known as the Bishop's High School Jubilee Fund because it will serve as a diocesan tribute to Bishop Kearney who will mark the twentieth anniversary of his episcopal consecration on October 23 and the fifteenth anniversary of his installation as Bishop of Rochester on November 11.

Monsignor John S. Randall, campaign director, has announced opening campaign dinners for workers in three areas of the diocese as follows: Rochester, Tuesday, October 28, in the New York State Armory on Culver Road, Auburn, Monday, October 27, in the Hotel Osborne, Elmira, Wednesday, October 29, in the Mark Twain Hotel.

Liberal Immigration Policy Requested

Ottawa—(RNS)—The Catholic archbishops and bishops of Canada called here for a liberal immigration policy that would admit more people to the country each year. In a statement issued during its annual meeting, the hierarchy said immigration is a "moral question, subject to moral laws which should direct and inspire those whose duty it is to determine a policy of immigration."

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