

Holy Family Day Observance On Sunday

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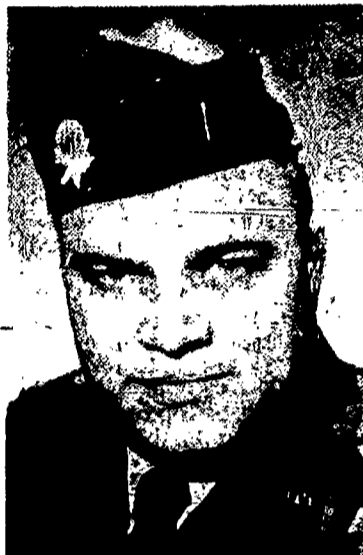
Lest We Forget

Bishop Asks Prayers For Those In Armed Forces

Chaplain In Korea Tells Grim Story Of War On Christmas

His Excellency Bishop Kearney asks prayers from all families, particularly on Holy Family Sunday (Jan. 11), for those who are serving far away in the armed forces of our country. In support of his plea, the Bishop offers the following letter which he received this week from Father Joseph Natale, a Rochester priest now serving as a chaplain to our troops on the Korean battlefield. Father Natale tells a grim story of heroic fighting and death on Christmas morning in Korea.

Somewhere in Korea
Dear Bishop Kearney:
Your Christmas message to your priests in the Armed Forces was a most welcome climax to the many greetings we have received during this Holy Season.
Christmas Day in Korea was far from peaceful. Before the sun rose on the Natal Day of Our Divine Saviour the eyes of a number of our soldiers opened on the Real Presence in Heaven.
THE ENEMY attacked in strength and overran an infantry outpost, killing six and wounding twenty-six more. A subsequent counterattack retook the position and held it against two more enemy onslaughts.
The constant pounding of our supporting artillery broke the peace and quiet of our Christmas morn...



FATHER NATALE
Guns At Christmas

We were privileged to have His Eminence Cardinal Spellman with us on the day after Christmas. He visited us at our Forward Airstrip. His presence among us was a deep consolation and joy in the midst of so much suffering. He was simply wonderful. It was just as if Christ Himself was in our midst. He spoke to some 500 artillery and infantry men who had just come off the line to see him. Many of the soldiers were dirty, tired and cold—still wearing their steel helmets bearing arms.
HIS EMINENCE assured us that we were not forgotten. He smiled throughout his talk, except on two occasions when he almost burst into tears as he addressed the assembled crowd. His visit shall long be remembered by those most grateful men...
I have been greatly edified by the very sound demonstration of faith that I have seen on the part of our Catholic men...
Thank you once again for making known that we are not forgotten men.
Blessings,
Joseph A. Natale
Catholic Chaplain

Canadian Network Bans Bishop Sheen TV Show

Montreal—(NC)—Banning by the Canadian Broadcasting Company of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's television show in Canada has been characterized as a "mystery" by a leading national Catholic weekly.

The Ensign, published here, pointed out editorially that the CBC, which controls both radio and television in Canada, has claimed its regulations forbid the broadcasting of opinions which can be considered "controversial" on programs sponsored by others than CBC.

THE NEW YORK Auxiliary Bishop's programs are sponsored by the Admiral Corporation, which appropriates \$1,000,000 to put 26 weekly, half-hour shows on the air. The money above expenses is turned over to Mission Humana, which aids persons of all faiths.
The editorial pointed out that Bishop Sheen carefully avoids discussing Catholic dogma but speaks of freedom, love, peace and God. "Why the CBC considers his talks 'controversial' remains a mystery," The Ensign said.

"As even greater mystery," it continued, "is why the CBC considers his regulations forbid it to broadcast sponsored 'controversial' talks by a distinguished religious leader when the CBC itself sponsors broadcasts disparaging religion by such men as Dr. Bertrand Russell, Brock Chisholm and Ewen Cameron."
"THERE WAS still a charge that the CBC would censor Bishop Sheen's program," it went on, "and it is not surprising that the CBC should have done so, since it is a well-known fact that the CBC has often denied air time if they are sponsored, while irreligious and religious programs are sponsored by the CBC itself. This is obviously a situation urgently requiring remedy."

Bishop Asks Donations For 'New Look' On St. Joseph's

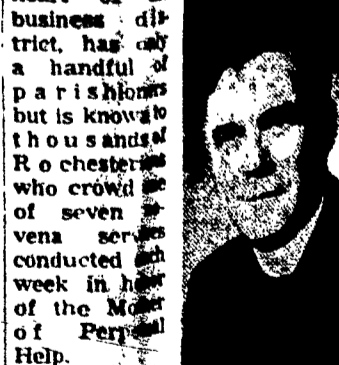


Sanctuary in Newly Beautified St. Joseph's Church

Decoration Work Enhances Old Redemptorist Church

Bishop Kearney appealed personally this week to Rochester devotees of weekly novena services at St. Joseph's Church to help the Redemptorist Fathers pay the cost of the current beautification of the historic downtown church.

THE CHURCH, situated in the heart of the business district, has only a handful of parishioners but is known to thousands of Redemptorist novena services conducted each week in honor of the Most Holy Perpetual Help.



Father Kearney revealed that the church interior is the result of an extensive decoration and improvement program carried on during the past six months. The work is close to \$50,000, Father Kearney estimated.

BISHOP KEARNEY, who has taken a personal interest in the church's beautification, this week's friends of St. Joseph's participated in the cost of the decorations by attending novena services on Wednesday, January 14.

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Families To Unite On Feast Day In Mass, Communion

For the fourteenth consecutive year, Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this Sunday (Jan. 11) by receiving Holy Communion and attending Mass in family groups.

In a letter read in the parish churches last Sunday, His Excellency Bishop Kearney expressed the hope that this traditional observance of Family Communion Sunday will be met with the same widespread enthusiasm as in the past.

Bishop Kearney has dispensed with the children's Masses and has requested members of the Holy Name Society to receive Holy Communion with their families.

To add to the celebration of the day, the Bishop encourages the practice of the family taking mother out for breakfast, that she might be "Queen for a Day" as the guest of her household.

THE BISHOP remarked that this edifying practice of Family Communion had brought God's blessings in many outstanding ways.

"I have been deeply touched," the Bishop stated, "by letters telling of the return to the Sacraments of careless or forgetful members of the family, and even of straying sheep returning to the fold."

The practice of observing Family Communion Sunday was inaugurated in the Diocese of Rochester at the suggestion of Bishop Kearney the year following his installation as Bishop of Rochester.

It has become one of the most popular religious observances in the church calendar, always being marked by an unprecedented reception of the Holy Eucharist in the parish churches.

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Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester were among the first to observe this special celebration of Communion Sunday and since its establishment here the practice has been adopted in many other parts of the country.

Reds Launch Bid To End Baptism Rite

Vienna—(NC)—The Hungarian communists have launched an anti-Baptism campaign as the latest maneuver to stifle Christianity.

By preventing the Baptism of new babies the Reds hope they will deprive the Church of the affiliation of the new generation and keep children away from religious influence, reports reaching here state.

THE ANTI-BAPTISM campaign was begun in two coal mining regions, Pecs and Ozd. The former is in southern Hungary, the latter in the northeast section of the country.

The drive is being conducted under the direction of the local communist party secretaries. They approach pregnant wives of coal miners and try to "persuade" them to sign a pledge promising that the new baby will not be christened.

The "persuasion" is the usual communist double-edged sword. The prospective mothers will be rewarded if they sign; they are threatened with reprisals if they refuse.

SIGNING THE pledge, the reports state, will mean a gift from the regime of a complete layette for the baby and a baby carriage. The signatures of the women will be announced over the local loudspeaker and printed in the paper as demonstrating that they are "loyal proletarians."

Refusal to sign means they will be considered the "enemies of the people's government and of socialist progress" the women are informed.

They are also warned that pressure can be brought on their husbands who are employed by the state. The women, it is stated, are aware that their husbands can easily be fired by the regime or even deported to a forced labor camp.

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Father Mulcahy Named To New Charities Post

His Excellency Bishop Kearney has appointed the Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy Director of the Family and Child Care Division of the Diocese of Rochester and Director of the Rochester Catholic Family Center.

He succeeds the Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, who has been named Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Rochester and of the Columbus Civic Center.

Father Mulcahy's previous position was that of Director of the Social Action Division, Catholic Charities, which he held since July, 1949.

Ordained in his home-parish church of St. Ambrose on Oct. 15, 1946, Father Mulcahy's first appointment was as assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, where he served until his assignment to Catholic Charities.

Father Mulcahy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mulcahy, of 85 Hurstbourne Road, Rochester.

Father Jos. Sullivan Named Monsignor

Pope Pius XII has named the Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan of Rochester to the rank of a Papal Chamberlain with the title of "Very Reverend Monsignor," according to a cable received this week from Rome by Bishop James E. Kearney.



MONSIGNOR SULLIVAN

Monsignor Sullivan, a priest of the Rochester Diocese, is currently the director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service Bureau in Rome, Italy.

THE PAPAL HONOR was conferred on the Rochester priest in recognition of his distinguished services to the NCWC News Service. As first full-time correspondent of the news service for the Vatican and Rome, his name has become a well-known byline to readers of the Catholic Press throughout the United States and the English-speaking world.

An alumnus of the diocesan seminaries of St. Andrew and St. Bernard, Monsignor Sullivan was ordained in Rochester in 1938. Following his ordination he served as assistant pastor first at St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan, and later at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

DURING WORLD WAR II he joined the armed forces as an Air Force Chaplain and held important assignments in this country, India, and Germany. As an Air Force Chaplain he attained the rank of major.

After the war, Monsignor Sullivan was released by Bishop Kearney so that he might represent the NCWC News Service in Rome. In this vital news center of Christendom, he has reported some of the most historic events in the Church's history. These include the Holy Year, which occurs only four times in a century; and the definition of the dogma of the Assumption, the canonization and beatification rites. He has interviewed scores of dignitaries and celebrities, including Cardinal Spellman and Assunta Goretti, mother of St. Maria Goretti. He is the son of Mrs. Hazel J. Sullivan of 79 Kren Street and the late John J. Sullivan, former assistant postmaster in Rochester.

New Japanese Bishop Named

Tokyo—(NC)—Father Benedict Tomizawa, who has been named the new bishop of Sapporo, at one time served as ecclesiastical advisor to the Japanese legation at the Vatican.

The Bishop-elect will take over the newly-created diocese of Sapporo, which formerly was a vicariate apostolic.

Polish Reds Delay Cardinal On Rome Trip

London—(ENS)—The Polish Communist authorities have so far failed to answer an application by Cardinal-elect Stefan Wysynski, Archbishop of Warsaw, for permission to visit Rome to receive his Red Hat from Pope Pius XII at the January 12 consistory.

THIS WAS reported by Polish Catholic sources here which said that the Cardinal-elect, who is Primate of Poland, had submitted the application several weeks ago to the Polish Religious Affairs department, headed by Anton Bida, a leading member of the regime.

These sources said that while it was still hoped that the Polish government would grant the application, opposition to Cardinal-elect Wysynski's journey to Rome was being voiced by the "more radical members of the Polish political bureau."

SHOULD THE application be granted, they said, it would stipulate that the Polish Primate refrain from making statements on the situation of the Church in Poland, while absent from the country.

India Cardinal Leaves For Rome

Bombay—(NC)—Cardinal designate Valerian Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, left a jet for India for Rome, where he will receive the Red Hat together with 23 other new Cardinals at the forthcoming Consistory.

The Cardinal designate is being accompanied by Bishops Thomas Pothacumary of Bangalore and Matthew Kavukatt of Changanacherry, both native Indian bishops, and representatives of the Indian hierarchy. Plans are now being made to organize a tremendous reception for India's first Cardinal when he returns home from Rome after receiving the Red Hat.

'Infant Jesus In Crib' Banned By Red Chief

Vienna—(NC)—Czech Premier Antonin Zapotocky said in his Christmas message that the Christ Child in the traditional Christmas Crib is the symbol of "capitalist oppressors who... condemned workers to live in stables."

Owing to the liberation of Czechoslovakia by the communists, he said, the infant Jesus has now grown into a person and well-dressed "Old Man Frost."

In his radio talk, which the communist leader said was especially addressed to the Czech children and youth, Zapotocky said that "Christmas trees are still shining and gifts are being exchanged, but the Christmas crib—formerly a conventional attribute of Christmas—is 'disappearing.'"

"The little Jesus in the stable was the symbol of Christmas in former days," he said, "why? He had to remind the working people that the proper place for poor people is in the stable. If the little Jesus was 'born and reared in the stable, why should you not live there? Why should not your children be born in a stable? This is how the rich and mighty talked to the poor."

"Times have changed. The little Jesus has grown up and is now Old Man Frost. He is no longer in tatters and naked, but well dressed with a fur hat and coat. Our workers are no longer naked and in rags. Old Man Frost comes to us from the East, and stars shine in his path, not only the only Star of Bethlehem, but many Red Stars over our mines, factories and building sites..."

"Let us today promote our liberator, Stalin, and our President, Gottwald, that we will do everything in our power in schools, workshops, and offices to master the tasks of the last year of Gottwald's Five Year Plan, so that Red Stars may shine over all factories, mines, State farms in town and country by next Christmas, to indicate the implementation of all production plans."

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