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# Pope, President Hail Archbishop

Cleveland —(NC)— Greetings from His Holiness Pope Pius XII and from President Dwight D. Eisenhower highlighted a day long program here which marked the golden jubilee in the priesthood for Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, Bishop of Cleveland.

With His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch presiding, the Archbishop offered a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in St. John's Cathedral, one of his major building programs during his eight years as Bishop of Cleveland.

Prior to becoming Bishop of Cleveland in November 1945, he served from January 1943 as Coadjutor Bishop to the late Archbishop Joseph Schrembs.

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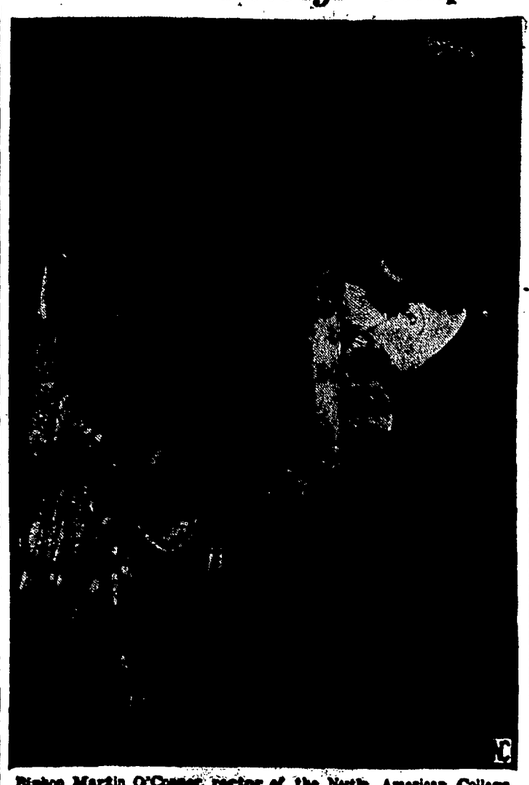
# Work Of Leading Italian Artists To Adorn College Chapel In Rome



Bishop Martin O'Connor, rector of the North American College, Rome, examines the model of an angelic figure in a statuary group which will memoralize the solemn proclamation of the Dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the work of Francesco Nagni, one of a group of prize winning sculptors and painters whose works will adorn the Chapel of the new North American College buildings, nearing completion in Rome. (NC Photos)

By MSGR. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN
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Rome — Some of the best Italian contemporary art will be unveiled soon in the chapel of the new North American College which is nearing completion here. Located on Janiculum Hill, the new buildings, the first completely new premises to be occupied by the 94-year-old institution, will be dedicated on Oct. 14.

Ornamentation of the chapel is being done by prize-winning artists in both sculpture and painting whose work and fame are known far beyond the shores of Italy.

They are painters Pio and Silvio Ercoli, brothers, and sculptors Francesco Nagni and Pericle Fazzini. They are now at work completing the frescoes and stone reliefs that will adorn both the exterior and interior of the chapel.

THE ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which was solemnly proclaimed while the North American College's new home was under construction, will be memorialized in stone bas-relief across the upper facade of the chapel. The decoration is the work of Nagni, who is working at present also on the sanctuary rail for the Cathderal of Sao Paolo in Brazil.

Nagni's work is found in several places in Canada as well as throughout Italy. One of his best known pieces is the historic equestrian statue of General Diaz in Naples. Others are to be found in many public buildings, churches, chapels and art galleries in Italy.

In the interior of the chapel there will be both sculpture and painting. The brothers Ercoli, whose father was a well-known painter, are hard at work on the frescoes adorning the sanctuary with episodes of Christ's life on earth. The work of these artists also is know in the United States and Canada. One of their recent pieces, entitled "Three Archangels," is in Holy Family Church at New Rochelle, N. Y.

FAZZINI IS doing panels for the interior of the chapel. Just 40, Fazzini is considered by many the outstanding sculptor in Italy today. His style is generally modern, but he has restrained the modern note in his work for the chapel in such a way as to combine successfully something of the present spirit and conservative traditional form of religious art.

The memorial to the Assumption is another happy step in the relation of the North American College to the Mother of God. It was only five years after the definition of her Immaculate Conception that the college was founded in 1859, and it was under this prerogative that the Virgin Mother was chosen as patroness of the institution. Now as it approaches the century mark of its history and moves into its new home, it is honoring another of the Blessed Mother's prerogatives.

THE NORTH AMERICAN College has up till now been housed in a 300-year-old former convent which underwent remodeling and enlargement at various times. Its new home has been built in accordance with the best and most exacting standards for U. S. seminary construction and equipment. The dedication of the buildings in October is expected to be attended by His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney.

# Postulators To Visit U. S. Parishes In Abp. Cieplak Cause

Cleveland — (NC) — Parishes throughout the U.S. will be visited in the near future by vice postulators in the cause of the beatification of Archbishop John Baptist Cieplak, early victim of Red mock trials in Moscow.

Parishioners in cities which the Archbishop visited during his exile in the U.S., will be questioned as part of the informative process which has now reached its third stage and which will be resumed in Rome in the Fall, Vice Postulator Father Isidore Cwiklinski, O.F.M., stated.

Father Cwiklinski also said that a recent resolution by the Franciscan Educational Conference in Washington, D. C., favoring active support of the Polish Archbishop's beatification cause, will be forwarded to the postulator of the cause in Rome, Msgr. Valerian Meysztowicz.

The informative process for Archbishop Cieplak's beatification was started at Rome in July, 1952, since the process could not be initiated in the late prelate's home diocese in Russia.

Archbishop Cieplak died in Passaic, N. J., in 1926, shortly after he had been named Archbishop of Vilna by Pope Pius XI. He was an international figure in 1923 when he was the center of notorious anti-religious trials at Moscow, sentenced to death by a Communist court and finally exiled as a result of world-wide protest.

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