



Marian Year in Diocesan Crown Of Parish's Work Missioners' Home Strength

By MONSIGNOR HART The Radiant Crown

Under this title Pope Pius XII has decreed for all the world, a Marian Year, to begin in December of this year and end in December of 1954. Its purpose will be to mark the centenary of the definition of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

December 8th of 1854 was the date of the Dogma and it has marked an increase in devotion to the Blessed Mother of God and an increase in love for the Immaculate Virgin. Now with the passage of one hundred years Pius XII feels that all the Church should join in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all that Mary has done for us. He feels that we should turn to Mary again and ask her to secure for all the world special blessings. He asks Catholics to lift their minds and hearts in prayerful intercession to Mary for the multiple needs of modern life. The Holy Father intends that the private and public celebration should stimulate an earnest devotion to the Mother of God in the souls of all Catholics.

Offering of prayers is urged for the return of all men to Christ through conformity with and nations and the restoration of the liberty of the Church in countries suffering persecution. He makes special mention of the "Church of Silence" in communist controlled countries. He asks all of us to pray for peace and harmony in the world.

And so beginning with the month of December the Marian Year will be carried out, special ceremonies and devotion in private and public shrines, Rome and Lourdes are mentioned as the principal centers for the observance. Bishops are encouraged to lead their clergy and people in celebrating the centenary.

The Holy Father calls for devotions of every kind, public, private, individual and collective in tribute to Mary Immaculate, Pilgrimages, especially to Marian Shrines in various parts of the world and public devotions in the Diocese are recommended.

Let every Catholic join with his brethren, with the clergy, and with the Holy Father in doing special honor to Mary during this Jubilee Year. Early in December we may look for the beginning of a series of parochial and diocesan devotions that will mark this Marian Year. Be sure to do your part in making it a source of greater devotion and love to the Immaculate Mother of God.

Newark's New Parochial School

The hopes of many years are coming closer to realization with the blessing of the cornerstone of the new School at Newark, N. Y. Father Doerbeck has been planning with his people to secure the erection of a building that will crown the work of St. Michael's Parish.

Bishop Kearney spoke of the fact that parochial schools have been part of American institutions since the foundation of our country. All of our early schools were intended to be the children in religion. That purpose has been lost for the public schools but has been maintained faithfully in the large number of parochial schools that have arisen in every part of our country. Bishop Kearney spoke of the home and church as primary safeguards of religion, with the school intended to be an extension of the home, because it belongs to the parent and is the right arm of the Church.

Our congratulations go out to Father Doerbeck and his people on this significant step in the forward progress of St. Michael's Church.

For Our Missions

Through the local office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, approved by the Bishop, final arrangements have been made for the great mission effort in the Diocese for the year 1968. Monsignor Randall has sent out the envelopes and they will be distributed on the 11th of October. The Collection will be taken up on Mission Sunday, October 13th.

Every Catholic will want to be enrolled in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Membership is secured or renewed through the annual mission offerings.

Through the Society that continued interest of our people in the Missions is secured. Be prepared then to join this Pontifical Society and to renew the membership you already have. Your prayers and your offerings for the Missions will be a vital part in making solid provision for these missions in the present day and for their prosperity in the years ahead. Mission workers by and religious will be able to accomplish worthwhile results only through the support that our people give to them.

Sunday Sermon

By Monsignor Hart

IN HIS OWN COUNTRY

Other places may be ready to receive a Prophet and to honor him, not so his own country. Christ could hear witness to this but we had Him, today returning to the land of Galilee.

Here He is recognized by a royal official who had been by the side of the king. He had been with the king at the birth of the child and he had been with the king at the circumcision of the child. He had been with the king at the naming of the child. He had been with the king at the presentation of the child. He had been with the king at the flight into Egypt. He had been with the king at the return to Nazareth.

son of God and to give testimony to the power that he exercised in healing the sick.

Christ carries on His power of healing every day within His Church. We should realize that far greater than the occasional act in which he healed the sick was the ever present power by which He has all men in good health. For this general blessing of mankind, which is the result of His mission, we should be thankful for the work of His Church.

Christ is our Prophet. We know Him as the Son of God.

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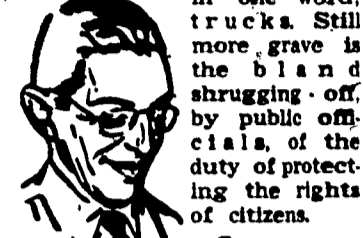
John J. O'Connell, D.D., is the new head of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Newark, N. Y. He was appointed to this position by the Bishop of Newark, N. Y. He is a member of the Holy See and has been a member of the Holy See for many years. He is a member of the Holy See and has been a member of the Holy See for many years.

It is a great honor to be appointed to this position. I am grateful to the Bishop for his confidence in me. I will do my best to serve the people of the Diocese of Newark, N. Y. I will do my best to serve the people of the Diocese of Newark, N. Y.

JOSEPH BREIG

Trucks And The People

A grave injustice is being done to the American people nowadays and it can be summed up in one word: trucks.



More grave is the blinding of the public officials, of the duty of protecting the rights of citizens.

Commodore Vandenberg, riding luxuriously in a Pullman in the days of the railroad barons, is reputed to have remarked: "The public? The public be damned!"

That attitude, obviously, did not die with the railroad barons. It has been transferred to the highway barons. In fact, you might say that the highways have been transformed into freight railroads.

HAD THE RAILROADS demanded — and got — permission to put rubber tires on locomotives and box cars, and to run trains on the nation's roads, the situation could hardly have been worse.

Some of the behemoth trucks of today — especially the two-trailer or three-trailer types — are in the category of box cars, and when several of them trail one another along a highway, the ordinary motorist is in the position of trying to pass a freight train that has left the rails and taken to the roads.

Our roads were not built for hauling freight. They were built by the people for the use of the people in ordinary travel and recreation. And suddenly the people find them preempted by freight haulers, operating for profit.

LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD that I am not criticizing truck drivers, by and large. Most of them are highly competent and at least reasonably courteous — which is more than can be said for some drivers of passenger cars.

Neither do I particularly blame the owners of trucks and fleets of trucks; although I think that in the long run, they would have been much wiser to exercise more self-control, and to set up some system of self-regulation.

But the fact is that competition has been allowed to run far too wild; and trucks have grown bigger and bigger simply because of economic pressure and the scramble for business.

THAT SITUATION is the fault of public officials. True, it is also the fault of the truck lobby. But public officials have no right to subject the people's interests to the pressure of lobbies.

Too many public officials, unfortunately, have insufficient regard for principles and duty. What is needed is counter-pressure from the public; especially from the millions of citizens who built the highways, and have a right to be protected in their use of them.

That right is being trampled underfoot. The highways are being taken away from the public — they are being seized by private commercial interests — through the use of what amounts to a kind of peacable force and terror.

IF YOU CONSIDER that statement an exaggeration, then I would guess that you have not been traveling much by automobile, especially in the more populated sections of the United States.

My wife and I, simply as a matter of ordinary precaution, have been driven into becoming experts in selecting secondary roads and staying away from the main highways. Many other motorists tell me that they too, for their own protection, are becoming pathfinders.

HOW IT IS GRATEFUL to see that the citizens whose taxes they collect, and chiefly maintain, should be so concerned about the improvements called "freeway" roads that seem to be the only way to life and death.

I suggest that it is high time that the politicians take notice. I suggest that the laws that will be better for the truckers, as well as for the rest of us, if this situation is corrected. Otherwise, the day will come when the truckers will be brought to their knees by the weight of the laws that govern their industry.

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BOOK REVIEWS

The White Rabbit

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA

(Professor of Literature, Nazareth College, Rochester, N. Y.) THE WHITE RABBIT by Bruce Marshall, from Wing Commander Yeo-Thomas' own story. Illustrated. Houghton Mifflin, 1963. (Available at Treat's Inc., 94 Clinton Ave., N., Rochester)

We have no right to forget. If Europeans seem to have the hatchet out for us, if they are exasperated by our "luck," our vigor, our prosperity, and, let it be said, our charity, then they are exhibiting a neurosis which is natural enough. They are tired, poor, weak—they have not known what normal living is.

It was always, all through the clash of armies and the falling of bombs, a war of nerves. We have suffered, too, the uncertainty, the mutilation, the death of the young—and no other ill great enough to be mentioned. We have not suffered attack, conquest or occupation.

The White Rabbit makes us remember. It is the story of the French Resistance, and of its English hero, Wing Commander Yeo-Thomas, whose code name was White Rabbit. He knew France better than any other Englishman, so they told Churchill, and when Yeo-Thomas stood at last in his presence and told of the need in to his fifth column before D Day, Churchill gave him 55 minutes of complete understanding and 100 planes, and whatever else he could use.

BUT IT WAS almost too late. The organization of the various groups, the rumbering constructionist tactics of the Communists who because of their sabotage record demanded first place, the opinionated rashness of certain leaders, the activity of 30,000 Gestapo, made the reading of a D Day diary very most perilous. At last it was well under way—and Yeo-Thomas broke his own rules waited overtime at a rendezvous and fell into the Gestapo net.

How is he still alive? How much the human body can endure, when will and devotion bid! In the terrible prison at Fresnes, in a night when all spirits were low for more reasons than star-

Anticlimax indeed to mention that St. Dominic and I have met, talked with, heard lecture, one of the characters of The White Rabbit—true, he had a very small part in it, a secretary to Churchill in one scene. But he could have a book of adventures all to himself—Major Morton, now Sir Desmond Norton, visiting lecturer at Oxford's Summerterm Newman Conferences, a branch of Pax Romana.

Not anticlimax at all that Bruce Marshall has another story out: The Fair Bride, of which perhaps more later.

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALYS'

Twenty-Year Extension

By Mary Tinley Daly

According to doctors, 20 years have been added to the American woman's span of life expectancy.

That's a lot of time—20 years more than a Grandpa had! What to do with that time, how to make it fruitful and a satisfying life is the problem of every one of us. And planning ahead is the only way, according to the Rev. William A. Nolan, S.J., contributing editor, Social Order.

In his September issue Father Nolan asserts that among women, well-behaved the betterment of political life. Rather than wait until we have begun that last stretch, he proposes that now even mothers of families have a chance to become more active politically due to modern household conveniences and time-saving appliances.

"The desire to contribute something substantial to one's community is a deeply rooted psychological drive," says Father Nolan. Issues of local government rather than Federal and State, he believes, offer the most realistic, easiest and most prompt field of action for women.

When they are immediately at hand, waiting for the attention of energetic citizens, and the understanding of them is relatively simple.

WE GO ALONG with Father Nolan in this. For certainly most localities could use the intelligence of coramam sense women. Accustomed to keeping their own homes and caring for children, they have the maternal instinct that might well extend to the community. When they have their houses painted, they pick a honest workman who does a satisfactory job for a reasonable price.

And when they become interested in public service, that straight-to-the-point integrity propels them to select the same kind of workmen for community jobs — painting, building, street care, welfare work or making the laws that govern such projects.

Many a double-dealing local politician howls to high heaven in the press at the very thought of women selling their pure little hands or their pure little souls with anything having to do with city or town government. Well, the night they see the girls don't have to be the know-nothing before they find out about that "you take care of me and I'll take care of you" policy — that's a school building, for example, costs twice as much as a house.

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You Can Win Converts

Rosemary's Long Fast

By

Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D.

"In Boston," said Rosemary Barry of St. Theresa's parish there, "practically all my acquaintances and friends are Catholics. But in the summer of 1947 I went to a camp in New Hampshire and found that out of about a hundred only eleven of us were Catholics.

"The nearest Catholic Church was twenty-eight miles away. We fasted and went to confession before Mass. If the bus arrived on time, so we could go to Holy Communion. Since I worked in the camp kitchen for several hours before we left for Mass, I felt famished as I helped prepare breakfast and then watched others eat it.

"Dolores Ingram, a non-Catholic girl at the camp, knew that I had a hearty appetite which became even ravenous when I fasted several hours, especially with the fragrance of my favorite dishes hitting my nostrils.

"How come you stand around watching us stow away the food and you don't eat any—even wet your whistle?" she said to me one Sunday morning. "Have you gone on some kind of a hunger strike?"

"No, Dolly," I replied. "I still like food alright, but I'm going to receive Holy Communion this morning, so I'll be fasting till I get back."

"Ge," said Dolly, "that'll be nearly noon. Why in the world can't you eat your breakfast and then go and receive Communion?"

"IT'S A LITTLE mark of reverence," I explained. "That we show our Blessed Lord. It's our way of saying, 'Dear Lord, We give you the place of honor. You come first, for Your precious body and blood, soul and divinity mean infinitely more to us than our earthly food.' It's a little way we show our love for our Lord and when you love someone it isn't hard to make a little sacrifice."

"That's a new insight that you've given me," Dolly said. "It shows how seriously you Catholics take your religion and how you love it."

"That was the little incident that really got Dolly thinking about the Catholic religion. She told me later on.

"Did you follow it up by bringing her to a priest for instruction?" I asked.

"NO, she wasn't quite ready for that. She was going with a young man who was violently opposed to the Church and that put something of a roadblock in her way. But her interest had been kindled and she continued to pepper me with questions. I recall one day when we went out on a raft for a swim. After taking a couple of dives, I thought I'd take a little nap in the sun. But Dolly bombarded me with so many questions that anything like a nap was out of the question.

I could see that she sort of envied me my sense of security and tranquility and she began to pray for light to see the truth. Finally, after three years, common sense and God's grace prevailed and she gave up the boy who was so bitter towards the Faith she was growing to love. I then took her to Father Bourke in Concord and he gave her a complete course of instruction.

"Dolly was received into the Church and on June 27, 1953 she was married with a Nuptial Mass to a fine Catholic boy, one of a family of ten children. Dolores Ingram Jolley—that's her name now—hopes to have that many children herself. She loves her religion and can't thank God enough for the gift of Faith."

"YES," I added, "and I'm sure Dolly is thankful to you too. That long fast at the camp and that long powwow on the raft did the work. They show how souls can be won for Christ at any time and any place. Will you soon be following Dolly's steps . . . down the aisle . . . to the music of the wedding march?"

"No, I was offered a scholarship at Middle College but I declined it. On September 12, I'm entering the novitiate of the Franciscan Missionaries in Providence, Rhode Island."

"Wonderful!" I exclaimed. "But don't forget to keep up your work of winning converts, for Sisters can do that too and more of them are instructing converts than ever before."

"Nothing would thrill me more," said Rosemary, "for surely nothing can be more pleasing to God than to lead souls to Him."

Washington Letter

Destruction In Israel

By J. J. GILBERT

Washington, (NC) — The brutal destruction of a Catholic village in Israel within recent days underscores anew the precarious position of Christians in Israel. It also emphasizes that the world community should take effective measures to insure the adequate protection of Christian shrines in all Palestine, and particularly in the Jerusalem area.

Reliable news reaching here states that the Catholic village of Kaf-Biram, situated about three miles from the Lebanese frontier, was destroyed by incendiary bombs and dynamite on September 16 and 17. Destroyed with the village was the Catholic church there.

This destruction took place while the Catholic villagers were hopefully waiting for favorable action on their petition to return to their homes and farms from which they were forcibly ousted at the end of 1948.

DURING THE intervening years the Catholic church at Kaf-Biram was profaned several times, the houses robbed. The villagers were forbidden to cultivate their land or live in their homes.

Destruction of Christian property in Israel is not something new. There were repeated acts of vandalism and profanation in the Jewish area during the Palestine fighting and since.

The important thing is that these incidents are continuing at the present time when there can be no more excuses that they are due to "irresponsible elements" or are the result of "wartime excesses."

IT IS ALSO noteworthy that Catholic villages have been destroyed in this brutal manner while Moslem villages nearer the Arab-Israel frontier have not been touched, nor have their inhabitants been molested.

The crux of the matter is whether Catholics can live in peace in Israel. It is not a question of Arab refugees scattered in other countries, but of people who are citizens of Israel. They did not flee to other lands. They wished to remain in that part of Palestine now called Israel and they have the right to remain there and live in peace, participated the Holy Eucharist.

In addition to Nazareth, these other important Christian shrines are now in Israel-controlled areas: the Shrine of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin and was assumed into Heaven; the House of Caiphas on Mount Zion where Christ was held captive before his crucifixion, and the Cenacle, where Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist.

Internationalization of Jerusalem has several times been voted by the UN General Assembly but has never been effectively carried out. The Holy Father has repeatedly called for this internationalization as the only way to safeguard Christian shrines in the area. None of the so-called "compromises" suggested by Israeli authorities have ever found favor with Catholic officials.

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The Work Of Angels

English Expert Re-Binding Famous Book Of Kells

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

By LEILA CARROLL

Dublin, Ireland — Expected to be completed here by mid-October is the re-binding of an ancient Irish illuminated manuscript so beautiful in coloring and decoration that many have declared it could only have been the work of angels.

The manuscript is the famed Book of Kells containing the Four Gospels as translated by St. Jerome. A fragment of Hebrew names and the Eusebian canons. The work of Irish monks, it is also known as the Book of Columba, because it was probably written at Iona in Scotland.

Choicest relic of Irish art and dating back to the year 800, the Book of Kells has been preserved for the past 300 years in Trinity College, Dublin, where it has been inspected every year by thousands of visitors from every corner of the globe. The re-binding was necessary because the present-binding, attached 60 years ago, was found to be breaking away.

WHEN THE re-binding of the 340-leaf manuscript is completed, it will be in four volumes rather than the original one. Each volume will contain one of the four Gospels. The first — St. Matthew — will contain about 125 leaves. The Gospel of St. Luke will contain about 100 leaves and those of St. Mark and St. Luke about 50 each. All the volumes will be covered in figured oak, bound with white pigskin, and will be kept carefully together as a unit.

Because no craftsmen could be found in Ireland with the necessary experience in the highly specialized work of binding ancient vellum, the work of re-binding the Book of Kells was entrusted to an English expert.

He is Roger Powell, of Peterfield, Hampshire, who has done notable work in re-binding the Winchester College MSS, and who assisted the late Douglas Cockerell in the binding of the Codex Sinaiticus. He and his assistant, Miss Pamela Fowler, started the work here during a vacation from the Royal College of Art in London, where Powell is responsible for book-binding.

POWELL, WHO says his process is no secret, is using naturally bleached Irish linen from Randalstown, County Antrim, in the re-binding of the Book of Kells. He also is using fine linen thread specially made in Lisburn, near Belfast, a roll of alum-tanned pigskin and some large plain boards.

Old-fashioned presses borrowed from the Bank of Ireland — just across the street — and from other firms are being used when the binding is put on the pages.

However, to make a truly faithful copy of the great Irish manuscript with its incredibly intricate, interlacing ornamentation and unmatched colorings, is admitted to be beyond the skill of any modern draughtsman. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "some of the most accomplished of modern draughtsmen have attempted to copy its elaborate designs, but such is the delicacy of the execution, that they had to abandon the task as hopeless."

The same source referred to the full-page monogram XPI in the Book as "in some respects, the most marvellous example of workmanship that the world has ever produced," adding that "it is no wonder that it was for a long time believed that the Book of Kells could have been written only by angels."

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