

# Diocesan Rites To Inaugurate Marian Year

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## EXPULSION MISSIONARIES AT HONG KONG



Hong Kong—Catholic missionaries who were expelled from Communist China intently watch the Hong Kong shore from the deck of the British steamer Human, which brought them here from Tientsin. (RNS Photo)

### 'Whipped Like An Animal'

## Priests, Nun Tell Of Red China Ordeals

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Five Catholic priests and a nun were being cared for in Hong Kong institutions after arriving here weak and broken from ordeals suffered at the hands of Chinese Communists.

One of the priests, who had been in prison almost constantly since 1948, told how his Communist captors led him through the streets of Panchungta (Taitung), Suiyuan Province, by a string tied to his nose in an attempt to make him "confess crimes."

THE LATEST, Father Antonio Bonia, 32, of Lanoraie, Que., Canada, related the story in Catholic Hospital where he was rushed in a state of almost complete collapse and in need of emergency treatment for ulcers on his ankles from years of bearing shackles.

The incident occurred, the Canadian priest said, when he and about 60 other men were moved from one prison to another. At the head of the little band, he said, he was paraded through the city streets by the nose with his hands cuffed behind him and his feet in chains.

In the new prison, the priest was "worked over" almost daily by his guards in an effort to wring a confession from him, he said, and he was several times beaten with fists and clubs and "whipped like an animal." For one period of three months he was even denied water to wash his face and hands. When he was given a temporary release, he stated.

### Toronto Rejects City Hall Crib

Toronto — (RNS) — Led by Mayor Allan Lamport, Toronto's board of control turned down the request of a committee of Christian students for the placing of a Nativity crib on the steps of city hall. A similar request was refused last year.

Mayor Lamport suggested that instead of a crib a box shall be placed in front of city hall to collect gifts of food and clothing for the poor.

### Archbishop Restricts Church Hall Use

Indianapolis — (RNS) — Archbishop Paul C. Schulte of Indianapolis has asked all priests in his archdiocese to check with the Chancery office before permitting non-Catholic groups the use of Church premises.

Hereafter the use of Indianapolis Catholic churches, schools, and halls by such groups will require the archbishop's approval.

grew back to the mission at Panchungta in an almost unrecognizable condition.

During this period of "freedom," Father Bonin said, he was under constant surveillance by Communist secret police. Later, he was dragged back to prison again where, after a time, he was "sentenced to expulsion" from the country.

THE OTHER four priests, all Irish, are Patrick Riley, 32, of Kells; John Casey, 32, of Galway; Owen O'Kane, 33, of Antrim; and Patrick Ronan, 31, of Kilpenny. Two of them collapsed

upon reaching the border of this British Crown Colony and a third passed out about four hours after his arrival.

All four had been jailed 17 months ago at Huchow, Chekiang Province, and had lived since last June on one meal a day. This diet, which they said was due largely to an acute food shortage in Communist China, and the daily interrogations to which they were subjected as well as conditions in the prison where they were held, accounted for their poor health, the priests said.

The nun, Sister Agnes Gurnon, 49, of Lille, France, also collapsed upon reaching Hong Kong and had to be helped from the train by several religious who were waiting for her there.

Sister Agnes, who was Superior of an orphanage at Chungking, said she had spent 31 months at hard labor in a Communist prison there, before suffering a nervous breakdown. After that, she said, she was held in the prison hospital for another month and then expelled.

### Postman Leaves \$83,000 To Churches, Charities

Boston — (NC) — A retired letter carrier left an estate of \$83,000 to Catholic charities, churches and schools, it was disclosed in a will filed here.

Hugh J. Gillespie, a mail carrier here for more than 30 years who died October 29 at the age of 70, left more than \$50,000 in specific bequests to organizations and churches in South Boston, Dorchester and other places. He directed that the residue of about \$30,000 be divided equally among the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States, and Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America (Marsden).

Mr. Gillespie was reported to have been a man "who lived frugally and simply all his life, but was anything but a recluse." He attended Mass every morning and was often seen making visits during the day.

### Polish Clergy Face Red Tax Weapon

London — (NC) — An arbitrary tax system is a new method being used to force Poland's clergy into subservience to the Red regime.

Reports reaching here state that if a priest found "uncooperative" by the local Red authorities, he is summoned to the "people's council," and his "income tax" is reassessed in some cases the tax has reportedly been trebled.

Priests unable to pay the "tax" are jailed for "failure to carry their just burdens for the people."

Say Merry Christmas with flowers from Blanchards. Many having gift suggestions. Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Ave. BAKER 525.—Adv.

### 'Glacier Priest' To Talk On Thomas More Forum

The Rev. Bernard J. Hubbard, S.J., the "Glacier Priest," will appear on the Thomas More Lecture Forum on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 8:15 p.m. at the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

According to the Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, Executive Director of the Forum, Father Hubbard's topic is "BLUE ICE."

The famed Jesuit will be introduced by Howard Schumacher, vice president, Graflex, Inc., who spent two months with Father Hubbard in Alaska, last summer.

The greatest authority on Alaska, Father Hubbard will illustrate his lecture with a magnificent color film. He will discuss Alaskan development, problem of Statehood, the 10th Rescue Squadron USAF, and the strategic importance of the Diomed Islands in the Bering Straits.

IN THE SPRING of 1927, Father Hubbard then teaching geology at the University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, Calif., was sent to Juneau, Alaska to conduct a retreat for the Sisters of St. Anne at their hospital there. Thus began the career of the Jesuit who each year returned to Alaska for exploration and research.

Close to Juneau is the famous Juneau Ice Cap, 3000 square miles in extent. At that time no one had ever crossed it. With two companions, "just as young and foot-hardy as myself," Father Hubbard set out to cross it. He figured this would take a maximum of 30 hours. Instead it took 76 hours and Father Hubbard lost 28 pounds.

THROUGH WORLD War II and right down to today Father Hubbard has worked as an adviser to the Army, devising improved arctic clothing and equipment for soldiers serving in the arctic and training men for survival amid the rigors of that country.

He has just returned from the "wilds" of Alaska where excellent weather gave him the opportunity of photographing mountain goats and glacier settings for his new lecture "Blue Ice."



FATHER HUBBARD

### Catholics Bid Fly Flags On Immaculate Conception, Patronal Feast Of U.S.

Dallas, Tex. — (NC) — "Fly your American flag on Immaculate Conception Day, the American national Catholic patronal feast," Coadjutor Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of Dallas advised in a newspaper column.

Suggesting that Catholics make the December 8th feast day a combination religious and national observance, the prelate said:

"You will thus show both your faith and your patriotism, your love of God, His Mother and your country. What better way to show that your faith strengthens and complements your devotion to our dear land?"

In his weekly newspaper column, "A Shepherd Tells His

## Pope Returns To Vatican For Retreat

Vatican City — (NC) — For the sixth time in the past seven years, His Holiness Pope Pius XII returned to the Vatican from his summer residence at Castelgandolfo at the last possible moment to begin the annual week-long papal retreat on Advent Sunday.

Only the Holy Year of 1950 found the Pontiff back at the Vatican Palace earlier than the end of November. That year he came to the Vatican to proclaim the dogma of the Assumption and remained there. It was more convenient for him to do so, considering the crowds of pilgrims and the extra work during the final days of the Jubilee Year.

POPE PIUS is known to enjoy his summer home and to benefit greatly from his annual stay there. On his return here this year, as in the past, he showed the benefit of his summer sojourn in the Alban Hills. Some observers felt that, judging from his face, he had gained some weight.

It is generally conceded that while the Holy Father's appearance is good, there has been a slight physical slowing down. However, this is regarded only as gentle evidence of the passing of the years and weight of his work. The Pope will be 78 next March.

During the Advent retreat, Pope Pius will, as usual, have as companions members of the Sacred College of Cardinals and prelates of the Roman Curia. The spiritual exercises will be held daily with Father Antonio Tucci, S.J., conducting the conferences. Vatican audiences were suspended for the entire period of the papal retreat.

### Archbishop Keough Recovering From Heart Attack

Baltimore, Md. — (NC) — Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore is recovering satisfactorily after a heart attack. Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan has announced.

Bishop Shehan said the prelate's condition "continues to improve" and that he is resting in his country home outside Baltimore.

He is resting peacefully and progressing satisfactorily," Bishop Shehan said. "His doctors say his condition is very good."

The Archbishop's appointments have been cancelled indefinitely and he will be unable to attend the installation of Bishop Shehan as Bishop of the newly created Bridgeport Diocese where he was to have preached the sermon.

Bishop Shehan announced that the sermon will be preached by Bishop John J. Russell of Charleston.



December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. The Immaculate Conception is a dogma of the Church defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854. It teaches that the blessed Virgin was free from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception in her mother's womb. This feast day also is the day on which the Marian Year (1954) will officially be opened with special ceremonies in Rome and throughout the world. The Marian Year was proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in September to mark the 100th anniversary of the definition of the dogma. Catholics all over the world were exhorted by the Pontiff to visit Marian shrines and offer special prayers for Our Lady's intercession for peace in the world. (RNS Photo)

## Nite Masses, Tridiums, Slated

Special three-day devotions will be conducted in all churches of the Rochester Diocese this coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (Dec. 6, 7, 8) to herald the opening of the Marian Year.

The recent Encyclical Letter, "Fulgens Corona," issued by Pope Pius XII on Sept. 8, proclaimed the Marian Year in honor of the 100th anniversary of the solemn definition of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin.

THE HOLY FATHER WILL OFFICIALLY open the Marian Year on next Tuesday, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in Rome's famous Basilica of St. Mary Major. The Marian Year will close on Dec. 8, 1954.

As an "introduction" to the year of Marian devotion, His Excellency Bishop Kearney this week directed that a "Triduum in honor of Our Lady" be conducted in all churches of the Rochester Diocese on next Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings.

As far as local circumstances permit, the Bishop also directed that the services on each evening of the Triduum consist of Mass, sermon on Our Lady and recitation of the Rosary.

Bishops were granted the right to permit evening Masses in their dioceses in the Apostolic Constitution, "Christus Dominus," issued by Pope Pius XII on Jan. 6 of this year.

Most of the Rochester area churches are expected to include celebration of the evening Mass in their Triduum services. All Elmira city churches have scheduled evening Mass during the Triduum. This will be the first exercise of the evening Mass privilege in the Elmira area.

Catholics who attend the evening Masses during the Triduum may receive Holy Communion provided that they fast from solid food for three hours and beverages for one hour before the Mass. The faithful may not receive Holy Communion in the morning and evening of the same day. They may receive Holy Communion only once each day, either at a morning or evening Mass.

BISHOP KEARNEY WILL INAUGURATE Marian Year rites at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday morning with celebration of Solemn Pontifical Mass at 10 a.m.

Under the title of her "Immaculate Conception," Mary was named principal Patron of the United States by the American Bishops at the first Council of Baltimore in 1846. This action of the Baltimore Council was confirmed by the Holy See in 1847.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was formally defined by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1854. In an apostolic constitution ("Ineffabilis Deus"), Pope Pius IX declared that the Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin.

### Special Indulgences Attached To Pope's Marian Year Prayer

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has granted special indulgences to all the faithful who recite the prayer for the Marian Year composed by him.

According to an announcement here, a partial indulgence of five years can be gained every time the prayer is recited devoutly with a contrite heart.

A plenary indulgence can be earned under the usual condition — Confession, Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions — by reciting the prayer on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) 1953 and 1954 and on all Saturdays of the Marian Year.

The prayer will be read for the first time by the Holy Father during the pontificate of St. Mary Major Basilica on December 8.

Text of Prayer is printed on Page 5.

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