

**Madonnas Exhibited**  
An exhibit of fine prints of famous Madonnas, including an El Greco, were displayed with other art masterpieces last week (week of Dec. 6) in the Studio Maria Virgo at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.



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**Greek Catholics Pray For Poland**  
Athens, Greece—(NC)—Catholics of Greece have sent a message to His Holiness Pope Pius XII assuring him of their prayers for the persecuted Church in Poland and protesting against the arrest of His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski.  
"Priests and people of Athens archdiocese offer together their fervent prayers to Almighty God for the persecuted Church in Poland," the message said. "They protest against the wicked imprisonment of the Polish Primate and beg your Apostolic Blessing." The message was signed by Archbishop Marinos Macriontis, S.J., of Athens.

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**Nativity Theme in Elmira Store Windows**  
RESPONDING TO the suggestion of "Putting Christ back into Christmas," in LeValley, Elmira windows above on Broadway concern turned over their front windows above on Broadway Church St., to the Christmas theme of Christmas. In addition to the beautiful display, a recording of Christmas music is played through an outside speaker. Much favorable comment is reported as persons stop to view the windows.

**Pontifical Mass Set For HN Men In Rochester**  
Marking the Feast of the Holy Name, Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated, for members of the Rochester Deaconry Holy Name Union in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St., Rochester on Sunday, Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.  
Celebrant will be His Excellency Bishop Kearney who will be assisted by priests of the diocese.  
**A LARGE TURNOUT** of Holy Name men of the See City area is expected, the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, diocesan director of the Holy Name Society said, because this will be the first large devotion of the Union during the Marian Year.  
Delegates and members of the societies affiliated with the Rochester Deaconry Union are expected to occupy the pews in the center aisle of St. Joseph's.  
A general invitation to all laymen to attend is extended by Diocesan President John M. Hodges of St. Ambrose parish and Deaconry President Richard J. Toole of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish who is directing arrangements for the traditional Feast Day Mass.  
Members of the individual parish societies are urged by President Toole to provide transportation to St. Joseph's Church for men needing it.  
Cooperating in arrangements are these other deaconry officers: Richard S. Torpey, Blessed Sacrament, vice president; Henry J. Schoenher, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, treasurer; Frank J. Lange, St. Andrew's, secretary and John W. Degus, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, marshal.

**Elmirans Join In Move To Put 'Christ In Christmas'**  
By MARY E. FITZGERALD  
Executive Director - Catholic Family Service  
"Christmas in many cities in America was different last year and the people of America liked the difference." But — sad to say, it was not so in Elmira! If the Wise Men had journeyed through our fair city last year, as they did following that First Christmas, the Star would not have come to rest.  
Block after block, they would have traveled until they came to the Churches in the outlying districts — puzzled and sad, because they found no evidence of Christmas except trees and tinsel.  
**TODAY "PUTTING CHRIST back into Christmas"** is Operation No. 1 for the Catholic Family Service and the Ladies of Charity. Getting Christ out of Christmas is only one of the many ways that Satan, the Nazis and Communists are using to destroy Christianity.  
How few Americans know that the pagan observance of Christmas is as subtle and insidious as substituting an X for Christ in Christmas or a dog or other animals for the Infant Jesus on Christmas cards.  
For several years we have tried to emphasize the spiritual significance of the Birthday of the Infant Jesus, using many of the suggestions included in the present campaign. This year, we were off to a late start, because we understood that the commercial decorations in Elmira would include some spiritual theme. Looking forward to 1954 we hope our Blessed Mother began hers on the Feast of Annunciation.  
The response to our victory in placing a Crib in Wisner Park proved beyond doubt that people of every race and creed like the difference. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the priest, passersby will pause and remember — that Christmas is His Birthday.  
Just to further prove, that Father Keller is right "What one person can do" we have a lovely crib in the windows of LeValley, McLeod Inc.  
It all came about because one Lady of Charity suggested to a puzzled man, that a Nativity Scene would be the answer to his problem in finding a new idea for a Christmas window. Our sincere thank you to these Pioneers in "Putting Christ back into Christmas" in the commercial area.  
And what can you do — personally in the few days that remain to make the Christ Child and His Birthday uppermost in the minds and hearts of His people? We suggest that you:  
1. Display a Christmas Crib in side your home or outdoors.  
2. Make a Christmas Crib a family project.  
3. Urge your friends and neighbors to use similar displays.  
4. Tell the story of the Christ Child to your children so they will understand the true meaning of Christmas.  
5. Select religious Christmas cards.  
6. Use Nativity stamps on your cards and packages.  
7. Display an auto sticker, "Put Christ back into Christmas."  
8. Distribute a Hat of suggestions, copies of which and the stickers may be obtained from the Ladies of Charity office at every meeting or party you attend.  
9. Bake a Birthday cake for the Baby Jesus — and give it to

**Prattsburg Group Makes Yule Plans**  
Prattsburg — The Rosary and Altar Society of St. Patrick's Church, Prattsburg, meeting on Dec. 10 in the parish hall voted to take up a collection church on Sunday, Dec. 20, for Christmas flowers for the altar.  
Mrs. O'Neill Roy will have charge of the Christmas wreaths and Miss Hermina Pindjak will assemble the crib.  
Opening the meeting on Dec. 10, recitation of the Rosary was led by Mrs. Frank Bergman.  
Plans were completed for the Children's Christmas Party scheduled in the church hall on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 17, from 1:30 to 3:00 for all of the grade children. Mrs. O'Neill Roy was chairman. Assisting her were Mrs. Blanche St. Pierre, Mrs. Florence Caron, Mrs. Frank Bergman and Mrs. Merilyn Drumm. Each child brought a 25c gift and wrote his name on the outside of the package. There was also fruit, popcorn, candy and nuts for each of the children.  
Hostesses for the month of January will be Mrs. James Cream and Mrs. Merilyn Drumm. A small Christmas tree was attractively set up in the hall and there was an exchange of gifts after the meeting. Refreshments were served by Miss Hermina Pindjak and Mrs. Don Bouchard.

**Sacred Heart League To Meet At Academy**  
The December Meeting of the promoters of the League of the Sacred Heart will be held Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 8 Prince Street, at 4 p.m.  
As this will be the first meeting of the promoters in the Marian Year, promoters are urged to request any new members of their bands to attend this meeting with them.

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**Abandoned Waifs Finds U.S. Home**  
Dubuque, Iowa—(NC)—When Father Edward O. Riley, Navy chaplain from the Dubuque archdiocese, boarded the escort aircraft carrier Point Cruz at Opama, Japan, to start his voyage home, he carried in his arms a blond, blue-eyed eight-month-old baby boy found in an Inchon, Korea, orphanage, according to word received here.

**Pope Aids Cyprus Quake Victims**  
Rome—(NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII sent a donation of money to Sir Andrew Wright, Governor of Cyprus, to assist victims of the recent earthquake in the British crown colony, the Vatican press office announced.

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