

Many N.Y. Schools Now Using Prayer

Albany, N. Y. — (RNS) — A large number of public schools in New York state are now using devotions as part of the daily classroom procedure, a survey indicated.

The State Board of Regents two years ago suggested daily classroom prayers.

Two-thirds of 125 school districts covered in the survey reported their teachers are free to schedule a devotional period in their classrooms.

Less than a fifth of the districts surveyed are using the non-sectarian prayer recommended by the Regents, but the State Education Department credits the Board with starting the trend.

THE REGENTS' suggestion has been most valuable in awakening the schools to this problem of moral and spiritual guidance, James E. Allen Jr., deputy education commissioner, said.

In the 125 districts surveyed it was found the Regents' prayer was recommended in 24, a choice of the Regents' or other devotions in 13, other devotions only in 26, and none in 36.

Most of the district officials pointed out that no form of worship was forced on any pupil or teacher and in some schools prayer is left up to the individual.

Some form of prayer has been adopted in Syracuse, Troy, Rochester, Binghamton, Yonkers and Hornell. In Buffalo and in many other communities, the entire question is left up to the principals and teachers.

Some of the district officials indicated they were reluctant to check on what was done in the classrooms for fear of starting local controversy.

Devotions sometimes vary greatly in districts where a formal program has been adopted.

IN HORTONVILLE, children from kindergarten through the third grade recite a poem each day. It reads:

"Thank You for the world so sweet
Thank You for the food we eat
Thank You for the birds that sing
Thank You, God, for every-thing."

Children in the higher grades pledge allegiance to the flag, then pray as they wish during a period of silence, and then one might see in some cases the entire class recite the prayer re-

Pope Slates Children's Day Of Prayer

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has approved a worldwide Children's Day of prayer for peace in the world, to be held in May of the Marian Year.

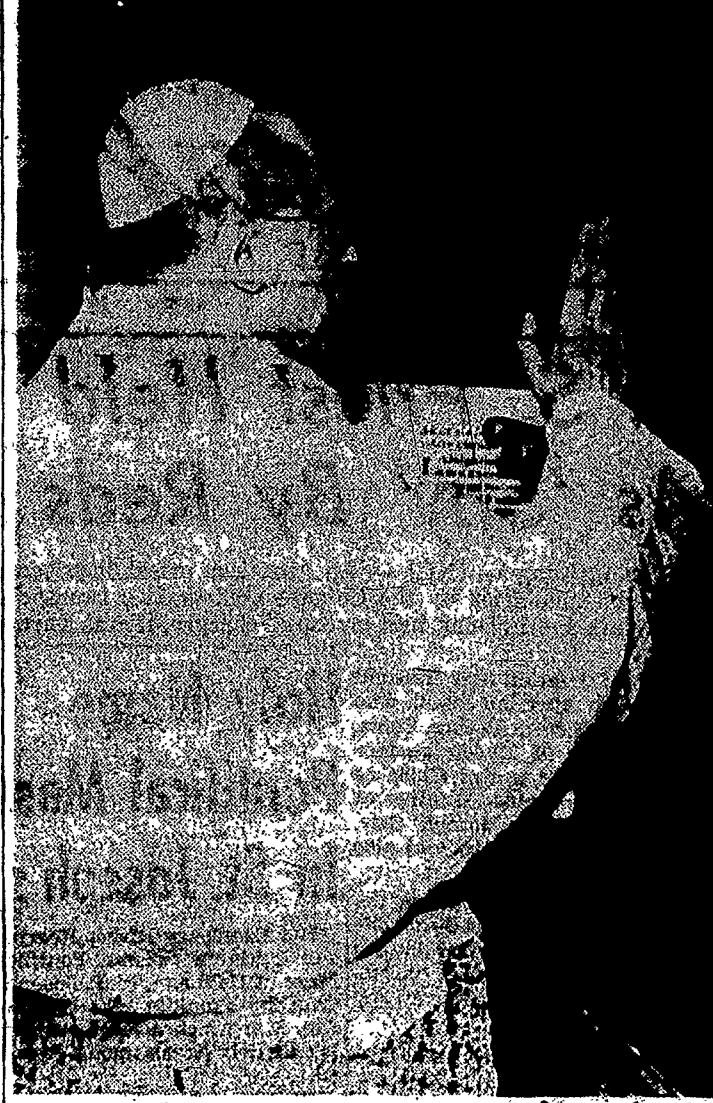
This became known with the publication of an autograph letter sent by the Holy Father to His Eminence Maurice Cardinal Felin, Archbishop of Paris, who had recommended the special observance. The exact date of the Day of Prayer has not yet been announced.

IN HIS LETTER to Cardinal Felin, which was written in French, Pope Pius recalled that during the war he himself had appealed every year for the prayers of children on behalf of peace.

He said that the need for such prayers is still urgent today, and added that he would personally address a word to the children of the world in due time.

Pope Pius called attention to a wartime appeal in which he had expressed the hope that the intercession of children might obtain the "wherever grasping greed has insinuated itself, from now on there may be love; that pardon may supplant rampant injustice; that harmony, which brings spirits closer and strengthens them, may take the place of discord which divides them; that where the horror of animosities provokes grief and ruin, treaties of a renewed friendship may rekindle every spirit and reestablish everything in a tranquility of harmony and order."

"A similar appeal, unfortunately, is still of vital timeliness in our days," the Pontiff declared, stressing that the clash of arms continues to be heard in some regions, and that "spirits on the social and international level are far from sincere in efforts for a mutual and just understanding."



HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII

Holy Father's Prayer

Our Lady of Emigrants

Geneva, Switzerland — (NC) — The Pope's deep solicitude for the homeless is demonstrated in a new prayer he has written to "Our Lady of the Emigrants."

An English translation of the prayer originally written in Italian — has been released by the News Bulletin of the International Catholic Migration Commission here.

THE PRAYER READS: "Most Holy Virgin Mary, Escort of exiles, who tread the roads of the world in search of work and bread, look with compassion on our situation and bless all who help us; you who have known exile yourself, be ever mindful, we implore, of us uprooted by want and of those our brothers who generously welcome us to share in their hard toil."

"O Virgin Mary, Help of Christians and Consolation of the afflicted, be a loving mother to us whom fate has forced to live far from our native lands, burdened with apprehensions as we work for ourselves and our families, with seldom a friend who can understand our problems fully and in our familiar native tongue. Invigorate our flagging spirit."

"With your consoling kindness, with your strong motherly assistance, through your prayers of intercession, protect us in exile and our anxious families at home that, sustained as we all are by faith, hope and charity, we may walk in the fear of God, in submission to His Divine Will, faithful to Christ and His Church and thus may enjoy the fruits of redemption and merit thereby earthly peace and heavenly happiness. Amen."

Jesuit General Recalls Order's Priest-Workers

Paris — (NC) — The Jesuit Father General has sent formal orders to the superiors of French provinces to recall to their houses all priest-workers belonging to the Society of Jesus, according to Le Monde Paris daily.

There are about ten Jesuit priest-workers at present, of whom two are working in the Paris area, two in Lyons and three in the mining region of the north.

Le Monde stated that the new order seems to have been issued in accordance with the directives issued by the Papal Nuncio to the heads of religious orders last September.

The newspaper declared: "Since his return from Rome, Cardinal Felin (His Eminence Maurice Cardinal Felin, Archbishop of Paris) has personally interviewed each of the priest-workers of his diocese. Changes to bring the way of life into accord with conditions laid down by the Church so that they may continue their apostolate to the working class, are now being made."

Japanese Layman Sees Dream Of Years Come True

Tokuyama, Japan — (NC) — Proudest man-in-the-city during the dedication of a new church by Bishop Oghara, S. J., of Hiroshima was Tokuyama's "oldest" parishioner. He was witnessing a 25-year-old dream come true.

Mr. Kotoyama, a native of Tokyo and first Catholic ever to settle in Tokuyama, moved here around 1929. Almost immediately he began to plead with the Jesuit Fathers in Hiroshima to come and start a Christian center in Tokuyama.

At first, only catechism classes were held. Later a monthly Mass center was organized, and then, three years later, in a small private house, a resident priest was installed.

And now, at last, Mr. Kotoyama has his "proper church." The pastor of the new stucco church is Father Joseph Maria Ruiz de la Hermosa, S.J. who has spent almost 20 years in Japan—ten of them in the Tokuyama mission.

'Last Yankee Skipper' Son Of Catholic Directory Publisher

New York — (NC) — "The last of the Yankee deep-water sailing skippers," the Saturday Evening Post called him.

He is husky, hard-hitting Louis Kenedy who set out at the age of 19 to become a "working skipper" and who has, since then, battled hurricanes, calmed rebellious crewmen with a knotted fist, escaped ship wrecks, and raised a family of three sea-faring youngsters.

More routine tasks, he leaves to the on-shore members of one of the nation's largest and oldest religious book publishers, P. J. Kenedy & Sons, who put out the Official Catholic Directory.

LOUIS KENEDY'S story, entitled, "The Incredible Captain Kenedy," by Richard Threlson, is currently running in a four-part serial in the Saturday Evening Post.

The oldest son of Louis P. Kenedy (once president of the National Council of Catholic Men) the six-foot-one skipper launched into a sailing career after a boyhood of "society sailing" at New York yacht clubs, and a year of schooling at Georgetown University.

After working as a crewman on a Chesapeake Bay freighter schooner, he decided that the sailing ship (no motor; just three masts and plenty of canvas) could still be operated successfully in this mechanized age, and set out to prove it by buying one.

As he explains it to writer Threlson: "I had it figured out from the beginning and I felt sure I could make a living in sail. I always liked hard work and I liked a more old-fashioned life than most people live nowadays. . . . I wanted to put the vessels to some practical use and not just go away on a sailboat to the South Sea Islands or something like that. I wanted to be a working skipper."

WITHOUT ANY family financial aid, he has done that for 22 of his 43 years, moving to another ship when hurricanes smashed one, gliding one of his vessels out of police reach and sailing it to the Barbados with a one-man crew in order to avoid a legal tangle that threatened his livelihood diving in shark-infested waters to repair his ships.

Through it all he's managed to provide handsomely for his wife, Pat, whom he met in Barbados and married (her trousseau: bathing suits, shorts and slacks; her wedding trip: a freighter run on one of Kenedy's ships).

The three Kenedy children, Gabrielle, Patsy and Brian, attend Catholic schools, but during time off are aboard their father's ships where Pat Kenedy long ago learned to raise her family in what her husband called "the more old-fashioned life."

Charity towards the needy took first place in Catholic Christmas activities throughout the U.S. as members of the hierarchy and lay groups throughout the country augmented religious observances of Christ's birthday with gifts to poor families.

IN CHICAGO, His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, distributed clothing to 100 deserving boys from poor families. Continuing a custom started 22 years ago by the late George Cardinal Mundelein, Cardinal Stritch presented the \$100-outfits as a personal gift during a turkey dinner at Chicago's Fair Store.

The boys were selected from 50 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

New York Catholic Charities concentrated especially on gifts to Catholic child-caring homes and homes for the aged. Over 3,500 toys were distributed to the children on Christmas Day through the Quartermasters Association of Fort Jay which received the toys as a gesture of good will from Western Germany toy manufacturers.

At eleven homes for the aged coordinated under the New York Catholic Charities, special celebrations, including processions and midnight Mass for some, were augmented with gifts for the old people.

STUDENTS in Catholic universities and colleges throughout the nation organized campaigns to help the poor at Christmas. At the University of Dayton in Ohio, students organizations contributed funds for Christmas food baskets, repaired toys, collected canned goods, and provided entertainment at hospitals.

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CASUAL SHOP, FASHION FLOOR, SECOND

Washington (NC) — Communist penetration of all phases of Guatemalan life is direct threat to the security of the United States included, according to the National Planning Association.

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THE STUDY confirms the findings of a report by Jaime Fonseca, Latin-American editor of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Mr. Fonseca's article, written last September, reviewed events in Guatemala to show the extent of Communist government, labor, the press, schools and her anti-Catholic Church policy. The article termed Guatemala "a meeting place of the world's Marxist leaders" and the focal point for the eventual communization of the entire Caribbean region.

At the outset, the NPA report said:

"Few Americans are aware that less than two hours' flying time from the Panama Canal and three hours from the vital oil fields and industries of Texas there is a country whose Government for all practical purposes is dominated by the communists."

"Since 1944, the Communist Party of Guatemala—a working arm of Soviet imperialism—has entrenched itself so successfully within the Government, the majority political parties, the trade unions and peasant organizations and the press and radio, that it is today the most powerful active influence in Guatemalan life," the report added.

The report stated further, though that "since communism is not yet a mass movement, Guatemala may be able to uproot the communist conspiracy."

Communism's influence in Guatemala is still short of its long-term objective, the report stated. This objective is the seizure of "full and open state power."

TO ACHIEVE its goal of subversion of other Latin American states, the report continued, the Red party in Guatemala has "already converted Guatemala into a base for supplying cadres, funds, arms and advice to the communist movements in other Latin American countries."

Because of the party's strength in the Guatemalan Foreign Office, the report said, communists have been able to use Guatemalan foreign missions as control points and the diplomatic pouches as a safe communication system for carrying on the work.

While the communists and fellow travelers in Guatemala number only 2,000 to 2,500, they are the most powerful faction in the governing coalition, the report noted. It added that "it is very doubtful that the governing coalition still has the ability to rid itself of the Communists should it so desire."

The Army, according to the report, is a potential deterrent to the communists, but up to now has "supported the present regime and has dutifully suppressed the anti-communist outbreaks."

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