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### Marian Pilgrimage To Visit Shrines In Ten Countries

A Rochester Diocesan pilgrimage scheduled for next Spring will include visits to famous Marian shrines in 10 European countries, according to details announced today.

The Marian Year Pilgrimage, which will leave New York on March 31 aboard the SS Queen

**SCHEDULE**  
The detailed schedule of the Diocesan Marian Year Pilgrimage is printed on page 6.

Mary, is under the sponsorship of His Excellency Bishop Kearney. The Rev. A. Joseph Cirrindone has been appointed spiritual director of the pilgrimage. He is the pastor of St. Francis Assisi Church, Rochester, and director of the Family Radio Rosary for Peace.

Endorsement of the pilgrimage by Bishop Kearney is given in the following statement issued today:

Our Holy Father has suggested that the Centenary Year of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception be marked by religious pilgrimages to Our Lady's Shrines.

The Family Rosary for Peace, under the leadership of Father Joseph Cirrindone, has now arranged such a pilgrimage. It is planned at a time when the pilgrims can enjoy the minimum travel rates, since these rates rise after the 15th of April. We have endeavored, therefore, to keep the rate as low as possible so as to encourage participation in the pilgrimage.

It is my hope, after my "ad limina" visit to the Holy Father, to join the pilgrimage at Rochester, England, and to celebrate Mass in the church we helped to build in that historic city.

—James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester

Following arrival in Paris on April 5, members of the pilgrimage will travel successively through the following countries: France, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium, England and Ireland.

**MOST FAMOUS** of the many Marian shrines listed on the scheduled tour are: The Miraculous Medal Shrine in Paris; Our Lady of Fatima Basilica in Portugal; Our Lady of the Pillar Shrine in Spain; Our Lady of Lourdes Basilica in France; St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome; The Holy House of Loreto also in Italy; Our Lady of Einsiedeln in Switzerland; Trier, site of the Marian Shrine of Germany; Statue of Our Lady of Luxembourg in the Cathedral of Luxembourg; Our Lady of Beaurains Shrine in Belgium; Shrine of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland; and the Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford, England.

Conclusion of the two month pilgrimage will come when the group meets Bishop Kearney in Rochester, England, for dedication ceremonies on May 23 of the new St. John Fisher Church. The Bishop will celebrate the dedication Mass for the new church which was erected largely through the generous gift of \$30,000 from Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester, N. Y.

**THE PILGRIMAGE** will return to the United States on the SS. Queen Elizabeth which will sail from Southampton on May 27.

Other highlights of the trip include a scheduled audience with Pope Pius XII, visits to the Catacombs and major churches in Rome, elsewhere in Italy the

### Pope Grants Last 1953 Audience



Pope Pius XII leans from his pontifical chair to greet a small child during his last general audience of 1953. As the year came to an end, thousands of greetings for the New Year were received by the Pontiff from all parts of the world. The Pope granted his first audience for 1954 at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 1. (RNS Photo)

### Clergy Assigned To New Posts

Appointments of diocesan clergy announced today by the Chancellor are as follows:

Rev. Donald J. Murphy from chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, to assistant pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Churchville, and St. Fechan's Mission, Chill.

Rev. Paul G. Wohlbach from assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, to chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital.

### Liquor Sales Exceed Gifts To Charity

**Minneapolis, Minn. (NC)**—The American people are spending twice as much per minute for liquor as they are for religious, charitable and educational institutions.

This was one of the findings reported here by the family economics bureau of Northwestern National Life Insurance Company.

During 1953, according to the bureau, the American people contributed \$2,500 a minute in religious, charitable and educational donations and spent \$17,000 a minute for alcoholic beverages. Other national per minute expenditures by the American people last year:

Federal taxes, \$135,000.  
State and local taxes, \$38,000.  
National defense, \$85,000.  
Foreign aid, \$11,000.  
The bureau calculated American income at \$600,000 a minute.

### Circus Troupe Visit Holy Father

**Vatican City (NC)**—The entire personnel of the famous Krone Circus troupe was received in a special audience before the Holy Father in the Consistorial Hall.

The Pope spoke briefly to the performers and aides in both French and German, gave his blessing, and spent a few moments visiting with them. In a brief message of homage to the troupe, the Pope recalled that as Papal Nuncio in Bavaria in 1920, the Holy Father had addressed members of the same circus.

### Mary's Shrines Miraculous Medal

A SERIES of articles describing some of Europe's famous Shrines of Our Blessed Lady begins in this issue of the Courier Journal.

Written by Father Henry Atwell, assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, these articles will highlight the importance of famous shrines which thousands of pilgrims will visit during this Marian Year.

The story of the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Paris where Our Lady gave Sister Catherine Laboure the vision of the Miraculous Medal is told in Father Atwell's first article published in this issue on page 6.

### Rochester Priest Assists Cardinal At Tokyo Mass

**Tokyo (NC)**—"Four-O," was Cardinal Spellman's way of summing up in Navy language his 13-day visit to the United States servicemen in Korea and Japan.

The Cardinal topped off his tour with a busy Sunday (January 3) at Yokusuka Navy base and Monday morning at Tokyo Army Hospital.

At the Navy base he celebrated early Mass at the Hospital chapel, assisted by Father (Lt.) Patrick Grace, USN, of Rochester, N.Y., and visited patients.

(Father Grace served as assistant pastor of St. Monica's Church, Rochester, before joining the Navy Chaplain Corps in August 1953.)

Later the Cardinal presided and preached at a Solemn High Mass in the fleet gymnasium where a congregation of 400 including Navy dependents (wives and children) gathered. Father (Lt.) Lawrence Patrick, Franciscan of New York, was the celebrant. Father (Lt. Comdr.) Victor Ludwig of Boise, Idaho, was deacon and Father Grace was subdeacon.

**FIVE YOUNG** seamen served: Robert Rodriguez of Saint Agnes parish in San Antonio; Francis Thibodeaux of St. Peter's parish in Lafayette, La.; Anthony Yanik of St. Cyril and Methodius parish in Detroit; Charles Coyle of Sacred Heart parish in Saginaw, Mich.; and Charles Dumas of Cathedral parish in Mobile, Ala.

Aboard the aircraft carrier Essex, Cardinal Spellman confirmed 18 Navy men, three Army boys, and two Marines. A Navy doctor, Comdr. Paul G. Lang of Philadelphia, was the sponsor for all. Father (Lt.) Joseph Costa, O.F.M., Cap., is chaplain of the "Essex." The Cardinal officiated at benediction on the hangar deck.

**ENTREVAUX, France (NC)**—Bishop Cosme Jorcin of Digne has ordered an investigation of the reported bleeding of a statue of St. Anne here after a finger of the statue was broken.

Several thousand persons have visited this village in southern France since the reported incident. The local parish priest has made no comment on the matter, nor has the Bishop.

**THE STATUE** was damaged on a Sunday evening in a cafe-restaurant where a card game was in progress. Iriky by his bad luck at cards, the proprietor, M. Salade, made a gesture of impatience, and accidentally knocked the carved wooden statue to the floor. A finger of the left hand was broken. M. Salade replaced this statue, which he had recently bought for about \$3.50 at an auction sale, upon its stand.

On the following morning, while he was cleaning up the cafe, M. Salade said he saw blood dripping from the broken finger. He thought at first he himself had been cut, but he found no trace of a scratch. Meanwhile, the statue continued to drip blood, at the rate of a drop a minute, upon the tile floor.

M. SALADE called his fellow cardplayers, among them Dr. Jean-Louis Monner, the village physician, and they too say they saw the blood flow.

"Each time that the liquid appeared to coagulate," one of the group said, "the pressure of the following drop pierced the skin which was forming. We remained immobile or nearly so, without daring to speak, before the statue as long as the phenomenon lasted. The blood stopped flowing at 11:30 in the morning. We witnessed something I cannot explain."

Dr. Monner sent several drops of the liquid to a pharmacist at Puget. Thieners for analysis, without giving its history. Mon-

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**Trenton Diocese To Start Paper**  
Trenton, N. J. (NC) — Bishop George W. Ahr of Trenton has announced the founding of an official diocesan weekly newspaper, The Monitor. Initial publication date will be February 5.

Vincent A. Weiss, on extended leave of absence from the Trenton Times Newspapers, has been appointed editor. Mr. Weiss was news editor of the Trenton Times, with which he has been associated for nearly 28 years.

—Cigarette Lighters, Tie & Collar Holders, Cuff Links for Gentlemen, William S. Thorne, Jeweler, 518 Main St. E.—Adv.

### Vicar General Appointed in N.Y.

**New York (NC)**—Appointment of Magr. John J. Maguire as Vicar General of the New York archdiocese was announced here by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

### Church Investigates Alleged Bleeding Of Broken St. Anne Statue In France



Entrevaux, France—This carved wooden statuette of St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in a cafe here was reported to have bled several times after a finger had been broken off by the proprietor while he and some friends were playing cards. Although ecclesiastical authorities have refused to comment on the "phenomenon," the statue has been sealed behind a glass panel at their request. In this photo, traces of "blood" may be seen on the statue's broken hand.

day night he received the following report:

"This liquid is blood, but I cannot say for certain if it is human or animal blood. While I incline toward the first hypothesis, to be sure the liquid should be submitted to a specialist laboratory."

This it was planned to do.

**THE ENTREVAUX** parish priest submitted a long report to Bishop Jorcin.

Meanwhile, the statue has been placed in a glass bell jar while scientists and special investigators from the Bishop conduct an inquiry.

The statue of St. Anne, mother of the Virgin Mary, is about 20 inches high and appears to have been carved at the end of the 18th century.

Entrevaux is a village of 1,125 persons. Its 16th century Gothic church has a 17th century main altar which is considered one of the masterpieces of French art.

### Diocese Gives \$86,000 To Shrine Collection

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese contributed a total of \$86,000 to the collection for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C., according to the Rt. Rev. Magr. James C. McNiff, chancellor.

Included in the total collection for the Shrine was the annual contribution from the diocese to the Catholic University of America. The University collection was combined with the collection for the Shrine.

The nationwide appeal for funds to build the National Shrine was conducted in churches of the Rochester Diocese on Sunday, November 29, 1953.

Completion of the Shrine, which is on the campus of the Catholic University in Washington, will be undertaken during the current Marian Year which marks the 100th anniversary of the Papal definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

### Rome Trip By Fatima Nun Denied

**Vatican City (NC)**—Ecclesiastical authorities have denied news reports that Sister Lucia Dos Santos, Fatima visionary, will make a Marian Year pilgrimage to Rome.

The Central Marian Year committee here categorically denied any knowledge of the alleged announcement of the pilgrimage by the Carmelite nun, who was one of three children to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. Likewise, the Vatican Press office asserted it did not make any announcement to that effect. Officials at the press office also said they were unable to find any one in responsible quarters who knew anything about the report.

Meanwhile at Coimbra, Portugal, where Sister Lucia lives in a Carmelite convent, Archbishop Ernesto Silva de Oliveira, Bishop of Coimbra, said he knew nothing of the visionary's reported trip. Sister Lucia sees no visitors except her family without the bishop's permission.

### Families To Unite On Feast Day In Mass, Communion

Fifteenth consecutive annual observance of the Feast of the Holy Family, this Sunday (Jan. 19) by Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion in family groups will find one parish conducting a series of family breakfasts for which 700 reservations have been made.

The families throughout the Diocese will be responding to a letter from His Excellency Bishop Kearney who inaugurated the custom asking that members of the family receive together and take "mother" to breakfast making her "Queen for a Day," as guest of her household.

Holy Name Society men of St. Charles Borromeo parish in Greece are making the arrangements for the family breakfasts in their parish hall. The families totaling 700 individuals will be served after the 8, 9 and 10 a.m. Masses.

### 'The Holy Pope'



Blessed Pius X

### Sainthood Rites For Pope Pius X Set May 29-30

**Vatican City (NC)**—A high official of the Sacred Congregation of Rites confirmed today that Blessed Pope Pius X would be canonized on Saturday, May 29, during an outdoor ceremony to be held in St. Peter's Square. On the following morning, Sunday, May 30, His Holiness Pope Pius XII will celebrate the Pontifical Mass in honor of the new saint.

The plans for the canonization of Blessed Pius X are similar to those for the canonization of Saint Stanislaus Kostka during the Holy Year. In her case, too, the canonization ceremony itself was held on a Saturday evening in St. Peter's Square while the canonization Mass took place the following Sunday inside St. Peter's Basilica. This was done in order to accommodate the enormous crowds anxious to witness the canonization. Normally, both canonization and Mass are celebrated on Sundays.

**ESTABLISHED** by Bishop Kearney in this Diocese shortly after his installation as Bishop of Rochester, the practice of Family Communion has steadily increased here and has been adopted in many other dioceses of the country.

The Feast of the Holy Family which the Church celebrates this coming Sunday, is dedicated to the honoring the holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

### Queen Elizabeth Debunks Namesake

**London (NC)**—The British Catholic press has congratulated Queen Elizabeth II for debunking her infamous predecessor of the same name in her Commonwealth-wide Christmas Day broadcast.

"Some people have expressed the hope that my reign may mark a new Elizabethan age," the Queen, speaking from New Zealand, told her many millions of listeners. "Frankly I do not myself feel at all like my great Tudor forbear who was blessed with neither husband nor children, who ruled as a despot and was never able to leave her native shores."

The Catholic papers here expressed the hope that this remark by the Queen was check some of the exaggerated and false interpretations of the first Elizabeth foisted upon the nation during Coronation Year and the sometimes provocative comparison of those times with the present day.

### Oil Man's Estate Aids Institutions

**Corsicana, Tex. (NC)**—Bequests totaling more than \$100,000 were divided to five Catholic institutions under the terms of the will of James L. Collins, 70, millionaire oil operator, who died December 8 in Santa Monica, Calif., after an extended illness.

The will directed \$5,000 to Immaculate Conception Church here for Masses; \$5,000 to St. Bernard's Church, Sand Fork, W. Va., and \$10,000 to St. Patrick's Church, Weston, W. Va., as a memorial to his parents, John and Maria Collins. The oil operator's will also directed \$100,000 to Immaculate Conception School here.

After special bequests, which included \$100,000 each to nine relatives, Mr. Collins' will directed that one-fourth of the residue of his estate go to St. Joseph's Orphanage in Dallas and another fourth to Immaculate Conception Church here.

### 700 New Subscribers In St. John's, Greece

**THIS** issue of the Catholic Courier-Journal marks a circulation increase of approximately 700 as a result of the adoption of 100 per cent subscription coverage for all families in his parish by the Rev. Donald Lux, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Greece.

FATHER Lux requested subscriptions for all families in St. John's following a recent census in which men of the parish visited every house in the parish limits to determine Catholic families.

**ADOPTION** of the 100 per cent circulation increases subscriptions in St. John the Evangelist parish from 250 to over 947, according to Elmer G. Grapensteter, Courier-Journal circulation manager. This increase brings the total circulation of the Courier-Journal well over the 43,000 mark.