

Work To Be Done
Known As Three Kings
The Other Wise Men
Families At Communion
By MONSIGNOR HART

The Call Of Destiny
The shouting and the tumult dies and now we come to the serious business of the New Year. Parties, cocktail and otherwise, have had their day; not that they must now cease to be, but that the emphasis upon them will no longer be so pronounced. Time passes on. Every one of us has work to do, and the manner in which we perform that work will set up the record for these first days of 1954.

Men Of Destiny
The Wise Men who came from the East to find Our Lord in Bethlehem were men of destiny. They had seen the Star in the East. They had been students of the heavens and were prepared to recognize the coming of a new star, the Star in the East. Immediately as men of destiny, they set out for their destination assigned to them.

Destiny Fulfilled
Of the three Wise Men the world will always say that it was fulfilled a supernatural destiny. It was not concerned merely with the ambitions of one man or one group of men. It was a destiny that could concern only a small group. It was a destiny that had to do with the happiness of all men, the salvation of mankind.

The First Christian Home
The coming Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family. It commemorates the memory of the first Christian family. It was Holy because its principal member was the source of all holiness in Heaven and on earth. It was Holy because it was surrounded by the principals of holiness.

Guardian Angels On The Job
Puno, Peru — (NC) — A priest and eight children climbed unharmed from an auto that crashed down a mountainside, somersaulting three times in mid-air as it fell.

Divorce Courts Closed
Legislature cites commandment, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife."

Political Silenced
Supreme Court upholds statute forbidding false witness against neighbor. Calls Ten Commandments basic law of universe.

Screen Star Sentenced
Hollywood on purity. Grand jury indictment of producer expected. Congress to probe Sodom and Gomorrah propaganda, disguised as "glamour." Nation-wide box office boycott looms. Populace aroused.

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Some Fun, Eh, Folks?

Well, sit this other fellow and I were talking about how the newspapers play up stories of murder, dope rings, kidnappings and such like, and suddenly I realized something. So I said: "You know what? Those criminals are headline stuff because they create a sensation. Everybody is horrified by them, because everybody is against them. I wonder what the newspapers would be like if ALL the sins were as unpopular as that."

MAN FAILS TO KEEP LORDS DAY HOLY, FLEES
Posses beat woods. Roadblocks set up. Countryside aroused.

WOMAN COVERTS NEIGHBOR'S GOWN, FINED
Reprimanded by the county judge.

CONFESSES BIRTH PREVENTION
Society leader fined, money given to orphanage.

LEGAL ABORTION JUDGED ILLEGAL
District attorney will ask "life for a life."

BLOODHOUNDS TRACK DOWN DIRTY BOOK PUBLISHER
Profits will be confiscated and devoted to publishing good magazines for young people.

COURT SET FOR COUPLE FAILING TO GIVE CHILDREN RELIGIOUS TRAINING
Prosecutor to cite Christ's commandment "Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

COURT RESTRAINS MANUFACTURER
Denounces "snob" advertising as tending to arouse envy.

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Holy Family Feast Day

My Dear People:
Next Sunday will be the Feast of the Holy Family. Once again we shall sanctify the day by our traditional observance of Family Communion. I should like to see all our families united at Mass and Communion. There will be no Children's Mass, and members of the Holy Name Society are requested to receive Holy Communion with their families.

Oliver Plunkett
By SISTER MARGARET TERESA
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You Can Win Converts
Not With Empty Hands

Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D.
Mrs. Mary Brindle of St. Ann's parish, in Seattle, Washington, likes to watch the sun sink slowly into the blue waters of the Pacific. To her it not only heralds the ending of a day but also symbolizes the gradual ending of her long life — more than eighty years.

WE SPENT many years in Alaska and at times I was the only white woman in Indian Villages there. I instructed Annie Bernard, an Indian girl there, and later baptized her. Her father, who had been quite prejudiced against the Church, was himself later received into the fold at the Catholic Hospital in Ketchikan.

IT INTERESTED a Negro woman, Carrie Laffoon, that my Father-in-law had been baptized by Father Van der Pol and his "beloved" devout Catholic.

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9. Hymns Good and Bad
By REV. BENEDICT EHMANN

(This series of articles commemorates the golden jubilee of the "Motu Proprio" letter on Church music issued by blessed Pope Pius X on Nov. 22, 1903. Author of these articles is the Rev. Benedict Ehmman, nationally known authority on Church Music and pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins, Glen, N. Y.)

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Sunday Sermon
By Monsignor Hart

A SON OF THE LAW
When Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem to assist at the Feast of the Passover they were following the ceremony by which a Jewish boy, when twelve years of age, becomes a Son of the Law. He had been instructed in the years immediately preceding his twelfth birthday in the content of the law and the obligations that would make up the observance of the entire law.