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.

Destiny is calling us. The answer must come from us. tion. Everybody is horrifled by There is no magic connection between time and the use that them, because everybody is we make of time, but our serious attention to the tasks of against them. I wonder what the each new day will be the foundation on which must be laid newspapers would be like if ALL our success day after day and our proper response to the call the sins were as unpopular as

Are we to be a source of pride to a fond father and a doting mother, or are we to be destined to make some kind of an alibi for all that has been lacking in our factual record? Deatiny is calling us. Let us get busy in preparing for it.

## Men Of Destiny

The Wise Men who came from the East to find Our Lord in Beth lehem were men of destiny. They had seen the Stay 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 the destination assigned to them.

Theirs was no ordinary vocation of study or art or industry in the humble homes from which they came. Theirs was a destiny fraught with importance.

For all Nations and all men they were to seek out and to find the new-born Saviour of the world. While the memory of other things about them was soon to fade away, the memory of their journeys and of the destination to which those journeys brought them was never to pass away. In fact, it was to become more and more a matter of knowledge to men in every part of the world as the years passed on.

We know they were Wise Men. Tradition Tells us they were Kings. They were a shining example of the fact that man as the King of Earth was to have his gaze fixed, not on the ground at the lower treatures, but on the heavens. And so as men of destiny the new star in the skies came im-

mediately within the scope of their vision.

BLOODHOUNDS TRACK to suffer out of his own country.

They were Wise Men. They followed the Star. They DOWN DIRTY BOOK PUBLISH and in furtherance of the terrible how it was the Star of the newly born King of the Jews. ER. Profits will be confiscated to suffer out of his own country and in furtherance of the terrible hoar of Titus Ostes called the They travelled a difficult and a dangerous path that they and devoted to publishing good might come to adore the new-born King. They brought gifts, magazines for young people. three of them, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Scripture gives us no names for them but tradition has FAILING TO GIVE CHILDREN oken of them as three Kings and has named them Gaspar, RELIGIOUS TRAINING. Pros. Melchlor and Balthassar. Scripture has given use the ecutor to cite Christ's command-sential things concerning them—that as men of destiny ment "Suffer the little children they were prompted to look into the sky and find there God's to come unto Me."

massage: that they were inspired by a charming simplicity of court restrictions and the bring control of the control of the court in the faith to realize that where God was visiting earth to bring FACTURER. Denounces "snob" His unending blessings, they should be prompted to take of the blessings that earth gave them and present them as treas envy.

#### Destiny, Fulfilled

Of the three Wise Men the world will always say that in them was fulfilled a supernal destiny. It was not concerne merely with the ambitions of one man or one group of men. It was not a deatiny 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.

A great writen has dared to compose fiction based on the lerend of the other Wise Man. He dared to let a man who had been called by the Star deviate from his journey and to find, in a work of charity that confronted him here on earth, a reason for turning aside from his destiny of bringing the birth of the Saviour as the compelling news for his and all other generations.

This other Wise Man may be a curiosity, may be one who 10,0000 times, "Thou shalt not did not measure up to the call of destiny. One thing we know is that he can never have an honored place with the Wise Men who came from the East, who were wise enough to see God's publishers also face prosecution. In the case of more than two and a sentation of the people this who came from the East, who were wise enough to see God's publishers also face prosecution. The case of more than two and all existing records, illumined by "Have you been able to share far setched thoughts or exagger kind of offering for God and signs, to be led by it and to find their destination in a little Picket lines protest insults to house where Mary and Joseph were caring for the first days Creator, Public incensed. of the new-born King

Destiny fulfilled! The coming of the Wise Men to Bethle hem has given to the world an indelible record of the visit of the Maxi. Other men have been drawn into false paths because they have not followed intelligently and clearly the bor's wife." message of the Star.

The Wise Men saw the Star: the Wise Men understood the message of the Star; the Wise Men through perseverance in following the message God had put in their skies came prieve, reiterates "Thou shalt finally to the dwelling place of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

## 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.

And so we gather with our Bishop on Sunday as family units before the parish home of the family. We receive Holy Communion as a family unit. We strive to give special meaning to this day, each one working out the most appealing plan within their power. Surely the mother of every family who is taken out for a special Holy Family Breakfast will feel that the members of her household are showing a reverence Higgins, Maryknoll missionary plot", and when the political at ly accused of such activity; a who rewards even a glass of waand respect for the mother of their household.



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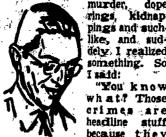
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## JOSEPH BREIG

Some Fun, th, Folks?

Well sir, this other fellow and were talking about how the newspapers play up stories of muzder, dope



something. So I said: "You know what? Those crimes are headline stuff because they create a sensa

dely I realized

We thought about that for a little bit, and then this other chap says with a big grin: "Well. let's pretend we've stumbled into that kind of world. and lets write some sample head-

lines that the newspapers on that

planet would be printing. So that is what we did, and here are some of the headlines: MAN FAILS TO KEEP LORD'S DAY HOLY, FLEES. Posses beat woods. Roadblocks set up . Countryside arroused.

BOR'S GOWN, Fined and reprimanded by the county judge. SON NEGLETS TO HONOR FATHER, MOTHER, Horrifled judge brings in verdice of guilty.

WOMAN COVETS NEIGH-

money given to orphanage.

ILLEGAL, District attorney will of July, 1681. ask "life for a life."

TRIAL SET FOR COUPLE

POLITICIAN SILENCED. Su

preme Court upholds statute for Newgate prison cell from bidding false witness against he passed to martyrdom. neighbor. Calls Ten Commandments basic law of universe. SCREEN STAR SENTENCED

FOR IMMODESTY/Jury/Warns Hollywood on purity Grand jury indictment of producer expected. Congress to probe Sociom and Gomorrah propaganda diaguised an d'glamour? Nation-wide box office boycott looms. Populace aroused,

PROFANITY. Playwright; direcor, cast sentenced to write take the name of the Lord, thy

Legislature cites commandment.

CUTED. Governor refuses re-

#### Guardian Angels On The lob

harmed from an auto that tian men, persons who in con- glected souls and dreamed of

from Brooklyn, credited the mosphere was changing with soul unterrified, yet dry and forescape to "the guardian angels." the mind of Royalty).

girls home from the Mission defense they must themselves man, whom the intercession of chapel after Mass, along a wind-

# Holy Family Feast Day

My Dear People: Next Sunday will be the Feast of the Holy Family. Once again we shall senctify 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.

filke very much; lee, the practice of taking motage out for breakfast so that she may be 'Queen for a Day' as the guest of her nousehold. God has blessed our Family Communion in Care the many outstanding ways. I have been deeply fouched by letters telling of the return to the Sacraments of careless or forgetful members of the

Turge every family to take part in this celebration of Holy Family Sunday, it will bring God's blessing upon your home for the New Year. With sincerest New Year's blessing, I remain.

family, and even of straying sheep returning to the

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ, BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

OLIVER PLUNKETT

Marlon Chandler

quite all ... kindness'!

#### Oliver Plunkett By SISTER MARGARET TERESA

(Professor of Literature, Namareth College, Rochester, N. Y.) THE TRIAL OF OLIVER PLUNKETT, by Alice Curtayne, Sheed & Ward, 1963, 230 pp. \$3.00. Available at Trant's, Inc., 96 Clinton

"Iniquity hath lied to itself." By every possible illegality woman. Carrie Lathron in the in the conduct of a trial an improper jury, worthless wit holy Faith and at the request of nesses, hearsay evidence, rabble rousing digressions, giving Father Van de Pol of Ketchikan,

sentences culprit to prayer and of evidence from the Bench, guiding and covering up of faise CONFESSES BIRTH PRE it iniquity lied to itself about VENTION, Society leader fined, Archbishop Oliver Plunkett, sentenced him to death, and carried LEGAL ABORTION JUDGED out the sentence on the eleventh This last of the Tyburn mar-

tyrs was the first Irish prelate BLOODHOUNDS TRACK to suffer out of his own country 'Popish plot.'

He desired "to lead the way to others," and "he made Catholics even the most timorous in love FAILING TO GIVE CHILDREN with death," said his contemporaries. Blessed Oliver was bestified May 23, 1920. In this year of the suffering of many prelates, his life and death is full of This summer we saw with our

own eyes that gallant head, in advertising as tending to arouse the church of St. Peter in Drogheda, Ireland. We saw encased in glass in a monument outside the church, the ancient door of the

WE PASSED over the ground of his passion in London, and saw. blood and bones of that holy replica of the tricornered Ty-burn Tree, the gallows from IT IS A which he was hanged (a World tion (which came my way once ach day.

War II bombing having de through a student to day. long preserved there). What Alice Curtayne says of

looked to us like the face of one who died yesterday, died violently, and nobly She says, "It is still most hu-

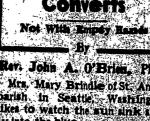
and the fine chiseling of nose Ireland and in England, and your relatives?" DIVORCE COURTS CLOSED, and lips . . . There is an inward, withdrawn and stilled look on painstaking follow-ups of all the Thou shalt not covert thy niegh- validly travel hundreds of miles

Oliver Plunkett's trial opens a thor of A Recall to Dante), and trials of Stepinac, Mindszenty, with those of the Bench and the olic descendants you have." Wyszynski. This trial was worse witnesses that the deliberate pro-

u pon the King's Bench becomes obvious. were not at the gangster level— OLIVER PLUNKETT is a saint

The priest was driving the them sleepless and unfit for the "Cromwell's people"; an innocent Christ."

ing mountain road, when the car Plunkett seem more aggravated prayers out of Boethius. (Saint Master's fold, Within a few genbelow. The car was demolished, than those endured by Saint Severinus) in his last days; a erations will be fulfilled the Said Father Higgins "The Thomas More in the one respect soul serene, sleeping soundly prayer of Christ that there will VIII was undisguised.



ly into the blue waters 'of the Pacific. To her it not only heralds the ending of a day but also symbolizes the

eighty years. Like the crimson radiance flooding sea

settlers." "Yes," she replied, "priests were few and they had to cover

us had to pitch in and help. she was received into the Church

by Father Quinn at St. Anne's

since we not only lack profes-

war II bombing having de through a student, the daughter "Apparently people came to for Heav'n thereby).

stroyed most of the original so of Judge Harold Burke) to read know that I was willing to ex. "A hymn must be a lyric for a lawyer's objective examination plain my religion to any one who the congregation. In the congre But popularity has never been that head looking out from its has such a work — The Trial of Kelley came to ask me to explain every age and station, young and numbers on the "Hit Parade" Jesus, from a Lawyer's Stand-confession. Being a convert- mypoint, in two volumes, by Walter self. I understood her difficulties old, single and married: all have a short life and little sur-Alice Curtayne's work is a out. She became a convert and feeling. Hence, highly subjective man, in fact lovely, after the past magnificiently sustained re-pre- is now a frequent communicant." elements should be excluded from only what is good and true and

this face which a man might witnesses and lawyers involved. "Charity, they say, begins at gregation, but for all the rest, of transition from the cheap and validly travel hundreds of miles
to see . . . It is a subtle emanation from the incorruptible fiesh
and bone. Its effect is reassur.

It is lawyer-like to the last dethorne, and I'm happy that God
home, and I'm happy that God
has privileged me to help in
leading a son-in-law, two daughleading a son-in-law, two daughLook at this example: "M\_E R C Y KILLER" EXE. and bone. Its effect is reassured expect from a novelist-biograph. ters-in-law and a granddaughter er and the gently persuasive au- in-law into the fold

"That's guite a few," I re new perspective on the monu-new perspective on the monu-mental injustices of today, the prisoner's statements and records knowing about how many Cath-

cess of suppression and omission she smiled, "and found that there ITS PERPETRATORS, the men carried out in the official records number will grow . . . and grow are now 37, though of course that rapidly.

"As I listened to your moving Puno, Peru — (NC) — A priest they were men of fine legal train- for our times, one who in four story," I said, "I found coming and eight children climbed unding, of brilliance, of family, Christyears confirmed 48,655 long ned to my mind the words of St. Paul: He who sows sparingly crashed down a mountainside, ducting trials immediately fol- confirming 50,000 more; a patriot, freely will reap freely too.' You somersaulting three times in lowing Plunkett's acted legally who kept within every prescrip have certainly sown generously and justly (when they were no tion against political activity on and you can expect a generous The priest, Father Thomas J. longer featuring the "Popish the part of priests, yet died false harvest from the divine Master ter given in His name."

lorn in his long imprisonment The accident occurred in the hostility that a century later sure tender hearted man, who tried to lished anything. I'm still able, in the years immediately preceded and mother the inconvenience of Andes mountains in Peru, a rounded the guillotines of find friends for his nephews and thanks be to God to get to Mass ing his twelfth birthday in the seeking Him. Christ told them short distance from the village France; they were a mob paid to nieces, Jemmy and Joseph and and receive Holy Communion content of the law and the obli- He must be about His Father's of Yanamayo, home of the chil. how outside the cell-openings of Mickey, and Catty and Tomasina, each morning and I often find gations that would make up the business and Mary and Joseph prisoners awaiting trial, to keep and simple Ned, left penniless by myself regretting that I haven't done more to win souls for It was natural that He should that He spoke to them.

"If every Catholic," I replied, the Pope could not save; a learn- "wins half as many souls as you edge of the law and His chigal reth with them and gave to The injustices showered on ed man, consoling himself with there won't be many outside the



Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D Mrs. Mary Brindle of St. Anne' parish in Seattle, Washington likes to watch the sun sink slow

gradual ending of her long life of more than

land is the bright memory of the eleven converts she helped to lead to Christ, giving peace and serenity to her declining years, that St. Augustine Back in 1898, on April 17," she tine speaks of said, "I was received into the it in his "Con-Church by Father Finnegan, a Jesuit missionary. My new-found Faith meant so much to me that wanted to share it with the man loved. Alexander Brindle took instructions and was received into the fold shortly before we were married on November 30, WE SPENT many years in

Alaska and at times I was the only white woman in Indian Village 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

"I interested a fine Negro instructed her and her grandsön. Both were baptized by Father Van der Pol and they became devout Catholics "You were a real missionary,"

I ventured, "among those pioneer

tremendous distances, so many of \*WE LATER returned to the States, settled in Seattle and my husband died in 1924. Here I instructed Mrs. Mary Malonev and

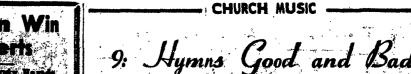
"I became acquainted with a blind woman, Mrs. Gordon, and I thought that our holy Faith would fill a great void in her life.

justice of the trial of our Lord and divinity, in Holy Communion with "come", for example); the God, it is not so common any legal conduct of every aspect of about a religion which brought does not match; and calmost he THE ONE BIG objection which that trial we only half know, such happiness to souls. So I ex tolerable) there are pauses and the defenders of this sorry busisional knowledge but also busy the prayers and recited the Ro (e.g. O Mother of // Perpetual like the poorer kind of hymn, and blood and bones of that holy our hearts with our own relation sary with her. She was received Help; Mary // help us we pray; therefore what difference does it to the scene, in compassion and into the fold and never failed to He gazed on thy soul, it // was make IT IS A NEW sort of medita- say the Rosary at least once spotless and fair: I love Thee,

and was able to straighten her should be one in mind, heart and vival value.

divilized living and culture went vivid and careful analyses of the precious treasure of your ated sentiments. to the moulding of the temples post-Cromwellian conditions in holy Catholic Faith with any of

"Yes," replied Mrs. Briridle.



REV. BENEDICT EHMANN

the "Motu Proprio" letter on Church music issued by blessed Pope Plus X on Nov. 22, 1993. Author of these articles is the Rev. Benedict Ehmann, nationally known authority on Church Music and paster of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, N. Y.)

Hymns occupy a very important place in the Church's worship. From the earliest days of Christianity, some of the greatest minds of the Church have engaged themselves in composing hymns for the

Ambrose, noble Bishop of Milan: the singing of the hymns in his cathedral was so beautiful that St. Augus-

tine, speaks of

fessions," giv-

ing testimony to their power to move and elevate the soul. Pope St. Gregory the Great wrote hymns, as did Prudentius and Fortunatus, and (later on) St. Thomas Aquinas. The hymns of these great men have ever since been used in the liturgical services of the Church, Most familiar of all of them are, perhaps, the eucharistic hymnis of Aquinas, whose last stanzas are tia, and Tantum Ergo Sacramen-

ONE STRIKING characteristic that sets these hymns miles apart reality of such perfervid emotion from most modern ones is the for congregational singing. richness of their meaning: they are full of doctrine. Modern hymns are almost exclusively lieve us when we say that this given to sentiment. singing catechism out of the for it might be offensive to pious

ancient hymns, or, in other words, ears. and poor in this respect.

points is valuable: let's analyze which they might be sung. : therefore a poem. It is necessary

to add that it must be a good rhyme, epithets and figures of speech? Too many of today's famediocre in these matters, and should be discarded from the wor. Iy, Sweet Afton"; explained to her the peace of ship of God together with any-

These might be sincere for a

O Jesus, dearest Lord. Forgive me il I say For very love Thy sacred name

A thousand times a day I love Thee so, I know not how My transports to control: Thy love is like a burning fire Within my very soul.

This is a hymn by the celebrated Father Faber, of whose hymns is kind and merciful and con-(in general) no less a person siderate of our poor clay.

Christian community at worship, than Cardinal Wiseman wrote Notable among them was St. the following criticism in the Dubin Review of September, 1894; It applies to many others as well:

> "Many of them are evidently not constructed for use in public worship; they are the expressions of an individual, even of a particular mind, which will find response in many a devout heart, but which could not be introduced into a mixed congregation without danger of forcing the feeling. in some instances, into an unnatural state, Some of them represent sentiments of plety and contrition, which on the lips of the casual worshipper would be unreal . . . .

And yet this is the kind of hymn that is forced on our congregations all too often, even now, fifty years after Pope Plus X. Do we despise our people that we offer them these scraps and traditional and required singing this treacly pabulum? Certainly for Benediction: O Salutaris Hos- a true regard for the dignity of Christian people in whose souls the Word made flesh sings to God. should disgust us with the un-

We ask our readers who are bearing with these remarks to beis not church music: what it real-One could almost arrange a ly is, we would rather not say,

find hymns among them to ex. 3. Finally, a hymn must be a press all the teachings of the lyric for the church. It must be Church. By contrast, the hymns thoroughly sacred. Its tunes may of recent generations are meagre not be secular, or a borrowing from the theatre and the opera. A hymn must be a lyric a lyric The fact that the words of a for the congregation, and a Tyric hymn are sacred is not sufficient for the church. Each of these to baptize any kind of melody to

A once heard, in a community 1. A hymn must be a lyric, and chapel, the Tantum Ergo, for Benediction sung to the tune of "Silver Threads among the Gold." poem, in grammar, whythm. The fit was perfect but monstrous. Other secular tunes which have served to dress up Catholic miliar hymns are defective and hymns are "Home, Sweet Home";

Swallows Homeward Fly", etc. mind and the loy we experience thing that is trivial and trashy. This sort of trickery is down-It is indeed surpassed by the the confessional and Christ's perfect ("wrong" with "tongue," of public taste, and should be successive infamies and total in precious Body and Blood, soul "forth" with "earth", "doom" sternly excommunicated. Thank

plained the Catechism, taught her cadences which sound ridiculous ness bring up is that the people

Naturally, people hate to be Lord, yet not because, // I hope separated from things they grew up with: even trivial and worthless things, like trinkets, are tressired for memory's sake

The worship of God deserves they will surely, even though slowly, lose their desire for the few exceptional people in the con- fleshpots of Egypt. The process

with great love. "Fortiter et suaviter", said the holy Pius X about therefforts for worthy church music. "Firmly and gently",—that may seem an impossible combination But to the Christian it is possible: "firmly", because God wills it; "gently", because God

#### Sunday \_)ermon By Monsignor Hart-

they corrected the mistake they When Mary and Joseph took had made in allowing Christ to Jesus to Jerusalem to assist at be lost in the Temple. "IN SOME OF these cases," ob the Feast of the Passover they Him and they found Him in the The eight girls, who made their The audience at this trial lis until in God's mercy he was able served Mrs. Brindle, "there were were following the ceremony by Temple in the midst of the teach-The eight girls, who made their the audience at this trial list until in God's mercy he was able first Communion just hours be-tened not in blank and rigid by secret aid to say Holy Mass others who deserve much of the which a Jewish boy, when twelve ers listening to them and asking others, said "God was with us." silence but in the bloodthirsty for the final week of his life; a none of us would have accomp the Law. He had been instructed her Son for causing His father

observance of the entire law. did not understand fully the word be talking with the learned men Then Jesus in carrying out His in the Temple, answering their obligation to be about His Fath-

tions under it. It was a very easy them a service of obedience and thing in the extensive halls of the honor for the next eighteen Temple for Jesus to be associated years. These years brought to with learned men and leaders of Him an advance of wisdom and Said Father Higgins: "The Thomas More in the one respect soul serene, sleeping soundly played of control with learned men and leaders of him an advance of wisdom and whole nine choirs of angels must that the pretense and air of levery night it was permitted be but one fold an one spiepherd, the Jewish Faith. It is age, and grace before God and been doined the little of the concluded their work and man. He followed the usual prohave joined the little girls on gality was continually renewed, him, and the last night too, and your Maker, Mrs. Brindle, and started for home, Mary in one gram proper to a Jewish boy the way home as they joyfully whereas the tyranny of Henry hoping "soon to be able to re- you won't be going with empty company and Joseph in another, when he became a Bar Mizvah, and after three days of searching a Son of the Law.