

German Stamp Honors St. Boniface

Germany (NC)—German postal authorities plan to issue a special stamp in honor of St. Boniface, "Apostle of the Germans," the 1200th anniversary of whose death will be marked next summer.

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Doctors Give Thanks For Safe Deliveries

St. Louis (NC)—Fifty Catholic hospitals throughout the U.S., following the lead of St. John's Hospital here, will offer Masses of Thanksgiving attended by the hospitals' obstetricians for their record of safe deliveries.

The Green Scapular

The Green Scapular or Scapular of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is, like the Miraculous Medal, a gift of our Blessed Mother to the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, the same community that staffs St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

On Nov. 27, 1839, Justine Bisqueyburu, destined by Providence to make known this devotion, entered the Seminary or Novitiate of the Daughters of Charity, 140 rue du Bac, Paris.

On Jan. 28, 1840, during her first retreat, the young Sister was favored with a celestial vision. Our Lady appeared to her clothed in a long white robe over which hung a bright blue mantle.

Her hair, which fell loosely over her shoulders, was not covered with a veil, and in her hands she held her Heart, from the top of which issued brilliant rays.

To the dignity of her bearing was joined the dazzling brightness of celestial beauty. The young Sister, seized with admiration and fear, could scarcely repress an exclamation.

The same apparition was repeated four or five times during her Seminary on the principal feasts of the Blessed Virgin. This favor seemed to have no other end than to increase in the Sister herself tender devotion to Mary Immaculate.

Clothed with the habit, Sister Bisqueyburu was sent to Blangy and shortly after her arrival, September 8, 1840, feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, she was favored during prayer with an apparition of the Mother of God, who held in her right hand her Heart surrounded by flames and in her left a sort of scapular.

It suffices that it be blessed by a priest and worn by the one for whom it is intended. It may be placed in the clothing, on the bed, or simply in the room.

The only prayer to be recited is the inscription surrounding the heart on the reverse of the scapular: "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death." This should be repeated daily, if not by the one wearing it, by the one giving it.

The scapular may be distributed everywhere. Although wonderful graces are attached to it, they are proportionate to the confidence with which it is given, as signified by the rays of different lengths which in the last apparitions, issued from the hands of the Blessed Virgin.

THE GREEN SCAPULAR was twice approved by Pope Pius IX in 1863 and again in 1870 when he said: "Write to these good Sisters that I authorize them to make and distribute it."

Scapulars may be obtained by writing: Marian Center, Saint Joseph Central House, Emmitsburg, Md.

Leut. Santucci is stationed at the Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina.

Booths, Exhibits On Fatima Planned

Fairfield, N.J.—(NC)—A program to provide "Message of Fatima" promotional booths at fairs and exhibitions throughout the country was launched by the Blue Army in honor of the Marian Year.

The group, dedicated to achieving world peace through prayer and sacrifice as outlined by Our Lady of Fatima, will supply the decorated booths and literature on the Fatima apparitions. The booths will be manned in each section by local Blue Army members.

"I is an appropriate time for the Blue Army to launch a campaign of this type," the founder, Father Harold V. Colgan of St. Mary's Church here, stated, "since the Blue Army is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin through the peace plan she gave us at Fatima."

Refugee Germans Live in Camps

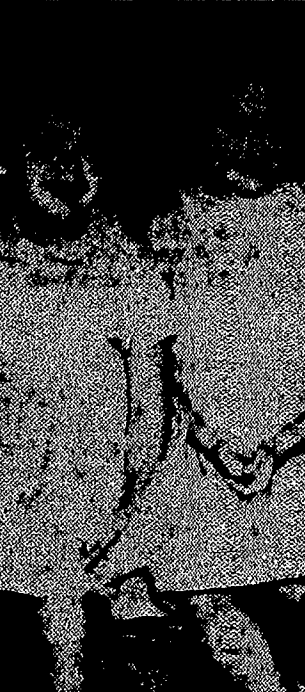
Cologne (NC)—More than 200,000 men women and children who escaped from the Soviet Zone of Germany are still finding temporary shelter in West German refugee camps, according to figures released by the German Catholic Caritas organization.

The German Caritas has organized a special camp service to bring spiritual and material aid to these refugees. This camp service closely cooperates with War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference.

(According to a report of the West Berlin Economic Research Institute, close to 350,000 East Germans took refuge in the West during 1953, resulting in a net drop of the East Zone population of 300,000. The population of East Germany at the end of 1952 was estimated at 17,300,000, that of West Germany at close to 50,000,000.)

Knight of Malta Dallas (NC)—Hal Winfield Padgett, whose Dallas shop prints The Texas Catholic, newspaper of the Dallas-Fort Worth diocese, will receive the insignia of a Knight of Malta from His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on January 18.

Children Sing For The Blind



GREETINGS TO the Christ Child were sung by these lots, Dorothy, five (left) and Geraldine, seven, daughters of Mrs. and Mr. Robert W. Vogt, 115 Argo Park at the Christmas parties held by women of the Rochester Association of the Blind headquarters at Monroe Ave. Among songs sung were "Guedlin' Time" and "Please God Watch Over Santa Claus," composed by their grandmother, Mrs. Carolyn Vogt, 17 Kensington St. who accompanied them on the piano. Mrs. Vogt is an Association member. The children attend Holy Rosary School.

WITH ALL THIS in mind, we should try as individuals and as members of organizations to interest others in the Catholic Press. Every Catholic organization during February should plan a program spotlighting the Catholic Press. Since this term covers so many different kinds of publication, there are many suggestions to pass along.

New Irish Comic Book

Dublin (NC)—American "culture" is spreading to Ireland, at least in one of its forms. The Irish now have a comic book of their own, part of which is printed in Gaelic.

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AMONG WOMEN

Catholic Press

By Mary Lennon Snyder

Because good programs do not happen, but rather, evolve through careful planning, we are writing now of suggested programs for February which is Catholic Press Month.

Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus in addressing the Catholic Press Association, has declared Mrs. Snyder that the sole purpose of the Catholic Press is "to render vigorous aid to the Church of God in her quest for souls."

Therefore the entire month of February is given over to publicizing the Catholic Press. This year will be no different from those of the past; there will be sermons, preached on the importance of the apostolate of the pen.

Information, inspiration, and decent mental recreation." (Monthly Message, Feb. 1953).

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALY'S

Does the prospect of the New Year bring to you a keen anticipation of the long dull days of January? The way it goes to us—at least to us oldsters? Oh, it was fun, no doubt about that, but the merry-go-round tempo of the holidays begins to get a bit wearying.

The Long Dull Days

By Mary Tuhey Daly

store windows with their cruise clothes, atop by the drug store for some vitamin pills.

Only One Catholic On Queen's List

London (NC)—British Catholics made a disappointing showing in Queen Elizabeth's annual New Year's honors list. Only one outstanding Catholic was knighted by the British monarch.

COMES THE CHANGE

with the New Year... We notice department store windows revamping their decor—all done up with cruise clothes, artificial palms waving in their electric fan breeze.

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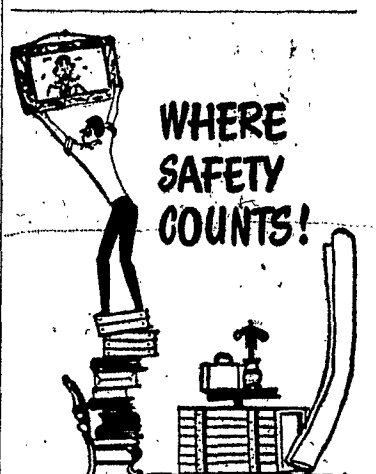
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Soviet Zone Berlin, Germany (NC)—A total of 194 students for the priesthood are now enrolled at the seminary in Erfurt, in the Soviet Zone of Germany.



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