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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 Cirincione 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 Immaculate Conception be marked by religious pilgrimages to Our Lady's Shrines.

The Family Rosary for Peace, under the leadership of Father Joseph Cirincione, has now arranged such a pilgrimage. It is placed 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 reasonable as possible so as to encourage participation in the pilgrimage.

It is my hope, after my "ad limina" visit with the Holy Father, to join the pilgrimage to Rome, Italy, and to the church which he 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 schedule 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; Shrine of Our Lady of Luxembourg in the Cathedral of Luxembourg; Our Lady of Beaussart Shrine in Belgium; Shrine of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland; and the Carmelite Shrine at Aysford, England.

Conclusion of the two month pilgrimage will come when the group meets Bishop Kearney in London and goes with him to 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 call 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

Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter will be spent at the world famous Shrine of Lourdes. In Ireland the group will also visit the Lakes of Killarney, Blarney Castle and Dublin. In London visits are scheduled to Buckingham Palace, London Tower and Westminster Abbey.

Katibitsch Travel Agency in Rochester is handling bookings for the pilgrimage and is offering several alternate tours for those who wish to modify the full-length tour to suit their own convenience. Arrangements are also offered for those who prefer plane travel to steamer in crossing the ocean.

At 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.

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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, Chili.
Rev. Paul G. Wohlhab 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 \$8,500 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: Federal taxes, \$135,000. State and local taxes, \$38,000. National defense, \$85,000. Foreign aid, \$11,000. The bureau calculated American income at \$60,000 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 Pontiff, the troupe recalled that as Papal Nuncio in Bavaria in 1920, the Holy Father had addressed members of the same circus.

Rochester Priest Assists Cardinal At Tokyo Mass

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

"Four-O" means "perfect" in the United States Navy.

The Cardinal topped off his tour with a busy Sunday (January 3) at Yokosuka 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 Chaplains' 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 Francis 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 Yank of St. Cyril and Methodius parish in Detroit; Charles Coyne of Sacred Heart parish in Saginaw, Mich.; and Charles Dupuis 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.

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, 318 Main St., E.—Adv.

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. Msgr. James C. McAniff, chancellor.

Included in the total collection for the national 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.

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Vicar General Appointed In N.Y.
New York — (NC) — Appointment of Msgr. John J. Maguire as Vicar General of the New York archdiocese was announced by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Church Investigates Alleged Bleeding Of Broken St. Anne Statue In France
Entrevaux, France — (NC) — Bishop Cosme Jorin 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. Irked 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 the 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 the 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 card-players, 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 Pujet-Theniers for analysis, without giving its history. Monner said he had no explanation.

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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.

THIS IS THE second year the parish breakfast have been served at St. Charles Borromeo, last year a total of 400 having been served. The Rev. Robert A. Keeler is pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church.

All volunteer help is furnished in the purchasing, preparing and serving of the breakfast. The cost is \$1.50 per family—regardless of the number in the family. Menu consists of fruit juices, scrambled eggs and bacon, sweet rolls, coffee or milk. Breakfast music will be provided.

Bishop Kearney has dispensed with the children's Masses for Sunday and has requested members of the Holy Name Society to have breakfast with their families.

The edifying practice of Family Communion has brought God's blessings in many outstanding ways, the Bishop said in his letter.

"I have been deeply touched," the Bishop said, by letters telling of the return to the Sacraments of careless or forgetful members of the family, and even of straying sheep returning to the fold."

STARTED 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 politics and character of the first Elizabeth fostered upon the nation during Coronation Year and the sometimes provocative comparison of those times with the present day.

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 950, 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.



Blessed Pius X



Rome—Pope Pius XII leans from his portable 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)

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 Maria Goretti 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.



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

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 Labouré the vision of the Miraculous Medal is told in Father Atwell's first article published in this issue on page 6.