

## Beatification Sought For 'Mercy' Foundress

(Continued from Page 1) my power to afford them. What an effable consolation to serve Christ Himself in the person of the poor, and to walk in the very same path that He trod."

As the community grew on the Continent pleas from the American Bishops to establish the Sisters of Mercy in the United States could not go unanswered.

In 1843, Mother Mary Francis Warde and 6 companions opened the first American Convent of Mercy in Pittsburgh, Pa. It was not long before the American founder was journeying from the Pittsburgh parent house to staff new schools and to organize the extensive work of the Sisters-in-Hospitals, Select Schools, Free Schools, Foundling Homes, Houses of Mercy for working girls and Industrial Schools.

On the invitation of Bishop John Timon of Buffalo, Mother Warde and 5 Sisters of Mercy arrived in Rochester on June 9, 1857 to open a convent at 2 South St. in St. Mary's parish, Rochester at this time was part of the Diocese of Buffalo.

## N. Y. Lawmakers Offer Bills To Legalize Bingo

Albany, N. Y. — (RNS) — Pressure is mounting in the New York state legislature here for a constitutional amendment to legalize bingo games conducted by religious, fraternal, veterans and other non-profit groups.

Seven legislators have introduced bills on the subject. If one is adopted at this session, it can not become effective before 1956 because it must be approved by two different legislatures and the state's voters.

IN INTRODUCING their measures, Senator Seymour Halpern and Assemblyman Fred W. Preller, Queens Republicans, pointed out that New York state allows legalized million-dollar race track wagering while outlawing bingo. "It's high time this hypocrisy should be ended," they said.

The lawmakers said "honest, duly recognized groups, under careful supervision" should be allowed to sponsor bingo games. Assemblyman Preller said retirement in favor of legalizing

IN SEPTEMBER, 1857 they opened in Rochester the Academy of the Immaculate Conception of the Sisters of Mercy for girl day-students and boarders. They taught the girls in the "Free School" in the church basement.

With their Motherhouse now located at 1437 Blossom Road, Rochester, the Sisters serve the educational needs of the diocese from Kindergarten through high school.

RESIDES TEACHING in the Rochester Catholic schools, they staff school in Auburn, Elmira, Clyde, Corning, Hornell and Owego. Adjacent to the Motherhouse is Our Lady of Mercy High School for girls with a registration of more than 850 students. The school celebrated its 25th anniversary last year.

St. James' Mercy Hospital, staffed by the Sisters of Mercy, is located in Hornell. Here, a training school annually graduates a large group of nurses.

Notre Dame de Lourdes High School, now under construction in Elmira, is the latest project in the history of the Sisters of Mercy in the Rochester Diocese.

## Ground Broken For Chapel At Idlewild

New York — (NC) — The New Catholic chapel of Our Lady of the Skies is expected to be completed at New York International Airport here this spring.

After ground-breaking ceremonies for the edifice, Robert E. O'Brien, a United States Customs Inspector and president of the Idlewild Catholic Guild, an organization of airport employees, that has been instrumental in planning for the chapel, said the dedication may take place on Easter Sunday (April 18) or early in May.

MR. O'BRIEN said that a May dedication would be appropriate since it would be held in the month of Our Lady. He added that the name of the new chapel, adapted from the Latin phrase, "Regina Coelorum" ("Queen of the Skies"), had been approved after a search of records had established that it was liturgically correct.

The chapel, to be built at a cost of \$200,000 on a quarter-acre tract of undeveloped land leased from the City of New York, will have seating accommodations for 258 worshippers. Two hundred more persons will be able to stand within the edifice and 300 others will be able to see ceremonies through glass panels from a garden cloister in which loud speakers will be installed.

SINCE AUGUST, 1952, Masses at the airport have been offered each Sunday in a restaurant provided by Ed Levine, who is of the Jewish faith. There are now 9,000 employees at the installation and Mr. O'Brien said that in five years the total will grow to 26,000.

The chapel will be a permanent structure constructed of face brick inside and out. Through the efforts of members of the guild and cooperating airline employees stones from shrines in 20 countries have been brought here and will be used in the construction. Some of the stones have come from Berlin, Vienna, Hong Kong, Bethlehem and Auckland. Eventually it is hoped that a shrine to Our Lady of Fatima will be built in the rear of the chapel.

## GIVES CHARITIES \$27,000



Columbia, Ill.—James Crowe, garage owner of this city, gave Catholic charities and institutions of the Belleville, Ill. diocese \$27,000 from the \$139,720 he won on the Irish sweepstakes. Mr. Crowe, bottom right, is shown here with his wife, two sons and two daughters. (RNS Photo)

## Chinese Priests Meet Benefactors

Toledo, O. — (NC) — Two Chinese priests, adopted in their seminary days by mission supporters of the Toledo diocese, came to greet their benefactors and to offer Mass in their presence here.

The young priests, both ordained in the summer of 1952 after completing studies in the Philippines, are Father Paulinus Sun and Father Peter Keng. S.V.D., who have been assigned

to do graduate study at the University of Notre Dame, Ind. Father Sun's benefactor was Mrs. Eleanor Gerber, of Bellevue. One of her sons, Cyril, was killed in the Battle of the Bulge in War II. The other, Eugene, died a few years ago.

Benefactors of Father Keng were Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Schroeder, of Leipsic, who wanted a priest in their family. None of their three sons had a religious vocation.

## Vatican Slates Weekly Mass For Persecuted

Vatican City — (NC) — A weekly Mass for the "Church of Silence," a daily pilgrimage by nuns and a Solemn Memorial Mass for the Pope who defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception form part of the Marian Year program announced here by the Vatican.

All these observances will be held under the auspices of the Marian Year Committee. THE WEEKLY Mass for the "Church of Silence"—the Pope's phrase to refer to the persecuted Christians behind the Iron Curtain—will be held every Thursday in the Basilica of St. Mary Major. The Mass will be offered at the altar of the Madonna in the Borghese chapel. Above the altar hangs the ancient, revered painting of the Blessed Virgin, called the "Salus Populi Romani" (welfare or safety of the Roman people).

Priests from various countries behind the Iron Curtain will take turns celebrating these weekly Masses. It was announced. These priests will be joined at the Masses by fellow nationals.

It was also announced that a large general demonstration against the persecution of Christians behind the Iron Curtain is being planned. The exact date of the demonstration has not yet been fixed. Prayer for the persecuted was one of the intentions listed by the Pontiff in his Marian Year encyclical.

## Indian Cardinal Receives Nehru

Bombay, India — (NC) — His Eminence Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, held a reception in honor of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru when the Indian leader visited the city to lay the cornerstone for an institute of scientific research.

The reception was attended by Chief Minister Morarji Desai of Bombay. Cardinal Gracias is a personal friend of Mr. Nehru.

## Red Propaganda Bid On Spies Exposed

New York — (NC) — Lawyers from the Soviet Union and Red satellite countries were slated to attend a meeting in Vienna, Austria, at which Communists would attempt to follow a common pattern in which the accused is denied counsel of his own choosing, is submitted to cruel and inhuman treatment in order to extort a confession, is denied the right to call upon witnesses to testify in his behalf, and is tried and convicted in a closed proceeding without the right of appeal.

The Bar association's memorandum listed Giuseppe Nitti of Rome, John Eiton of London, and Gerard Lyon-Caen of Dijon, France, as initiators of the Vienna "conference."

## Lisieux Basilica Consecration Set

Lisieux, France — (NC) — The Basilica of St. Therese of the Child Jesus here will be consecrated Sunday, July 11, it has been announced.

Special events leading up to the consecration will start July 8 with a procession and evening prayers, followed by Children's Day and July 10 Catholic Action and Missionary Day. Sunday morning the basilica's 16 altars will be consecrated by 16 Cardinals and Archbishops from different countries. An international procession will be held in the afternoon, followed by a ceremony for Peace and Unity among Peoples.

Such information as is made available by the Soviet Union and other Communist countries," Mr. Webster commented, "would indicate that these principles are not recognized in those countries."

Declaring that this information includes the report of the Moscow trial and execution of Lavrenti P. Beria and his associates, Mr. Webster said there have been similar instances of the so-called purge trial technique in other countries, involving, among others, Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary.

"ALL THESE trials," he added,

## Army Chaplain Presumed Dead

Washington — (NC) — The Army announced that Father (Capt.) Lawrence F. Brunert of St. Louis, who was reported missing in action in Korea on December 2, 1950, is now "presumed dead."

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