

**78th Birthday**  
Montreal (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Conrad Chaumont of Montreal, has observed his 78th birthday. He still carries on a full schedule of duties.

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**Roman Index Lists Book On Masonry**

Vatican City (NC) — A recent book on Masonry published in Vienna, Austria, has been placed on the Index of Forbidden Books by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, it was announced here.

The announcement was made in a front page article in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, which said that the book had been written by the Grand Master of the Austrian Lodge and was entitled: "Die Johannes Freimaurerei, Versuch einer Einführung" (Introduction to the John's Freemasonry).

**OSSEVATORE SAID** — the reason for placing the book on the index was that there had been a false idea current in Austrian circles that the new Austrian Masonry was more conciliatory toward the Catholic Church and therefore did not fall under the excommunication of Canon 2335 of the Code of Canon Law.

"This false idea is the thesis of this book," the Vatican City daily declared, adding that otherwise there was nothing new in the volume. It said the book portrayed Catholicism and other religions as mere stepping stones to a true knowledge to be achieved through Masonry, whose principal dogma is pantheism.

**Michigan Eyes Released-Time Bill**

Lansing, Mich. — (RNS) — A bill to legalize released-time religious instruction in Michigan public schools was introduced in the state Senate by Sen. Don VanderWerp of Fremont.

The measure provides that any school child, with the consent of his parents, may be released from school to attend worship or religious instruction classes under church auspices.

Such religious training, the bill specifies, must be scheduled in cooperation with school boards.

**NEHRU VISITS CARDINAL**



Bombay, India—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, took time out during a one-day visit here to call on His Eminence Valerian Cardinal Graciano, Archbishop of Bombay. (RNS Photo)

**Altar Boy Saves Priest Who Broke Through Ice**

Plymouth, Mass. — (NC) — An 11-year-old altar boy is the hero of St. Mary's parish here. He saved Father Anthony J. Laurano, 84, parish curate, who fell through the ice during a skating party at Store's Pond.

"The boy without doubt saved my life," Father Laurano said. "I was struggling to get out and was praying for God's help when I saw him skating toward me."

The young hero is George A. Dipwandi. He was one of eight youngsters the priest had taken to the pond for skating and ice hockey practice. While the youngsters were playing the game, the priest skated away from the group, fell through a weak section of ice and began struggling to keep his head above seven feet of water.

Father Laurano said when he saw the youngest skating toward him, he yelled for the boy to keep back. The altar boy dropped to his stomach, made his way along the ice and extended his hockey stick until the priest could grab it. The boy then pulled Father Laurano to safety.

**Marian Congress**  
Zaragoza, Spain — (NC) — The Holy See has approved plans for an International Marian Year congress to be held here with delegates attending from Spain, Portugal and the countries of Latin America. It was announced.

**U. S. Bishop Marks Jubilee In Red China**

Maryknoll, N. Y. — (RNS) — Bishop Frederick A. Donaghy, M.M., of Wuchow, a native of New Bedford, Mass., will observe his 25th anniversary as a priest on Jan. 27. He will mark the Silver Jubilee in Communist China, where he is now virtually a prisoner, according to Maryknoll headquarters here.

A veteran of 24 years service in China, Bishop Donaghy, 51, is the only foreigner in South China's entire Kwangsi Province. He was arrested by the Communists in December, 1950, and remained in jail until he was allowed to return to his residence at Wuchow in June, 1951.

Since his release from prison, the bishop has been restricted in his movements and forbidden to carry on any missionary work. To support himself, he began raising rabbits but switched to chickens when the bottom dropped out of the rabbit market.

According to reports received from refugees who arrived at Hong Kong from the Chinese mainland, Bishop Donaghy holds the title of "chicken king" in the Wuchow district.

The Maryknoll Fathers said the latest reports they have on the bishop indicate that he is in good spirits and health.

**Sick Nuns Congregation Plan U. S. Foundation Soon**

Brou-Sur-Chantereine, France — (NC) — The superior general of a French sisterhood for invalids says that her recent visit to the United States has made her community highly anxious to open an American novitiate.

Reverend Mother Marie des Douleurs, foundress and prioress general of the Congregation of Jesus Crucified, told the NCWC News Service that "if in a few months somebody can help us discover an unassuming house, we will be very pleased" to start a foundation in America. The 24-year-old order, which has four houses in France, is now beginning a new foundation in Holland, she said.

**THE CONGREGATION** which Mother Marie founded is primarily a contemplative order, following the Benedictine Rule as far as possible. The nuns—who include a number of blind women, paralytics, heart disease victims, diabetics and some with tuberculosis—accept suffering as their special vocation for the sake of the Church, the Body of Christ, and do not pray for a cure either for themselves or for their sister religious.

The individual Sister does not mention her illness to anyone but the nursing Sister and the prioress, and is expected to leave all thought of her health to them. Thus the prevalent mood of the community is one of joy rather than sorrow. The best medical care is given all, however, and the order's record is one of physical, as well as mental and spiritual, improvement.

The rule requires exact observance of silence and obedience, and all must perform work—ranging from canning and needle work to raising chickens—according to their strength, if for but a few minutes a day. Postulants are accepted in any state of health, providing they are not over 30 years old and their disease is neither contagious, mental nor neurotic in origin.

**Catholic University Lists Workshops**

Washington — (NC) — A series of workshops for educators will be given at the Catholic University of America in June, Dr. Roy J. Deferrari, secretary general of the university and director of the workshops has announced.

From a single workshop in the field of higher education in 1946, the Catholic University program has grown to cover seven distinct fields of education: higher education, nursing, secondary, elementary, music, art, and special.

Workshops scheduled for 1954 include: Problems of registrars and admission officers in higher education; dynamics of clinical instruction in nursing education; English in the Catholic secondary school; Catholic elementary school programs for Christian family living; music education in the secondary school; creative art; and special education for the exceptional child.

**Psychiatrist Named 'Woman Of Year'**

Philadelphia — (RNS) — Immaculate College alumnae presented their "Woman of the Year" medal to Dr. Elinor M. Langton, psychiatrist and mental hygiene specialist at the Philadelphia Veterans' Clinic.

Dr. Langton is a graduate of the Catholic women's college and of the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Her late father and brother both were physicians.

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