

Prophecy Fulfilled Blessed Candles Marian Acts Urged

By MONSIGNOR HART

Feast Of The Purification

The ancient law of the Jews required that a mother after the birth of a male child should wait forty days before being restored to all of her rights and privileges in the synagogue...

The presentation of Christ was not unannounced. The holy woman, Anna, was there to speak of the Christ to whom all looked for the consolation of Israel...

The new Temple was indeed lacking in many of the architectural and material glories that had belonged to the first Temple, and not all the love and devotion of the Jewish people could supply the glories that belonged to the original Temple...

We have Simeon's glorious set of praise to God for the fulfillment of this prophecy. His prayer has become a permanent part of the liturgy of the Church.

The Feast of the Purification commemorates the purification of the Blessed Mother, the presentation of Christ in the Temple, the final prayer of Simeon...

The Purification has always been an important Feast in the Christian dispensation. The formal declaration of the coming of the Messiah was made in the Temple by Simeon...

Candlemas Day

Mary and Joseph were called upon to make the usual sacrifice, which was a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons. In the Christian dispensation the liturgy has substituted candles, which are blessed in the ceremonies of this day...

The ancient origin of the practice that has given the name Candlemas Day to the 2nd of February is indicated by the very name, Candlemas. Christmas Day speaks of the Mass for the birth of Christ...

The Program Develops

The year 1964 is by Pontifical Declaration a year in honor of Mary. Every Church and every home will take part in the development of the program to honor Mary in her great shrine throughout the world...

We must not be content to have all the plans made by others and fulfilled by them. We should figure that our diocese, our Parish Church and our home should have an active and important part in the program to honor Mary in 1964...



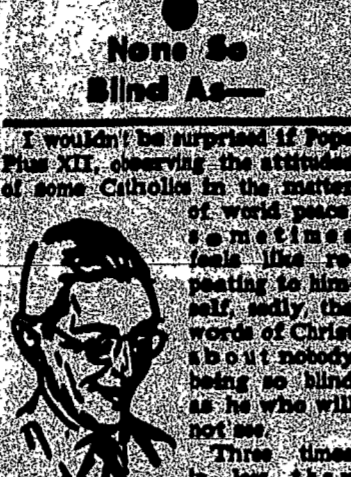
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I wouldn't be surprised if Pope Pius XII, observing the attitude of some Catholics in the matter of world peace, were to say...

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Bishop Kearney's Appointments

- 2 Tuesday - St. Andrew's Anniversary, Feast of the Purification... 3 Wednesday - St. Mary's Hospital, Blessing of Throats of Patients...

Obedient Men

By SISTER MARGARET FERRELL

Obedient men, by Dean Meadows, Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1964. Available at Turley's.

Easy reading, and interesting on several counts: as the complete story of a Jesuit novice, as an intimate study of Englishmen...

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You Can Win Convert

By Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D.

It is especially edifying to see young people interested in sharing the precious treasure of their Holy Catholic Faith with others...

Dorothy, "with twelve other girls who belong to various denominations. They frequently attend the services of churches other than their own...

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CHURCH MUSIC

12 Electronic Organs

By REV. BENEDICT EHMANN

(This series of articles commemorates the golden jubilee of the "Motu Proprio" letter on Church music issued by Blessed Pope Pius X on Nov. 22, 1903.)

The only reason for including the matter of electronic organs in this series on church music is to clarify, for both the pros and the cons, a very misunderstood and sometimes misrepresented subject.

Of course there are persons whose only reaction would be to ask why all the fuss? If an electronic instrument emits notes which sound reasonably like those of a regular organ, why not use it in church without such showy of professions?

The Church simply recognizes that there are churches, perhaps many of them, where limitations of money and of space are best met by the cheaper and more commodious electronic organ.

There are two kinds of electronic organs of which I know. One kind produces the musical notes in the way of the old reed organs, but the tones are magnified through electronic tubes.

The other kind of electronic organ is the one about which the controversy turns. Its tones are produced by disc rotation, the vibrations of which are picked up and magnified electrically.

The pipe organ makers have come up with an organ of small size for churches with limited space and income.

Calming the Waves Calm was the striking of the Lake of Galilee when Christ and His Disciples began their journey over it.

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Catholic Report Gains in Australia

Melbourne, Australia. (RNS) - Catholic Church membership in Australia and New Zealand increased 30,043 during the past year, bringing the total to 1,784,707, according to the official Catholic Directory for 1964.

'A Switch in Time'

Yasawa Islands, Fiji - (NC) - "Very ignorant people in that village, Father." Columban Father Martin Dobby looked at the tiny island's native boat as sailing past, then back at the crewman who had spoken.