

### Church Records On Microfilm

New Orleans (NC)—All the national records of all parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be microfilmed beginning in the next few months. These include records of baptisms, confirmations, marriages and deaths from the foundation of the parishes to date.

### JOIN YOUR ROCHESTER FRIENDS ON THE Marian Year Pilgrimage

Under the sponsorship of The Most Holy Mother of God, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester, N. Y., is sponsoring a Marian Year Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The pilgrimage will depart from Rochester, N. Y., on March 15, 1954, and will return to Rochester, N. Y., on May 15, 1954. The pilgrimage will include a visit to the Holy Land, the Vatican, and Rome. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$1,200.00. For more information, contact the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, 1000 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.

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### Italian Hierarchy Urges Private, Public Reforms

Rome—(NC)—The Italian Episcopal Conference has issued a Marian Year appeal to the entire country calling for an active and effective Catholic unity, a return to true charity, and a complement of real reforms in private and public life.

The appeal was made in a letter issued by 11 Bishop chairmen of regional episcopal conferences of Italy. It was the first time such a letter was ever issued by this body. Nine of the 19 signers are Italian Cardinals. ATTALING FOR charity by all, and especially by those in high positions, the letter warns against the deceiving lure of Communism as a possible way to better things. It tells the faithful who might be tempted to think this way to meditate on the persecuted members of the Church behind the Iron Curtain.

Particular mention is made of unusually depressed areas where laws are violated and the simple people badly exploited.

### Journalists Mass Held in Boston

Boston—(NC)—There is probably no more powerful peacetime weapon than the press, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston said at a gathering of the city's journalists who attended a special Mass honoring St. Francis de Sales, Patron Saint of Journalists.

The journalists' Mass was offered by Msgr. Francis J. Lally, editor of The Pilot, Boston archdiocese newspaper. In a special prayer composed for the occasion, Archbishop Cushing invoked the blessing of St. Francis de Sales on all those who work in journalism and expressed his gratitude to them for giving "a good press" to a city that was once known as "the poor house of journalism." He wove into the prayer the names of Boston's four daily newspapers—The Record, Post-Globe and Herald.

### Asian Peoples No 'Package Deal' For Communism

Los Angeles—(NC)—Father Timothy Connolly, Columban Superior General just returned from a 15-month tour of Asia, emphatically disputed the popular idea that the people of Asia are a "package deal" for communism.

The leader of 800 Columban missionaries asserted that Asians do not regard communism as the wave of the future. "But they are watching to see what the West will do for Asia," he said. STAFFING HERE en route to Chile and Colombia, Father Connolly has completed a tour of Asia from the backwoods of Burma to the seacoast Korean country, with visits in between to Hong Kong, Formosa, Japan, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji.

There are national differences in Asia as great as those in Europe," he said. "To talk of communism having a special appeal to Asia's people is as logical as holding that Ireland will go communist because Russia did."

### 'Batory' Skipper Credits Safety To St. Anthony

New York—(NC)—The master of a Polish ocean liner, who jumped his ship in England to avoid arrest by Polish communists, attributes his safety to his devotion to St. Anthony.

Capt. Jan Cwiklinski, for many years the skipper of the Polish liner Batory, was carrying a statuette of the saint with him when he arrived here. THE VETERAN seafarer said that he had carried the statuette for years. In 1946, he said, while the Batory was being reconditioned there was a fire aboard the liner and he lost all of his possessions except one vest in which he found his statuette undamaged by the blaze.

### Mary's Shrines

## LORETO

By REV. HENRY ATWELL

(This series of articles describes the great Marian Shrines of Europe. A diocesan pilgrimage now being organized by Father Joseph Cirincione will visit these famous shrines next April and May.)



The shrine of Our Lady, which rises over the site of the shrine to the Holy House of Nazareth. Many miracles have been reported at this shrine which is part of the huge basilica built at Loreto, some 16 miles from the Italian Adriatic coast of Ancona. (RNS Photo.)

On a steep hillside near the Adriatic Sea, is the little Italian town named Loreto. The towering hills surround it as a fortress but jutting high above them all is a huge, magnificent basilica. Its dome crowns the hilltop and can be seen for miles around. As you climb the hill and come to the beautiful church, you read this inscription: "Let those who are impure..."

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### Eighth In Family Of Eight Now, In Religious Life

Terre Haute, Ind.—(NC)—The DeLo family of St. Patrick's parish here can lay claim to some sort of record. When their youngest daughter, Kathleen, entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., she became the eighth of eight children to enter the religious life.

Kathleen joins three of her sisters in the Providence community—Sisters Angela, Mary Mark and Anita Therese. A fourth member of the family, Sister Mary Helene of the Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Ind., of the two are priests and one is a seminarian. Father John F. DeLo, S.S., is a professor at St. Mary's Seminary—Baltimore—and Father James R. DeLo is assistant pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Indianapolis.

The youngest boy, Paul, is now a student at St. Meinrad (Ind.) Minor Seminary.

Clean Movies  
Washington—(NC)—A report of the Vatican City newspaper's warning that parts of the film industry are "falling into" has been included in the Congressional Record at the request of Senator Edwin Johnson of Colorado.