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Holy Week Rites Recall Christ's Death

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"Do this in memory of Me." That was the most sacred, most far-reaching command ever given. When Jesus died and rose again, He wanted you to know He did it for you because He loved you. For over nineteen hundred years the Church has kept alive that memory and

palm to keep in our home throughout the year. These palm branches are a sacramental and assure us of God's blessing for soul and body. We place these palms over holy pictures in our homes, at the gates of our farms, even in our cars, — to be a year-long reminder that Christ is our King.

Holy Week Rites Listed In Cathedral

Solemn Holy Week services commemorating the Passion and Death of the Saviour will be conducted by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, next week. Throughout the Diocese of Rochester the traditional services of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be held.

Schedule of services at Sacred Heart Cathedral for Holy Week announced by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey, rector, follows:

PALM SUNDAY — Blessed Palm will be distributed after each Mass. St. John Fisher Club Day of Recollection will open at 10 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena at 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY — Daily Confessions will be heard at the Cathedral from Monday to Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.; and from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY — Confessions from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Opening of Holy Week Retreat conducted by the Rev. James A. McCabe, O.P. Retreat services beginning at 7:45 p.m., will include Rosary, sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

HOLY THURSDAY — Holy Communion to be distributed 6:15-6:30, 6:45-7:00, 8:30 and 9 a.m. Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney—Blessing of the Holy Oils—Procession to the Repository—10:30 a.m. Rosary Guild Holy Hour, 3 p.m. Tenebrae services will be sung with Auxiliary Bishop Casey presiding by students of St. Bernard's Seminary, 7:30 p.m. The Cathedral will remain open throughout the evening for private Holy Hours.

GOOD FRIDAY — His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Pontifical Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at 12 noon opening the Three Hours Service. Father McCabe will preach on the Seven Last Words of Christ from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Music will be sung by St. Bernard's Seminary Choir.

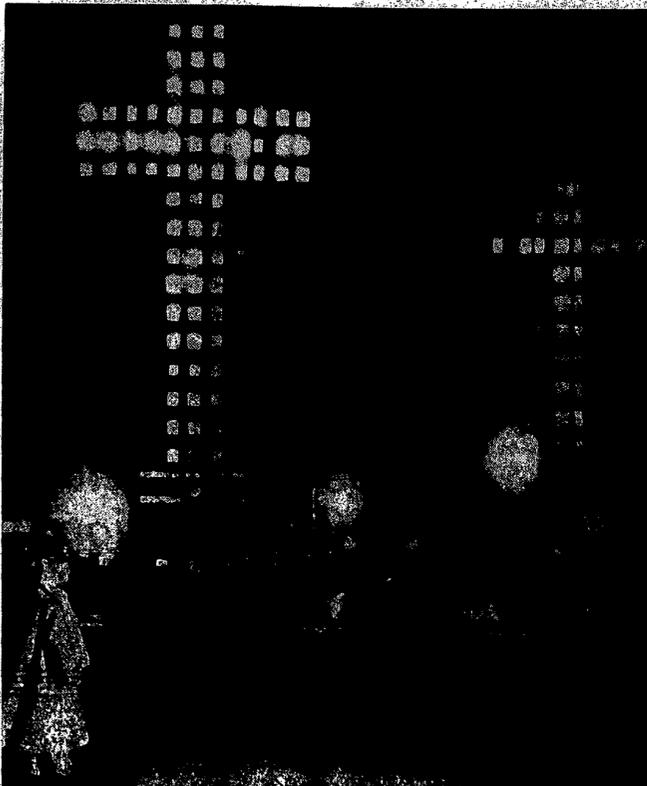
Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross will take place throughout the day. Stations of the Cross and sermon by Father McCabe with Benediction of the Relic of the True Cross will begin at 7:45 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY — This is a day of strict fast and abstinence until noon. Holy Saturday ceremonies—Blessing of the New Fire, the Paschal Candle, the Baptismal Font, the Reading of the Prophecies, and singing of the Litany of the Saints—will begin at the Cathedral at 6:30 a.m. Pontifical Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Casey at 8 a.m. Holy Communion will be distributed during the Mass.

EASTER — Bishop Kearney will celebrate Solemn Pontifical Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral at 11 a.m. Father James McCabe will preach the sermon. St. Bernard's Seminary Choir will sing the Mass. Easter will be a general Family Communion Sunday for the parish. Last Mass at the Cathedral Easter (Easter Sunday only) will be at 12:30 noon.

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Lighted Windows Form Crosses



Philadelphia — Every year during Holy Week private and public office buildings in some parts of the country are lighted in the form of a cross. Photo shows crosses formed by an arrangement of lighted windows in the buildings of the Pennsylvania Railroad suburban station, (left) and the Insurance Company of North America, (right).

Catholic Digest

Protestant Claim on Converts

New York—(RNS)—A survey sponsored by the Catholic Digest, national monthly, contradicts the claim of Christian Herald magazine that some 4,000,000 Catholics in the U. S. have converted to Protestantism in the last 10 years. It was announced here.

The Rev. Paul Bussard, Digest editor, said a survey made for his publication in 1952 by a Chicago marketing and public opinion research firm showed that only 1,424,000 Catholics had turned Protestant in the 20 years before the study.

It also showed that 1,896,000 Protestants had become Catholics in the same period, he declared.

FATHER BUSSARD said the study was part of a larger survey on religious beliefs sponsored by the Catholic Digest, which is published at St. Paul, Minn.

It was conducted, he said, by Ben Gaffin & Associates of Chicago with "proven techniques" of scientific poll-taking and could be regarded as accurate within five per cent.

The Christian Herald, non-denominational Protestant monthly published here, recently reported that an estimated 4,144,356 Catholics had become Protestants in the last 10 years.

The Herald made its study by sending questionnaires to 25,000 Protestant ministers. The magazine said 2,219 of the clergymen replied with figures on Catholics they had received as converts.

| Denomination | Number |
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| Baptist | 237,000 |
| Methodist | 474,000 |
| Lutheran | 237,000 |
| Presbyterian | 237,000 |
| Episcopal | 237,000 |
| All Others | 474,000 |

FATHER BUSSARD added that the survey uncovered a constant shifting back and forth among Protestant bodies. Thus, he said, 996,000 Baptists became Methodists and 1,080,000 Methodists became Baptists.

The survey disclosed that 16,500,000 persons had stopped practicing their religion, he said. These were persons who claimed no religious affiliation at the time of the survey but who reported they had once been active church members.

Of them, 12,926,000 were Protestants, 2,529,000 were Catholics and 562,000 were Jews.

ALLOWING FOR error, the Herald declared that the number of Catholics converted to Protestantism "could hardly be less than two or three millions and probably runs closer to five millions."

Catholic journalists have attacked the Herald's polling techniques as unscientific and inaccurate.

Father Bussard said that the Gaffin firm, using procedures reviewed by pollster George Gallup, interviewed 3,000 persons about their present and former religious affiliations. The priest said this sample was "more than adequate."

Stressing the big discrepancy between his and the Herald's figures, he said both Protestant and Catholic leaders were agreed that accurate statistics would be of great value to them.

The priest urged that the Bureau of the Census, which has never included questions on re-

Reverence Urged On Anniversary Of Lord's Death

(N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)
Hopes for one of the most reverent observances of Good Friday in recent years have spread throughout the nation as religious groups intensified campaigns in towns and cities.

Who Wrote New Song, June Bride?

Washington — (NC) — If a song called "June Bride" makes the hit parade, lyricist Paul Gabriel will be a very happy two people. For Paul Gabriel is really Sister Maria Paul and Sister Gabriel of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, two nuns who took to song writing with good reason.

The Sisters, now in nurses' training here and attending the Catholic University of America, wrote the words to "June Bride" — Sister Maria Paul's bandleader brother supplied the music — to add the building fund of the Carmelite convent in Germantown, N. Y., where nuns now live in a converted garage.

The song's publisher told the Sisters all royalties will go to them and to the building fund. Right now "Paul Gabriel" — as the two nuns call themselves with a grin — is looking for someone to record the song.

"We just don't know what to do next," the Sisters signed. "Anyone looking for a song hit?"

With organizations functioning more smoothly in promoting reverent observance of the anniversary of Christ's crucifixion and death, Catholic and interfaith community groups predicted that 1954 would see one of the most effective advances against "business as usual" Good Friday attitudes.

GOAL IS THAT for three hours on April 16, commercial activity will be slowed, if not halted, to allow people to attend church services during the time Christ suffered on the cross over 1,900 years ago.

The committees have requested, at the least, a short period of silence at three o'clock in remembrance of Christ's death.

Knights Appeal To Business Firms

Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, has issued a citywide appeal to business firms to close on Good Friday at 12:30 p.m. in honor of the Passion and Death of Christ.

Last year in response to the same appeal, over 200 business and professional firms closed their doors and released their employees for religious devotion during the three hours.

Firms responding with the Good Friday Closure Certificate of the Rochester Knights of Columbus will receive a special certificate of appreciation from the city.

Three hours services in churches have increased throughout the nation; the committees said, urging merchants and industry to allow employees to take advantage of the church ceremonies.

The Good Friday committees are formed for the most part on a community basis. Many are entirely Catholic in organization; some include leaders of all faiths. The movements which have been growing in recent years now include pastors, bill board advertisements, and radio and television announcements urging reverent observance of the day.

Civic organizations have also cooperated in the campaign along with the heads of local governments who have issued special Good Friday proclamations.

Catholic organizations which have spearheaded the organized efforts for reverent observance of Good Friday have been considering a nationwide affiliation of groups in order to share and encourage programs.

IN THE NATION'S capital, an interfaith committee which consults each year with the White House on its Good Friday plans announced that it expects wider observance this year than ever before. Father Joseph Gehr, executive secretary of the group said Washington expects to top last year's record of an estimated 250,000 people attending Good Friday services.

Other cities last year reported that Good Friday observances doubled those of 1952. And they expect to pass that record this year. San Francisco is continuing its enlarged program for the closing of stores on Good Friday, distributing posters announcing closing hours.

Increased observances in both New York and Brooklyn are planned for this year than ever before. Father Joseph Gehr, executive secretary of the group said Washington expects to top last year's record of an estimated 250,000 people attending Good Friday services.

Philadelphia will feature purple flags with white crosses above its city hall, while numerous cities will observe Holy Thursday night with giant crosses of light formed by the windows in tall office buildings.

Washington, D.C. — (NC) — Bishop-designate Justin J. McCarthy, who will serve as Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, tentatively has selected June 17, the Feast of Corpus Christi, as the date for his consecration, it has been disclosed here.

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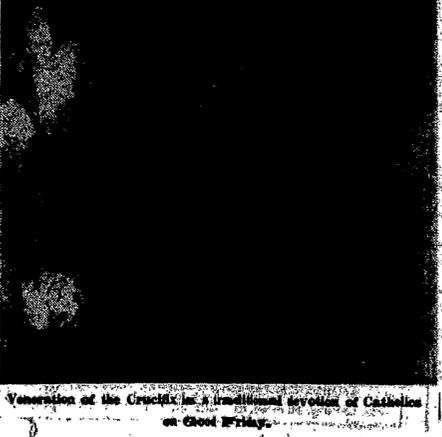


Priest places consecrated palm in chalice during the Holy Thursday Mass. This Mass is critical in procession to a side altar Repository where it is reserved until Good Friday.

especially in the ceremonies of Holy Week, she follows, step by step, the journey of Christ from the Last Supper to Golgotha and burial and on to the victory of Easter.

The more we understand these significant rites, the better we will penetrate to the mystery of the Sacred Heart who loved us so much. We should not just attend these rites, but we will use a Missal or Holy Week Book and can intelligently follow and take part in them.

Palm Sunday
Holy Week begins with joy. On Palm Sunday, the Church celebrates the triumphant march of Christ the King. Just as the people of Jerusalem welcomed Him with their shouts and palm branches (now we wave our hats or drop tickets to acclaim our heroes), so the Church gives us a portion of blessed



Veneration of the Crucifix is a traditional devotion of Catholics on Good Friday.

Greece Gives Vote To Priests, Nuns

Athens, Greece — (NC) — Archbishop Mario Macronitis of Athens expressed satisfaction here with a new electoral law adopted by the Greek parliament to give voting rights to priests, monks and nuns.

The 40-year-old Jesuit prelate, who was consecrated for the Athens See in March, 1953, declared that the law affords persons in religious life an opportunity to render additional service to their country. He expressed the hope that it would be put into force "as soon as possible."

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