

Quebec Province Aids Home-Builders

Quebec (NC)—The Province of Quebec government has donated \$36,024,335 in special grants to 23,757 home-builders since a special law was passed in 1946. The government pays all interest over three per cent on loans au-

thorized for new homes. The loans are taken with private companies.

The \$36,024,335 in grants represents the amount paid by the government for interest in excess of three per cent. Quebec leads all Canadian provinces in this system of help to home-builders.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

THE bell tolls again for the Missions. The Communists by a "Treaty of Peace" in Indo-China are making war on the most Catholic part of Asia, namely, Indo-China.

There are over 1,500,000 Catholics in Vietnam, 1,500 native priests and 5,000 native Sisters. About 10% of the population is Catholic, the largest percentage by far in all, Russia and India being only 1% Catholic and Japan 1/4 of 1%.

The Mystical Body of Christ is once more recrucified on the modern cross, the hammer and the sickle.

Indo-Chinese Catholics in America are receiving letters every day: "You will never hear from us again; we will die for the Faith." In the language of the Scriptures, we ask, "How long, O Lord how long wilt Thou allow the enemy to persecute?"

Those who love the Missions—and what Catholic does not?—feel the beat of the Communist hammer on tabernacle doors and the brutal cut of the Communist sickle on the wheat fields of the faithful.

But most of the agony of this new martyrdom comes to a focus in the heart of the Holy Father; the faithful of Indo-China are his sheep; the church is his sheepfold; the Bishops and priests his brethren. In a reflected manner, the Calvary of Indo-China is also our Calvary. It is part of our body which is the Christ. Will you, my people, out of love for Christ recrucify the Holy Father in Indo-China, and make a sacrifice for it? Do without a package of cigarettes, a cocktail or a movie; send some old gold; take out an annuity, cut into your capital that we may lend it to the Holy Father to aid the Body of Christ that is broken for us; not only in the Mass but in Indo-China.

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Catholic Daughters Fete Priests



TESTIMONIAL DINNER in honor of the Rev. Thomas P. Stafford, pastor emeritus of Holy Cross Church, Ovid and Sacred Heart Church, Romulus was planned by Catholic Daughters of Ovid. Shown at the dinner in Franklin Hotel, Ovid, on Aug. 4 are: (from left) Mrs. Isabelle Keedy, Mrs. Catherine Christensen, Father Stafford; the Rev. Michael J. Tydings, his secretary, Mrs. Lee Earley and Mrs. Clara Hughes, (P. E. Oakley photo).

Parishioners Honor Retired Pastor In Ovid

Romulus — Parishioners of the Holy Cross church in Ovid and the Sacred Heart church in Romulus paid tribute to their retired pastor, the Rev. Thomas P. Stafford, in the Franklin Hotel, Ovid, Wednesday.

Aug. 4. More than 300, including many non-Catholics, attended the affair which was also a welcome to the new pastor, the Rev. Michael J. Tydings.

Miss Veronica Maher, executive secretary of the American Red Cross chapter in Rochester and a former parishioner of the Ovid church, was toastmistress for the occasion. The planning committee included Mrs. Lee T. Earley, grand regent of the local chapter of the Catholic Daughters of America, Mrs. Kenneth Kennedy, Mrs. Richard Hughes, and Mrs. William Christensen.

MISS MAHER reviewed Father Stafford's pastorate of 37 years and paid tribute to his faithful service. She introduced the guests at the speakers' table, Fred Parker and Frank Lochren, Ovid church trustees; Leo J. Flynn and Joseph Trainor, Romulus church trustees; Robert Smelzer, village mayor, the Rev. Henry C. Biel, pastor of St. Jankarius church, Naples, and former assistant pastor in Ovid; the Rev. Allan Barrett, Ovid Methodist church pastor; Harold Miller, Ovid Central School principal.

A letter was received from the Ovid Methodist official board expressing a high regard for Father Stafford's 37 years of Christian leadership in the community and words of welcome to Father Tydings. A bouquet of red roses and white carnations was presented to Father Stafford by that organization.

DR. KENNETH G. KEEL, Willard State Hospital superintendent, praised the retired pastor for his long service in administering to those of his faith at that institution.

Kenneth Keedy, Ovid merchant and spokesman for the two churches, praised Father Stafford for his long and faithful service in the parish and stated that he would be long remembered for his deep and sincere faith in his people and his religion.

Father Stafford, visibly overcome with the gracious tribute from the gathering, responded with words of gratitude for the gesture. Father Tydings, who came here after 15 years as assistant in St. Anthony's parish in Rochester, stated that, while he missed his friends in that church, he was deeply pleased with the welcome accorded here.

He said, "I am happy to be here and I hope to be a worthy successor to your beloved priest, Father Stafford, and if I can succeed in that respect, I know that I will be a good citizen of your community."

The toastmistress mentioned the faithful service rendered the parish by Miss Frances Delaney, rectory housekeeper and church organist during Father Stafford's pastorate and also to Ira Lindenberg who has been janitor for many years.

Included in the entertainment portion of the evening's program was Mrs. Helena Ehn of Interlaken singing "The End of a Perfect Day" with Mrs. Henry G. Excell as piano accompanist; Rose Anne Maleski, eight-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony in two dance numbers, and Robert Bowers in a vocal solo, "You Alone." Table decorations were white gladioli and bay yellow chrysanthemums.

Other Countries To Take Refugees

Geneva (NC)—An estimated 8,500 refugees will be moved from Europe to other countries during the latter half of 1954 under the joint auspices of the International Catholic Migration Commission and War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, it was reported here by James J. Norris, ICMC chairman and European director of the N.C.W.C. agency.

Firm Runs 'Moral' Beauty Contest

San Juan, P.R. (NC)— Bishop James P. Davis of San Juan praised officials of a soap company for the morality of a beauty contest the firm sponsored.

Colgate-Palmolive Company officials told Bishop Davis at a meeting at the prelate's house that they "have always been on the alert to conduct the (beauty) contest under the most severe norms of morality." Bishop Davis took occasion to congratulate the company officials for the "moral orientation" of their advertising campaign.

Bathing suits and low necklines were taboo in the soap company's contest. Puerto Rican church authorities have been warning young women about entering immoral beauty contests.

Role Of Mary In Liturgy National Conference Theme

Milwaukee—The National Liturgical Conference will hold its annual week of prayer and study here August 16 to 19 under the patronage of the Archbishop of Milwaukee.

The first two days will be devoted to the basic notions of the liturgical apostolate, which Pope Plus XII in a recent encyclical termed as "most necessary for all."

On Monday and Tuesday there will be demonstrations of the Church's ceremonies featuring Mass and Baptism. All rites are performed as if they were an actual Mass or Baptism, while a priest explains their significance and gives a translation of the Latin prayers.

These "acted out" demonstrations have proved to be the most popular aspects of recent Liturgical Weeks. Catechetical authorities consider them a most effective method of instruction, and have suggested a more widespread use of such technique.

On Wednesday and Thursday, discussions will center on the place our Lady has in Catholic worship. Topics will include, Mary in the Old Testament, Mary—Mother of the Mystical Body, Mary's Feast Days, Popular Devotions to Mary.

EACH MORNING, those attending the Conference will assist at Mass. Monday there will be a Dialog or Recited Mass, Tuesday a High Mass, Wednesday a Solemn Mass, and the week will be climaxed with a Solemn Pontifical Mass on Thursday evening. At all these Masses, the people themselves will make the responses and join in the singing of the Mass chants, according to the instructions of recently canonized Pope St. Pius X.

Hungarian Bishops Aid Flood Victims

Vienna (NC)—Hungary's Catholic Bishops took the initiative in bringing relief to the hundreds of people who lost their homes, crops and belongings in the swollen waters of the Danube and its tributaries.

The flood waters rolled massively into Hungary after causing the severest damage in centuries in Bavaria, Austria and Slovakia.

The Bishops in Vaz, Szombathely, Győr and Veszperem were among the first Church leaders to issue appeals to their flocks for food and clothing for the flood victims. The response of Catholics to the appeal of their Bishops is reported to have been generous.

The Communist regime, which has often shown itself jealous of any other agency stepping into the welfare field, reportedly took no action to halt the relief work of the Bishops.

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