

'Liturgy and Mary' Is Theme At 15th Liturgical Week

Milwaukee—(NC)—Delegates from all parts of the United States were welcomed here to the 15th National Liturgical Week of the National Liturgical Conference by Archbishop Albert G. Meyer of Milwaukee.

THE ARCHBISHOP expressed the hope that the week's deliberations would help promote that deeper knowledge of the Liturgy which will enable our people more readily and more easily to follow the sacred rites and take part in them with true Christian disposition.

Theme of the week's discussions held on the Marquette University campus was "The Liturgy and Mary." Nine sessions were devoted to topics related to Mary's place in the Liturgy and in popular devotion.

OTHER SUBJECTS—all designed to clarify the thinking and action of Catholics in liturgical matters—dealt with the dialogue Mass, congregational singing, the sacraments, Holy Scripture, sacramentals, the Church Year and the "why" of worshiping together.

Slater Anne Catherine of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse, St. Louis, Mo., told a group of religious that she thought "occasional afternoon or evening Masses in busy convents might be a boon" to a greater participation in the Mass because features of communal participation are cast aside as "taking too much time" at the morning Mass.

Speaking on the subject of the Church's feast days, Msgr. Martin B. Helbrecht of St. Louis, Mo., said there was a time when

Released



Hong Kong—Father John Baptista Maye, C.P., of Scranton, Pa., is shown upon his arrival from Chicago, China. He is the first of four American missionaries to be released from Communist detention in the Far East. This was the second time in a year that Father Maye, 44, had reached the Hong Kong border. Last August he was turned back by Communist guards and taken to Changsha for questioning on alleged crimes against the "People's Central Government." The priest said he was tried and sentenced to two months in jail but for some unexplained reason did not serve the term. (RNS Photo)

Abp. O'Hara Crowns Walsingham Statue

London—(RNS)—Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara of Savannah, Ga., Apostolic Delegate to Great Britain, crowned the celebrated statue of Our Lady of Walsingham in the presence of 15,000 persons at the national Marian shrine at Old Priory, Walsingham in Norfolk.

A message of Pope Pius XII expressed the Pontiff's gratification that his desire for public veneration of the Mother of God during the Marian Year "is so well observed at the ancient shrine of Walsingham."

The coronation ceremony had its penitential aspect too, for 13 young men walked the 250 miles from their homes in Middlesbrough to the shrine as an act of reparation and for world peace.

Other pilgrims kept an all-night vigil in the meadow adjoining the famous Silver Chapel in which the statue is enshrined. The chapel, restored in 1934, got its name from the fact that it was here that the ancient pilgrims took off their shoes and walked to the original shrine, the site of which is now in non-Catholic hands.

Archbishop O'Hara officiated at a temporary altar erected in front of an empty archway of an east window, which is all that remains of the great church built by the Augustinians in the 12th century and destroyed during the Reformation.

The crown placed on the statue's head was of gold studded with more than 100 gems, many of them being heirlooms donated by Catholics from all over the world.

Religious Groups Benefit By New Federal Tax Law

Washington, D.C.—(RNS)—Important provisions affecting religious and charitable groups are included in the new tax bill which President Eisenhower has signed into law.

The new law raises from 20 to 30 per cent the amount a taxpayer may deduct from his income by reason of charitable contributions. However, it provides that the additional 10 per cent must be limited to gifts to "a church, a convention or association of churches, or a regularly established educational institution; or a hospital."

Congressional conferees agreed to drop the words "religious order" from this provision because of the difficulty of defining this term.

The limitation applies only to the additional 10 per cent of charitable deductions. The 20 per cent deduction is not affected. Purpose of the restriction was to prevent wealthy taxpayers from setting up "special-interest foundations" in the guise of charity.

THE NEW LAW also greatly liberalizes the tax provisions with respect to philanthropists, allowing them ultimately to give to charity nearly all the money they would otherwise pay in taxes.

This regulation also will help those who assign their incomes to religious orders. Heretofore, only 20 per cent of a taxpayer's income could be deducted for charitable contributions. Now, after a 10-year period, all of the income will be tax-free.

Another provision permits business corporations to carry over to future tax years charitable contributions which they make in excess of five per cent of their taxable income.

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Plans Lourdes Trip In Wheel Chair

London—(NC)—William Murphy, of Hebrington-Tyne, in northern England, is planning to propel himself in his invalid chair all the way to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, in the South of France. He recently had a trial run from his home down to London. It took him a week. Lourdes is at least three times as far.

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"Nevertheless, as Cardinal Stritch of Chicago stated, Catholics will not take part in this gathering, for Catholics are convinced that through the assistance of Jesus Christ, Christian unity is actually realized in the Catholic Church and that the only way to unity for non-Catholics is to enter the Catholic Church.

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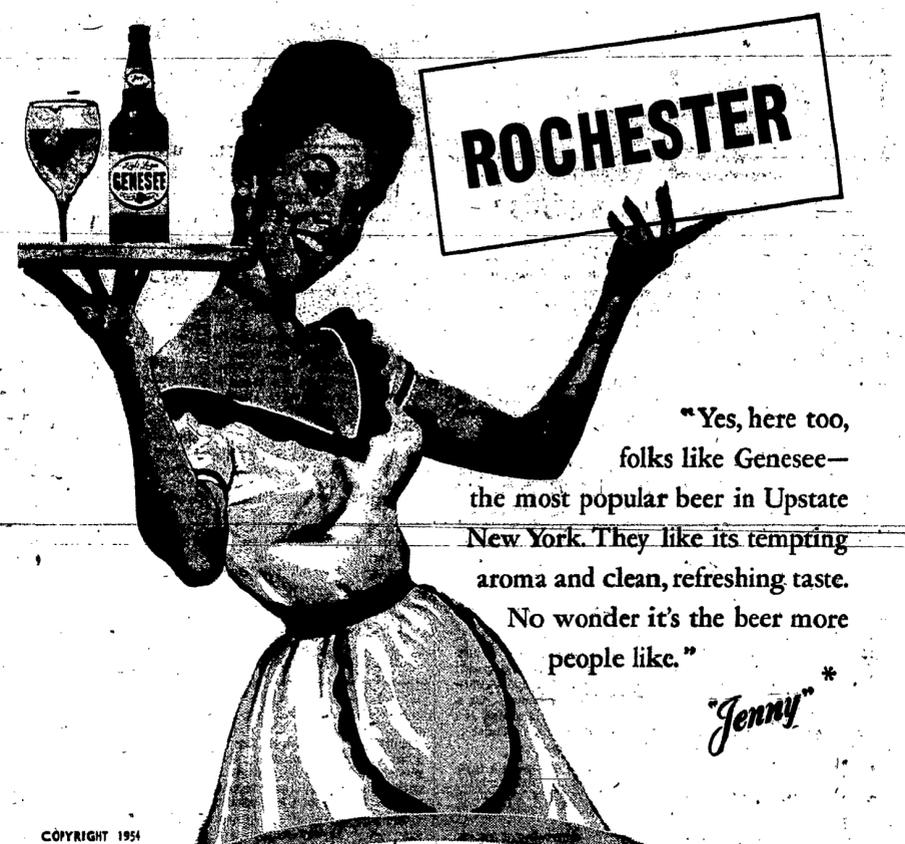
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