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Pontiff Proclaims New Feast Of Mary's Queenship

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Vatican City—(NC)—A crowning event of the Marian Year was the publication here of an Encyclical Letter in which His Holiness Pope Pius XII proclaimed a new universal Feast of the Queenship of Mary to be held every year on May 31.

Addressed to the Bishops of the world, the letter further ordained that the celebration of the feast should be marked by renewed consecration of the human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Bearing the date, October 11, the Feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Pope's encyclical is entitled, *Ad Caeli Regimam* ("To the Queen of Heaven"). It was issued in advance of ceremonies to take place in Rome on November 1, All Saints Day, when the Holy Father will crown an ancient image of the Virgin—the "Salus Populi Romani" (Salvation of the Roman people)—which is preserved in the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the world's greatest Marian shrine.

IN CITING HIS reason for proclaiming the new Feast, Pope Pius writes that, after mature consideration he was profoundly convinced that "great advantages will derive for the Church if this solidly demonstrated truth (of Mary's Queenship) shall shine forth more evident than ever before all as the most shining light of her candelabrum."

"Therefore," he says, "by Our Apostolic authority, We decree and institute the Feast of Mary, Queen, to be celebrated every year in the whole world, on May 31. We likewise ordain, on that aforesaid day, the consecration of the human race to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

"Great hope is reposed that, in this deed, new and many evils, nourished by Christian peace and the triumph of religion," the Holy Father adds.

A substantial part of the Pope's encyclical is devoted to citing the basis for Catholic belief in the Queenship of Mary. Also contained in it is a renewed appeal for prayers to Mary on behalf of the faithful in the Church of St. Peter, so that they may regain their status as free men, and be able to serve God and practice their religion without hindrance.

"SPEAKING OF the Church of Silence," Pope Pius says: "In some countries of the earth are people who are unjustly persecuted for professing their Christian Faith, and are deprived of their divine and human rights and freedom. Up till now, reasonable demands and repeated protests have availed nothing to remove these evils."

"May the powerful Queen of Creation... look upon these, her innocent children, with eyes of mercy. May the Virgin, who is able to subdue violence beneath her foot, grant also that they may soon enjoy their rightful freedom to practice their religion openly, so that while serving the cause of the Gospel, they may also contribute to the strength and progress of nations by their practice of extraordinary virtues, which are a glowing example in the midst of bitter trials."

The basis of Mary's Queenship, the Holy Father continues, is twofold: her divine maternity and her cooperation in the Redemption. He cites numerous saints who speak of the Queenship of Mary, beginning with St. Ephrem the Syrian, who lived in the fourth century, and was the first to use the term "Queen." Others

among them, he says, were St. Gregory Nazianzen, St. Prudentius, St. Jerome, St. Peter Chrysologus, and St. John Damascene, during the fourth to the eighth centuries.

Both the Oriental and Latin liturgists, Pope Pius declares, have long extolled the special prerogative of the Blessed Virgin with such hymns as "Hail, Holy Queen," and antiphons such as "Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia."

St. John Damascene, he says, had clearly stated: "She truly became Mistress of all Creation, when she became the Mother of the Creator."

THE PONTIFF stresses that the principal arguments on which the queenly dignity of Mary is based have long been evident in the ancient writings and traditions and in the Sacred Liturgy, all of which accept the Divine Maternity without question.

"In accomplishing the work of Redemption, Mary Most Holy is most certainly closely associated with Christ. Thus it is justly sung in the Sacred Liturgy, 'Holy Mary, Queen of Heaven and Mistress of the World,' the Pope writes. The quotation was taken from the tract for the Feast of Our Lady of Dolours."

"It is certain that in the full, proper and absolute sense, only Jesus Christ, God and Man, is King," the Holy Father adds. "Nevertheless, Mary also, whether as Mother of Christ or as companion in the work of the Divine Redeemer and in the struggle with enemies and in the triumph achieved over all, participates in the royal dignity, but only in a limited and analogous manner."

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Ex-Soldier Ordained For Mission Field

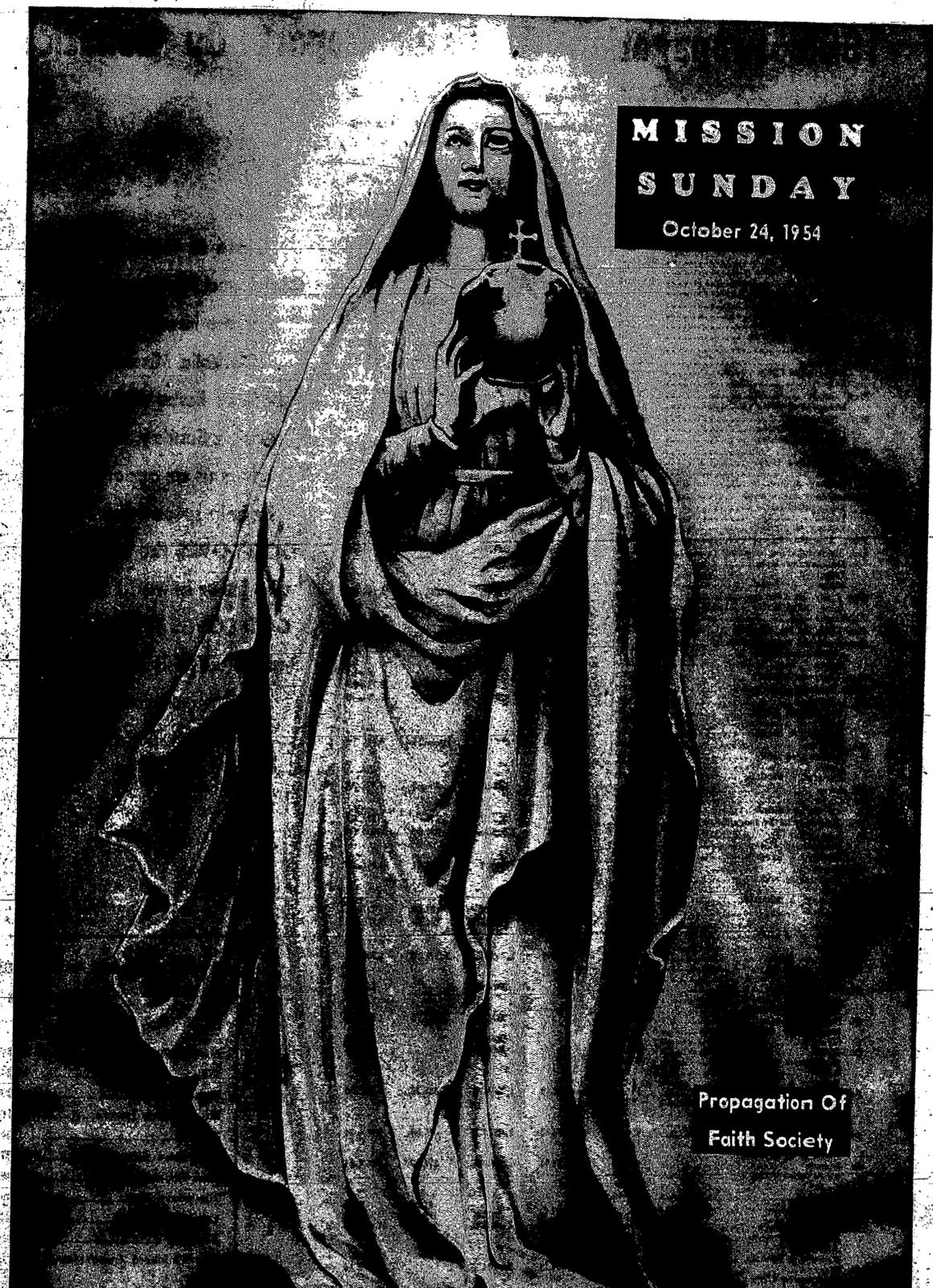
Ephe- (NC)—An ex-soldier and politician, who was ordain- ed a priest in July, 1947, will be the new archbishop of the Mal- dian language School here.

His is Martin Father De- Burton, who left the Maldivian navy in Sydney during the war, to study in 1947 at the Australian Air Force, where he served as a wireless operator and gunner for two years. He then spent a year on the South Wales police force, returning to the mainland in 1947.

Father Burton will have been the first Maldivian to be ordained in the Nara Province of the Society of Mary.

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from the University of Toronto. In 1949 he entered the Trappist Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani, Trappist, Kentucky. And when a group of monks was sent from the motherhouse to found the new community of Our Lady of the Cross was one of the "pioneers."

He will sing his first Solemn Mass on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the Abbey Church.

Flowers are God's crowns. Their silent eloquence is the fitting tribute in the hour of sorrow.

Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Ave. me, opens daily from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. R.A. Med.—Adv.

Halong, North Vietnam (NC)—Between eight and ten thousand Catholic villagers have reached this French-held port city during the past seven days after risking their lives in escaping by sea from the Vietnam (Communist) zone.

They put out to sea mostly during the hours of darkness in unseaworthy junk and rafts. About 30 of these small craft have arrived in Halong, usually flying the papal flag. It took them four days and nights to make the voyage, most of the time on the open sea out of sight of the coast.

About 7,000 Catholic refugees

ships within two days. These ships were sailing along the coast outside of the three-mile limit of territorial waters when scores of small boats bearing refugees approached them after dark. Astonished French Navy men saw men, women and children crowded precariously on rafts, rowing, heek deep in water and children high as waves broke over the rafts. Shallow wooden sailing boats, heavily overloaded, rocked precariously in the choppy water, partly lit by the ship's searchlights.

FRENCH SHIPS took them all aboard. There were no casualties, although some of the refugees suffered from exposure. Barways

down to the rafts and boats to help the refugees climb the ten-foot rope ladders up the side of the navy ships.

The refugees had abandoned their homes and crops and brought with them only what they could carry. Some were seen with prized treasures—a large holy picture or a crucifix, a symbol and relic of the old home they had given up for their Faith.

Dismounted members of the International Commission—Indians, Canadians and Poles were at the beach Sunday and watched the refugees disembark from the French ships.

swearing an emphatic no to the remark that it seems to be fishing things a little, the Catholic Mothers' Study Club of this city is right in the midst of planning this year's "Put Christ Back in Christmas" drive.

The women, under the direction of Mrs. Anthony Eberhardt, their president, began their annual campaigns in 1948. Last year, in addition to a marionette display in a local park, it is estimated there were more than 300 outdoor cribs in the city's stores and 2,500 shrines in the Infant Jesus in private homes.

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