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INDIAN MADONNA

Bombay, India — This badge, depicting the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in an Indian "sari," will be issued in connection with a National Marian Congress held here Dec. 4-8. The image shows Our Lady crushing the head of a serpent which coils around a crescent. Under her feet may be seen the contours of a map of India. The Indian atmosphere of the badge is further emphasized by the flowing "sari"—native Indian garment—and by the halo in the shape of an lotus flower behind the Virgin's head. At the foot of the badge is a scroll marking the occasion of its issuance. (RNS Photo.)

NOTED PHOTOGRAPHER DISPLAYS WORK

The exhibition of more than 300 photographers by the veteran magazine photographer, Alfred Eisenstaedt, in the Dryden Gallery of George Eastman House, beginning Dec. 2 and continuing through Jan. 9, will be one of the most extensive one-man photographic shows ever held here.

Nazareth Marks Close Of Marian Year With Mass

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will offer a Pontifical Low Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 4:15 p.m. at Nazareth College, which will be attended by the entire faculty and student body of the college. This will be the official Nazareth College closing of the Marian Year.

During the Mass the Liturgical Choir and the student body will sing various hymns in honor of Our Lady, including Ravanello's Ave Maria, Tota pulchra es, and Immaculata.

After the Mass, Miss Barbara Moore, president of the Undergraduate Association, and Miss Darlene Stecko, prefect of Our Lady's Sodality, will present a crown to Bishop Kearney and he will crown the statue of Our Lady in honor of the recently instituted Feast of the Queenship of Mary. Led by the Bishop, the congregation will then recite the Holy Father's prayer in honor of the Queenship of Mary, said by him when he created the Feast in November of this year.

Elizabeth Flavin Funeral Rites Held

Requiem Mass was offered at St. Augustine Church for Miss Elizabeth Flavin, 45 Kenwood Ave., on Nov. 24. The Rev. James O'Connell was celebrant assisted by the Rev. Edward E. Steinkirchner, deacon; the Rev. Walter Fleming, subdeacon.

Miss Flavin, who died Nov. 22, 1954, was a member of the Rosary Society of the church, Court Rochester, C.D.A., and the School Teachers Association of Niagara Falls.

She is survived by a brother, Maurice W. Flavin, and a nephew, William M. Flavin of Syracuse.

Present were Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy, the Rev. Donald J. Murphy and the Rev. Richard C. O'Connell.

Bearers were Philip S. O'Loughlin, James Cullen, Joseph Steinkirchner, Ray Bovarizer, John McCusker and Edward O'Connell. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

AMONG WOMEN

Baby's Birthday

By Mary Lennon Snyder

Today I intended to continue writing about the address on peace which Bishop Wright of Worchester gave at the National Convention of the N.C.C.W., but as I typed in the date of publication, I noticed that this column will appear on Dec. 3, the birthday of our "baby" now four years old.

Mrs. Snyder

All other thoughts, even of peace, seem to slip back into the shadows as I re-live December 3, 1950. In common with all mothers, I believe that my whole memory and thinking of that occasion can be summed up in the word, "Gratitude"; first, of course, to Almighty God for having sent us a healthy happy little girl; and then to the Sisters of St. Francis and to the medical staff who worked so faithfully for us on that occasion.

It has been my good fortune to know many fine nurses of all faiths; and I have benefitted by their generous service and administrations. But there is a certain feeling of oneness which the Catholic patient experiences when she and the Catholic nurse face a major crisis together which, in my opinion, is of immense phychological value.

And I feel particularly grateful that our baby was born in a Catholic hospital.

ALSO WHO CAN ever express all that a patient in a Catholic hospital derives from the presence of nuns? Not only from the nursing sisters on their white efficiency and skill but also from the members of the administrative staff and the religious community who manage to work in an hour or so of visiting during each of their busy days.

In our particular hospital one of the universal visiting favorites was a very old Sister who had been retired after innumerable years of grade school teaching and who had been assigned to live at the hospital. Her days were spent in the Chapel and visiting. Of all of our conversations I think I found the most delightful one to be her confession that every September she had a twinge of lonesomeness when school re-opened and she did not go back to her boys and girls.

SOME OF THE most amusing experiences occurred because of the position of my room which was near a nurses' station and a telephone. The whispered worried conversations of expectant fathers and grandmothers, and then the jubilant telephoning of the news to the waiting relatives was a never boring drama; however, my heart went out to one father who called home about 7 a.m. Answering the telephone was apparently the only son in a large family of girls. It took a lot of talk and amateur psychology on the fathers' part to convince his only son that the arrival of another baby daughter was a real cause of joy.

When one of my older children was born a member of a cloistered religious order sent me a lovely little holy card which I carry in my Missal. I think it expresses a simple creed which each of us parents would do well occasionally to repeat; and I am going to quote it today as a sort of birthday salute to a nice little girl:

"I believe that every baby is like Christ, a gift of God sent into this world to lead us in the paths which should be trod; sent to give us understanding; sent to give us love divine; sent to be hope's inspiration. Oh, I thank Thee, Lord, for mine."

Carroll-Panetti Wedding Held In Owego

Owego—Miss Madeline Panetti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Panetti, became the bride of Staff-Sgt. Charles Carroll, U. S. Air Force, in a double-ring ceremony performed on Nov. 27 in St. Patrick's Church.

The Rev. Michael L. Hynes, Elmira officiated and the Nuptial Mass was offered by the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor. The Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, Geneva was in the sanctuary.

Miss Constance Panetti, the bride's sister, was attendant. Charles Welch, Binghamton, was Mr. Carroll's best man and Paul Plough, Vestal, and Sgt. Ronald Good, West Virginia, were ushers.

A wedding breakfast was served at the Marble Bar Restaurant for members of the bridal party and immediate families and a reception was held in the afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents, Lackawanna Ave.

The bride-groom, son of Mrs. Charles Carroll, and the late Mr. Carroll, is stationed at Mitchel Field, L. I.

Engagement Announced

Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Van Kirk of Geneva, formerly of Country Club Drive, Elmira, New York, of the engagement of their daughter, Constance Anne, to Corporal Donald L. Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Ryan of Belmone, Massachusetts.

Mission Nun Sends Greeting From Africa

A Christmas message has been received from the African Gold Coast from Sister Jane LeFrois, S.Sp.S., of the Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Holy Ghost, directed to the members of the Missionary Guild of Blessed Martin de Porres.

Rochester-born Sister Jane left in August 1945 to serve in the African missions. Now at Holy Cross Convent, Akim Swedru, Gold Coast, Sister writes:

"From across the seas your Missionary is sending you this glad Christmas message of Peace,

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Joy, and Cheer. The more than 800 girls who benefit by your generous donations throughout the year join me in this Christmas wish."

In a photo enclosed with Sister's message, one of the girls cared for at the mission is pictured with Sister Jane. 'Afua comes as a representative of her classmates to thank you all. All her possessions are in the box on her head; but her happy smile bespeaks the joy in her heart of being counted among the lucky ones to come to the Sisters' School."

Sister Jane added that "Afua" and all her companions "will remember our friends at the Crib of the Infant King and will ask Him to give each one of you a very special grace each day of the New Year."

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St. John Fisher College To Hold Oak Hill Formal

St. John Fisher College will hold its fourth annual Christmas Ball on Friday, Dec. 10.

This formal affair will be held at Oak Hill Country Club. Carl Dengler will provide music for dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with Mary Helen Brown as vocalist.

Chairman of the dance committee Robert Kalb, Jr. has appointed the following men to assist him in the various phases of preparation: Leon Lesniak and Leo Kesselring, bids and favors; Michael Casella, entertainment; Gerald Phelan, publicity; and Richard Knox, Francis D'Arienzo and Michael Carney, decorations.

Evening Mass At St. Francis

The Family Rosary for Peace for Wednesday, Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Concetion, will be led by Judge Leo Minton of Immaculate Conception Parish over Rochester radio station WSAY.

Evening Mass will follow the broadcast in St. Francis of Assisi Church at 7:30 u.m., according to Rev. Joseph A. Cirrincione, pastor.

Dancing To Follow Irish Societies Film Presentation

Rochester United Irish Societies will present an Irish film show portrayed in story and song on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Aquinas Institute Auditorium.

Following the films there will be dancing to both modern and Irish music in the gymnasium. Music will be played by several of Rochester's Irish musicians.

Proceeds from the affair will be donated to the Sacred Heart Foreign Mission College in Ireland and will be used for the education of Irish men in the Sacred Heart Order.

Rochester United Irish Societies is made up of members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rochester Harps and the Knights of Equity.

General chairman for the affair is Martin M. Brophy; treasurers: Thomas Mulhern and Patrick O'Hara; secretary: Miss Foley; ticket chairman: Patrick Fahy; usher chairman: Michael Culhane; decorations: Mrs. Patrick J. Foley, and dance chairman: Patrick O'Hara.

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TEN DOLLARS OR STARVATION: Don't forget that $10 gift for a food package for a refugee at Christmas. A Rosary of olive seeds from the Holy Land will be yours in return. Who gives to the poor, makes a loan to God. Stringless gifts are precious.

FOR MARY'S FEAST

On December 8, why not adopt a Near East seminarian or novice? Plus is beginning his six years of study for the altar at St. Cyril's Seminary, Ghizeh, Egypt. He will need $600, payable in any installments. Then there is Sister Mary Chantal, with the Carmelite Sisters at Ollur, India, needing $150 for this year of training to be a missionary. Can you help? If these sums are too much, won't you give a dollar monthly to the CHRYSOSTOMS for educating seminarians or to MARY'S BANK, our Club for novices? Please help.

CALL FROM KOTTAYAM: "At Kaipuram in Mangalore, India," writes Bishop Tharayil, "I have only a temporary shed to serve as a chapel for 200 new converts. Won't you please see if some kind Near East benefactor can give $2,000 to build a real House of God there?" Yes, Bishop, we are asking and put a prayer on this needy appeal.

OUR NEEDIEST AT CHRISTMAS

Too numerous to mention here are our neediest cases, all to be taken care of on the Lord's Birthday. Precious will be your Stringless Gifts. Listen to a few: OLD FOLKS IN JERUSALEM: Father Eugene, the Franciscan, twenty-five years there, begs for $500 for his aged. Even your dollar monthly to "PALACE OF GOLD" our new Mission Club for old folks, can do wonders. We must never forget them. We send you Our Lady's picture in gold.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: In the same Jerusalem, we have many, all too many poor. We still need $200 to make up the amount we shall distribute to them on Christmas Day. Won't you add a mite to the fund? Here is real charity.

GOD'S HOMELESS LITTLE ONES: At Beirut, Jerusalem and Bethlehem the Sisters of Charity guard our little foundlings. Over the months we have been putting something aside for them, but we still need $150 to complete this "treasury." Can you help?

SPECIAL MASSES: Although the Archbishop of Jerusalem will offer the special Midnight Mass at the Crib of Bethlehem for all Near East friends, while ten other priests will do the same on Christmas morning, we must take care of hundreds of other priests with Mass offerings. See how precious are your Mass offerings.

WHITE BUT NOT PRETTY WHITE: The outcast lepers at Green Gardens, at Trichur, at Palayoor, all in India, will need much help from us at Christmas. Is it too much to dream that we can give $100? Add your mite to the DAMIEN LEPER FUND for these neediest of the neediest. Their Christmas will be white, but not pretty white.

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