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## Bishop Grooms Child Patients



THESE CHILDREN in the Pediatric Ward of St. Mary's Hospital are being greeted by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on the Bishop's annual visit to impart his Christmas blessing to the patients. The children are David Sheridan and Marilyn Holmes.

## Holy Name Men To Honor Blessed Virgin

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will lead Holy Name men of the Rochester Diocese in paying special tribute to the Blessed Virgin at the annual Holy Name Society Mass at 11:30 a. m. Sunday morning (Jan. 2) in St. Joseph's Church. It will be a public affair. The Holy Name men in the Rochester Diocese will solemnly bless and crown her statue in ceremonies preceding the Mass.



On Sunday Afternoon  
January 2, 1955  
Feast of the Holy Name  
His Excellency Bishop Kearney  
will receive visitors  
at his home, 947 East Avenue,  
from three to six o'clock  
to confer his  
Blessing for the New Year

THE BISHOP will also preside and preach at the solemn Mass which will be celebrated by the Rev. Francis J. Fumo, diocesan vicar general, at the Holy Name Society of the Rev. Edward Zimmer, chairman of the Rochester Firemen's Holy Name Society will be second of the Mass, and the Rev. Henry Alwe, assistant editor of the Courier-Journal, will be subdeacon.

## Jesus Succumbs In Red Jail

Bonn, Germany (NC) — A Lithuanian Jesuit Father, Benedict Andruska, arrested by the Soviets in 1949, died in a Red prison in the Ural, the German Catholic news agency VOA reports here.

## Bishop Ordains Brother In India

Tatortin, South India (NC) — Bishop Thomas Fernandez of Tutortin ordained his younger brother in a ceremony at the Sacred Heart Cathedral here.

## Eucharistic Congress

### Visitors To Rio In '55 Can Live On \$7 Per Day

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (NC) — Visitors here next year for the 56th International Eucharistic Congress will be able to "do" it comfortably on about \$7 a day. For those who want "extras" \$10 a day will suffice. The more economical can get by on as little as \$4 a day.

## Rochester Priest Assists Cardinal

Father (Lieut.) Elmer McDonald, a Marine Chaplain from Rochester, N.Y., assisted His Eminence Cardinal Spellman who celebrated Mass on Christmas afternoon at First Marine Division headquarters in Korea, according to N.C.W.C. News Service.

## Peking May Free U. S. Priest During Hammarskjold Visit

Hong Kong (NC) — There is speculation here that the Chinese communists are ready to release an American priest held in jail for four and a half years.

## State Department Queried On Red-Held U. S. Priests

Union City, N. J. (NC) — An appeal has been made to the State Department to query the Peking government of Communist-China to determine whether two remaining Passionist priests, both of whom were jailed three years ago, are still alive.

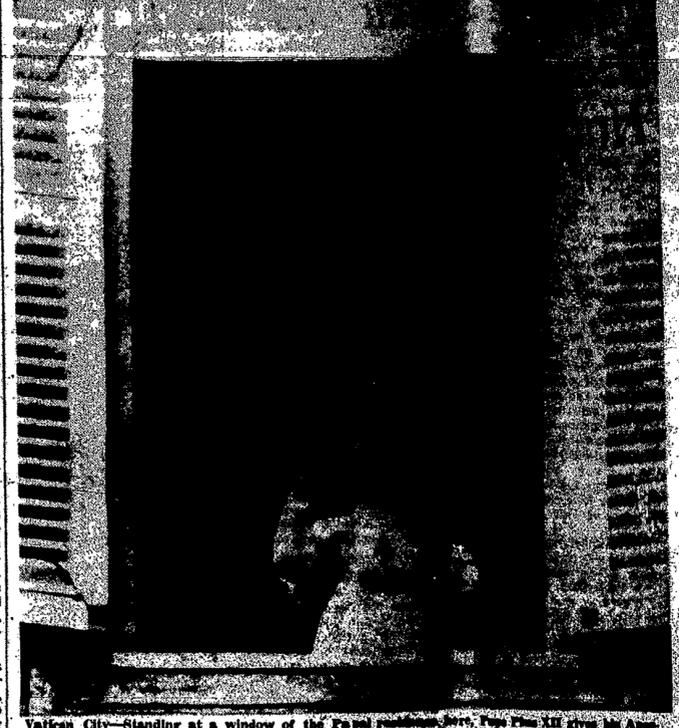
## Episcopal Bishop Backs Catholics In School Suit

San Francisco (RNS) — The Rt. Rev. Karl Morgan Block, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of California, has filed a brief in the District Court of Appeals here upholding the

## Catholic Schools Increase In Japan

Tokyo, Japan (NC) — Nine new Catholic schools were established in Japan during 1953, according to Catholic Education, a monthly published here in Japanese.

## Pontiff Gives Christmas Blessing



Vatican City — Standing at a window of the Papal apartments here, Pope Pius XII gives his Apostolic Blessing on Christmas Day to thousands of millions who are watching his Christmas message on television. The Pope marked the Pontiff's first public appearance since the resurrection of his mortal body on Dec. 8, 1954. The Pope extended his Christmas greetings to the world in a brief message received in address and broadcast by the Vatican Radio (RNS Photo)

## Ailing Pope Blesses World In Sickroom Radio Message

Vatican City (NC) — From his sickroom in the Vatican Palace, Pope Pius XII broadcast a greeting and blessing on Christmas Eve to the entire world, but especially to suffering Christians.

## Crowds Cheer Pontiff Who Will Not Stop

Vatican City (NC) — Fifty thousand Romans gathered to cheer the Pope who will not stop to stand in the piazza beneath the famous window. Large numbers of people came to St. Peter's Square to receive the Pope's blessing.

## Church Gains Noted In Atom-Bombed City

Hiroshima, Japan (NC) — Catholicism is growing with extraordinary vigor in this atom-bombed city.

## American Priest Brings Christ Child To Moscow

The Christ Child came to Moscow on Christmas through the hands of American Father George Bissonette, who said Midnight Mass in Spasso House, the residence of United States Ambassador and Mrs. Charles E. Bohlen.

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