

### Unity Octave Observances Set In U.S.

Major observances of the Chair of Unity Octave will be held again this year in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. The Franciscan Friars of the

#### CRUSADE FOR UNITY

### Origin of the Name: Chair of Unity Octave

Montour Falls — The name Chair of Unity Octave has been given to that special period of prayer in January, from the 18th to the 25th, when Catholics and others throughout the world pray for the unity of all men in the one church established by Jesus Christ.

It begins on the feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome—and the Chair of St. Peter is the Chair of Unity, and hence the name—and concludes on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

It is singularly providential that this prayer crusade for unity is placed between the feasts of the two great apostles; the feast of St. Peter, which emphasizes the unity of the Church and the primacy and supremacy of the Pope, and the feast of St. Paul, which points to the dynamic character of the Church and her mission to make disciples of all nations.

WHEN FATHER PAUL James Francis, S.A., began the Octave in 1908 he called it the Church Unity Octave. Some years later, about 1925, he gave it an alternate title; the Chair of Unity Octave. But the original name was more widely used until 1949 when the title was definitely changed to the alternate form; the older name was discarded lest any misunderstanding or confusion arise as to the purpose and function of the Octave.

In England there was danger that the movement might be identified with various non-Catholic efforts toward reunion, while in other countries the unfortunate translations of the phrase made the title undesirable.

But in the mind of Father Paul there was never any doubt as to the kind of unity prayed for. His movement of prayer was wholly Catholic, that all those separated from the Church would become its members and share in the unique oneness in doctrine, moral teaching, worship, and government, which Christ conferred upon His Church.

WHEN IN 1949, an English correspondent implied that the Octave movement began at Graymoor might be linked with other non-Catholic unitive endeavors, Father Paul replied: "We knew then, as we know now, that there is but one Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Church, and that

all who do not break bread in the House of Peter are outside the One True Fold. . . . The Octave means simply an eight day period of prayer for the return of all separated Christians to the unity of the Catholic Church."



Indeed the selection of the present title is perfectly in accord with the ideal of Father Paul. When Francis Cardinal Bourne of Westminster preferred the alternate name, Chair of Unity Octave, in 1931 for the observance in his archdiocese, the Graymoor founder made this comment of complete approval:

This preference of the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster is most welcome to the originators of the Octave at Graymoor. The Friars of the Atonement believe, in fact, that in a very short time Chair of Unity Octave will prevail over the more familiar name and supersede it in general acceptance. It is a more explicit description of the kind of Unity we desire and pray for. Outside the Catholic Church every man has his own theory and conception of Unity; the title Chair of Unity definitely declares that communion with the Chair of Peter is the only intangible and unfailing test of Catholic Unity.

In the providence of God, "the short time" of which Father Paul spoke has been realized and the name Chair of Unity Octave has become the official designation for this prayer crusade for religious unity. Atonement, sponsors of the eight days of prayer for the return of those outside the Church to the Holy See, predict a wider observance of the Octave this year

than at any time since its establishment in 1908.

The Octave extends from the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome (January 18) to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25).

EACH DAY'S services during the Octave sees prayers offered for a different group outside the Church. Intentions are for the return of (1) "other sheep to the One Fold," (2) return of Oriental Separatists, (3) submission of Anglicans, (4) return of Lutherans and other Protestants of continental Europe, (5) return of Christians in America, (6) return of "lapsed Catholics," (7) conversion of the Jews and (8) the missionary conquest of the world. His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will preside at a Solemn Mass for the Intentions of the Octave in the Cathedral on Sunday, January 23.

To the Shrine there will also be a Mass. It will be a Solemn Divine Liturgy (Solemn High Mass) celebrated by Msgr. Thomas M. Bidauid of St. Ephrem's Church, Chicago. It will be offered in the Chaldean Rite.

PREACHERS AT the other services in the Shrine, where the Octave was first celebrated back in 1903, will include Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester, Mass., Auxiliary Bishop James J. Nagah of Raleigh, N.C., Father Ignatius Smith, dean of the School of Philosophy at the Catholic University of America, and Father Clement Englert, C.S.S.R., professor at the Russian Institute at Fordham University.

To close the observance in New York, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Flein, S.V.D., exiled from Peking, China, will preside and Bishop Cuthbert O'Gara, C.P., exiled Bishop from China, will deliver the sermon.

In the Diocese of Rochester where the Friars of the Atonement are stationed at St. John's Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls, special observances will be carried out in St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, and St. Vincent de Paul, Corning.

Don't let your life be sterile. Be useful. Blaze a trail. Shine forth with the light of your faith and of your love.—Magr. Escrivá.

### Friars Offer Prayer Booklet

Montour Falls — In order to aid in a more fruitful observance of the Chair of Unity Octave, the Friars of the Atonement at St. John Seminary, Montour Falls, are offering a prayer booklet of prayers suitable for private recitation. The supply is limited, and those desirous of obtaining a copy in time for the Octave observance are urged to write immediately.

### Equipment Purchase Voted For By Women's Board

Hornell — Purchase of two new pieces of equipment was voted for by the Women's Board of St. James Mercy Hospital at a meeting last week. A slide projector will be purchased for the School of Nursing and a syringe sterilizer for the supply room.

Mrs. William Wladis, president, conducted the meeting, her first in office. Sister M. Aquinas, hospital superintendent, welcomed her and the other new officers.

Other officers are: Mrs. Leo O'Connor, first vice president; Mrs. James Thomas, second vice president; Mrs. W. J. MacFarland, third vice president; Mrs. Raymond Coyle, recording secretary; Miss Marcelle Snyder, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Thomas Hogan, treasurer.

A rising vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. MacFarland, retiring president, and Mrs. Walter Hollands, retiring second vice president.

Mrs. Paul Quattri was commended for her work in assisting Miss Snyder in preparing the monthly bulletins for members. Tea was served with Mrs. Ethel Welch and Miss S. Mabel Wombough presiding.

### Pagan Native Tribe Gives Second Church During Marian Year

Rotoian, Philippines (NC) — Twice during the Marian Year, a tribe of non-Christian natives came to the rescue of Father Thomas Fay, Columbian pastor of this mountain village.

Early last year, Father Fay made friends with a group of his ancient race of nomads and baptized a couple of families. The elders of the tribe, which consists of 4,000 warlike, kindly natured primitives, decided to build a church for their Christian brethren.

DURING THE autumn typhoon "Ruby" made wreckage of the chapel. And it looked to Father Fay like the end of further conversions among the Negritos as they are called.

To his surprise, however, the tribe's elders came to his rescue, saying "We'll build you another, Father, bigger and better." The church is under construction.

The church hasn't had too much success so far in the theological approach to the Negritos. But they are moving toward the Church in this generation, through sermons and Our Lady, they might yet be converted, the Columbian said.

### Sculptor To Join Notre Dame Staff

Syracuse, N.Y. (NC) — Ivan Mestrovic, internationally famous Yugoslav sculptor, is leaving Syracuse University to join the faculty of the University of Notre Dame, it was announced.

The 54-year-old artist, professor of sculpture here since January, 1947, will leave in August to accept his new post, Syracuse announced.

Mr. Mestrovic became a U.S. citizen last November and was received and personally congratulated by President Eisenhower on the occasion.

### Police Chief To Speak To Mothers Club

Mothers Club of Mother of Sorrows Church is inviting the public to its meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25 in the school hall. Police Chief Nicholas Carter of Greece will be guest speaker.

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### Medical College Must For India

Bangalore, India (NC) — The establishment of a Catholic medical college in India was declared a "must" at the annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association here.

Delegates from all over India attended the convention, which was opened by Archbishop Thomas Balthasar of Bangalore.

The delegates studied medical problems such as birth control and sterilization which are confronting Catholic doctors and nurses in India.

### Book Review Slated By Business Women

Business Women's Group of the Catholic Women's Club will give its monthly dinner meeting at the club house at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25. Miss Gentry Callahan will be chairman in charge of the dinner. The program will feature a book review by Miss Florence Kreckel, a member of the club. She will review Father Edward's novel, "Dark Enemy."

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