

Vatican Extends Permission For Easter Vigil Rites

Vatican City (NC)—The privilege of transferring the liturgy of Holy Saturday from the morning to the evening hours of the same day has been extended to bishops for another year, under a special decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

The decree was signed by His Eminence Gaetano Cardinal Ciconio, Prefect of the Congregation, and was published by Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper.

THE FACULTY to transfer the Holy Saturday rites from the morning to the evening was first granted to bishops in 1901 as an experiment. At that time it was pointed out that moving the liturgy back to the evening hours would restore it to its ancient function of being an Easter Vigil service.

In 1902, the privilege was extended for another three years, that is, up to and including 1904. However, under the new decree of the Congregation of Rites, bishops may, this year, again authorize the holding of Easter Vigil rites on the evening of Holy Saturday. As stated in the original decree, the transfer of the rites from Holy Saturday morning is to be done at the bishops' own discretion.

Last year, the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office issued a clarification regarding the Easter Vigil. It stated that the Easter Vigil Mass, which is the only Mass celebrated on the evening of Holy Saturday, must be celebrated at the Easter Vigil Mass, pointing out that when the

Mass begins at or about midnight, the fasting rules are the same as those for a Christmas midnight Mass. That is, the faithful need to fast only from midnight in order to receive Communion at the Mass.

WHEN THE MASS is said earlier in the evening, the faithful must observe the general Eucharistic fast rules for evening Masses. These are: they must abstain from solid food for three hours before Communion, from liquids (other than water) one hour before Communion, and from alcohol the entire day, with the exception of non-distilled liquors—beer or wine—with a meal.

An official at the Sacred Congregation of Rites pointed out that the faithful receiving Communion at a Midnight Vigil Mass cannot receive Communion again on Easter. Those receiving the Eucharist at an evening Vigil Mass may receive again on Easter.

The official also noted that the midnight Vigil Mass satisfies the Easter Sunday Mass obligation, even if the Mass begins a few minutes before midnight. But the evening Vigil Mass does not satisfy the Sunday Mass obligation.

Confusion Confounded

First Amendment Rulings By High Court Reviewed

South Orange, N.J. (NC)—A book dealing with the controversial interpretations of the United States Supreme Court of the first article of the First Amendment has been published here by the Seton Hall University Press.

WRITTEN BY Mr. John H. Brady, the book is entitled "Confusion Twice Confounded."

That part of the First Amendment under discussion in the volume is the clause: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." Two decisions by the Supreme Court which were based on this are dealt with by Mr. Brady. The first ruling made in 1947, in the *Everson* decision, that the New Jersey law providing transportation for children of non-public schools at public expense was unconstitutional.

The second ruling, made in 1948, in the *Chaplain* case, in which the Court decided it was a violation of the Constitution for the Board of Education of Champlain to allow religious instruction classes in the public school buildings of that city.

CATHOLIC QUIZ

"Polish Catholic" Hypnotism;

Is it sinful to hypnotize people? Hypnotism is an artificial sleep and the hypnotist has the patient in complete control. The patient must first totally surrender himself to the hypnotist in order that the phenomenon take place. The patient will then think, do, and want just exactly what he is told.

When practiced by reliable medical men for therapeutic purposes, as in cases where anesthetics or drugs cannot be used, then it is permitted, provided precautions are taken not to endanger the person physically or spiritually.

When done simply as a show to provide amusement for others, or if done for sinful purposes, then obviously it is wrong.

Was Jacques Marquette a priest? Yes, a Jesuit, ordained in France, and he came in 1666 as a missionary to Canada. He worked at Three Rivers, Sault St. Marie, and along the shores of Lake Superior. Here he learned from the Indians about a great river to the south.

In 1673, with Joliet, he was the first white man to see the Mississippi River and traveled down it to the mouth of the Arkansas.

He returned to where Chicago now stands, and finally died ex-

Prayers For Unity Octave

That all may be one, even as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

V. I say to thee, thou art Peter.

R. And upon this rock I will build My Church.

PRAYER

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst say to Thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; look not upon my sins but upon the faith of Thy Church and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy holy will, who livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

Intentions for each day of the Octave

Jan. 21—That the Lutherans and other Protestants of continental Europe may find their way back to Holy Church.
Jan. 22—That all Christians in America may be united with the Holy See.
Jan. 23—Return of lapsed Catholics to the Sacraments.
Jan. 24—Conversion of the Jews.
Jan. 25—Missionary conquest of the world for Christ.

Reds Attack 10,000 Catholic Vietnam Refugees Making Bid For Freedom

Saigon, Vietnam (NC)—Regular soldiers of the communist Vietnamese regime attacked Catholic refugees estimated at 10,000 men, women and children in Balang, Thanhhoa Province, North Vietnam, on January 5, according to sources close to the International Supervisory Commission. The refugees had assembled, relying on the commission and hoping to be allowed to depart in accordance with the Geneva agreement.

THE CATHOLICS defended themselves with sticks and poles to drive back the attackers. Four Vietnamese soldiers were reported killed and about 50 wounded. The refugees' casualties were unknown.

On the morning of the 5th, soldiers numbering several thousand attacked again. The refugees had brought their wounded into a church enclosure which they defended with bamboo spears and 12 guns captured in the first clash. The soldiers overcame the defense and dispersed the refugees, arresting about 500, including a priest. It is not yet known how many were killed or wounded in the second attack.

According to the sources, the Vietnamese attack followed the proposal of the International Commission to investigate complaints that the refugees were prevented from exercising their rights to depart.

THE COMMISSION had made a preliminary inquiry at Balang between December 1 and 18, finding a large number of Catholics anxious to depart for the South, but they were not allowed to do so, though local officials had promised permission.

French authorities lodged a new complaint on December 27 with the Commission, which released a second team to make a full investigation. The team arrived at Thanhhoa city January 1. But the Vietnamese refused to permit it to proceed to Balang, alleging the area was insecure.

Apparently, the communists wished at all cost to avoid a repetition of what happened at Bhatdient in November. There they were badly shown up when a persistent Commission inquiry revealed thousands of refugees who wanted to depart but had been blocked by the Red Vietnamese for weeks. The Vietnamese found themselves obligated to allow them to depart.

Heywood Brown Stamp Proposed

Washington (NC)—A stamp honoring Freedom of the Press and bearing the likeness of Heywood Brown has been proposed in Congress. Mr. Brown, a convert to Catholicism shortly before his death in 1933, was founder of the American Newspaper Guild and the stamp would honor him in this connection.

Representative Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts, sponsor of the bill, would have the stamp appear on December 12, the anniversary of Mr. Brown's death.

low more than 8,000 to leave Phatdien and lost face grievously in the entire operation.

AT BALANG the Vietnamese ordered the soldiers to "disperse the refugees" before the Commission could find them and ask awkward questions. On January 8, after the second attack which resulted in the dispersal of the refugees, the Commission team arrived at Balang.

Men Strangled, Children Seized By Vietminh Reds

Saigon, Vietnam (NC)—A Vietnamese mother in a refugee camp here mourns her eldest son, John Nguyen Khien, aged 23, strangled by the Red Vietnamese four days before Christmas. Three other young men were left for dead on the same day and in the same place, beside Phatdien Canal near the sea in Vinh province, North Central Vietnam.

These four were among more than 8,000 Catholics who tried to depart in their fishing boats, Vietnamese soldiers and agents, also in boats, stopped them. They reached into the refugee boats and throttled

the men. They grabbed children by the arm and threw them ashore. They threw ropes around the grown-up refugees and dragged them by the neck into the water.

The refugees fought back with fists and ears. About 80 boats got away and went out to sea, where the people were picked up by French Navy vessels. But seven boats were held up and about 200 refugees arrested.

Families were separated in the struggle. You meet refugees here who escaped, only to find a husband or wife or children are still in Vietnamese hands.

Query On Mission Funds Backfires On India Reds

New Delhi, India (NC)—The excessive "concern" of Indian communists over funds received by foreign Christian missionaries in this country has backfired on the Reds.

Demands are rising from several quarters in India for a government inquiry into the source of the great amounts spent by the communists themselves for political propaganda in this country.

THE HORNETS' nest was stirred up by communist leader, A. K. Gopalan, who questioned the minister for revenue in the Indian parliament on the finances of foreign Christian missions.

The feared anxiety of communist leaders over this money, most of which is spent for the benefit of the Indian people, focused public attention on the Red's own financial dependence on Moscow.

M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, deputy speaker of the Indian parliament, led the demand for inquiry.

HE SAID THAT the communists were spending huge sums for political activities. He pointed out that they had purchased cars, jeeps and thousands of bicycles for the forthcoming elections in Andhra state.

Charging that the source of these funds is foreign, Mr. Ayyangar said that it is dangerous to allow foreign countries to interfere with elections in India.

Many secular newspapers, even normally anti-Catholic ones, have backed Mr. Ayyangar's demand for a government probe.

Letters To The Courier

Gentlemen:

Many thanks for publishing the Chaplains' addresses in the Courier. As a result, I heard from people I haven't seen or heard of in years.

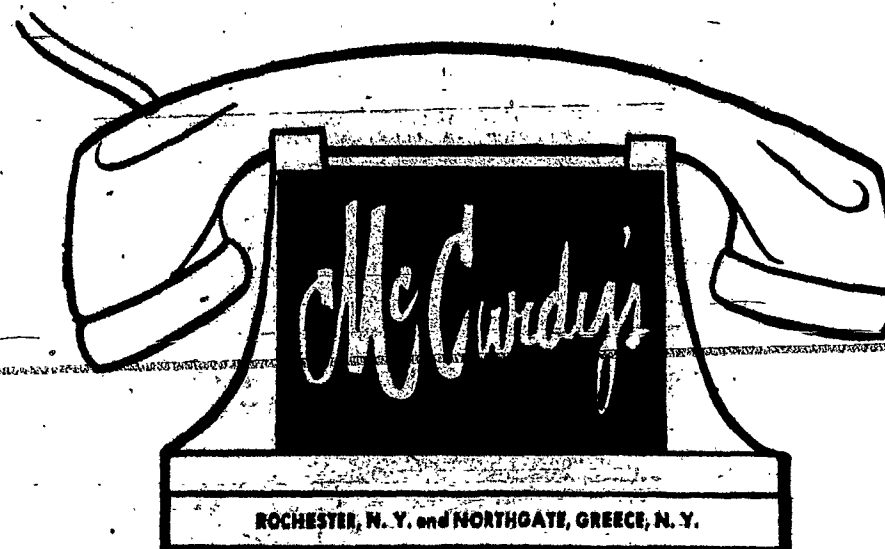
Keep smiling and God bless the Courier Staff.
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Nouasseur, French Morocco.

Gentlemen:

It's wonderful to have the Courier coming through regularly, particularly since we are at present without English reading material of a religious character and I've always thought the Courier is the best Catholic paper I've read.

Lt. Col. K. W. Schlueter,
APO 88, N.Y., N.Y.

Wayne, Shrine,
Bay St. Louis, Miss. (RN8)
— A new wayside shrine to the Sacred Heart was dedicated here and Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel of New Orleans expressed the hope that "shrines like this will become nationwide and even worldwide."



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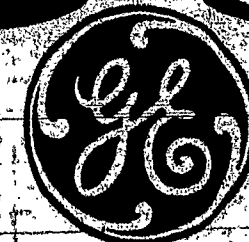


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