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Vision Of Christ Foretold To Pope On Day Before

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Vatican City (NC)—The day before Christ appeared to Pope Pius XII, the Holy Father clearly heard a voice telling him that "a vision will come," it is reported here.

During the apparition itself the Pope saw Jesus but did not hear Him speak, according to the report.

These revelations are made in an article giving the exact time and other new details of the Pope's vision. Because of its origin, content and place of publication the article must be considered authoritative.

THE ARTICLE is being published in the December 4 issue of *Osservatore della Domenica*, Vatican City weekly. Advance texts have been given to the Catholic press.

Publication of this authoritative account will serve to answer questions and remove uncertainties which have arisen in many minds, because of the unusual manner in which the news of the Pope's vision originally became public knowledge.

THE *OSSERVATORE della Domenica* article reads in part: "A year ago the Holy Father told a very few intimate friends of the consoling vision which had appeared to him. The secret has been divulged and the Pope was certainly pained by this. But this does not alter the fact that the truth remains true and that the event marks one of the most sublime moments in the life of the Pastor Angelicus (Angelic Pastor)."

"Many things have been said and many ornaments added to the rare but stupendous reality. It was reported that the Pope had not only seen Our Lord but had also heard His voice. This is not exact.

"HIS HOLINESS left his residence in Castelgandolfo in late November, 1954, to return to the Vatican. He was already sick. During the following days the illness rapidly became worse. As we know, the Holy Father could not attend the spiritual exercises. He made them, nevertheless, by meditating in painful solitude on the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola in the original Spanish text, which so faithfully reflects the thoughts of the Teacher of Life.

"On December 1 his physical sufferings were great but his mind was alert and the Pope continued to take care of the Church matters. His sufferings stimulated him to devote himself as always—perhaps more than usual—to the glorious and suffering life of the Catholic world. On that day—we repeat on December 1—while his mind was more absorbed than ever, the Pope quite distinctly heard a voice saying: 'A vision will come.'

"The mysterious announcement was confirmed the next morning. On December 2, when darkness yielded to the first light of dawn, the Pope 'saw' the Lord near him, silent, in all His eloquent majesty.

"Plus thought it was the call. He thought that Jesus had come to him to command him, as He once commanded Peter. 'Follow me.' He interpreted the silence to mean 'Magister adest et vocat te.' (The Master is here and calls you.)

"Dear Jesus,' the Pope replied with all the effusion of his heart and soul, 'call me and bid me come to Thee!'

"THE SAME morning he spoke of the mystic vision to a very few intimate friends. In the evening, when the Pope's condition suddenly became worse and caused grave fears to arise in Rome and throughout the world, these witnesses thought for a moment that Christ had truly ordered His servant to follow Him.

"But Pius was preserved for the Church and the Catholic world. During the night of December 3 he began to improve and within a short time Christ's Vicar recovered. Once again the Lord had told Peter: Feed my sheep.

Church Plight Seen Worse In Hungary

Vatican City (NC)—The situation of the Church in Hungary has grown worse in recent months, *Osservatore Romano*, Vatican City daily, has stated here.

The deterioration follows a period in which it seemed that a truce had been reached between the Church and Hungary's Red government, the newspaper said.

"OPPRESSION IS becoming severer again," it stated. "Some priests have been arrested, while others have been deprived of their functions. The rector of the Budapest Central Seminary, for example, has been removed."

It said that priests who refuse to join pro-government groups of "patriotic priests" have been punished harshly, expelled from their dioceses and refused permission to work elsewhere.

"IN ALL diocesan churches," it said, "supervision by civilian officials has become oppressive. Each act of a Bishop is controlled and at times . . . impeded. Without the permission of these officials no youth can enter a seminary. Authorization is required before a student can be ordained."

This supervision, *Osservatore* stated, "destroys the Church's control over its own affairs."

Priest Named Head Of Musicians Union

Omaha, Neb. (RNS) The Rev. Francis P. Schmitt, music director at Father Flanagan's Home in Boy's Town near here, was elected president of Local 70 of the American Federation of Musicians—AFL at a meeting here.

He is believed to be the first Roman Catholic priest in the history of organized labor in this country to head a union.

Boys Town is a community for homeless youths established in 1936 by Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan. Father Schmitt directs its choir which has achieved a national reputation.



Catholic Youth Mob Indian Cardinal

Worcester, Mass.—(RNS)—His Eminence Valerian Cardinal Graclas, Archbishop of Bombay, India, is mobbed by youngsters after addressing some 3,000 delegates at the first convention of the Worcester Diocesan Catholic Youth Council here. The Indian cardinal told the youth that their responsibility was to fulfill the ideals of the Church. "The Church wants your services," he said, "and everyone has a mission to perform and a role to fulfill."

Cadillacs Versus Children?

Delinquency Rise Linked To Materialism

St. Louis, Mo.—(RNS)—A "inadequate persons" among American youth.

Dr. Thomas Gladwin, addressed the National Conference on Catholic Youth Work. The three-day meeting was attended by some 400 priests and 200 lay people, all of them diocesan youth directors or workers.

"CADILLACS CARRY more prestige than children and in a family interested in raising its social status the former is likely to command more attention than the latter," Dr. Gladwin said.

Material possessions are emphasized, he added, "not only for their own sake but for the social status which adheres to ownership."

"In many sectors of our society the make and year of the car you own is the first yardstick of your status," Dr. Gladwin said, "while anyone who does not own a television set is socially inert. These things cost money and create debts which are worrisome. They often require that the mother work, so that both parents come home exhausted and unprepared to respond spontaneously to their children."

He noted that "children cost money, too, lots of it" and therefore a "conflict of interests is inevitable."

DR. GLADWIN also pointed out that children respond to these material signs of status. "The son of an ambitious father is likely to aspire more fervently toward his father's Cadillac than toward his father's moral character," he said.

Besides the delinquents, the Catholic educator said, there are many youths "who for one reason or another do not quite get into trouble with the law but still have little that is constructive to offer to society or themselves."

"It appears that this sort of inadequate person is represented in increasing numbers in the youth of our nation," Dr. Gladwin observed.

African Cardinal Confirms 10,000

Luanda, Angola (NC)—His Eminence Teodosio Cardinal de Gouveia, Archbishop of Luanda, Angola, confirmed more than 10,000 persons during a tour of his See.

Some 9,500 people were confirmed at Inhambane 650 at Tamanca and 250 at St. Paul of Messano. They included children and adults, Europeans and native Africans.

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Rochester Clothes Go To Ceylon Children

When Sister Noel Marie, a Maryknoll mission nun, passed out Rochester clothes to the children of Kandy, Ceylon, the little fellow on the left came up with the prize—a sweater bearing the insignia of the Rochester Red Wings baseball team.

"That's a pretty good baseball team in my home town," Sister tells the youngster.

Sister Noel Marie (Dorothy Louise Doescher), formerly a member of St. Thomas Parish in Rochester, is a graduate of Nazareth Academy and the Catherine Laboure School of Nursing in Rochester, Mass. Prior to joining the Maryknoll Sisters in 1947, she was an employee of Eastman Kodak Company. She went to her mission post in Kandy, Ceylon, in October, 1951.

Her mother, Mrs. Louise Doescher and two sisters, Mrs. David Brugger and Miss Carol Doescher reside in Rochester.

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