

Grand Niece Greets Cardinal Spellman

Weston, Mass. — Eight-year-old Ellen McGrath of Whitman, Mass., keeps her grand uncle, Cardinal Spellman, waiting as she signs the guest book at Regis College here.

Cardinal Spellman attended the opening of a new room in the college library named in his honor. It will house the cardinal's stamp collection

which he donated to the college.

In an informal talk, the Cardinal explained the reasons which prompted him to give his collection, the result of many years work and searching, to Regis College. It was his desire, the Cardinal said, to honor the memory of his aunt, Sister Mary Philomena, who had been a member of the

Sisters of St. Joseph, the community which conducts the college, for more than 50 years.

At the same time, he said, he wanted to make it possible for scholars and collectors to study the rare and important items in the more than 106 albums and presentation pieces which form the collection.

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Pope Returns To Vatican From Summer Residence

Vatican City—(NC)—Pope Pius XII returned to the Vatican from his summer residence at Castelgandolfo to join the prelates of the Vatican Curia for his annual retreat during the first week of Advent.

BEFORE his return, the Holy Father received in general audience the personnel of his summer villa, as well as the officials and citizens of the village of Castelgandolfo. Just as the people of the village had turned out en masse to greet the Pope when he arrived at his villa on July 30, so they lined the streets to give him a cheering send-off.

Although the Holy Father's return to the Vatican was announced as "strictly private," the route of his return was lined with clusters of people to greet him as he passed. He rode alone

in his own automobile, accompanied only by a chauffeur. Joining him in three automobiles were a number of Vatican dignitaries. An escort of ten motorcycles led the way for them down from Castelgandolfo along the historic Appian Way into the city.

Twice the Holy Father asked THE POPE'S stay at Castelgandolfo this year was almost four months long. His longest sojourn at the villa was in 1951 when he remained there for four and a half months. The shortest was in 1946 when he returned after two months and 20 days.

Geneva Spirit Called 'Vodka For People'

Glasgow, Scotland—(NC)—The so-called Geneva spirit is "vodka for the people," Bishop John Heenan of Leeds told a Catholic Truth Society meeting here.

He said it is a sedative given to western statesmen by the communists while they look around for new peoples to conquer and new souls to enslave.

"I have no doubt that the communists may deceive statesmen of every nation," the Bishop declared, "but I am perfectly certain that they will not deceive Catholics in any nation."

Columbus Brought Immaculate Conception Devotion To New World

St. Bonaventure, N.Y.—(NO)—Devotion to Our Lady, under the title of the Immaculate Conception has been flourishing in the New World since the time of Christopher Columbus. The Blessed Mother is Patroness of the United States under this title.

A list of events of devotion to the Blessed Virgin under this title has been drawn up by Father Ignace Herscher, O.F.M., librarian of St. Bonaventure's University here. The listings include the following:

FROM THE TIME Columbus left Spain on the Santa Maria, full name of which was Santa Maria de la Concepcion, the devotion was brought to the

New World. He named the first land after Our Saviour and one of the islands in the archipelago, east of Cuba, he named Holy Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

The first recorded Mass in the New World was offered on December 8, 1493, by the Franciscan Father Juan Perez.

Columbus himself carefully prescribed in his will that he be buried in the Immaculate Conception Chapel in the valley of Haiti, known as the Valley of Mary's Immaculate Conception.

FATHER JACQUES Marquette, S.J., named the large river which he found, the River



of the Immaculate Conception. Since that time its name has been changed and is now known as the Mississippi River.

The explorer of the Southwest Hernandez de Soto, before he left Cuba, asked that a site be chosen and a chapel erected in honor of the Immaculate Conception where he might be buried.

The first Mass offered on the site of the present-day city of St. Louis was offered on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1693.

Bishop John Carroll, first member of the U.S. Hierarchy,

arrived in Baltimore, the City, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1791.

IN 1847, Pope Pius IX approved the request of the American Hierarchy and declared the Blessed Virgin Mary, National Patroness of the United States, under her title of the Immaculate Conception.

By 1855, the titles of Catholics in two archdioceses and 14 dioceses as well as hundreds of churches, chapels, colleges, and seminaries throughout the United States, honored the Blessed Mother under her title, the Immaculate Conception.



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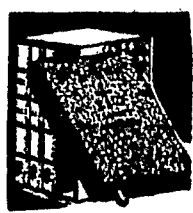
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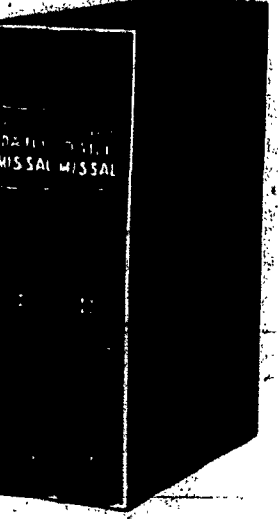
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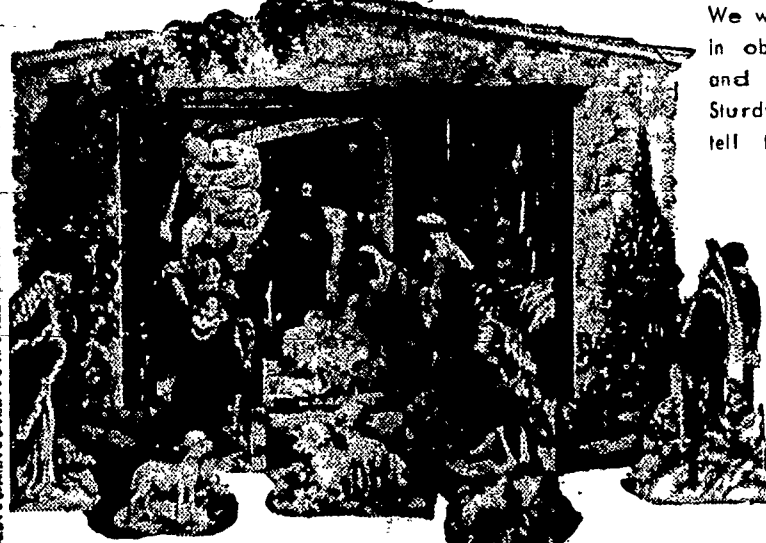
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