

Missionary Prisoner's Release Expected By Brother In Palmyra

A Palmyra man expressed the hope this week that his brother, a Maryknoll missionary taken by the Chinese Reds in 1953, might soon be freed by the Communists and allowed to return to the U. S.

Edward McCormack of 416 E. Main St., Palmyra was informed that his brother, the Rev. Joseph P. McCormack, M.M., had been publicly tried at Shanghai and sentenced to five years in prison, according to a news release received from Hong Kong.

This may indicate that the priest is about to be released. In recent months Chinese Communists have appeared to follow a policy of publicly trying and sentencing missionaries; they have held in prison for long periods, just before releasing them.

FATHER MCCORMACK, 62, was arrested with seven other missionaries at Shanghai in 1953. No charges against him have been made public.

A native of Roscommon, Ireland, Father McCormack is one of 10 children. Two brothers and one sister in Ireland, one sister in England, and Edward, a parishioner of St. Ann Church, Palmyra, are still living.

According to Mr. McCormack, who came to the U. S. in 1920, the last letter received from his Maryknoll brother arrived in August of this year. The priest had been heard from regularly up to that time, but most of his letters were stereotype inquiries about members of the family, or thanking him for food and clothing packages.

Mr. McCormack said that he did not know if the mission actually received the packages, however; but he would mention items that had not been sent to him.

IN HIS LATEST correspondence, Father McCormack asked his brother not to worry about him, assuring him that there was "plenty of food, plenty of sleep, plenty of time to pray!"

In another letter, the Maryknoller thanked his brother for a gift of wool stockings. "By and by I will have plenty—they wear out very fast—I guess I wear my heels down too hard when I walk," he wrote.

It is hoped that the priest's sense of humor and his optimism will help him to endure his present situation. Father McCormack said, although he had never requested any in his letters, Father McCormack mentioned in another message

Charles Dickens' "Pickwick Papers", which he found "very enjoyable reading—to pass the time." Father McCormack came to the U. S. in 1918 to enter Maryknoll (N. Y.) Seminary and was ordained in 1924. He offered his first Mass at St. Dominic's Church, Shortsville. The following year he left to undertake mission work at Fushun, Manchuria.

DURING WORLD WAR II, his mission was overrun by the Japanese and he was repatriated in 1942 but, after a couple of months in the U. S., he was assigned to mission work in Chile.

He last visited his brother, Edward, in 1946 at Manchester, N. Y., where the latter was living at the time. The missioner then returned to Manchuria, but Communist army advances forced his withdrawal to South China, and eventually, to Shanghai.

Father McCormack is one of eight American missionaries, one of them a Bishop, still held in prison by Chinese Communists.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCormack have been residents of Palmyra for five years. They have one daughter, Mrs. Frederick Martone of Scottsville and five grandchildren.

Communion Slated At St. Thomas

A Communion breakfast will be held by the Holy Name Society of St. Thomas Church, Sunday, Dec. 11.

Members and friends will receive Communion in a body at the 8 a. m. Mass in the church. The society's intention will be for the Bishops of the Diocese, His Excellency Bishop Kearney and His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey.

At the breakfast following Mass, the members will hear a talk by the Honorable Joseph G. Fritsch, Children's Court Judge. All men of the parish are invited. Rev. John A. Morgan is spiritual moderator.



A NEW SCHOOL for St. Anthony of Padua Parish will rise on this site on Montrose St., between Plymouth Ave. North and Saratoga Ave., where the Rev. Michael J. Tydings, pastor, is turning the first spadeful of earth. Parish leaders are shown with the two assistant pastors, the Rev. Richard J. Orlando and the Rev. Clarence Gardner. Construction is underway.

Ground Broken For New School At St. Anthony's

St. Anthony of Padua Parish broke ground last Sunday for a new \$600,000 school. The Rev. Michael J. Tydings, pastor, turned the first spadeful of earth for the new one-story building on Montrose St.

Father Tydings reported to the more than 300 persons in attendance that pledges already exceed \$330,000 for the new school with other pledges still coming in. The new building will accommodate 500 pupils.

Construction began last week with completion scheduled for next September. A new church, to be located in Lorimer St. just a few yards from the school site, will be constructed after the school is completed.

Dominican Third Order To Hear Fr. Wendell

Dominican Third Order members will hear the Rev. Francis Wendell, O.P., national director, at their monthly meeting Sunday, Dec. 11, 8:30 p. m., at Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St., Rochester.

Father Wendell will speak on "The Vocation of Lay People." THE DOMINICAN priest has written extensively on the role of laymen in the apostolate of the Church and has supervised Catholic Action groups in New York City.

He has also authored two books which serve as guides to laymen: "Spiritual Powerhouse" and "Fountain of a Lay Apostle."

Rochester Third Order members comprise men and women who strive for Christian perfection in accord with the Dominican apostolic spirit. Father Henry Atwell, local director, explains the mission of the Third Order.

Tertiaries and interested guests are invited to attend Sunday's meeting to hear Father Wendell. It was also announced.

Aquinas Mothers To Hold Bazaar

Aquinas Mothers Club will hold a meeting and Christmas bazaar Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the school. Mrs. Russell Polozzi and Mrs. Samuel Skuse are co-chairmen.

The Aquinas Glee Club will entertain. Hostesses will be from the following parishes: St. Margaret Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Ambrose, St. Thomas, St. Salome's and St. James.

Christmas Tree Sale Planned

Blessed Sacrament Parents Group will sponsor the sale of Christmas trees in the church parking lot beginning Dec. 10. Lloyd K. Marshall and Jack Hanlon are co-chairmen.

Proceeds will be used for the book rental system at the school.

Swiss Guards Captain To Address Groups

Coming for two lectures in Rochester is Captain Anton J. Gahlinger of St. Gallen, Switzerland, who served His Holiness, Pope Pius XII for five and one-half years as a soldier and captain of the Swiss Pontifical Guards.

The former Swiss Guard will be heard at Blessed Sacrament Auditorium and at Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Captain Gahlinger will be heard at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 8 Prince St., on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7:45 p. m. All friends of the academy including alumnae, and parents are invited to hear him, free of charge.

The Swiss Guard will lecture on "I Served the Pope" at Blessed Sacrament School Auditorium, Monroe Ave. at Oxford St. on Friday, Dec. 16 at 8:15 p. m., admission, 50 cents.

This lecture with 100 pictures lasts about 50 minutes and consists of an introduction of the Swiss Guard, a guided tour of St. Peter's Square, the Participation at the Pontifical Mass, a visit to St. Mary's Major, a walk through the Vatican Gardens, and an explanation of the Pope's day.

Through his lecture series, Captain Gahlinger desires to bring the Holy Father closer to the people and the people closer to the Holy Father, he said.

He left the service in lecture throughout the world, and has been heard in Europe, South America and throughout the United States.

For the lecture at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, John F. Hoehkiss of 89 Sagamore Drive is chairman. Dr. H. Clay Yuzit, 255 Seneca Parkway is president of the Parents Association.

Bishop Casey Article Printed

Under the heading Catholic Reading Notes in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Weekly appears the following:

The December issue of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart contains an article by our own Bishop Casey about the Apostleship of Prayer as a way of life. Be sure to get your copy and read this instructive and inspirational message. If you have been wondering about the work of the Apostleship, here is your answer.

Fr. Lyons Club Sets Recollection

Father Lyons Club will hold its annual day of recollection Sunday, Dec. 15 in preparation for Christmas. The Rev. Raymond M. Kenny will conduct the conference at St. Andrew Seminary.

Dialogue Mass will open the program at 9:30 a. m. followed by breakfast. There will be a conference at 12 a. m. Holy Mass and lunch will follow. Another conference will take place at 2:30 p. m. after which there will be stators of the cross. The final conference and Benediction will be at 3 p. m.

Reservations must be made by Dec. 13 with Leo Kester, Glenwood 7433-W.

Anniversary Celebrations Planned For 2 Churches

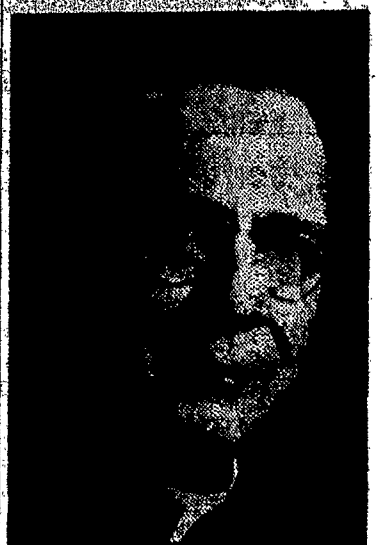
Plans for anniversary observances of the dedication of two churches in the Diocese of Rochester are being made. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside at Solemn High Mass marking each anniversary.

In Auburn, the Mass commemorating the Silver Jubilee of the dedication of the present St. Alphonsus Church will be offered on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 10:30 a. m. with the Bishop presiding.

In Canandaigua, the Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Dec. 18 in St. Mary Church marking the Fiftieth Anniversary of the dedication, at 11:15 a. m. The Bishop will preside and preach.

The Mass in St. Alphonsus Church will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, P.A. Monsignor Bergan, a native of Auburn, was pastor of St. Monica Church, Rochester and Chancellor of the diocese when called to his eternal reward on Dec. 23, 1947.

The Very Rev. Frederick G. Straub, V.F., is pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn and dean of the Cayuga deanery.



Reception

MONSIGNOR Joseph E. Vogt, new pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, Rochester will be welcomed at a reception on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5 p. m. in the parish hall, Clifford Ave. All his friends, relatives and parishioners are invited. Monsignor Vogt was chaplain at the New York State Agricultural and Industrial School—Industry prior to his appointment as pastor by His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

Immaculate Rosary Society To Meet

Rosary Society of the Immaculate Conception Church will assemble in the Church Tuesday at 8 p. m. for recitation of the Rosary.

A social and business meeting will be held in the school and the history of Christmas customs and decorations will be explained by the Rev. George S. Wood, moderator. The members who ordered merchandise at the last meeting are requested to select their items at this meeting.

Mothers To Meet At McQuaid High

The Mothers Club of McQuaid Jesuit High School will hold its first meeting and social tonight, Friday evening, Dec. 9, at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Rev. John W. Kelly, S.J., moderator of the group, announced that the meeting will provide the mothers with an opportunity to get to know one another and to select a nominating committee to choose candidates for officers for the club.

Following the business part of the meeting, refreshments will be served and the mothers will have a chance to talk with their sons' instructors about the second marking period which ended on Dec. 2.

Parents, Teachers Meet In Geneva

Geneva—More than 100 parents attended a parent-teacher meeting held Monday night at De Sales High School.

This was an opportunity for the parents to meet the faculty members and to discuss the work of the students. The Rev. C. Richard Nangle, principal, talked on the functions of school and home and showed how they must work together. He also explained the school rules.

Exciting Sale

just in time for Christmas finest quality PARKER pen and pencil sets at new low prices!

Advertisement for Parker pens and pencils. Includes images of Parker '51' and '21' pens and pencil sets. Prices listed: Parker '51' pen and pencil set \$14.25 (regularly \$17.75); Parker '21' pen and pencil set \$6.25 (regularly \$17.75). Includes 'Exciting Sale' text and 'just in time for Christmas'.

Advertisement for WEARBEST boys' apparel. Text: 'WEARBEST Out of this world VALUES IN BOYS' APPAREL'. Price: \$5.95. Includes image of a jacket.

Advertisement for WEARBEST boys' suits. Text: 'Boys' SUITS \$9.95'. Includes image of a suit.

Advertisement for WEARBEST sport coats. Text: 'SPORT COATS TWEEDS FLANNELS \$11.95'. Includes image of a sport coat.

Advertisement for WEARBEST men's suits. Text: 'BRING DAD ALONG TO SEE OUR LARGE SELECTION MEN'S SUITS \$18.95 AS LOW AS'. Includes image of a man in a suit.

Advertisement for WEARBEST pants. Text: 'PANTS GABARDINES Low \$1.99 As'. Includes image of a pair of pants.

Advertisement for WEARBEST store. Text: 'WEARBEST OPEN EVERY NITE TILL 9 48 St. Paul St. SAT. 'TIL 6 P.M. FREE PARKING AT ANY NEARBY STATION'. Includes address: '48 St. Paul St. Opposite Chamber of Commerce'.

Advertisement for THE ROCHESTER SAVINGS BANK. Text: 'Only 5 a week FOR 10 YEARS HERE'S WHAT YOU GET BY SAVING \$1.00 A WEEK FOR 10 YEARS'. Includes details about 3-WAY SAVINGS PLAN and SAVINGS BANK LIFE INSURANCE.

Advertisement for Projansky store. Text: 'YOU CAN SHOP HERE TUESDAY—THURSDAY—FRIDAY NIGHTS 'TIL 9'. Includes list of items for sale: SWEATERS, BLOUSES, WOOL SKIRTS, etc.

Advertisement for J & L Quinck stationery. Text: 'J & L Quinck STATIONERY CO. Inc. 357 E. MAIN ST. Near Stillson • Hamilton 2476'. Includes 'Exciting Sale' text.