



**Artillerymen's Saint** This portrait of St. Barbara, Patroness of Artillerymen and protectress against sudden death, hangs in the headquarters of the First Infantry Division Artillery at Fort Riley, Kansas. It was painted by Specialist Third Class Donald Beaman of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, at Churchville, N. Y. Symbolic of the Saint's protection over artillerymen, she is painted standing on cannon. About 50 artillery lieutenants joined the Order of St. Barbara at Fort Riley's Officers' Club on Dec. 4, the feast day of the saint. (RNS Photo)

## Army Post Honors Area GI's Painting

By ROBERT SMETT

A 22-year-old armyman from Churchville was honored on Dec. 4 with the unveiling of his own painting of St. Barbara, patroness of artillerymen. The painting, titled "St. Barbara," was commissioned by the Commanding General of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery for display in the Artillery Headquarters at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The artist, Specialist Third Class Donald Beaman, is stationed with the 48th Artillery Battalion, Fort Riley. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Beaman, 2036 Westside Dr., Churchville.

patroness of artillerymen, is honored by army men at home and abroad as their special protectress. The third century martyr was put to death for the Faith by her pagan father, according to legend.

The portrait, unveiled on the saint's feastday, measures approximately two by three feet. Framed in gilt, it is draped with the Artillery colors, red and yellow satin.

Beaman, a parishioner of St. Vincent of Paul Church, Churchville, explained that the portrait was done in the style of the Old World masters using many layers of heavy oil paints to give the desired texture and illusion of depth.

**BRIGADEER GENERAL** John F. Birch, Oklahoma City, Commanding General of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery, who was familiar with Specialist Beaman's talents, requested the oil painting for the Artillery Headquarters.

The young Churchville man has found that an Army career has enabled him to study fine art under German professionals and given him the opportunity of visiting the great European art centers in Germany, Italy, England, France and Switzerland.

Shortly after completing his basic training, Beaman was assigned to Germany and the 1st Infantry Division. Within three months he won a Special Services poster contest and an assignment utilizing his artistic abilities in the Division's Special Services section. He also contributed training aids drawings and sketches.

Following his arrival at Fort Riley under the Operation Gyroscope movement which transferred the 1st Infantry Division from its German locations, Beaman was commissioned to do the oil painting of St. Barbara.

**BEAMAN HAS** spent the last eight years attending art classes and studying through correspondence courses. While in high school, at Churchville-Chili Central School, the artilleryman did

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## St. Barbara Protect Your Cannoneers!

## American Artillerymen In Korea Camp Celebrate Feast Day Of Patroness, St. Barbara

**S. REV. FRED HANSON**, Camp St. Barbara, Korea, (NC) — As special ceremonies marked their patron saint's feastday, December 4, the name of St. Barbara was on the lips of every artilleryman at this outpost near the North Korean border.

**OFFICERS AND MEN** of the six artillery battalions station-

ed here — on the only United States Army camp abroad named after a saint — packed the camp theater for solemn Mass. The camp chapel was too small to hold all who wished to attend. An artillery salute was fired by cannons on the parade ground during the consecration.

After Mass merit awards were presented to various units by the camp's artillery commander, Brig. Gen. Phillip Weller, who is backing a project to erect a large statue of St. Barbara in a prominent place in the camp.

The origin of the camp's name puzzles its present occu-

pants, Chaplain Michael Philip said. "There must have been a strong Catholic influence among those who first set it up," he continued, "but not one is upset. In fact, we are all proud to live under such illustrious patronage."

**THE CAMP** is located in a valley surrounded by hills. On

the summit of the highest one a tall white cross has been erected.

Medals of St. Barbara are a premium in the camp. The troops have put her name up in big letters all over the camp, he pointed out. It is over the recreation center on top of a big red gate, and the camp

cigarette lighters have the artillery cross on one side and "St. Barbara" on the other. "Cannoneers" on the other, St. Barbara, patroness of artillerymen, lived in the third century, according to legend. She was beheaded for her faith by her pagan father at Nicomedia in Asia Minor.

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## Atheist Fights Public Pay For Chaplains

Washington — (NC) — A 73-year-old Minneapolis man, who calls himself an atheist, argued in U. S. District Court here that it is "an open and shameful violation of the Constitution" to use federal tax money to pay chaplains.

Frank C. Hughes, retired mechanical engineer and self-styled "Pope of the Badiards," has filed suit as a taxpayer to knock all chaplains off the federal payroll.

ASST. U. S. Attorney Edward O. Fennell, representing the Government, said Mr. Hughes had no standing to sue Mr. Hughes, who said he had been a justice of the peace in Montana almost 50 years ago, acted as his own attorney in arguing against the government motion to throw out his suit.

Judge Edward A. Tamm took no action. He gave Mr. Fennell five days to reply to a motion by Mr. Hughes that his suit be put before a three-judge court.

MR. HUGHES explained he wants a three-judge court so he can go straight to the Supreme Court. Otherwise, he said, he will have to go through the Court of Appeals first.

The Minneapolis man argued that paying the chaplains runs against the Constitutional provision for separation of state and religion. There is an open and shameful violation of the Constitution, Mr. Hughes said. "Only Christians and Jews are employed as chaplains. All other religions are excluded."



## Monstrance For John Fisher College

Here His Excellency Bishop Kearney examines a new monstrance recently donated to the Chapel of St. John Fisher College, showing the Bishop the monstrance in the Very Rev. John E. Murphy, C.S.B., president of the college.

The monstrance, used for the exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament, was donated to the college by Richard Adams, a former student of the Basilian Fathers in Detroit.

Designed by Bruno Krieger of Zurich, Switzerland, the new monstrance is marked with simplicity and austerity.

A Greek Cross forms the monstrance with opening for

the Host placed at the junction of the arms of the cross. The cross is made of oakwood and is covered with gold plates.

Around the arms of the cross a light gold wire has been woven with a jewel at the four points of the cross. A slim, chaste stand and base complete the work.

## Priests Recall Pius X's 'Frequent Communion' Decree

Tremendous increase in reception of Holy Communion during the past fifty years was described this week by three Rochester pastors.

The three pastors, all young priests when Pope St. Pius X issued his historic decree on "Frequent Communion" on Dec. 20, 1905, recalled their early efforts to carry out the details of the Pope's decree.

**MONSIGNOR** Thomas F. Connors, who founded Blessed Sacrament parish, Rochester, in



Msgr. Sullivan

Msgr. Eckl

1901, says that frequent Holy Communion at that time was "almost unheard of." He notes that now the Communion rail is "crowded at all five Masses every day" at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

**MONSIGNOR** George W. Eckl was an assistant at Rochester's Immaculate Conception Church when the decree was announced in 1905. Monsignor Eckl, now pastor at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, recalls that even as a seminarian he received Holy Communion "only once or twice a month." "And even that was considered to be quite often," he said.

**MONSIGNOR** John B. Sullivan, pastor of St. John the Evangelist parish, Rochester, had been a priest only six months when Pius X urged the ideal of "frequent, even daily Communion."

MONSIGNOR Connors described the reaction of a "prominent Catholic" who openly criticized him for urging frequent Holy Communion according to Pope Pius X's decree of 1905.

"I go to Communion once a year," the man told Father Connors, "and that's all the Church requires. I think it is a scandal the way you want people to go so frequently. You



MONSIGNOR THOMAS F. CONNORS, here shown distributing Holy Communion in his parish Church of the Blessed Sacrament, recalls when Pope Pius X issued his famous "Frequent Holy Communion" decree 50 years ago next week. Ordained in 1898, Monsignor Connors was a priest for seven years when St. Pius X issued his frequent Communion decree. In those days, crowded Communion rails were "almost unheard of," Monsignor Connors said.

must think they are pretty bad if they have to keep going so often."

The Blessed Sacrament pastor also recalled the troubled parents who did not want their child to "have to leave school so young" when Father Connors had fourth graders make their First Communion. In the days before Pius X, First Communion was given to the graduation class, and these disturbed parents seemed to think that Father Connors was going to have "fourth grade graduation after First Communion."

"We were happy to get people to Communion even once a month in those days," Father Connors stated. "The change to the present day frequent Communion practice came about very gradually," he said.

Sunday (Dec. 11), and then attended a breakfast-meeting in the parish hall. Monsignor Eckl said that many of these men will be back to Communion again this Sunday and even on week days when their work schedule permits it.

MONSIGNOR Eckl recalled that the first to respond to the plea for frequent Communion were the children who are now adults nearing sixty years of age. "It was their fervor and frequent Communion in the early years of the century," said Monsignor Eckl, "which paved the way for the present day practice of receiving our dear Lord in Communion as often as possible."

**MONSIGNOR SULLIVAN** recalled that the 1905 "Frequent Communion" decree was followed by the now famous "Children's Communion" decree of 1910.

Adults who had been rooted in the "once a year" idea of Communion were slow to respond to the 1905 appeal. They were even more disturbed when the same Pope five years later directed that children seven years of age should receive Communion.

Indignant parents refused to "desecrate the Blessed Sacrament" by letting babies go to Communion and fought the practice of early and frequent Communion.

MONSIGNOR Sullivan, who just this past June celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a priest, tried to explain to these parents that children "didn't have to swallow the whole catechism" in order to receive their First Communion. Previously, he said, long and exacting preparation was required for First Holy Communion which was received usually by children at 11 or 12 years of age.

As an assistant to the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dennis Curran at Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, the young Father Sullivan warned parents that they would be guilty of serious sin if they refused to let their children receive Holy Communion according to the decree of Pope Pius X.

"To a great extent, it was through the devotion of the little children that the adults were finally won over to the practice of frequent Holy Communion," said Monsignor Sullivan.

## 'It Is The Lord'

## Vatican Newspaper Cites Secret Notes On Pope's Vision

By G. R. BRUNST

Vatican City — (NC) — In its first comment on the event, Osservatore Romano authoritatively confirmed that Pope Pius had a vision of Christ. It said the vision must be understood and evaluated in the light of Christ's real presence in His Church.

Under the caption, "It is the Lord," the Vatican City newspaper frontpaged a long article which, though unsigned, is reliably reported to have been written by a person of the "highest authority." Apart from the fact that Osservatore had so far not mentioned a single word regarding the event which became world news three weeks earlier, the importance of the article is evidenced by the source it quotes to confirm previous accounts.

The Vatican City daily said that the Pope's vision must be considered "in that heavenly light where pain is regarded as a means of perfection and of union with God and like an invisible companion for apostolic work until it awakens in him who sternly accepts it a surprising happiness."

Osservatore emphasized that the "insurrection" through which the first account of the Pope's vision became known was "certainly neither a disaster nor a triumph." It should rather be made clear that the Holy Father showed himself frankly displeased by the indiscretion, even if it was doubtless made with good intentions.

IN ITS FIRST part, dealing with the fact of the vision itself, the article referred to "continuing uncertainties and innocent suppositions" often accompanied by erroneous and not always kind judgments.

Hence, the writer said, "we consider it opportune to make our own contribution toward the exact presentation of the truth as we have learned it from one of the very few devoted collaborators who during that December daily saw the Holy Father."

No closer identification of the "collaborator" is given, but it is known that a year ago, when the Pope was gravely ill, he was seen regularly by Msgr. Domenico Tardiff, Pro-Secretary of State for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs, and Monsignor Sallustiana.

"The whole Church has reason to rejoice in the prosperous longevity of its visible head as a mark of divine providence," the Milan Archbishop said.

He praised the Pope's "deep insight into the highly complicated conditions of modern life and his ability to bring the light of perennial doctrine to enlighten the thousands of new problems of the modern world."

"Everyone can see," Archbishop Montini added, "what grace it was that he was elected to the Roman pontificate especially in view of his spiritual, literary, juridical and diplomatic qualifications."

## Surgeons Honor Nun-Doctor

Dacca, Pakistan — (NC) — The International Congress of Surgeons has honored its fellowship on an American nun-doctor working in this country.

The honor was given Sister Mary Benedict in recognition of unusual competence and skill as a surgeon.

A member of the Medical Mission Sisters of Philadelphia, Pa., Sister Benedict has performed more than 5,000 operations during the past seven years. She spent most of this time on the staff of the Holy Family Hospital here.

Sister Benedict is reportedly the first nun to be admitted into the Surgeons' Congress. Very few women have attained the distinction.

## 'Youth of Year'

Albany, N. Y. — (RNS) — Linda Clark, 21, a senior at the College of St. Rose here, was named the "Outstanding Catholic Youth of the Year." She is the first to win the award since its establishment earlier this year by the National Council of Catholic Youth. Miss Clark has been an active supporter of the National Federation of Catholic College students in the New York-New Jersey area, and has represented her college in local regional and national meetings. She also has worked closely with local Newman Clubs. The award will be presented next February.

## Hornell Youth To Receive Priesthood In Rome Rites

William J. Cosgrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Cosgrove, 105 Hill St., Hornell and brother of the Rev. James R. Cosgrove, assistant pastor of St. Helen Church, Rochester, will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood in Vatican City, Saturday, Dec. 17.

**THE ORDINATION** ceremonies will be held in the chapel of



REV. WILLIAM COSGROVE

After his ordination, Father Cosgrove will continue his studies at the Gregorian University in Rome until next summer.

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