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On Monday Afternoon
January 2, 1956
Feast of the Holy Name
His Excellency Bishop Kearney
will receive visitors
at his home, 947 East Avenue,
from three to six o'clock
to confer his
Blessing for the New Year

Former City Pastor Dies In Belgium

Death of the Rev. Camiel A. Van der Meulen, SS.CC., former pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, Rochester, took place on Dec. 19, 1955 in Sleidinge, in his native Belgium according to word received this week. He was 87.

A notice received by Patrick C. Cronin from Miss. Pimlynn Van der Meulen, sister of the former Rochester pastor, said that he had died after a short illness. Father Van der Meulen had been in Belgium since September, 1953.

A solemn memorial Mass in the presence of His Excellency Bishop Kearney and His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey will be offered for Father Van der Meulen on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 8 o'clock in Our Lady of Victory Church. The Rev. Edward Callery, SS.CC., pastor will be celebrant, assisted by priests at Our Lady of Victory.

"Father Van" as he was affectionately known to his parishioners and friends served 35 years of his life in the Holy Priesthood administering principally to Belgian Catholics.

BORN NOV. 19, 1868, he was ordained in Belgium in 1900 after making his theological studies at the University of Louvain.

For two years he served in a parish in Birmingham, England and then came to the United States to preach missions for 10 years in many parts of the nation. For several years he was confessor at St. Bernard Seminary.

High point of his pastorate at Our Lady of Victory came in January 1938 when the parish marked his 70th birthday with a Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

At the time Father Van der Meulen received a signal honor from His Majesty, Leopold III, King of the Belgians. The royal decree conferring the title of Knight of the Order of the Crown was bestowed at the request of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in token of his services to the Belgian people.

During his pastorate here, Father Van der Meulen directed the complete renovation of the structure.



REV. CAMIEL A. VAN DER MEULEN

The famed Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes built in 1894 and rebuilt and rededicated in 1923 was refurbished. All statues most of them, imported from Europe were repainted and the Stations of the Cross retouched. Ceilings and walls were refinished in Byzantine style.

FATHER VAN DER MEULEN served as pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church from 1927, following the death of Canon Albert A. Notebaert to his time for leaving for Belgium in September, 1948.

Coming to Rochester in 1913, he was attached to the parish while conducting missionary work among Catholics of Belgian birth and descent. Subsequently he became assistant pastor and then pastor.

He was highly regarded in the religious community to which he belonged, the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary; He knew three Superior Generals of the order.

He is also remembered here for the novenas and retreats he conducted at his church and for the annual pilgrimages he conducted to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, Canada, over a period of 33 years.

Bonaventure Priest Named Bishop For Beirut, Lebanon

Washington — (NC) — An American priest has been made Vicar Apostolic of Beirut for Latin Rite Catholics in Lebanon.

He is Father Eustace J. Smith, O.F.M., vice rector of Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure, N. Y. He has been named Titular Bishop of Apamea Cibotis.

The appointment, made by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, was announced here today by His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

There are Catholics of several hoods on June 12, 1934, in the different rites in the country of Lebanon. The newly-named Bishop will have all of the 11,000 D. C.

Catholics of the Latin Rite under his jurisdiction. The total general population of the country is 1,200,000.

Bishop-elect Smith was born in Medford, Mass., on August 22, 1908, the son of D. Roderick and Mary (MacDonald) Smith, who reside in Medford.

He was ordained to the priesthood on June 12, 1934, in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C.

Prayers Ordered For Red Victims

His Excellency Bishop Kearney has directed that special prayers for the persecuted faithful throughout the world be offered at all Masses in the Rochester diocese on Sunday, January 1, 1956.

(N.C.W.C. News Service) — As the New Year begins, Catholics throughout the United States will join in prayers for their suffering coreligionists in countries dominated by communism.

It will be the fifth consecutive occasion on which a Day of Prayer will be observed on behalf of the millions experiencing bitter persecution behind the Iron Curtain "for the cause of Christ." The special day of prayer will be held on January 1, the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, at the request of the American Hierarchy. The request was made by the Bishops at their annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in November.

A statement issued by the Bishops in connection with the Day of Prayer declared that American Catholics cannot ever permit the plight of the victims of Red persecution to be forgotten or ignored. It said that all men of goodwill "will surely continue to protest against such stark injustice and to plead before God and before men that it be speedily ended."

THE FULL TEXT of the Bishops' statement, signed by Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore, chairman of the administrative board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, reads as follows:

"Still deeply involved in the contemporary struggle for the souls and bodies of men are the millions who suffer bitter persecution for the cause of Christ."

"Countless numbers of them, in both the East and the West, continue to be subjected to a human treatment at the hands of tyrants and despots because of their loyalty to Christian faith in God and their attachment to Christ and His Church."

"Injustice, oppression, flight, poverty and anguish are the economic evils which afflict the innocent men, women and children in many lands must pay for the crime of loving their Creator."

"We, their brethren in the faith, cannot ever permit their plight to be forgotten or ignored. Indeed all men of good will, impressed by their cause, and moved by their courage, oftentimes heroic, in the face of such brutal and overwhelming pressure will surely continue to protest against such stark injustice and to plead before God and before men that it be speedily ended."

"Rooted solidly in Christian teaching and tradition is the cherished truth that all members of the Church suffer with any who suffer."

"We are mindful that St. Peter himself, saddened by the afflictions of the flock in his own day, gave expression to that compelling thought when he wrote them: 'Beloved, do not be startled at the trial by fire that is taking place among you to prove you, as if something strange were happening to you; but in so far as you are partakers of the sufferings of Christ, rejoice that you may also rejoice with exultation in the revelation of His glory. If you are upbraided for the name of Christ, blessed will you be, because the honor, the glory and the power of God and His Spirit rest upon you.' (1 Peter, 4, 12-15)"

"As we, Bishops, priests and people throughout the nation join again on New Year's day, in prayer and intercession for our afflicted brethren, we salute them in affection and in admiration. By their wounds may the modern world be healed. By their merits may it deserve to achieve in our time that measure of peace with justice and charity which is the fervent hope of men of good will everywhere."

Pollster Reports Methodists OK Binoq

Chicago — (RNS) — Most Methodists see no objections to Bingo despite their Church's condemnation of gambling and its warning against participating in the games of chance.

This was revealed in a poll based upon questionnaires sent to a representative section of Methodist membership over the country by Dr. Murray H. Lelifer, director of the Bureau of Social and Religious Research at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

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PAID CIRCULATION

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President's Pastor Cites Pope's Talk

Washington — (NC) — The pastor of the National Presbyterian Church here, which President Eisenhower attends, said the proposals for the ban of atomic weapons contained in His Holiness Pope Pius XII's Christmas message "may well be one of the most constructive suggestions that has come to us in recent months."

Such an agreement, he said, is "an obligation in conscience" for the people and statesmen of the world if they are to prevent universal chaos and destruction.

Declaring that peace constituted "an object of solitude always present to our heart," the Pontiff also advocated the use of "preventive pacification," a measure which he defined as "preventing or eliminating or lessening with time the quarrels between nations which might lead to war." By this, he said, he specifically had in mind the present struggles in colonial areas.

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Vatican City — (RNS)

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Vatican City—Pope Pius XII is shown as he concluded delivery of his annual Christmas message from his throne in the Consistorial Hall of the Vatican. The Pontiff spoke for 50 minutes in a clear voice without appearing tired. In his plea for World Peace, the Pope called for international disarmament and a ban on nuclear weapons. (RNS Photo)

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"To build up a society in which man's security rests on that moral order of which we have very often set forth the need and the consequences, and which has regard for true human nature."

"If, therefore, Christians unite to this end in various institutions and organizations," the Pope continued, "they are setting before themselves no other objective save the service willed by God for the benefit of the world. For the sake of this motive, and not out of weakness, let Christians group themselves together."

"But let them — and more so than others — remain open to every healthy undertaking and to all genuine progress, and not withdraw themselves into a sealed enclosure as if to preserve themselves from the world. Committed to promote the advantage of all men, let them not despise others, who, at any rate, are not adversaries to the light of reason, both social and individual, but the teaching of Christ, finally, at least what is based on the natural law."

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Holy Name Feast Mass In St. Joseph's

Solemn Mass in St. Joseph Church, Franklin St., Rochester on Monday, Jan. 2 at 11:30 a.m. will draw a large attendance of Holy Name men to mark the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, according to officers of Rochester Deaneary, Holy Name Union.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside and preach at the Tenth Annual Holy Name Feast-day Mass. The Very Rev. Monsignor John E. Maney, chancellor of the diocese, will serve as assistant priest at the throne. Deacons of honor to the Bishop will be the Very Rev. Monsignor John S. Randall, chaplain of the Police Holy Name Society, and the Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Vogt, pastor of Holy Redeemer Church.

The Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, diocesan spiritual director of the Holy Name Societies, will celebrate the Solemn Mass. Deacon will be the Rev. Edward Zimmer, chaplain of the Firemen's Holy Name Society, and subdeacon will be the Rev. Eugene H. McFarland, chaplain of the Post Office Employees Holy Name Society.

A general invitation to all area Holy Name men and all Catholic laymen to assist at the Mass was issued by President Frank J. Lange of the Rochester Deaneary Holy Name Union.

LANGE HAS also urged parish Holy Name Society officers to head and organize car pools and a motorcade from their respective parishes.

Special delegations of Police, Fire Bureau and Post Office Holy Name Societies will attend, Lange announced.

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\$15,000 Kodak Grant Given Niagara University

Eastman Kodak Company has awarded a grant of \$15,000 to Niagara University, according to Father Francis L. Meade, C.M., university president.

The unrestricted grant is part of a Kodak plan to aid privately supported colleges whose graduates are employed by the Eastman Company.

ALLOTMENTS ABE made, Kodak officials said, on the basis of graduates who joined the company five years prior to the year a fund grant is made.

In announcing the Kodak aid to education plan this past September, Eastman spokesman said, "Special consideration was given to current financial problems of privately supported institutions because they depend for their principal resources upon endowment return and voluntary contributions."

Father Meade, in accepting the Kodak grant, stated that it would assist the university in its recent year program of expanding its educational facilities.

A new church and rectory for St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Corning, was dedicated on June 26 by Bishop Kearney. Total cost of the buildings was \$385,000 and cost of conversion of the old church into classrooms was estimated at \$80,000.

St. Jerome Parish, East Rochester, opened a new school on Sept. 8 with the total cost of the eight classroom building placed at \$375,000.

Bishop Casey blessed the new school annex at St. John the Evangelist, Greece, on Sept. 11. School building was constructed at the cost of \$160,000.

Spring construction is planned for a new \$200,000 convent at Holy Family Church, Auburn.

A \$200,000 goal drive at Immaculate Conception Parish, there, realized \$212,317 in an October campaign and dedication of the new \$260,000 St. Rita School took place in West Webster on Oct. 30.

St. Leo Church, Hilton, won over the top in a \$30,000 parish campaign the same month and received pledges for \$55,346.

Bishop Casey dedicated the new \$115,000 wing at St. Francis de Sales School, Geneva, on Oct. 30, and Chibi parishioners at St. Pius X Church realized \$70,000.