First Prize Essay

Christmas Is Christ's Birthday

Christ's Birthday.

(This essay by William Joseph Creighton, R.D. No. 2, Elmira, NY, and a junior at Notre Dame High School, Elmira was church to prepare for this great awarded first prize in contest sponsored by Catholic Family

What is Christmas? Is it the their new presents? Is it the Christ's Birthday. pleased expressions on the count. In preparation for Christmas, its ultimate destruction.

who come from great distances?

men the world over put aside the of the tree on the town square. TO FURTHER the concept of mundane cares of the day and re- But now, in the twentieth cen- a more spiritual approach to joice that nearly two thousand tury, something has gone amiss Christmas, merchants should set Child who was destined for the rise and fall of Israel. Not an ordinary child, but Our Savior who would eventually die on the in store windows, but they are

their flocks brought a small lamb as an offering to the Christ Child. So great was this event that the world could not escape Santa Claus started out as Saint side of Christmas. noticing that an incident of great Nicholas, a kindly Bishop of old

customs have developed in various not and should not by any means of the world for the celebration of this great Feast, replace Him. Since a discussion of the customs of the world would be a task of tremendous of the world would be a task of tremendous of the world to the world would be a task of tremendous of the world to the worl christmas in the United States, As a start, it would be wise of making people realize once during two phases of time—the days in which our ancestors lived

which we enjoy today. However,

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Feast would be well worth considering as an impetus to make people realize more and more gally decorated tree, standing in amid the rush of the holiday that prayer can bring a solution the living room? Is it the smiles season these psople were never to many problems—especially at on the faces of elated youngsters too busy to remember what a time when atheistic communas they get their first glimpse of Christmas really stood for. ism threatens to engulf the world and could even bring about

enances of the elders as they the children were on their very Meanwhile, twentieth century slowly push themselves away best behavior, for they knew that conveniences can help bring a from the dining room table after if they were good, the Christ more spiritual Christmas into dinner? Is it the joy of giving? Child would bless them on His view. For example, a consider-Is it the delight of receiving? Is Birthday with some small gift of able increase in the broadcasting it the visit of cherished relatives great value to them. There was of church services and Christcaroling in the streets, a manger mas music would be a great pub-Yes, but above all . . . Christmas in every home, where the family lic service. This would be most Christ's Birthday. gathered every night in prayer, welcome and more in keeping.

Christmas is the time when all and even mass-singing in front with the Holy Season at hand.

Yes, of course, there are cribs ent in the public's mind. Likewise, those citizens who

who would eventually die on the constant of the windows, but they are reminded of the CherWe are reminded of the CherClaus to bring them toys on this could create of the charting the could create of the charting charting them to bring them toys on this could create of the charting them to bring them toys on this could create of the charting them to bring them toys on this could create of the charting them to bring them toys on this could create of the charting them to bring them toys on this could create of the charting the char ubin and Seraphim chanting joyous day. There are some front lawn . . . to serve as a re-"Glory to God in the highest small children who know nothing minder to passing motorists of visit of the three wise men bearing gifts of gold, frankincense
and myrrh. Shepherds tending
Santa Claus instead of this is

of the Christ Child or the real the true meaning of Christmas.

More presentations of Christmas the true meaning of Christmas.

More presentations of Christmas the true meaning of Christmas the true meaning of Christmas.

Santa Claus instead of this is Santa Claus instead of this is groups and high school students would again help bring home to LET US REMEMBER that our fellow Americans the serious

The idea of Putting Christ noticing that an incident of great whose generosity started the customer whose generosity started the custom

would be a lask of tremendous and conjure in our minds what men, businessmen and citizens proportions, let us concern our. proportions, let us concern our, and conjure in our minds what men, pusinessmen and citizens are really ideal Christmas would in general to act, each in his own way, to achieve the great work

the old folks call "the small crib in every home, so office, in the shop, in the church Tuesday, Dec. 27. Church services

have the family gather at the established in the hearts and Rev. Jerome Schifferli, a nephew Joseph F. McCarthy, Joseph D. Anne Edwards, Elmira; Major tery, Watkins Glen. Crib for evening prayer and med minds of men as the Birthday of as deacon and the Rev. John S. Donovan, Andrew W. Teuschel, Nora Tobin, home on leave from itation. Daily attendance at Christ.

Pontifical Requiem Mass Held For Sister Mary Mark

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey said the Solemn ment of the old Rochester Hear-rab, Edward H. Hartmann, Leslie his home two days earlier fol- Wednesday. Requiem High Mass Pontifical Requiem Mass for Sister Mary Mark Coleman at ald until that newspaper ceased G. Whalen, William J. Naughton, lowing a year's illness. the Mercy Motherhouse chapel last Saturday. He likewise publication in the late 1920's, He Paul Cloonan, John A. Morgan, gave the final blessing at the

The 'Rev. Francis W. Luddy Reverend Fathers Francis X. Schifferli's retirement. was assistant priest at the sol. Kenny, C.SS.R., Charles Adams. HE IS SURVIVED by his wife Sundholm and Vincent P. Collins. emn Mass. Deacon was Rev. O.F.M., Raymond Mahoney. SS. Rose, his two sons, Father Wil-Francis Feeney and Father Tor- CC., John D. Malley, Charles V. liam Schifferli, chaplain at Indusmey acted as sub-deacon. Other Boyle, John G. McCafferty, T. try and Trancis Jr.; two daughofficers of the Mass were Rev. Paul Murley, Charles J. McCar- ters, Sister Rose Francis, C.D.P. Edward Wedow. Rev. Edward thy. Patrick J. Flynn. Arthur of Lexington, Ky. and Rosemary: Haiti First Lady Zimmer, Rev. William Charbon- Ratigan, Donald Mulcahy. John two brothers. Leo of Rochester neau, Rev. John Coonan. Rev. Maloney, John F. Murphy, C.S.B., and Henry of Florida; three sis-William Roach, Rev. John Cava- John O'Meara, C.S.B., John ters, Mary, Agnes and Florence naugh, and Rev. Walter Flem- Merklinger, Albert Simonetti, Ig. of Buffalo and four grandchilnatius St. George, Norbert No- dren. Present in the sanctuary were lan, Albert Shamon, John Whit-

the Right Reverend Monsignors ley, C.S.B., Raymond Kenny, Ed. Reverend Fathers Albert H. John M. Duffy, Louis Edelman, ward Shamon, John Connolly Schnacky, Michael P. O'Brien, John B. Sullivan, Rt. Rev. Msgr. and Francis Pegnam. Thomas F. Connors, Very Rev. At the time of her death Sis-Murphy, Donald J. Murphy. Msgr. John Maney, Chancellor, ter Mary Mark was teaching at Charles J. McCarthy, John W. Le-Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald Lambert. Our Lady of Mercy High School. Veque. John M. Merklinger. Bonnie Brae Ave. Surviving also loney, Raymond G. Heisel, Arth. He told Mrs. Magliore: Federal Funds Aid are a brother John and a sister, ur F. Florack, Leo V. Smith,

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Funeral services for Sister M. Sophia Donoghue of the the laboring classes, but still Funds, it was disclosed at a Sisters of Saint Joseph, who died on Christmas day, were more for their moral and spirit-The Catholic institutions ben-theld Tuesday morning at Nazareth Convent, Pittsford.

efitted, the amounts granted and Solemn Requiem Mass was of the purpose are as follows: Good fered by the Rev. William ters of Saint Joseph from Os-Shepherd Refuge, Albuquerque, H. Shannon, assisted by the Rev. wego and spent most of her refor a 30-bed nursing home, \$90. for a 30-bed nursing nome, 550.

1. Pendergast, C.S.B., deacon, the Motherhouse where she was bad, for completing general hos- and the Rev. Mr. Thomas Hoc- engaged in the making of altar pital, adding 50 beds, \$75,000; St. tor, subdeacon; minor offices linens and vestments. Ann's Hospital, situation in the were filled by students of St. Surviving are one brother, town named Truth or Conse Bernard Seminary, Also present Cornelius Donoghue, of Oswego, quences for 50-bed general hos in the sanctuary were Right and several nieces and nephews Hospital. Las Vegas, for 52-bed Edelman and John M. Duffy.

Priests attending included the

Austin B. Hanna, John A.

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pital. \$115,000, and St. Anthony's Reverend Monsignori Louis W. including the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter Donoghue of Brookline. Sister Sophia entered the Sis- Mass.

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Corning - The funeral of Thomas P. Culligan, retired Niagara Univ. New York Central Railroad track superintendent and former Plans Centenary member of the Corning Board of Public Works, who died Dec. 17, 1955, in Hasbrouck

At Church Jubilee Mass

MARKING 25TH ANNIVERSARY of dedication of St. Alphons-

us Church, Auburn, Dec. 21, leaving rectory for church, were

(from left) Monsigner Robert L. Dillon, chanceller, Syracuse diocese; Very Rev. Frederick C. Straub, V.F., paster of St.

Alphonsus and Cayuga, dean and Bishop Walter A. Foery of

erend Monsignors Thomas F. ard G. Stanton.

Home, Requiem Mass was cele Hackensack because of his inaugurate the anniversary fes if the Rev. Thomas Brennan, Palisades Park.

The bearers were William Corning — Requiem Mass was of Thanksgiving.

Celebrated Monday, Dec. 26, 1955, "Convocation Day" will be leavy, Harold Cushing and Harry for Frank Giambrone of 51 River time the colleges of the United

it Lawrenceville, Pa: A son of dence, and the body was placed. The weekend of Oct. 12, 13, and railroad family, he began part in the receiving vany at St. Mary 14 will be set aside for the Lay still in high school, and in 1887 later date. accepted a full-time position. Mr. Glambrone was 1 rn in 1000 members of the alumni are From 1920 until he retired in Italy the son of Joseph and An expected to return to the campus

Corning.

of St. Mary Church in Corning. ben Hotel. He was a member of ther Meade announced. son, Thomas, are: a brother, Wil. the Marconi Lodge, Sons of liam R. Culligan and a sister, Italy. Mrs. Charles Niles, oth of Corning; a granddaughter, Mrs. widow are four children, Frank, of war returning from the Soviet Lawrence Clark, and a great Sally Ann, Mary Jean, Angeline Union were welcomed here by

Mrs. Charles Edwards of Chelan, Wash., a former Addison resident, was held Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1955, at St. Catherine Church here, of which she was a former member. Bearers were: William McCar-

Final blessing at the funeral Mass for Francis M. Schifferli, father of a priest and a nun was imparted by His thy, Frank Flynn, August Vona, and the present day.

Many years ago. in the time ago. Why not have at least a This group of people—in the Excellency Bishop Kearney in Blessed Sacrament Church, Sr. and Bernard Hanrahan.

Sr. and Bernard Hanrahan. Lawrence Murray, Sr., Leo Troy,

> Return to the mass-singing of be at least two definite results, ter area photoengraver died Dec. Klocek, Richard J. Orlando, Wil. were: Charles Edwards of Che- Healey of Newark, Hody was at Christmas Carols at the com- 1. The Emphasis of Christ in 24, 1955 after a long illness. munity Christmas tree in the Christmas will lead to a more SOLEMN REQUIEM Mass was Emmett Murphy, Michael J. Tyd. olds, Dansville, Mrs. Thomas Prayer services there Wedness offered by his son, the Rev. Willings, William F. Nolan, George McMahon and daughter, Mrs. day, Requiem High Mass in St. town square, revive caroning one one of some one of some of states Hayes, subdeacon, Also in the Francis M. Luddy, Charles B. Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; Mr. and Sanctuary were the Right Rev Connell, Charles V. Boyle, Rich Mrs. Lester Andrews of Bath.

Maynard Connell. Also the Reverend Fathers Corning - Requiem Mass was in the photoengraving depart James J. Marvin, Paul G. Wohl erick St., Riverside, who died at operated the Herald Engraving Eugene H. McFarland, George J. residence after which the Rev. Co. and later the Culver-Hearld Weinmann, Francis E. Hester, James Slattery, assistant pastor cemetery assisted by Father The Rev. James McMannis, firm until his retirement about James C. Lane, Elmer W. Heindl, of St. Vincent's, was celebrant until his retirement about James C. Lane, Elmer W. Heindl, of St. Vincent's, was celebrant Richard Tormey, Chaplain at the Holy Cross Father, personally 12 years ago. Another son, Fran-Bernard Kuchman, Edward E. for Mass with the Rev. Harold represented Father Patrick Pey cis Jr., has been president and Steinkirchner, Robert M. Egan, F. Rogers, pastor of the Church ton. Others attending were the treasurer of the firm since Mr. Edward J. Foy, Peter T. Jankow of the Immaculate Heart of ski. Joseph J. O'Connell, Conrad

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of the President of Halti, was the son of Thomas and Eliza was a member of the National formally presented here with the beth Kane Hogue. bestowed upon her by His Holi- by T. G. Hawkes and Co. and for Buffalo in 1952. At the present tion of her generosity and devotion to the poor and needy.

The papal decoration was presented at President Magliore's She was the daughter of Mr. Francis H. Vogt. Raymond Wahl, home by Archbishop Luigi Raiand Mrs. Harold J. Coleman, 250 Arthur E. Ratigan, Joseph Ma. mondi, Papal Nuncio to Haiti.

The papal decoration was presented at President Magliore's home by Archbishop Luigi Raimondi. Papal Nuncio to Haiti.

He told Mrs. Magliore: "It is fitting that we should underline the social value of your numerous activities, not only for the material welfare of

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Tioga, Pa., and attended school previous to Mass at the late resi. in the field of education. time work on the road while Cemetery pending burial at a Alumni of the university to join

1937, Mr. Culligan was on duty geline Messina Glambrone. He for this affair.

With the Pennsylvania Division and spent most of his time in 35 years and in Corning 15 "Priests' Alumni Day" has not years. In 1940 he married Louise yet been determined. This day He was married in 1898 to the Ruocco of Corning who survives will occur either during the sumformer Agnes Maxner of Cor. He was employed by the New mer of 1956 or during the latter York Central for 10 years and in part of the year, whichever time mr. Culligan vas a member recent years at the Baron Stell is convenient for the priests, Fa-Surviving in addition to his St. Vincent de Paul Church and

grandson, Jay Clark, both of Brooklyn and Start, a brother Jo. Archbishop Aloysius J. Muench-seph in Italy and sisters, Mrs. of Fargo, N.D., Papal Nuncio to Jennie Turdo of Brooklyn and Germany. Addison — The funeral of Mrs. Connie Canppone of New York City.

Elmira Area Deaths

Harry Handerhan, 83, of 1051 Davis St., formerly of Millport, Monday, Dec. 26, 1955. He was Father Turner led in the recl. a communicant of St. Cecilia which the old folks call "the sman crio in every nome, so onice, in the shop, in the church ruesday, Dec. 21. Church services

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Church Survived by nieces, Mrs.

good old days" there was a lack; that each family might capture and in the lower could very well followed a service in Mattle Function of the Rosary Tuesday. Church Survived by nieces, Mrs.

Whalen, Charles A. Bennett, Clarer of Phoenix, of the various conveniences the true spirit of Christmas in start an idea that would change eral Home, 300 Cumberland St.

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Mr. Schillerin, 11, retired press cince w. Gardner,

Also the Reverend Fathers of Caledonia, Miss Florence Ry.

Matthew A. Siudara, Chester M. friends attending the funeral an of Elmira, Mrs. Thomas F. Charles and Charles are definite results.

> Charles J. Galligan of 330 Sheridan Ct., Elmira, formerly of Sayre, Sunday, Dec. 25, 1955. Survived by wife, Mrs. Mary Gerfrude Galligan; several aunts, Sixty-four other priests attended. Gerald G. Kelly, John E. Roach, Sixty-four other priests attended. Mr. Schifferli came to Roches. Raymond M. Wuest, Frank Value, in St. Vincent de Paul Church uncles and cousins. Body was at ter from Buffalo in 1900. He was to Marries Positive Paul Church the Paul Church Charles F. Hughes & Son Funer. Prayers were said at the late Tanger and Paul Church. St.

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> For a time he was employed of Charity School of Nursing in 37 years prior to 1950 he was a time she is a senior at St. Louis and Lackawanna Railroads. He and will receive her Bachelor of was a member of St. Vincent de Science degree in Nursing in Paul Church and the Brother. June. hood of Railway Postal Clerks. Her fiance is a graduate of Surviving are: two brothers, Cathedral High's School in Los John of Riverside and George of Angeles, Cal., and completed Painted Post; several nieces and studies at Loyola University nephews in Corning and vicinity. there in 1954. He is currently

> Corning — William Braun Jr., tistry at St. Louis University. of Beaver Dam RD 2 died Friday, Dec. 23, 1955, at his home this summer. following a five year illness. The body was sent to Palisades Park for service and burial in Engle- that all the beautiful sentiments wood Brookside Cemetery in that in the world weigh less than a community.

Mr. Braun was born June 2, 1898 at Palisades Park, the son of William H. and Mary Sutryk

the failure of juries to convict. Dec. 5, 1938 in Hackensack, N. 110 MAIN STREET-OWEGO, N. T.

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Niagara University vill cele Dec. 17, 1955, in Hasprouck Lights, N. J., was held in this J., the ceremony before perform brate its 100th antiversary on airy Wednesday, Dec. 21. De ed by the Rev. John Witklewicz, four different occasions during

brated in St. Mary Church by health. He was a member of St. tivities with "Vincentian Campus the Rev. Hugh Brady, assistant Joseph Church at Hackensack: Day." On this day, the houses of pastor. The committal service in Surviving are his widow and the Vincentian Fathers of the Mary Cemetery was in charge one sister, Mrs. May Rose of Eastern Province will unite with the priests and lay faculty and student body at a Pontifical Mass

Merle Bump, John Dun at St. Vincent de Paul Church celebrated on May 10 at which Culligan was born in Friday, A prayer service was held Niagara as it marks 100 years

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