

A modern Book of Hours (the twelve Hours of the Passion), this generous volume of Father Jude Mead is a good companion for the latter part of Lent. Generous — not only in informativeness and penetrating comment, but because it is not busily teaching us to meditate.

Rather it carries us along; it says everything and the heart's "Yes" and "Mea culpa" and act of love come without effort. Surely this is the time of times during the year when we welcome that kind of assistance.

Here we may linger over His every word and glance and motion; the book does not hurry, it looks quietly at today and yesterday and the night of His suffering.

Every detail of the Passion is vividly described and explored, on various levels, while our part in the story is assessed, and Our Lord lovingly portrayed in the varying scenes.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE not to grow in love as one reads. The engravings play their part; they are beautiful, not jagged and crude, and they are both dramatic and sensitive, conveying treachery or grief or bravery in the very lines of a robe or cloud.

The chapters live up to their titles: Hour of Darkness, Hour of Desolation, Hour of Injustice. The style pleases:

"Three o'clock is the hour of solitude and desertion. Even the brightness of modern lighting cannot enliven or dissipate the loneliness of deserted streets and the sightless sockets of darkened windows at that hour."

Annas. This hoary politician, according to Josephus, had obtained for himself the dignity of High Priest by bribing... His great influence was due to his malicious tongue and tremendous wealth.

"If He had come down (from the Cross). He might have converted some five hundred souls on Calvary... And now and forever He is adored and blessed, because... He has redeemed the world."

Ever since Mary chanted before Elizabeth her tremendous joy in a lyric of praise like the psalms of her ancestor David, her lovely cachet rests upon those of us who attempt to make

Ireland Sends Missionaries To Texas

Dublin — (NC) — The largest number of Irish missionaries assigned abroad during 1955 were sent to Texas, according to the annual report of the Irish Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Making up the Texas mission contingent were 62 Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and 19 Sisters of the Holy Ghost and Mary Immaculate.

THE LARGEST group of priests sent to foreign lands were 63 members of the Society of African Missions, many of them veterans of the African missions. Some 700 missionaries, representing 22 congregations, left Ireland during the past year to go to missions ranging from Christchurch, New Zealand, to Woodstock, Canada.

The report revealed that a record gift of 106,000 pounds (\$295,800) had been given to the Holy See by the Irish Society during 1955.

Irish Crime Decline Closes 2 Prisons

Dublin — (RNS) — Crime is declining in Ireland to such an extent that prisons in Cork and Sligo are to be closed.

The announcement was made by Minister of Justice James Everett in a report to the Dail (parliament).

He said the average number of inmates in the country's jails last year was only 386, as against 633 in 1946.

Vatican City Ups Workers Wages

Vatican City — (NC) — A wage increase has been given to all officials and workers employed regularly in Vatican City.

The raise in salary is said to be 50 times the basic wage established in 1938. An increase of 36 times the basic wage was given when Italian currency was greatly inflated after the war. The present increase was given because of the rise in the cost of living.



Pastor Invested As Monsignor AFTER INVESTITURE by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick Moffatt, (left) pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester, is greeted by the Bishop at Novena of Grace service, Sunday in the patronal church.

Judge Upholds Post Office Ban On 'Religious Junk'

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Federal Judge Charles F. McLaughlin upheld the Post Office Department's withdrawal of mailing privileges from Catholic Products of America, a Miami firm that has been sending through the mails articles Roman Catholic officials and publications describe as "religious junk."

The firm is operated by Max Kram. His brothers Benjamin and Henry last August signed an affidavit that they would discontinue another mail order business called Ex-GI Plastics, which they operated in Miami, after Post Office authorities had threatened them with prosecution.

Max's son, Murray, 27, was indicted by a federal grand jury at Pittsburgh Pa. last fall on ten charges of mail fraud in connection with his operation of a mail order "religious junk" business in that city.

New Liturgy Palm Sunday TV Mass Set

Baltimore, Md. — (RNS) — A Palm Sunday Mass, incorporating for the first time on television the Vatican's new Holy Week Liturgy will be heard from Boston over the NBC-TV network on March 25 from 10 to 11 a.m. Program will be viewed in the Rochester area over WHAM-TV.

The announcement was made at the Middle Atlantic regional meeting of the Catholic Broadcasters Association by the Rev. Walter Flaherty, director of radio and television for the Archdiocese of Boston, who will direct the program.

Father Flaherty said the new Palm Sunday Mass will place an additional emphasis on the procession through the church, as suggested by the decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites last November setting forth changes in the Holy Week observances.

THE MASS, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, also will feature the Singing of the Passion, Father Flaherty stated.

He said that while this 20-minute dramatization of the words of the Passion had been televised in Boston, it has never been presented on a network telecast. The singing will be by three seminarians and a choir.

New Holy Week Manual Reprinted

Milwaukee, Wis. — (NC) — The Bruce Publishing Company has announced a special reprinting of its new Holy Week Manual for Priests.

As the new edition went to press a backlog of more than a thousand orders had accumulated. A spokesman at the publishing company said.

The manual, prepared by Father Walter J. Schmitz, S.S., professor of liturgy at the Catholic University of America, is a detailed instruction on the proper execution of all the ceremonies in the restored Holy Week Liturgy.

C-J 'Full Coverage' Lists 123 Parishes

There are more parishes announced this week that they will inaugurate the "full coverage" plan of the Catholic Courier-Journal for the first time this year.

This brings to a total of 123 of the 146 parishes in the Rochester Diocese subscribing all parish families to the diocesan paper.

In the southern tier area of the Diocese, 27 of the 30 parishes there are now enrolled with total coverage and 37 of the 47 parishes in the Rochester area are likewise listed with full coverage, according to Elmer Grapenstetter, circulation manager.

New subscriptions will begin with the April 6 issue, Mr. Grapenstetter said.

Rev. John P. O'Keefe, pastor of St. Patrick parish, Seneca Falls, inaugurating the full coverage plan there reports 489 subscriptions.

Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi parish, Rochester, has also adopted the 100 per cent program by subscribing 347 families in that parish.

Rev. Harold F. Eggers, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Painted Post, reports full coverage with 116 subscriptions.

Renewing the full coverage plan are the following parishes as reported to the Courier-Journal circulation office this week:

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Most Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, V. G., rector, 1386 subscriptions; Holy Rosary, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, pastor, 1109; Holy Redeemer, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Vogt, 598; St. Stanislaus, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Balcerak, 664; and Blessed Sacrament, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Connors, 1081.

Also Holy Cross, Rochester, Rev. Robert H. Fennessy, 775; St. Lucy, Rochester, Rev. Genaro J. Ventura, administrator, 133; St. Pius X, Van Etten, Rev. Michael Reeder, O.F.M., 38; Epiphany,odus, 71; and St. Rose of Lima,odus Point, 29 Rev. James O'Connell, pastor.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, Brockport, Rev. Edward J. Lutz, 326; St. Paul of the Cross, Honey Falls, 98; and St. Catherine,

Mendon 19, Rev. Howard Geff; St. Patrick, Corning, Rev. William M. Cannon, 342; St. Joachim, Canisteo, 102, and St. Mary, Rexville, 65, Rev. Joseph P. Hatley.

OTHER PARISHES reporting subscriptions as submitted by parishioners are: St. Cecilia, Rochester, Rev. Bernard Newcomb, 63; St. Joseph, Wayland, Rev. Adelbert J. Schneider, 61; St. George, Rochester, Rev. Frank J. Valukas, 43; Good Shepherd, Henrieville, and St. Joseph, Rush, Rev. George C. Vogt, 77; and St. Agnes, Rochester, Rev. Edward J. Eschlich, 261.

St. Monica Parish, Rochester, has reported an additional 201 subscribers according to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, pastor, bringing that parish total to 600.

Sordid Books Seen Poisoning America

Washington — (NC) — "A positively terrifying output of books" is poisoning the Christian conscience, and the American spirit, the rector of St. Matthew's Cathedral here has warned.

Preaching at the cathedral, Msgr. John K. Cartwright said these books are marked by "preoccupation with indecency, and savage and subversive criticism of American society."

"The first tendency," he said, "is concerned with every form of indecency: crime, cruelty, physical silt, the symptoms of disease, the details of insanity, all forms of the morbid and ugly."

But, Msgr. Cartwright continued, "more especially it means sexual indecency."

At the same time the Monsignor said that "books whose pages are drenched with sordidness" are "praised by the critic chorus in the best known papers, crowned by national committees" and receive "every form of homage known to our publicity promoters."

News On Island — Kingscote, Kangaroo Island — (NC) — Two Sisters of St. Joseph, an Australian foundation, were the first nuns to land on Kangaroo Island, off the coast of South Australia.

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