

Porting World 'Sacred' Task Father Says

—(NC)— Accurate reporting of International news is to some extent a "sacred character," Pope Pius XII said in a public information conference without taking advantage of the ignorance of some or of the good faith of others.

Evening Rites End Fishermen's Mass

New Orleans — (NC) — In the pre-dawn, the last "fishermen's Mass" was offered at Our Lady of the Sea church here.

Philadelphia Cites Catholic Growth

Philadelphia — (NC) — There were 17,955 more baptisms in 1955 than in 1945 in the Philadelphia archdiocese, according to statistics released here by the Chancery.

India Refuses Entry To 60 Missionaries

New Delhi, India — (NC) — Indian authorities have refused entry visas to about 60 foreign missionaries in recent months.

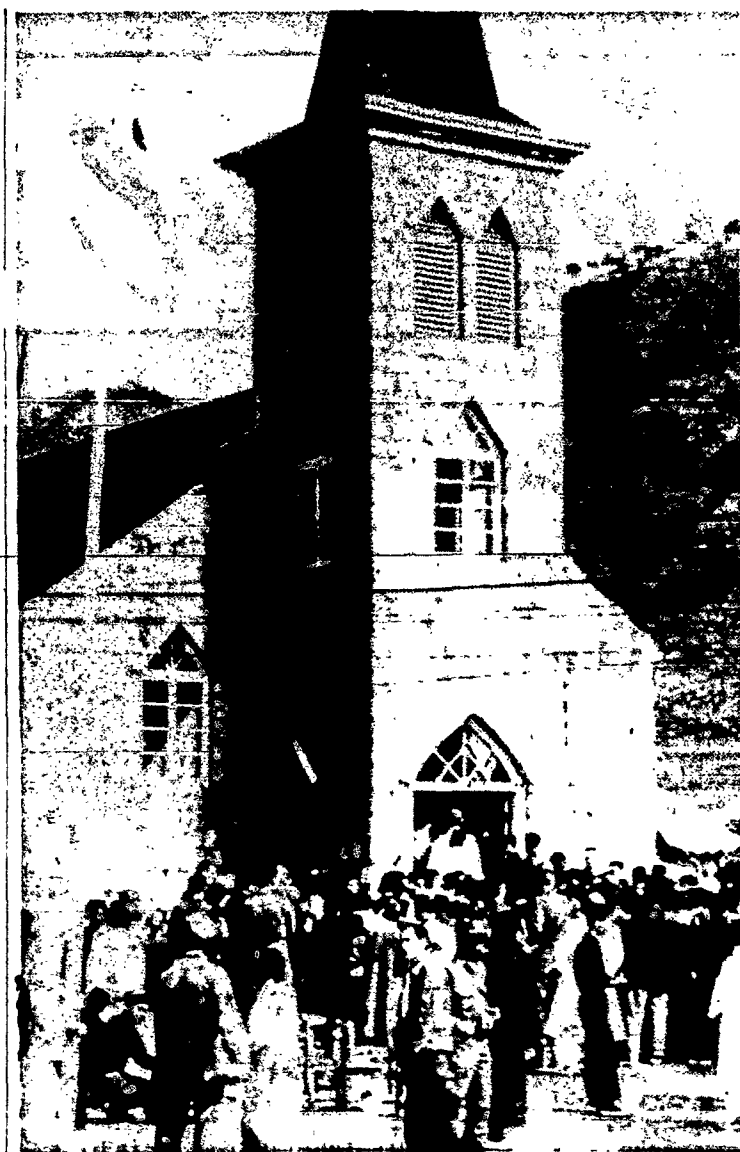
An official statement in Parliament here said that during the four months ending January 31 this year, there were more than 160 applications for missionary visas from foreign countries.

THE PRELATE disclosed that out of 77 Catholic applications for visas during 1955, only 19 were granted.

Red Zone Bans Pastoral Letters

Berlin — (RNS) — Catholic sources here charged East German Communist authorities with having suppressed two pastoral letters of the German hierarchy.

The two documents were the Lenten pastoral of the German hierarchy warning against the "monstrous danger" of dialectical materialism and condemning "education based on a denial of God"; and another joint pastoral on labor questions. The latter advocated a 40-hour, five-day working week.



Yanks Aid Korea Church

Kal-Kok-Ni, Korea — (NC) — An overflow attendance of Korean and American Catholics attended the dedication here of Immaculate Conception Church by Bishop Paul M. Ro of Seoul.

Marian Statue Honors Heroic Sullivan Brothers

Waterloo, Iowa — (NC) — The memory of the five Sullivan brothers, World War II heroes, of this city will be honored when a statue of the Blessed Mother of God — Queen of Peace — will be dedicated on the lawn outside of St. Mary's church, May 10.

Priests, Sisters Trains For Mission To Russia Reunion Of Russian Orthodox With Rome Not Too Far Off, Jesuit Forecasts

Washington — (NC) — Reunion of tens of millions of Orthodox Catholics in Russia with the Roman Catholic Church may be closer than most people realize.

This was emphasized by Father Feodor Wilcock, English Jesuit Priest, in a communion breakfast address to the John Carroll Society here.

THE ROMAN Catholic Church wouldn't insist on absolute uniformity by the Orthodox because of the unity of the Catholic Church," he declared, "is one of tremendous variety."

service in Russia, and to prepare Catechisms and other Roman Catholic printed material in the Russian language.

Chicago — (NC) — A jazz album just issued by ABC-Paramount features Servite Brother Matthew, better known previously as jazzman Boyce Brown.

IT ALL CAME about when officials at ABC-Paramount read a news story that Boyce Brown had taken his vows as Brother Matthew. They telephoned Father Hugh Calkins, the Servite Order's vocation director, to see if Brother Matthew might be able to play for some commercial records.



BROTHER MATTHEW

The Servites decided such records might help promote vocations to the order and raise funds for Servite missions.

Former St. Louis Cathedral Cracking
St. Louis — (NC) — Cracks the new six-lane Memorial Expressway have begun to appear in the historic Old Cathedral — one of the oldest churches west of the Mississippi River — as the result of heavy traffic on a new nearby expressway.

BOOK SHELF

1000 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
O'Reilly Holt '54. \$31 pp. 1 at Tucker's.
HELEN KELLE: SKETCH
Brooks, Dutton '54. 166 pp. all bookstores.
1000 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
quick-reference volume answers date fashion all sorts of questions about the faith.
The author has been concerned to put matters in "the most informative and interesting sequence" so that an inquirer might enjoy reading the book right through: first come questions on God, man's need of Him, Christianity, the Bible, the Church's doctrine, moral teaching, liturgy; then the view of the Church on Protestantism, social, political, economic affairs on education.
Statistics are given on Catholic population, participation in this or that field, growth, laps — and statistics are used — either to document or destroy prejudices.
THERE IS A chapter on converts (marred by a whoppy error in its first paragraph, listing of Belloc as a convert when he said, "I was baptized into the Faith at my birth, and I have known it all my life," and I am sure the ardent Norwegian heart of Sigrid Undset would kindle in the very grass to find herself labeled Swedish even though she was born in Sweden) — but despite its carelessness there follow 2 pages of interesting comments and advice on conversion, a then a chapter on "Personalities and Orders of the Church" that ranges the centuries and highlights saints and churchmen whose names have a familiar ring, giving a vital fact or two about each that perhaps we know.

Vatican Issues New Series Of Stamps

Vatican City — (NC) — A new issue of stamps has been released by the Vatican post office to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the institution of the papal Swiss Guard, which was called into service by Pope Julius II in 1506 to protect the papal palace.

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30,000 HOMELESS

An earthquake in South Lebanon has just left some 24 villages completely or partially destroyed; 150 dead; 500 injured; and a loss of approximately 22 million dollars. Shortly before, a flood in North Lebanon caused great damage. Could you help us clothe the naked, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, nurse the afflicted? We are in URGENT NEED OF STRINGLESS GIFTS to meet emergencies and to ease agonizing delays. Can you?

MOTHER'S DAY—MAY 13th

"In the lives of children, parents are more important than anybody." Let's not forget them. You can use our BEAUTIFUL FREE GIFT CARD with FLOWERS from the HOLY LAND to say Mother's Day DEAR, will receive all the benefits of ENROLLMENT, \$1 Annual, \$20 Perpetual. Or you can say, our poor missionaries will offer a MASS or MASSES; a NOVENA of Masses; GREGORIAN Masses (we have a SUSPENSE CARD for the living); or a STRINGLESS GIFT card. Let's remember also our Teachers, SPIRITUAL MOTHERS; our School, ALMA MATER; FOSTER Mothers; HOLY MOTHER CHURCH.

Mass Kit	\$100	Chalice	\$40	Vestments	\$80
Altar	75	Ciborium	40	Mass Book	40
Tabernacle	25	Monstrance	40	Stations	25

OUR LIFE, OUR SWEETNESS, OUR HOPE. Don't forget our Heavenly Mother on Mother's Day. Perhaps you could give a \$20 STATUE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER to one of our poorest MISSIONS?

DISTRESS CALL FOR \$10 FOOD PACKAGES. WILL GRATEFULLY SEND YOU A FREE ROSARY FROM THE HOLY LAND.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Few occasions are more heavenly than the reception of First Holy Communion. Our Zealous Missionary Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Catechists are doing everything possible to make this day most memorable for our adorable little ones. They have absolutely nothing of course, and it is up to us to try to find someone generous enough to clothe them. A FIRST COMMUNION OUTFIT costs \$10. Do it out of love for our Eucharistic Savior.

AMID HEAVENLY THINGS

St. Michael, the Archangel, by his great humility, vanquished Satan. St. Gregory Nazianzen, who studied in Athens said, "Let us not at once wither the fig-tree, from which a more skillful gardener may yet expect fruit." The Holy Father cannot allow the vocations of our Seminary and Novices to wither for want of funds. Humbly do they ask for "a skillful gardener," a FOSTER MOTHER or FATHER, who will pay their tuition, RAYMOND and NICOLAS of the Pontifical Greek College by \$500. MONICA and ROSELINE, Poor Clare Novices in India, paid for \$200. PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN, WHEN YOU CAN, WON'T YOU?

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