

Reporting World News 'Sacred' Task Holy Father Says

Vatican City — (NC) — Accurate reporting of international affairs has to some extent a "sacred character," Pope XII told a group of United Nations public information officials here.

Without taking advantage of the ignorance of some or of the good faith of others.

"A reporter worthy of the name," he continued, "must not malign anyone. He should seek to understand failures as well as successes."

To understand does not necessarily mean to excuse, the Pontiff concluded, but it might very well provide an opportunity of suggesting a remedy and thus of doing a positive and constructive job.

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.

The 3 a.m. Sunday Mass was inaugurated in 1932 for the benefit of those who fished and hunted on Sundays. Magr. Joseph J. Boudreau, pastor, an ardent fisherman, explained there has been a sharp decline in attendance at the Mass because of the number of evening Masses offered on Sundays in New Orleans churches.

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. The report stated that Catholic school population jumped from 148,000 to 245,000 in the same period.

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.

VISAS WERE granted to 101 applicants, the largest single group being American missionaries, the statement said.

The rejected applications apparently include those of three Austrian nursing Sisters of the Congregation of the Queen of the Apostles, whose visa requests were turned down on the plea that "there was no need for missionary nurses in India."

Following this refusal, Archbishop Joseph Fernandez of Delhi-Simla reported, there has been a steady deterioration in the visa position of foreign Catholic missionaries.

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

The new Parliament figures indicate that other Christian denominations enjoy a marked advantage over Catholic missionaries in the granting of visas.



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. Before building the church, many villagers had to walk five to ten miles to U. S. Army camps to attend Sunday Mass.

U. S. Servicemen contributed more than \$5,000 to help finance the church, which will serve the almost all Catholic village and surrounding areas.

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.

They said that, according to reports from Soviet Zone Catholics, many parishes have not received the pastorals and were thus unable to read them during services. It was believed that mail bags containing the declarations were confiscated by the Soviet Zone postal authorities.

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.

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.

The statue is of Carrara marble, imported from Italy, and was purchased with funds contributed by Sullivans throughout the nation.

THE CAMPAIGN for the memorial started with the Sullivans of Boston, Mass., who sponsored a circus and donated the proceeds to the benefit fund. It spread to a number of other cities. Reports showed gratifying cooperation by the Sullivans.

The Sullivan brothers went to their deaths together in naval action when the Cruiser Jeanneau was sunk in the South Pacific. They attended St. Mary's church and school and enlisted for service together.

The Boston contributors and those from other parts of the United States selected the lawn of St. Mary's church as the permanent site of the memorial.

Priests, Sisters Train 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.

Father Wilcock, who is director of the Russian Center at Fordham University and a leading expert on Soviet Russia, said that the principal but not irreconcilable obstacle to reunion was that the Orthodox still refuse to acknowledge the spiritual supremacy of the Pope.

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

"OUR VITAL JOB right now," he continued, "is to explain to the Roman Catholics the tremendous importance of making adequate preparations for reunion, to train more priests and Sisters for Russia, and to get out more Russian Catholic literature. He will find it can't be done overnight, so we a way!"

Jazz Album Features Servite Brother's Records

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

The album's cover shows the alto saxophonist in the black robes of his Servite habit in a playing scene taken during actual recordings with Eddie Condon and Jazz Band.

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.

The Servites decided such records might help promote vocations to the order and raise funds for Servite missions. Father Calkins said the Servites hope the album will give wide coverage to the fascinating story of a modern vocation.

Royalty payments made to the Servite Order from the sale of the album will aid Servite missions in South Africa.



BROTHER MATTHEW

Former St. Louis Cathedral Cracking

St. Louis — (NC) — Cracks in the new six-lane Memorial Expressway, is held responsible, for Old Cathedral — one of the oldest churches west of the Mississippi River — as the result of heavy traffic on a new nearby expressway. The longest crack in the 122-year-old building now runs some 10 feet on the floor to the right of the sanctuary.

Heavy traffic, rolling down to survey the cracks.

Mission To Pagans Nets 78 Baptisms

Nails Loin, Vietnam — (NC) — At the close of a week-long Mission to Pagans, 78 baptisms were performed here by native Vietnamese and Canadian Redemptorists.

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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 see our BEAUTIFUL FREE GIFT CARD WITH FLOWERS from the HOLY LAND in my Mother, LIVING or DEAD, will receive all the benefits of ENROLLMENT, \$1 Annual, \$20 Perpetual. Or you can say, one every year, and will offer a MASS or MASSES; a NOVENA of Masses; GREGORIAN Masses (we have a SUSPENSE CARD for the living); or a STRINGLESS GIFT has been given to our Near East Missions in last year. Let's remember also our Teachers, SPECIAL MOTHERS, our School, ALMA MATER, FOSTER Mothers; HOLY MOTHER CHURCH.

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

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