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Russia's Conversion Near, Says Cardinal

Washington, N. J. — (NC) — Communist tactics in trying to suppress religion have boomeranged and the conversion of Russia, viewed as the key to world peace, now is nearer than ever before, according to Cardinal Tisserant, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

The Cardinal, who is secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, has under his jurisdiction many of the faithful in Iron Curtain countries.

He said that such communist tactics as forcing bishops and priests to work in the mines of Siberia have served to make the Church better known.

In this way, the Cardinal pointed out, many prisoners with little or no religion are brought into contact with the imprisoned bishops and priests and achieve a better understanding of the Church.

The views of the Cardinal were expressed in an article in *Southern Magazine*.



Robed Girls' Choir Of Geneva

FIFTY GIRLS of St. Francis de Sales School, Geneva, comprise the church choir. Gowned in their blue robes they pose in St. Francis de Sales Church with Monsignor Edward K. Ball, V.F., pastor, center. (P. B. Oakley Photo).

Also A Good Report

Most young girls sport an engagement ring like a young boy coming home with a straight-A report card.—O. A. Battista, "Life in Quotable Form."

Officers Named To Install Knights Of St. John Units

Installing officers for each of the Commandery ceremonies of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John in January were selected by Colonel Emil G. Eckert at the first Commandery meeting Friday in the Knights and Ladies of St. John Club.

Chosen to install are: Aide de Camp Clarence Roy of Comm 25 and ADC John Welter of Comm 25 assigned to St. Eustace Commandery 39, Knights of St. John Club on Jan. 2.

Paymaster Raymond Cronbach of Comm 28 and ADC Francis Kohlmeier, of Comm 197 assigned to St. George, Comm 43, Knights of St. John Club on Jan. 19.

Aide de Camp William C. Schwab of Comm 197 and ADC Edward Palumbo of Comm 308 assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Comm 40 at O. L. P. H. on Jan. 17.

Battalion Adjutant August M. Mader of Comm 49 and ADC Vernon Hart of Comm 106, assigned to St. Boniface Commandery No. 25 at St. Boniface on Jan. 8.

ADC Charles Keller of Comm 106 and ADC Charles H. Mura of Comm 39 assigned to Holy Family Commandery at Holy Family on Jan. 8.

Quartermaster Thomas Herlthy of Comm 49 and Inspector Geo. Kassman of Comm 272 assigned to St. Mauritius Comm, at the Knights of St. John Club, Jan. 9.

ADC Assistant Inspector Herman Gehring of Comm 25 and Battalion Adjutant Clarence Schoeneman of Comm 43 assigned to SS. Peter & Paul Comm at SS. Peter & Paul on Jan. 21.

Judge Advocate Arnold F. Eckert of Comm 39 and ADC Fred Imo of Comm 40 assigned to St. Louis Comm, at St. Andrews on Jan. 23.

Regimental Adjutant John T. Schneider of Comm 43 and Chief of Staff, Edward Goldbach of Comm 25 assigned to Mt. Carmel Commandery at Mt. Carmel Hall, and

ADC Gordon Meng of Comm 25 and ADC Lewis Migliori of Comm 308 assigned to Holy Rosary Commandery at future date to be announced.

Adults May Study At Minimum Cost

Sixteenth of a cent an hour for instruction in business subjects, plus the use of classroom, machines and books. This must rank as one of the finest bargains in Rochester, and it is now to be had at the Board of Education's Adult Business Education center at Jefferson High School.

If a Rochester citizen had taken advantage of every one of the 20 hours a week classroom time available during this term, \$3.00 per hour would be his cost, based on the \$2.00 registration fee which is all he would have to pay.

Received Thousand Thanks A Million,

New Orleans — (NC) — "Received thousand. Thanks a million. J.M."

The cryptic words appeared in the classified advertisement section of a New Orleans newspaper. But now the mystery has been cleared up — to a certain extent, that is.

"J.M." is a priest — his name was not made public — but he had a \$5,000 visit from Santa Claus. He received \$1,000 in cash to be used for his parish. The donor gave no name in the note that accompanied the bill. The note directed the priest to notify the donor of the gift's safe arrival by placing the classified ad in the paper with the exact words: "Received the thousand. Thanks a million. J.M."

Catholic Scout Breakfast Slated In Steuben Area

Corning — Thirteen members of the Catholic Lay Committee of the Steuben Area Boy Scout Council, at a dinner meeting in Hotel Wagner in Bath last week, set dates for the annual Catholic Scout breakfasts early next year.

The breakfasts will be held during Boy Scout Week. The breakfast in Corning was set for Feb. 10 and the location will be announced later. Feb. 17 a breakfast will be served at Hornell in St. Anne Church, according to William O'Mara of Hornell, chairman.

The entire Catholic Lay Diocesan Committee will meet in Geneva, Feb. 21. It was announced by Richard O. Deegan of Bath, who served as secretary at the meeting.

Chairman O'Mara was chosen unanimously to head the Lay Committee for another year, it was announced.

Accomplishments of those youths in the Council who are working for the Ad Altare Dei award were reviewed.

Committee members expressed the hope the awards could be made within the Council area if enough Scouts qualify. Previous presentations have been made at Rochester.

The committee will next meet March 5 in Bath.

Dinner Arranged By Watkins CDA

Watkins Glen — Two new members of Court Lourdes, Catholic Daughters of America were welcomed at the December meeting. They were Mrs. Armand Shannon and Miss Hope Merrick who were initiated in a ceremony conducted in Elmira by Court St. Rita.

Miss Alice Quirk was named chairman of a dinner to be held for members at the Hotel Watkins on Dec. 16.

Mrs. Frank Cole, Mrs. Harold Schultz, Mrs. Frank Rooney were hostesses at the Association for the Blind in Elmira.

Mrs. Schultz is chairman of the Christmas work and will be assisted by Grand Regent Mrs. Arthur Roberts.

Refugee Priests Plan Ranch School.

Waldside, Calif. — (RNS) — Seven refugee Roman Catholic priests from Hungary have announced they will start a new prep school for boys on an 18-acre ranch near here.

With a lot of faith and little money, the priests put a down payment on the ranch and plan to begin with a freshman class in the ranch's one building next fall.

The seven teachers are all from the 1,000-year-old Benedictine Archabbey of St. Martin at Pannonhalma, about 50 miles west of Budapest. They escaped from Hungary between 1948 and 1950, and have all become teachers and American citizens since.

New Bank Planned In Town of Greece

The officers of the Genesee Valley Union Trust Company announced today that they had received the approval of George A. Moonley, superintendent of banks and the banking board of the State of New York, to establish a branch of the bank at 2792 Ridge Road West in the Town of Greece.

As soon as approval for the branch is received from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the bank will proceed with the construction of a red brick colonial type banking office designed to conform with the Greece Town Hall which lies four-tenths of a mile east of the bank location on the Ridge Road.

Mens' Retreat House Faces Zoning Hitch

Racine, Wis. — (RNS) — The Milwaukee Catholic Archdiocese is seeking to buy the home of beer industrialist Fred Pabst and other property on plush-horrelined Oconomowoc Lake near here.

But the offer to purchase hinges on whether township zoning restrictions would permit use of the property as a weekend retreat house for laymen.

George Johnson of Oconomowoc, representing Mr. Pabst, said the zoning law covering the area now permits churches but the attorney for the archdiocese asked

specific assurance that a retreat house would qualify.

Mr. Pabst has petitioned that the property be rezoned to permit such use. However, other property owners on the lake have opposed the zoning change. A decision is expected within 30 days by the Town of Summit town board.

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