

Ithaca Parish Baptisms 353, High In Diocese

Ithaca's Immaculate Conception Church led parishes of the Rochester Diocese in number of Baptisms in 1956 with a total of 353, and Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester, had the highest number of Communions, 187,000 according to reports reaching the Courier-Journal office this week.

Monsignor William Byrne, pastor of the Ithaca parish, stated that of the 353 baptized there, 65 were adult converts.

THE CATHEDRAL parish, first in the number of Communions, is second in total number of Baptisms, 293; followed by St. John's, Greece, 245; and Holy Rosary, Rochester, 239.

St. Monica's, Rochester, is believed to be second in the total number of Communions, 160,900; and Holy Rosary third with 146,415. St. Monica's reports 210 Baptisms.

St. Andrew's parish, Rochester, also reports significantly high totals: 225 Baptisms, 115,200 Communions.

Blessed Sacrament had 212 Baptisms, 110,000 Communions.

IN AUBURN, St. Alphonsus was highest in both Baptisms and Communions, 206 and 135,000 respectively.

Elmira's St. Mary's Church reports 212 Baptisms and 93,000 Communions. St. Patrick's, with 111 Baptisms, had 105,000 Communions.

In Geneva, St. Francis de Sales parish had 219 Baptisms and 55,000 Communions.

The Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, tops in number of Baptisms also reports 91,500 Communions. The Ithaca parish embraces two-thirds of Tompkins County in southern New York State.

Also reporting a high number of Baptisms is St. Charles Borromeo parish, Greece, 210; and 81,000 Communions.

One of the newest parishes of the Diocese, St. Rita's in West Webster, established in 1950, has already grown to the point that it conferred 177 Baptisms and administered Holy Communion to 34,000 during the past year.

PASTORS THROUGHOUT the Diocese annually compile statistics for a spiritual and financial report to their parishes and later submit the reports to the Chancery.

In his spiritual report made last Sunday to Cathedral parishioners, Bishop Casey said, "The real spiritual report for 1956 is known to God alone. No certified public accountant could balance our Lord's books... where all the credits are debits, and all the debits are pure gain; where the business deals with souls."

'Baby Doll'

'Barnyard' Morality Cited In Movie

(N.C.W.C. News Service) Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington has said the film "Baby Doll" deals at length with "barnyard morality" and that Catholics in his jurisdiction who see the movie place themselves in "the proximate occasion of sin, which in itself violates the law of God."

Archbishop O'Boyle's condemnation of the production which was condemned by the Legion of Decency said that "those who would justify it as a sociological study or praise it as an example of expression should remember that a film which deals so lengthily with barnyard morality can only serve the cause of cancerous decadence."

IN PROVIDENCE, E. L. Bishop Russell J. McVinney, head of the Diocese of Providence which embraces the entire state, also warned Catholics away from the film.

The Providence Police Department's Division of Special Service said the film could only be shown in the city if certain deletions suggested by police inspectors were made. The suggested deletions were not at once made public.

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Police Push War On Magazines

The police war against indecent literature on Rochester newsstands smashed its way into the distributor area this week when 347 magazines allegedly "objectionable" were confiscated at the Manson News Agency and a court summons issued to the company's president, Morris Manson.

The police action suffered a setback when the Manson company attorney, Jacob Ark pointed out that the news agency office was served with the summons only one day before his appearance in court on Wednesday. Ark cited the law which requires that the summons must be served at least 10 days before a hearing date.

Immediately following dismissal of the summons by City Court Judge Fred B. Goodelle, Police Chief William A. Winfield announced that a new summons would be secured and served on the Manson Company president.

Police Sgt. Jeanne Coolidge, who seized the magazines at the Manson Agency's headquarters on St. Paul Street, said that the magazines were the same as those confiscated by police women last month at newsstands and shops where the proprietors were arrested. These newsstand proprietors are now awaiting jury trial in Rochester City Court.

'Fix Somewhere' Says N.Y. Priest

New York — (RNS) — A former Roman Catholic chaplain of the New York Police Department accused a City Councilman of representing dealers of pornography in literature in court cases.

Mrs. Seton was received into the Catholic Church in 1905, and because her relatives opposed her conversion, had to find a way to support herself and her children. This she did by teaching. In 1809, adapting the rule of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, she founded the Sisters of Charity in Baltimore, who shortly afterwards moved their motherhouse to Emmitsburg, Maryland.

MOTHER SETON died in 1821. Her beatification would make her the first native-born American beatified by the Church.

James Roosevelt Bayley, also a convert, who was Archbishop of Baltimore from 1872 to 1877, was a nephew of Mother Seton. Archbishop Bayley was also the first cousin of the father of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

'Short Biography Of 3 Years'

Primate Bares Red Captivity

Warsaw — (NC) — Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, was held at four different places at opposite ends of Poland during his three years as a captive of the communist regime.

The Cardinal-Archbishop of Gniezno and Warsaw revealed his whereabouts during his long incarceration in the course of a sermon he preached at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary here. He told his flock:

"I WANT to thank you for all the prayers with which you supported me during my captivity. You are entitled to a little information for you have the right to it, my children—you have a right to know what happened to your father. I will state briefly:

"I was carried away from Miodowa Street (the Cardinal's residence in Warsaw) on the night of September 25, 1953. I was taken to Rywald Krowieski (apparently a town in the former German province of East Prussia) where I was held for two weeks. Then I was taken at night on October 12 to Warmia, to Stozek Warminski (apparently a town in Warmia province).

"There I was held prisoner until October 6, 1954. On that day I was transported by plane to the other end of Poland and placed in Prudnik Slaski (in Silesia), where I remained until October 27, 1955.

"From there I was taken to the southeast, to Komancza (near the Russian border), where I remained quietly until the moment when I was told that I should return to Warsaw. (He was welcomed by throngs of his faithful on Sunday, October 28, 1956).

"THIS IS a short biography of three years, but there is no need to say more. I know, beloved children, that you would pray for me because your pray-



Polish Primate At Shrine

Warsaw — (NC) — Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, prays at the foot of the altar at a Pontifical Mass in the Chapel of Our Lady of Gostochowa. The Mass, offered before the miraculous picture of the Black Madonna, was celebrated on the occasion of the pilgrimage of 1956 Polish physicians.

It was obtained for the complete calm and health. I was not sick a single day. "All this was not in vain. If you had experienced inside Warsaw begin to pray, I would say and I will pray with you."

China Red To Visit Poland

BY REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR

Warsaw — (NC) — Premier Chou En Lai of China's communist government which holds Catholic bishops, priests and layfolk prisoners, will be the guest of Poland's new communist regime.

The government in Poland, led by Red leader Wladyslaw Gomulka, has found it expedient to release its religious prisoners, allow religious training in its schools, and permit the reappearance of part of the Polish Catholic Press.

A GOVERNMENT official here, replying to a question I had put to him, avoided saying that Warsaw had invited Chou. He preferred to say that Chou was coming under an agreement between Warsaw and Peking.

He added that Chou had visited Warsaw before, in 1954, when he spent ten days here. That was when a "tough" communist regime ruled Poland, he said.

The Trybuna Ludu (People's Tribune), the official organ of the Polish United Workers' (communist) Party, published a long article on the "National Front in China."

ANOTHER DAILY here published an article from Hanoi on Communist Party "reforms" and de-Stalinization in communist-held Northern Vietnam.

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Probe Urged On Red Role In Hungary

Washington — (NC) — Seven members of the House Representatives have introduced identical resolutions calling for an investigation of the latest acts of communist aggression in Hungary.

THE COMMITTEE would be empowered to conduct a full investigation of the Hungarian freedom revolution and the acts of aggression committed, during this revolution, by the armed forces of the Soviet Union.

Among the sponsors are Representatives Michael A. Feighan of Ohio, Barrett O'Hara of Illinois, Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, Arvin M. Bentley of Michigan, Patrick J. Hillings of California, and Thaddeus Maczewicz of Michigan.

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'Not Sure On Film,' Says Armed Forces

Washington — (NC) — No decision has been made on whether the film "Baby Doll" will be shown for members of the Army and Air Force.

Fred Bund, Jr., chief of the Army and Air Force Motion Picture Service, said the controversial film, which has been condemned by the National Legion of Decency, has not yet been released by the producers for military use.

"What will happen when it is made available I don't know," Mr. Bund said here.

LAST WEEK'S PAID CIRCULATION 54,269

Families To Join On Sunday In Mass, Communion

Over seventy thousand Catholic families in the Rochester Diocese are expected to kneel at Communion rails in their parish churches this Sunday, January 13, in observance of the Feast of the Holy Family.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney, in a letter read at all Masses throughout the Diocese this past Sunday, urged all Catholics to attend Mass and receive Communion in family groups.

It is also expected that many families will let "mother be guest" at breakfast following Mass, a growing practice since the Holy Family Communion custom was inaugurated in 1940.

(See Bishop's Letter, page 4)

FIRST PROPOSED in the Rochester Diocese in 1940 by Bishop Kearney, the practice of Family Communion on the feast of the Holy Family has increased in popularity and been adopted in other dioceses throughout the nation.

Christian Family Movement groups, Family Communion Crusade, and Cans Conferences have also urged that Catholic families observe the Holy Family Feast with this practice which Bishop Kearney established soon after he was installed as Bishop of Rochester.

In his letter read in all parishes of the diocese last Sunday, the Bishop said, "Nothing will bring the blessing of the Holy Family so abundantly into our Catholic homes as this tribute of the Family Communion."

The Bishop referred in his letter to "the miracles of Divine Grace attendant upon this practice" and urged all Catholics to "join together again in this devotion this year."

Family groups are invited to attend Mass and kneel for Communion "together" — led there by parents who can be inspired by the devotion of their own children.

SEVERAL PARISHES have arranged to serve breakfasts in their parish halls following Sunday Mass.

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Mourning



FATHER WINTERROTH

Funeral Held Today For Elmira Pastor

Pontifical Requiem Mass will be offered at St. Michael's Church, Rochester, this morning (Friday, January 11) at 10:30 for the Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Elmira. His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey is celebrant of the funeral Mass.

A Requiem Mass will also be offered for Father Winterroth in the Elmira Church at the same time.

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New Gary Bishop Once Worked In Steel Mills

Gary, Ind. — (RNS) — The first bishop of the newly created Roman Catholic diocese of Gary worked in steel mills during his college vacations.

Monsignor Andrew Grutka, 45, of Gary said he was a steel worker for four summers while at St. Procopius' College in Ellettsville, Ind.

Grutka, 45, who could understand the problems of the steel worker.

HIS LATE father, Simon, had been a steel worker.

Grutka, in Joliet, Ill., and in the United States Steel Corp. South Works in Chicago.

The Gary diocese will be formed from Lake, LaPorte, Porter and Starke counties in northwestern Indiana. His territory previously was part of the Fort Wayne diocese.

Bishop-elect Grutka was director of lay activities in the Fort Wayne diocese and pastor of Holy Trinity church here. The new diocese will have about 100 parishes and approximately half of the Fort Wayne diocese's current Catholic population of 250,000.

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No Room For Cardinal

Cincinnati, O. — (RNS) — A short, spectacled priest in black street clothes walked into Holy Name church on Auburn Avenue here and asked permission to say Mass, as traveling priests do. He was told there was no room.

Father Albin H. Katermann, the pastor, had a funeral scheduled at the main altar and there were no side altars available.

The unknown priest, who carried a little black bag, then asked to be directed to another church where he might offer Mass.

He was told they might be able to "crowd him in" at St. George's, although the schedule there was heavy too. The sexton at St. George's did a double take when the stranger, who received permission to offer Mass, signed the register. "Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archdiocese of New York."

The Cincinnati Times-Star published the story as a two-column box on page one with the headline "No Room For Cardinal."

Knights Anniversary Stamp Proposed

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