

# Catholic Families Asked To Host Foreign Students

Washington — (NC) — American Catholic families are being asked again this year to be "host families" for 75 Catholic high school students from Europe and Latin America.

The Education Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has announced that it is now accepting applications from families who wish to join in the International High School Student program.

THESE FOREIGN students, boys and girls between 16 and 17 years of age, will be brought to the U. S. by NCWC next July to stay with volunteer families for one year.

Msgr. William E. McManus, assistant director of the education department, said the students will live in Catholic homes and attend high school which will enable them to become better acquainted with the American way of life and return to their homelands with a better understanding of this country.

As part of its annual appeal for "host families" the education department has sent out a letter and brochure explaining the program.

STUDENTS BROUGHT to the U. S. under the program are carefully selected by NCWC committees overseas. They are chosen because of their scholarly ability, their personality, and their knowledge of English. Each student will have completed at least three years study of English.

American Catholic families are asked to provide room and board for these students from July, 1957, until August, 1958. All travel expenses, insurance, and \$10 per month spending money will be provided by the students' parents.

While in the U. S., the NCWC will pay for all domestic travel expenses and assume all administrative expenses. Catholic high schools in the U. S. will provide scholarships for the students.

Results of the program are well worth while, points out Msgr. McManus. "Real, solid friendships between host parents and their guests were developed and have continued."

In telling of past programs, Msgr. McManus said: "Youngsters in our first program in 1951-52 still keep in touch with their host parents and their many other friends in the United States."

# Archbishop O'Hara Appeals School Ban

Philadelphia — (RNS) — The State Supreme Court has agreed to consider an appeal on behalf of Roman Catholic Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia against a county court ruling barring the construction of a large Catholic high school in a choice suburban residential area here.

The petition for review was submitted by attorney James E. Gallagher who termed the county court's ruling "an outrageous abuse of discretion."

The archdiocese purchased an 18-acre site in Wynote for a projected 1,600-pupil school to serve seven communities in what is termed the "Old York Road" section, just north of the city limits in Montgomery County.

However, Chatham Township authorities prohibited the construction on the grounds that the size of the school would create "a serious traffic hazard" and lower property values and "change the character of the community." They were upheld by the county court.

# Crowd Attends Requiem Mass For Toscanini

New York — (NC) — An overflow crowd of more than 3,000 persons attended a Pontifical Requiem Mass offered for Arturo Toscanini in St. Patrick's Cathedral here.

Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presided at the Mass, which was offered by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. Perricone of New York.

THERE WAS no sermon, but at the conclusion of the Mass, Cardinal Spellman said: "May the immortal soul of the immortal maestro Arturo Toscanini, through the prayers of his relatives and friends and through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

The 40 honorary pallbearers, led by Mayor Robert Wagner of New York, included Manlio Brosio, Italy's Ambassador to the U. S., and Charles Munch, director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra who flew in from Europe to attend the funeral.

Two days before he died, the world-famous conductor was visited twice by Father James Dale, assistant pastor of St. Margaret's Church in Riverdale, N. Y., who also administered the Last Rites of the Church to him.

TOSCANINI WAS a member of St. Margaret's parish. The funeral was not held at St. Margaret's because of the large crowds that had to be accommodated.

Toscanini's wife died six years ago. His immediate survivors are a son, Walter; and two daughters, Wanda, the wife of pianist Vladimir Horowitz, and Wally, the Countess of Casabianca.

The famous maestro was born in Parma, Italy, on March 25, 1867, and made his first appearance as a conductor when he was 19. He conducted for almost 70 of his 80 years.

His body will be taken to Milan, Italy, where it will be buried in the family chapel there.



Paulists Church

New York — (NC) — Father John Kelly, C.S.P., reads the gospel through a maze of scaffolding being used to replace the massive ceiling of St. Paul the Apostle Church, headquarters here of the Paulist Fathers. The 72-year-old ceiling of the church is being replaced at a cost of one-half million dollars by a modern enameled aluminum tile ceiling.

# Estate Benefits Home For Aged

West Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — St. Mary's Home for the Aged here, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, is the principal beneficiary of an estate totaling nearly a half-million dollars.

The late Dennis J. Murphy of this town left an estate valued at \$458,741. After bequeathing \$35,000 and his home to his widow and \$1,000 each to St. Andrew's Home for the Aged, in New Haven, and Father Flanagan's Boys Town, Omaha, Neb., he directed that the residuary estate go to St. Mary's to be used "for the furtherance of the general purposes and objectives of the home."

# Buffalo Slates Home For Aging

Buffalo (NC) — The Buffalo diocese will build a new home for the aging in the nearby Village of Lancaster. It will accommodate 100 persons and be staffed by the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis.

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# 'What Good Are Treaties With Reds?' Senate Probers Ask

Washington — (NC) — Whether it is possible to negotiate satisfactorily with any communist government is seriously questioned in a report by a Senate group.

The report is a revised edition of a study made earlier of "Soviet Political Agreements and Resolutions" and the appearance of its dismal findings at this time has a special importance.

# Catholics Win Posts In Red Poland Vote

Warsaw — (RNS) — All 22 Catholic candidates in the Polish national elections won seats in the new Parliament, final returns showed.

The Warsaw radio said they polled more votes in their constituencies than leading candidates of the Polish Workers' (Communist) Party, the predominant group in the national front.

AMONG THE candidates elected were Jerzy Zawiejski, who is considered to be the foremost Catholic intellectual in Poland; Jan Frankowski, one of the small group of Catholics in the previous Parliament; and Stanislaw Stomma of Cracow, a well known Catholic editor and journalist.

Mr. Stomma polled 2,000 more votes in his constituency than Premier Josef Cyrankiewicz, the principal communist candidate.

Mr. Zawiejski, in a radio interview, said one of his principal tasks in Parliament would be to improve church-state relations even further.

A NEW church-state agreement was promulgated last December, providing, among other things, for the introduction of religious instruction in the schools and the safeguarding of the church's rights in regard to ecclesiastical appointments.

Mr. Zawiejski said he also would work to speed up the repatriation of Poles from the Soviet Union and help them resettle in their homeland.

The new Catholic deputy is vice president of the newly formed Progressive Catholic Intellectuals Club, made up of Catholics wholeheartedly loyal to the church.

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# PLEADS FOR UNITY

The Holy Father urged Catholics everywhere to join him in prayer during the Chair of Unity Octave (January 18 to 25) for the union of all souls. The Octave closed today, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. By happy coincidence we have a most appropriate plea from the Holy Father.

Your prayers in past years no doubt had something to do with the reunion of the Protestants and the Catholics in Neoromalia, India, a year ago. Their ancestors were Syrian rite Catholics who were forced into the Jacobite (Oriental) Church three hundred years ago through a deplorable lack of understanding on the part of Protestant colonists. During the last century English missionaries converted some to Protestantism, who call themselves "Marthomites." There are several villages of them along the Malabar coast, who are now looking westward and more towards reunion with the Roman Church of their forefathers. In this village 64 more families are earnestly watching for the return of the saint who was their ancestor.

What happens to those who "reunited" last year? He is confident that, if he can give them a small chapel, it will influence the others greatly. The bishop writes that it will surely have far-reaching psychological effect on the other Marthomite villages to reunion. He needs \$5,000 for the chapel, plus a few hundred for the ground. Can you add a mile this year to your prayers for unity?

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**UNREST AND MISERY**

We read of great unrest in the Middle East, great tension between Israel and the Arabs, and wonder what it's all about. Our pamphlets "Bills of the Morning" and "Waiting and Hoping" explain much of it. Write for them—free!—if you're in charge. But FATHER KING knows what it's all about—he's right there. But he wonders where he can get help to care for 900,000 Arab refugees, exiled as a result of it. He'll send for each \$10 donation a lovely OLIVEWOOD ROSARY FROM THE HOLY LAND.

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No, it's not what you think. Sweetest? Well, they are two very sweet young souls who yearn to give their lives to God as missionaries in their native India—SISTER MARY CHANDY and SISTER ANNA CHANDY. Both just began two years training with the Mission of Christ Sisters in Trivandrum, India. Their poor parents can't help us with the \$150 we need each year for their training. Won't you help? We also have a plea from SISTER MARCELLA with the Poor Clares in Palai.

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