of the alter. Christ More and as it were, intion of a subdesconabo mays to him, "the d of Holy Church is

In fact, this rite might also be called symbolically a Mass. In the Mass the Church and the aithful offer to God their gifts of bread and wine. During the Mass these gifts are changed unto Christ. Then God the Fa-ther gives us His graces and mines through Christ. In the consecration of an altar, the alter represents the gift of the Church and the faithful to God. During the ceremony it sym-holically becomes Christ, From that time God gives us His races and blessings through his "Christ-altar." Part One

MAPPENE OF ALTAK

After proliminary parts of the the Penitential Sales are recited and the Bishsets specially blessed in the state prescribed by Pope St. my the Great, and hence "Gregorian" water.

This "Baptism" sets aside the ar for a divine purpose. formula of Gregorian east, mehos, water, and main the altar's pur-

Pirst, sait and water are expressed and blessed. The sait is selected with blessed ashes safe which the sait and ash materies is poured three times into the water in the form of a great three times. eross, Finally, the blessed wine is poured into the mixture.

The salt represents faith, the repentation; the water, n; the wine, the divine to of grace. Thus, the purpose of the Christian altar is to give the divine life of grace (wine), the faith — the haptised, who have the proper dispositions of faith (sait), and repentance (mattes).

Part Two ENTOMOMENT

OF MARTERS RELICS

That the alter may moore of fectively carry out its purpose the prayers and intercession are next asked of those who already enjoy the presence of God, the holy martyrs.

The Bishop and his attendants march in procession to the chapel where the relica have been reserved since the night before. After begging for worthiness to touch the relics, the Bishop takes them and marches in solemat and joyful procession to the altar.

During the procession the choir sings an exultant res-



mony, the three consecrations.

"How beloved is Thy dwell-

ing, O Lord of Hosts! My soul

longs, faints with yearning for

the courts of the Lord. The

sparrow has a house, the turtle-

dove has a nest for itself and

its young, but our home is the

altar of the Lord, How much

we prefer to dwell in the lowli-

est place in the house of God

than to dwell in the tents of

During the singing of the

psalm the Bishop anoints each

of the five crosses cut in the

altar with the Oil of Catechu-

mens. The second anointing is

accompanied by the singing of

Psalm 91, and again the Oil of

The third and most impor-

tant anointing is done with

Holy Chrism. Holy Chrism is

used by the Church to express

the Christification of a person

or object through the reception

of the Holy Spirit. Christ and

Chrism come from the same

word-root. Christ is the anoint-

ed One; Chrism is the off of

Chrism is therefore used im-

mediately after the Sacrament

of Baptism to show that the

person has been incorporated

Chrism is used in Confirma-

tion to bring out the truth that

the baptised soul has received

the full character of a soldier

of Christ. It is used in the con-

secration of a Bishop to show

that this priest has received

the fulness of Christ's priest-

Thus, when the Bishop anoints

the five crosses of the altar

with chrism, the altar, repre

Catechumens is used.

mony:

sinners."

anointing.

into Christ.

next Tuesday's rite consecrating Secred Heart Cathedral's new al-

Consecrating prelate, Most Rev. Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, D.D., V.G.

Wilfred T. Craugh, P.A. Deacon, Rev. Francis J. Taylor, and Subdeacon, Very Rev.

Msgr. John E. McCafferty. Master of ceremonies, Rev. Ed-

win R. Wedow. FOLLOWING THE consecration ceremony, Bishop Casey will

celebrate pontifical Mass.

His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney will preside.

Assistant priest to Bishop Kearney will be Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, P.A., V.G.

Deacons at Bishop Kearney's throne will be Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, chancellor, and Very Rev. Msgr. Leslie G. Whel-CIOSCUP of Sacred Heart Cathedral's new altar shows tabernacie with figures of four gospel-writers Saints Matthew,

Mark, Luke and John. Symbols at foot of altar represent Master of ceremonies, Rev. sacraments. Candlesticks and crucifix are new, cast in bronze. Edward J. McAniff.

> MINOR OFFICERS of the Each consecration is preceded consecration rite and Mass will by an antiphon accompanied be students of St. Bernard's by a psalm and followed by a Seminary.

> prayer and an incensing. The Music for the entire ceremony first psalm (83) well sums up will be furnished by St. Bernour realization of the solem ard's Seminary Choir under the nity and beauty of the cere direction of Rev. Charles J. McCarthy.

> > senting the Church and her gift to God up to that moment, now becomes identified with Christ and symbolically is Christ, Only now in truth can it be said: "The altar is Christ Himself."

> > Finally the Bishop pours and spreads over the entire altartable the Oil-of-Catechumens and the Sacred Chrism to show how thoroughly and intensely Christ has taken up His dwelling in the altar.

> > The part of the consecration rite just described is termed the "Confirmation" of the altar Climaxing this third portion o' the ritual there is a striking ceremony centering about an invocation to the Holy Spirit.

He forms five crosses of the incense, one over each of the five crosses on the altar. Each incense cross consists of five grains of incense. Over each cross of incense he places a cross of wax tapers. The tapers are lighted, the incense begins to burn and clouds of scented smoke rise heavenwards. While these crosses are burning, the Bishop begins, and the choir continues the antiphon:

> "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love."

The Old Testament tells how fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifices in the Temple of Solomon. The Bishop now asks the Holy Ghost to come down to set our hearts on fire with a spirit of love and sacrifice.

We fully realize that while we



Sisters Prepare For Spring

Glendale, Ohio -(NC)- Breaking ground for spring planting is Sister Mary Joques, at wheel of tractor, on acrage at the new Motherhouse of the Glenmary Home Mission Sisters of America here. The Sisters' work includes catechizing, home nursing and social work in rural areas where there are few or no Catholics, in Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia.

are able to set on fire these wax tapers and this incense, it is only the Spirit of God Himself, now dwelling in the altar. Who can set human hearts on fire with divine love and with a true spirit of sacrifice.

If our hearts are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the bread and wine we bring to the Sacrifice will not be merely bread and wine, but will represent ourselves and our sacrifice.

Then with God's grace, and only then, shall we realize the petition the Bishop directs to God in the Preface near the close of the ceremony:

"May there be on this altar the worship of innocence; msy pride be immolated; may anger be slain; may lust and lewdness be struck dead; may there be offered in place of turtledoves a Sacrifice of purity and for pigeons a Sacrifice of innocence: through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who, with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen."

Korean Novelist Convert On Deathbed

Seoul, Korea (NC) Korean novelist Nai Sung Kim, author of wrote. many popular books including "The Lover," a best seller in on his death bed. He was 48

Bishop Paul M. Ro. Vicar apos Frankfurter stated tolic of Seoul, gave the final b nediction after the funeral Mass in Immaculate Conception

ported to be greatly impressed Surely this is to burn the house ment church here with the custom among Catholics to roast the pig" in Korea of holding wakes for the dead with continuous prayers Catholics from all over the city came to his bedside to recite prayers for the dead.

One of the novelist's stories "The Star of Paradise Lost," is running serially in one of the Seoul dailies.

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High Court Upsets State Laws Against Obscene Book Sale

Washington - (NC) - Laws in 11 other states similar to the Michigan statute forbidding the sal of books containing obscer language or descriptions tending to corrupt youth probably are jeopardized.

by the U.S. Supreme Court's! out that the court did not rule ruling on the Michigan measure. on the meaning of "obscenity." THE NATION'S highest tribbasis of obscenity.

unal unanimously knocked down the Michigan law, Justice Felix Frankfurter, speaking for the case is entitled, "The Devil Rides court, said it was "legislation not Outside." The appellant was Alreasonably restricted to the evil fred E. Butler, a Detroit book with which it is said to deal."

fect is "to reduce the adult pop ulation of Michigan to reading. The Michigan law tead "Arx only what is fit for children

"It thereby arbitrarily curtails one of those liberties of the in dividual, now enshrined in the due process clause of the 14th manifestly tending to the coramendment that history has at tested as the indispensable conditions for the maintenance and in ess of a free society he

argument before the court that Korea, was baptized a Catholic the law's purpose is to promote the general welfare Justice At Catholic Church

"The state insists that, by thus guaranteeing the general read his wake and funeral were re power to promote the general

laws. They were listed as: Colorado. Florida, Iowa, Maine, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

nor on the question of whether a state can censor books on the

The volume involved in this seller, who was fined \$100 in Detroit Recorder's Court for sell The Justice said the law's ef. ing a paperbound copy of the

> persons who shall sell . any book containing obscene, in. moral, lewd or lascivious language or obscene, immoral or lewd ruption of the morals of youth shall be guilty of a misde

REFERRING TO Michigan's Protestant Guests

Kansas City, Kans. (RNS)... About 150 teachers of Protestant ing public against books not too chi h schools, together with rugged for grown men and wo several ministers, were the guemen in order to shield juvenile sts of Roman Catholic catechoic literary friends who attended innocence, it is exercising its ism teachers in Blessed Sacra-

The visitors heard the Rev. Appeal papers in the case J. Kenneth Spurlock, pastor, said 17 other states had similar speak on the Mass, Confession. Baptism, and the Stations of the Cross. He also recited a "demonstration Mass," which the non-Catholics followed with the use of missals that had been prov ided for them. A tour of the





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ponse: "Arise, ye Saints of

God, from your mansions,

sanctify this place; bless the

people; guard us sinners in

peace. Go forth, Saints of God,

to the place that was predes-

tined for you." Then in an at-

mosphere of joy and gladness,

with prayer, incense, and sing-

ing, the relics are entombed in

the anointed sepulchre of the

altar and it is enclosed forever.

How fitting it is that they

who shed their blood for Christ

should now rest at the foot of

the alter on which is celebrated

Christ's sacrifice, that sacrifice

which poured into them the

strength and heroism to face

The vision that St. John saw

in the heavenly Jerusalem is

realized and represented here

on earth through their burial in

the mitar: "I saw beneath the

altar the souls of those who

had been slain for the Word

of God and for this testimony

which they maintained," Apoc.

After the entombment the

clouds of scented smoke ascend-

ing heavenwards are a symbol

of the saints' prayers rising be-

fore the eternal throne of God.

The Bishop then gives the center to the thurster who, from that time on, continues to walk around the altar, in-

censing it throughout the re-

mainder of the ceremony. This

remiseds us that the altar staels

is to stand as a continuous

From this altar shall rise to

God the prayers of the martyrs

entombed there, of Christ sym-

bolically present, of the priest

and faithful gathered around

Part Three

'CONFIRMATION'

OF ALTAR

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prayer to God.

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