# Church Artists Deplore 'Weak, Hollywood Christs'

There's a revolution going on In sacred art - sparked by attists' creative energies, fanned the Pope's directives, and flickering in moumerable homes F and churches

This rebellion against imita tions of past ages arms to spark a living faith and a living liturgy through a living art.

THIS IS THE nub of the message of two artists whose specialty is sacred art. Bob. Rambusch of New York and Frank Kacmatcik are accomplished professional artists, graduates of the Center d'art Sacre in Paus and sworn enemies of all imitations of Gothic Romanesque and Mission style art.

Lecturing at San Francisco's Junipero Serra Bookshop, noth men shot from the hip

• "It is an anachronism to go from a modern home in a mod ern automobile to a church that is dead, architecturally."

"Sacred art is theology, visible. People do not come to that succeduct is a great each church to be entertained, but le agested act as it were These to be formed. You don't give are vis all times they say, days them heresy or Chaucerlan of television color advertising, English in the sermon, why photopolanabsm Therefore it is art ?"

• "Why should the best of modern art - and not all modern art is good - be conseorated to the secular, like department stores and bars?

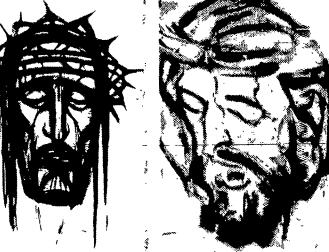
### National Leader **Of Alhambra Dies**

The funeral of Harry J Bro-gan, active Buffalo Catholic ley Hails Technology man, supreme commander of the Order of the Alhambra and known in Knights of Columbus and Alhambra circles in Rochester was held as St John the Baptist Church, Tonawanda, Monday.

Mr. Brogan, 56, vice president of Buffala's Liberty Bank died in Sisters Hospital on July 4 after olicism in the Technological a four month illness. He was born' Et a." Father Walter Ong, S.J., in Rochester and taken to Buf of St. Louis University, said falo in infancy.

Rochester representatives paying their respects were Supreme Middle Ages as "a genuinely

By JOHN O'CONNOR (Correspondent, N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)



Why not consecrate the best to God??

The artists believe intensely,

"Let the Church, the Mother of the arts," the artists urged, Set the pace, bring beauty to the people, though untrained-

Jesuit Scholar

Cincinnati (NC) -, Dwell-

ers in the present age of tech-

nology who long for the "good-

old days" are making a seri-

maintained here.

ous mistake, a Jesuit scholar

SPEAKING HERE on "Cath-

it was "not only parochial but

scandalous" to think of the

As a matter of fact, he said,

in the Middle Ages "most men-

never heard of the Catholic

Faith," and therefore that era

could be called the "greatest

THE FAITH TODAY is more

Catholic than it was in the



#### Modern dipictions of Christ.

and good art so brought, will form the people. You don't

give people just what they want, but what they need, They want whipped cream art : sentimental statues, plaster statues, etc."

Middle Ages. Father Ong said.

every country. They are scat-

Mrs. Mary Scott

ing following the summer recess

Elected and installed also

mack, piophetess; Miss Angeline

Luppino, financial secretary;

grand regent; Mrs. Mary McCor in the Abbey Cemetery.

trict deputy\_

will be Sept. 11.

"Today there are Catholics in

"If I were a communist," give it to them in sentimental the oblastion of the Christian to -said Mr. Kacmarcik, -and I he visitive literate, the artists wanted to undermine the Church in the field I know --

art - I'd paint female Christs, Hollywood Christs. That would wean the people away because such Christs are weak.

active

## Mercy Nun Dies In N. Carolina

cik recalled, "that should the salt

"People will pay \$30 for a

bay 69 cents for a plastic cruci-

most precious gift in the house

but is it? What kind of values

will parents pass on to their

children when they decorate their

homes lavishly with secular sym-

bols at Christmas and Easter

and hide a cheap insignificant

"The revolution to enshrine

sacred art must begin in the

home - with good Mass cards

and wedding invitations and

death cards, And such a revolu-

tion has already begun," the

creche in the corner?

artists state,

fix that glows in the dark.

Mother Mary Bride McGrath, a native of Fairport and a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy in Belmont, N. C., died at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, June 29, 1957.

tered, but their lines of com-Mother Bride had had a long munication with one a nother, and thus their awareness of and useful carer in caring for the sick. one another, are far more Mother Bride was born in Fairport, August 15, 1877. She en-

should understand that "the Belmont on Sept. 24, 1899. age of technology is part of the great and mysterious evoshe was closely associated with lution of the universe devised

**Hospital** Association

Catholic Press Asks Fight On Smut With Court Weapon "Claudel once said," Kacmar

#### (N.C.W.C. News Service)

of Christian art be lost, it would Recent decisions of the United States Supremy Court only rid the stands of the worst must see the need for a united be replaced by sugar. That is what has happened to much that have greatly strengthened the hands of public authorities of the material. But that cer- effort to eradicate the ever in

passes for sacred art today. It in the fight against printed filth.

This is the tenor of editorial "Some writers see in the latest of the Supreme Court and that the minds of young and old comment in Catholic newspapers throughout the country which action of the Supreme Court," call for local officials to make The Pilot asserted, "a happy rething can be done -- beginning, use of the implement that has turn to its venerable role as been put into their hands. The guardian of individual rights, papers speak with particular ref. while others regard some of the

Parents can see that good erence to the court opinion that decisions as destroying the legal obscene literature falls outside sanctions designed to safeguard the constitutional guarantee of the welfare of our country. freedom of speech and of the Whatever be the overall appraisal of the court's legal course, the ruling . . . on ob-

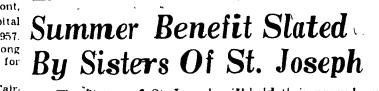
The Catholic Weekly of Sagi. scenity should pave the way for naw, Mich., called it "a welcome the prosecution of the peddlers

The Catholic Telegraph Regiswhich they can conduct a strong ter, Cincinnati, said the court's ruling in the obscenity case gave a "stiff jolt" to pornography In almost identical language merchants, and was "doubly im-The Monitor of San Francisco pressive" because it came "on said "we welcome the Supreme the heels of several decisions Court's decision which arms that stressed individual freedom

Whatever one may think of the court's action in the earlier At the same time, the paper, cases, it must be granted that the quoted Herman Stark, director of decisions of last week demonthe California Youth Authority, strate that the majority of the as reporting that "there are at Justices recognize that freedom least 15 daily television programs' must be exercised within reasonthat 'cause youngsters to commit able bounds."

Archdiocese of Boston, said opin editorial added, "for it is on the ions may differ in a broad look local level that the battle against at recent Supreme Court deci pornography will be won or sions, but its decision regarding 'lost." obscenity "struck a serious blow;

at all those who have maintained The Alamo Register, San Anthat freedom of the press and of tonio, said the Supreme Court's speech must of necessity include decision on obscene literature that which is obscene." "has brought the problem of the



The Sisters of St. Joseph will hold their annual summer Catholics especially, the said, fiered the Sisters of Mercy at festival on the Nazareth College Campus in Pittsford on Tues-'day and Wednesday evenings, July

Throughout her religious life. A roast ham supper will be served from 5 to 9 p. m. New Mercy Hospital in Charlotte,

'unbridled press' to the attention | COURTERJOURNAL of thinking people." Friday, July 12, 1957

"The matter of obscene literathey wil be stimulated to act a ture cannot be ignored any cordingly." more," the paper asserted.

The Globe, Sloux City, Iowa, THE EVANGELIST, new paper of the Diocese of Alban said the court's decision "armed federal and state authorities with saws the obscenity rulings of th powerful weapons to war on ob-Supreme Court as "in the nature scene literature."

of a silver lining to the black clouds cast by previous de cisions." It said "fliose, charged "We realize that legislation cannot solve the problem in its with the responsibility for indientirety." the Globe said. "It can vidual and community welfare tainly would be a great help. Let us hope that our public officials creasing sources of moral conwill be encouraged by this ruling tamination that generate evil in



### toaster for a wedding gift, and ruling," saying that now "both of smut." federal and state authorities have a powerful weapon with

"The crucifix should be the war" against smut.

federal and state authorities in civil liberties cases." with powerful weapons to war on obscene literature."

certain types of crimes"" It applauded this "forthright state-"We hope that the lower

courts, and particularly the municipal courts, will follow the The Pilot, newspaper of the lead of the US, high court," the

Advocate Norman A. O'Brien at the funeral and a delegation of Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra headed by Grand Cornmander James E. Marcille at the home on Sunday.

ME. BROGAN who was a fre- age of faith" only by writing quent visitor to Rochester, he off the majority of human er commemorating St. Patrick peans and who had no external | Daughters of America. She and Sisters of Mercy. She served Cathedral on the Eastman Kodak contact with the Catholic faith Building in March, 1954, was at all. elected national head of the Al hambra in 1955 He was a past grand commander of Cordova Caravan of Buffalo.

A leading worker for the Buf Veterinary Degree falo Catholic Charities for a nurnber of years he raised a record Presented To amount of money for the Corpor ate Gifts Division in 1955

Besides the Alhambra he held Nazareth Grad membership in the Knights of Miss Virginia L. Eaton, a 1953 Miss Betty Murphy, treasurer; Columbus Council 184 and Fourth Columbus Council 154 and Four the graduate of Nazareth College, Mrs. Marie Updike, historian; Degree Knights of Columnus, A was awarded the degree of doct- Mrs. Diana Ostrowski, lecturer; and Miss Catherine Eli, nieces, past director of the campile citin or of veterinary medicine from Mrs. Lucie Condella, monitor; and Mrs. Margaret McGrath, sis-of Buffalo, he was for nine years the University of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Mary Cook, sentirael; Mrs. ter-in-law. its president pro tem He has an outstanding record Miss Eaton is the daughter of Joyce Savino, organist.

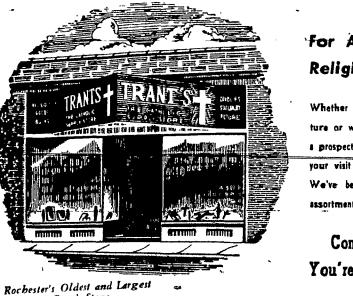
He has an outstanding record Mr. and Mrs. Boland G. Eaton. Mrs. Jean Furdock, Mrs. Joan in banking and was associated Mr. and Mrs. Boland G. Eaton. Mrs. Jean Furdock, Mirs. Joan in banking and was associated formerly of 453 Wellington Ave., Swarthout are trustees for three with Liberty Bank for 29 years Deuberty new modeling in There is a second state of three in the second with Liberty Bank for 29 years Rochester, now residing in Troy, years: Mrs. Margaret Eighney, He was widely active in Buffalo civic groups and business organi. Miss Eaton was a biology maj. Mrs. Virginia Murphy, Mrs. Mary Joseph B. Nearing, pastor of zations.

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He is survived by his wife ing her college vacations worked Erwin are other trustees. the former Gertrude Thomas of as an asistant to Dr. D. E. Brad- Standing committees appointed the Maritime Provinces, has been ed for the complete recovery of lev in Rochester. Coudersport, Pa

marks the culmination of a life nor Mclaggart, cheer, Mrs. Elo-Australian Citizens long interest in animals, especi-lise Soper, publicity, The Rev. Canberra, Australia (NC) -- ally in horses and dogs. Horse- Francis C. Waterstraat, pastor of About 60 per cent of the people back riding was one of Miss St. Michael's is chaplair. who have become Australin citi- Eaton's leisure time activities and Mystery ride committee chair zens during the past two years during her college career she was men are. Mrs. Joan Swarthout. have been Catholics, according to a riding instructor at the Country' Mrs. Mary Miller and Mrs. Janet Club of Rochester. Buckley. figures released here.

"The Interests of God shall be our interests" (St. Pius X)

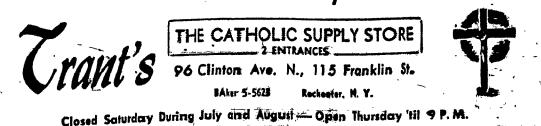


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Chairman Emmet O'Neill will of the Community and was for Members were told that a mys- many years superintendent of he assisted by Joseph Attinasi, Rocco Natalle, John Kinney, Wiltery ride will take place in Au-St. Joseph Hospital, Ashville. liam Ball. Sam Renna, Frank gust and the first official meet- Rt. Rev. Abbot Vincent Taylor, Davis, Harold Driscoll, Cleveland O.S.B., of Belmont Abbey, Nullius, celebrated the funeral Mass Keegan, Charles Northcote, Edin Belmont Abey Cathedral, July ward Deviny. John McDermott, were: Mrs. Nady Calarco, vice 1. Burial was in the Sisters Plot Eugene Austing, Frank Donnelly, Oscar Bott, Bernard Kennedy, Orrin Ochs, Walter Corcoran, Survivors, all of Rochester, Joseph Buggie, Emmett Schnepp. are: Daniel J. McGrath, a nep-Frank Toomey, Nicholas Sippel, hew; Miss Mary Rose Malley James Rogers, John Riedman, Donald Foley, John Oster, Frank Miceli, Clifford Sargent and

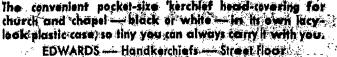
Clarence Burg.

#### **Bishop Ireton**

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