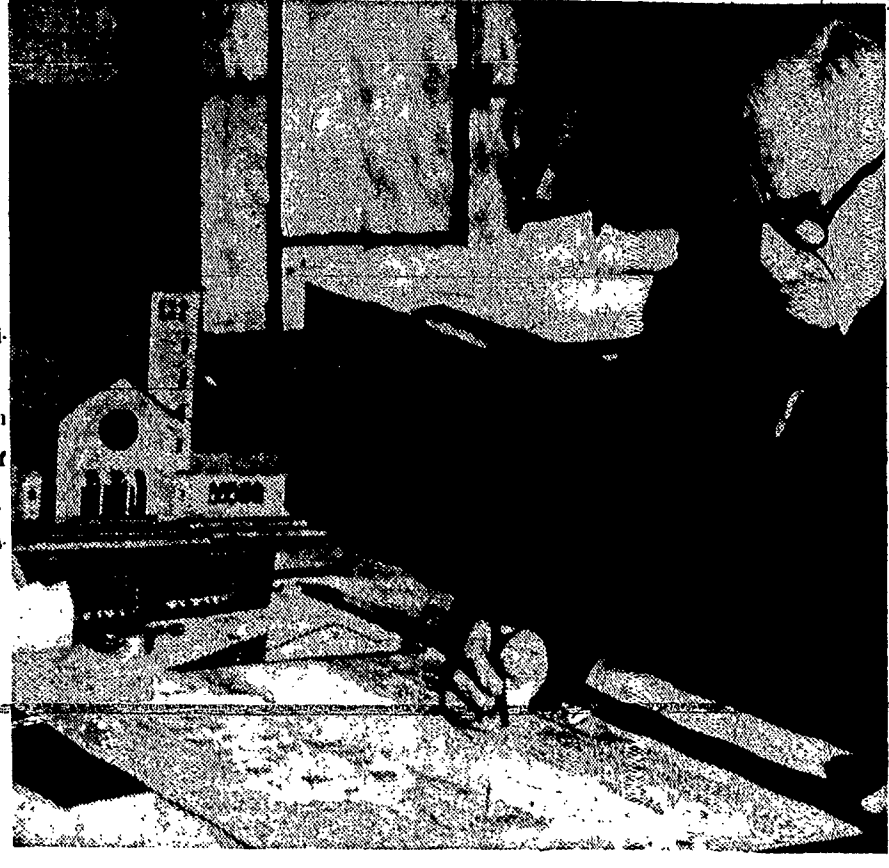


Relics of Ukrainian martyr St. Josaphat were saved from communist desecration by American priest Monsignor Roman J. Nuwer. Photo shows saint's glass-walled coffin in St. Barbara's church, Vienna, before Reds took control of the city.

Builds 15 Churches

Tokyo—(NC)—Architect and contractor for 15 churches and ten schools in all parts of Japan, is German-born Jesuit Brother Ignatius Gropper, pictured at work in his office on the campus of Sophia University, Tokyo.



Disguised As Coal Man Priest Rescues Relics

Some 500 delegates to the 19th Ukrainian Catholic Youth League of America convention held this week in Buffalo were treated to a cloak-and-dagger story of how a priest stole the body of a saint from under the noses of communists in Austria.

The priest is Msgr. Roman J. Nuwer, a former brigadier general in the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps. The body he rescued from Red desecration was that of St. Josaphat, only canonized Ukrainian saint, known as the "Saint of Reunion."

It happened Msgr. Nuwer related, in the fall of 1945 after both U.S. and Russian forces occupied Vienna. The Monsignor said he was called to the ecclesiastical headquarters there and given the terse order: "Recover the relics of St. Josaphat."

The body of the saint was in a crypt in St. Barbara's church in the Russian sector of the city, he said, and the Russians were bent on destroying the saint's relics.

Msgr. Nuwer assembled a trusted band of companions, who disguised themselves as coal carriers and marched across the Iron Curtain. At St.

Barbara's Church, he said, the band began to unload a half ton of coal. The group then walked into the church, took the body from the crypt, carried it to their trucks and covered it with coal.

THE MONSIGNOR said that the body was driven to an air strip outside Vienna, to be placed on a plane and sent to Vatican City. He said that the communists suspected a plot and stopped the truck at the dividing line between the U.S. and the Russian sectors.

He said the body was in a box marked "engineering equipment" and after the Reds had let the truck pass, it had revealed only a few hundred yards when the communists opened fire.

Msgr. Nuwer said that the box was loaded onto a plane which was routed via France, Spain and North Africa before it reached Vatican City with the saint's relics.

Made Monsignor

Chicago—(NC)—Father John M. Kelly, editor of the *New World*, Chicago archdiocese newspaper, has been elevated to the rank of papal chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor.

Two Million Reply To KC Faith Ads

Chicago—(NC)—A total of 2,632,650 inquiries have been received from the Knights of Columbus program of advertising Catholic teachings and beliefs in the nation's leading secular newspapers and magazines.

As a result of the ads, a total of 264,334 persons have enrolled for a course of religious instruction by mail offered by the K. of C. Religious Information Bureau in St. Louis, it was disclosed.

The program was started in 1948 and \$1,903,290 was collected to carry it on.

A complete report on the ad program and other Knights of Columbus activities will be made by Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart at the organization's 25th anniversary convention to be held at the Palmer House here from August 20 to 22.

Charles J. Moigan, convention chairman, estimated that more than 3,000 delegates from all parts of the United States and from Canada, Cuba, Mexico and the Philippine Islands will attend the sessions.

Church Serves Rich, Poor Says Priest

Eschwege, Germany—(NC)—"The Church is not only for the needy and illiterate, but also for the well-to-do and intellectuals," a leading German clergyman said here.

Speaking to more than 500 students from 28 different countries attending the German Catholic Students' Congress here, Father Bernhard Harssler deplored the tendency of some educated people to look upon the Church as an organization for the service of the poor and illiterate.

"The Church is needed by all people in all walks of life," he said.

"Truth belongs to all men, and all are united in love and truth—the rich and the poor, the well-educated and the unlettered. The genius and those of below average intelligence. That is the democratic message of the Church."

"It would be folly for the Church to serve any one of these groups to the exclusion of others," the priest concluded.

Capuchins In U.S. Mark Centenary

Mount Calvary, Wis.—(NC)—More than 500 clergy and laity attended a Pontifical Mass of thanksgiving in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Capuchin order in the United States.

The Capuchin friary is situated on a hill, Mount Calvary in Fond du Lac county near the northern edge of the Milwaukee archdiocese. It is the first Capuchin monastery established in the United States.

Messages of congratulations on the anniversary came from many high Church officials, including His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Summertime Controversy

Catholic Classes Ousted From R.I. Public School

Woonsocket—(RNS)—Two members of the Woonsocket School Committee, at a meeting here, assailed a local civic leader for his protest against the free use of a public school by a Roman Catholic church for summer classes in religious instruction.

Mrs. Lillian Pennington, the committee's vice-chairman, and Mrs. Viola Berard, attacked Robert Finkelstein, chairman of Mayor Jean Paul Soucy's public school advisory commission. He protested the use of Fifth Avenue School by Sacred Heart church for religious education classes. The committee had given the church permission to use the school building.

Mr. Finkelstein lodged his protest at the June 26 school committee meeting when he said the action violated the First Amendment.

"It is a shame that such a good-intended act, which was available to all the faiths, might be interpreted as unconstitutional," Mrs. Pennington said. "I can't see how teaching of religious and moral principles in any building could pose a threat to any community."

Mrs. Berard added that parochial schools were "making a contribution to the education of our children" and that "granting them free use of a public school for four weeks during the summer certainly does not represent a loss to the city."

Sacred Heart church has been conducting religious education classes in the school every summer since 1940 without previous challenge.

On July 19 the Woonsocket District Ministers' Association charged that use of the school by the Catholic church violated the State separation. However, the association said it felt that an "adequate rental" would make the action "legitimate."

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Poznan Archbishop To Be Enthroned

Warsaw—(RNS)—Archbishop Anton Baranik, former Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Gniezno, will be solemnly enthroned as head of the Poznan archdiocese on Oct. 6. It was announced here.

The papal bull proclaiming his appointment was dated June 28, the anniversary of the workers' uprising in Poznan last year.

Fasting 'Good Thing' Says Specialist

New York—(NC)—Fasting is a "good thing," according to eminent heart specialist Dr. Paul Dudley White.

"Our ancestors, through common sense, seemed to have known better than we today how to take care of their

health," the Boston physician told the Sales Executive Club of New York.

"FASTING is a good thing. Our ancestors realized that fasting was not only good for the soul, but also for the body. Fasting never hurt anybody.

On the contrary, it is most beneficial for many," he said.

The topic came up in a speech by Dr. White, who has treated President Eisenhower, in which the physician was giving recommendations for prevention of heart ailments.



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