

Jamaica Mass Funeral Held For Wreck Victims

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Mandeville, Jamaica. — (NC) — A mass funeral was held here for almost 250 people killed when an excursion train overturned near the village of Keondal, 15 miles west of Mandeville.

THE HOSPITAL here is filled with injured from the wreck, and emergency aid has been set up at the convent. Many nurses are busy with the many injured who have come to Mandeville to assist the injured, who number over 400.

The final count of fatalities in the wreck is expected to make it the second worst in the history of railroading. The worst mishap occurred in Bologna, Italy, in 1944 when over 800 persons died of deadly coal fumes from a locomotive in a tunnel.

AN ESTIMATED 1,400 persons were aboard the 12 cars being hauled through the Jamaican highlands from Montego Bay.

They had spent the weekend on an excursion sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Anne's Church, West Kingston.

As the double-engine train neared the new Alumina Jamaica plant, the axle of the fourth coach broke and the last nine cars toppled from the tracks into the steep ravine. The engine and first three cars remained on the tracks.

Two Jesuits, Fathers Charles J. Eberle, pastor of St. Anne's, and Harry J. Mallett, were aboard the train and escaped without injury. They gave absolution to the dead and dying. Passionist Fathers, stationed at nearby Mandeville, rushed to the scene to help administer the last rites.

Interracial Group Enlists Chicago Civic Leaders

Chicago (NC) — The Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago has announced formation of a citizens committee composed of 18 prominent Catholic, Protestant and Jewish business and industrial leaders.

CHAIRMAN of the newly formed committee is Clair M. Madden, president of the Association of Western Railways. Its chairman are Sidney P. Brown, of Brown, Brown, Cyrus & Gross, attorneys, and Jerrold L. Lohr, of Lohr, Schulman & Bennett, architects.

The committee issued an appeal for support of the council and said it will seek \$50,000 to meet needs of the organization.

In its appeal the committee stated, in part:

"The dynamic industrial growth of our city is bringing, and will continue to bring, thousands of non-whites here . . . Chicago needs alert, prudent, temperate, effective agencies to assist in the vital work of orderly integration of these peoples. Such an organization is the Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago, which operates under the patronage of Cardinal Stritch."

Prime Minister Attends Funeral Of Msgr. Knox

London — (NC) — Britain's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan attended the Requiem Mass for Msgr. Ronald Knox, noted English scholar and convert, in Westminster cathedral here.

He broke tradition by being the first British cabinet chief in modern times to attend a Catholic service.

Unnoticed by the nearly 2,000 mourners packing the cathedral, the Prime Minister slipped into a place of honor beside the casket of his former tutor in English and history at Oxford University.

"I have come to say goodbye to an old friend," he said as he was privately ushered into the cathedral from the Archbishop's house next door.

ARCHBISHOP William Godfrey of Westminster presided at the Pontifical Requiem Mass, which was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop George Craven of Westminster.

One of the best known Catholics in the English-speaking world, Msgr. Knox died on August 24. Famed for his translations of the Old and New Testaments, which he completed in 1892, he made his last public appearance in June when he lectured at Oxford on the problems of a translator. Dying of cancer, he spoke seated and with a doctor in attendance.

In July he finished a translation of the autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux, which is scheduled for publication early next year.

Requiem Offered For Abbot Nahlen

Schilbach, Ark. — (NC) — Bishop Albert L. Fletcher of Little Rock offered a Requiem Mass at New Sublimo Abbey here for Abbot Paul M. Nahlen, O.S.B. who died (August 21) in a Little Rock hospital after a long illness.



Nehru Welcomes Prelate

New Delhi — (NC) — Archbishop James Robert Knox, Apostolic Internuncio-designate to India, shakes hands with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, during a visit to the Indian foreign office shortly after arriving in New Delhi. A native of Australia, Archbishop Knox is the third Vatican envoy in India's capital city, since the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and the Holy See in 1948.

Priest Offers First Mass For Patient In Iron Lung

Barcelona, Spain — (NC) — A newly ordained priest offered his first Mass for a patient who has been confined in an iron lung for seven years here.

Father Ricardo Valero decided to offer his first Mass, not in his family parish as is customary, but in a hall of a hospital into which Manuel Martinez Aparicio was brought in his iron lung.

The Mass was attended by hospital personnel, members of the religious community in charge, and by almost 100 friends of the patients.

Flor Peeters Given Boys Town Medal

Boys Town, Neb. — (NC) — The sixth Boys Town Medal of St. Cecilia for outstanding contribution in the field of liturgical music was presented here to Flor Peeters, noted Belgian organist and composer.

Archbishop Gerald T. Gergan of Omaha was celebrant of a Solemn Pontifical Mass here after which the medal was given to Mr. Peeters.

The Mass was the closing ceremony of the 5th annual liturgical music workshop at Boys Town. The two-week workshop according to officials, was the largest in both scope and attendance since it was started.

IN HIS SHADOW

Today the Holy Father sends an appeal to help the church attached to one of our seminaries—the Greek College in Rome. Almost in the shadow of St. Peter's, the Church of St. Athanasius was built in 1581. For a long time it has needed repairs and now it is no longer. We need \$2,000. Then, we must replace the dilapidated furnishings (about \$1,000), and install new icons (oriental images) for the proper celebration of the Greek liturgy. These special icons will cost \$150 each. The seminary must always show the future priests the high standards the Church desires to be maintained in worship.

SPEAKING OF SEMINARIES
Reminds us of PETER in Lebanon and CHACKO in India, whose poor parents cannot help the seminaries with the \$100 needed each year to keep and educate them during the six years training. Won't you help one by sending us this yearly sum, in any payments?

HAS GOD A SHARE IN YOUR WILL?
UNDERMINED BUT UNSHAKEN
The poor native Catholics in Achelle-Gusai, Eritrea—300 in all, among so many separated "brethren"—are unshaken in the Faith of their fathers, though the chapel their fathers built more than 70 years ago is undermined and falling. We need \$2,500 for materials to complete the new one which they started already.

VALOR OF WEAKNESS
Our lay missionaries, girls from Belgium, France and Italy, are braving the rigors of life among the desert Moslem tribes in Jordan to care for their sick women, teach their girls the rudiments of housekeeping. The confidence thus gained by deeds of charity will open their hearts to hear the Gospel of Charity. The valor of the "weaker" sex! Have you a mite to help them?

THE FOUR R'S
The kiddies running off to school these mornings are the future hope of our nation and our Faith. In a deeper sense, the future of the Church in the Near East mission frontiers is being written in our mission schoolrooms. We need the renewed loyalty of our BASILIANS, members of our Mission Club for school support. We have greater need of new members. Please get a friend to join with you. Only A-DOLLAR-A-MONTH.

TENDER FLOWERS IN GOD'S GARDEN
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THEIR FUTURE IN YOUR HANDS
Hundreds of Nile villages swarm with peasants destined to lifetime poverty for lack of the chance to learn a trade. The Verona Fathers at Aswan in their wonderful tradeschool will start out in life many a future head of a family with a bright future. At the moment a serious financial crisis threatens this work. A little help?

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The Right Approach To Spending Money For Children

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How much spending money should we give our children? We have five, three boys and two girls, ranging from fifteen to six. Although we've managed to stay fairly well out of debt, by the time all the bills are paid and a little set aside for future schooling, there's very little left.

Our children complain that others always have more spending money. This may be true, but we like to plan for the future. Are we being unfair to our children now?

I THINK YOU realize that there is no simple answer to your question. Family sizes, income, social positions, and environments differ greatly. The sex and age differences of children must also be considered. Hence more important than the amount of spending money is your children's attitude toward it and toward money in general.

Attitudes acquired in childhood tend to endure throughout life. Your real problem is to teach your children the Christian attitude toward money and the things it can buy. If you neglect this, the amount of spending money you give them remains relatively unimportant.

A consideration of the following points should help you meet this problem. First, show your children that all blessings, material and spiritual, come from God. Teach them to have a deep respect and gratitude

for the food, clothing, and home they enjoy. These are blessings which neither you nor they have wholly earned. God has granted us a rich country and prosperous times. Millions of others just like ourselves have lived and still live without enjoying themselves.

KNOWING THIS, we must regard even the crust of bread and the worn garment with reverence and gratitude. You must live and teach this lesson carefully lest our present excess blind you and your children to the true Source of these blessings.

Second, build up in your children a spirit of loyalty and understanding toward your family as a unit. According to their ages, children should be brought into your family council so that they can appreciate the overall needs of the family, share in your concern over the budget, and participate in your plans for the future.

This is a maturing process for growing children. It develops loyalty and legitimate pride in one's family because each child comes to think of himself as a member of the team. Some parents foolishly exclude their children from their councils in the mistaken belief that they will learn the hard facts of life later on.

How can children acquire a sense of family unity and an understanding of the family's financial limitations if they are given no knowledge of the facts? Is it not unfair to make them wait until they are married to discover that the family budget must be balanced with money which they have earned?

THIRD, MAKE an honest attempt to understand the spending needs of your children. This will vary with age and sex, but you can make a reasonable estimate if you take the trouble to refuse all spending money may exclude the child from ordinary participation in his age-group. Under these circumstances, some children may even resort to dishonest means to obtain money. On the other hand, some children attempt to buy favor and friends with money. You must show them that this is the wrong way to retain friends.

FINALLY, HELP them to acquire a true sense of values. Teach them that happiness is based on a quality in the heart, not on an object in the hand. This lesson is learned slowly. Most generations have to learn it anew. Yet it is fundamental for Christians. Remember, Christ spent his whole life teaching us from the poverty of the manger to the nakedness of the Cross.

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