

# Pope Says Church In 'Fight To End' With Communism

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII, in an address to delegates attending the Second World Congress of the Lay Apostolate in Rome, told laymen they must be unremitting in their zeal to "persevere and to conquer" in the fight against Communism.

"Let it be said quite clearly, the Church of Christ does not at all think of abandoning the field to her declared enemy, atheistic Communism," he said.

"This fight will be fought to the end, but with the arms of Christ."

The Pontiff came to St. Peter's Basilica from the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo to address some 2,000 participants in the congress from about 90 countries, including the United States which sent 225 delegates. He spoke in French for more than half an hour.

THE POPE'S TALK, heard by cardinals, archbishops, bishops and lay leaders from every part of the globe, was generally regarded as one of his most specific and far-reaching utterances on the lay apostolate. It dealt in detail with the theme of the world gathering: "The Laity in the Crisis of the Modern World — Responsibilities and Formation."

Pope Pius, speaking in loud and ringing tones, said the collaboration of the laity in the apostolic mission of the Church is particularly necessary today because the Christian spirit must be infused into every sphere of life — family, social, economic and spiritual.

He stressed the importance of training and educating more lay apostles, the special need for such dedicated laymen in the field of labor, in the mission world, and in Latin America where the Church is handicapped by the shortage of priests.

The Pontiff also said Catholic laymen are called to play an active role in radio and television, especially for the moral education of youth. He said laymen and women, as teachers in universities and schools, can make a decisive contribution to religious teaching.

Furthermore, Pope Pius said, laymen who are engaged in administrative, professional, economic and social and political work, and have a sound knowledge of the Church's social doctrines, can give valuable aid in spreading the message of the Gospel.

"The important thing," the Pontiff commented, "is that bishops and priests may choose laymen as collaborators whenever they find individuals able and ready to give them help."

He said a difficult situation exists in Latin America where the population has grown from 92 million in 1920 to nearly 200 million since 1920, while the number of priests remains at 30,000 where it should now be 160,000.

Singling out Catholic schools in the United States for particular praise, Pope Pius said: "The Church is grateful to them; for they are a necessary complement to the clergy's work."

Pope Pius said it gave him deep satisfaction to know that the great majority of Catholic editors and booksellers regard their profession as a service to the church. Referring to the Catholic press, he said a Catholic journalist who works with a spirit of faith is "most certainly a lay apostle."

CATHOLICS EVERYWHERE could take a more active part in raising the moral, Christian and cultural level of films, radio and television, the Pope asserted. He said that films seen by 500 million annually "don't attain the cultural and moral levels they should and most regrettably often portray the world — where men live and die — as if God did not exist. . . . We appreciate, however, the initiative being made by some in radio, cinema and TV to improve these conditions."

The Pontiff said an apostolic spirit should be formed in Catholics even when they are young. He praised "truly Christian mothers" who have implanted this spirit among their children, as well as Catholic publications and institutions which likewise improve the young.

The American delegates were from all 48 states. They were led by David A. McMullin of St. Louis, Mo., president of the National Council of Catholic Men, and Mrs. Robert H. Mahoney of Hartford, Conn., president of the National Council of Catholic Women.

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## Exiled Mission Nun Tells Prison Ordeal

By ROBERT SMETT

Twenty-seven years in the missions, sentenced to death by the Chinese Reds, accused of killing 3,000 babies, forced to live for a year on a teacup of rice a day, Sister Dominic Marie sat in a parlour of Rochester's Holy Apostles Convent this week and smiled a lovely smile.

"We lose you now but in 10 years we'll have you back — when we take over the United States." This was the Red "hon voyage" to Sister in 1953 when the Communists expelled her after 18 years of mission work.

Sister Dominic Marie and her companion, Sister John Mary, are visiting Rochester during the month of October. Sister John Mary is the former Elaine Spillane of this city.

In an interview this week, Sister Dominic Marie related some of her mission experiences which include seven years in Honolulu and two in Formosa besides her China stay.

She was in Kwangsi Province when the Japanese war brought all China to its feet for the long trek to escape across country. "Everyone who could walk or crawl was on the march," she said, "and the Japanese were only an hour behind us."

FORCED TO accompany another Sister who was ill, Sister was taken by plane "over the hump" the Himalayas leaving her Chinese villagers behind. Before she left, she asked the natives what they would do now that the end seemed so near. There was no answer, for them it was already the end of everything.

"But God's Providence . . . and the Americans — came to the rescue," Sister Dominic Marie said with a smile.

There out, he was caught with Communism, Sister stated. She told the story of a native town official in her district, who thinking he was aiding his people, allowed the People's Government to take over.

The Reds promptly took him into custody, stripped him in public, and led him through months long series of tortures in which his own children were forced to take part.

During her last years in China, Sister Dominic Marie was in charge of a hospital in the town of Tsu-shan, where she had three Maryknoll Sisters and 8 native Sisters, being trained as nurses, under her care.

Daily, for months, the Communists questioned and accused her of all sorts of crimes in an attempt to force her to obtain money from the U. S. for the People's Government.

She was finally sentenced to be shot and the date set for Christmas Day, 1952. Sister is now able to laugh at the perverted sense of humor that would pick this happiest day in Christianity for the date of her execution.

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## Bishop Kearney 'Life' Slated For Screening

A pictorial review of Bishop Kearney's 20-year ministry in the Rochester Diocese will be one of the highlights of the silver jubilee ceremonies at the Rochester War Memorial Sunday afternoon, October 27.

Nearly seventy photographs which graphically depict the Bishop's varied activities, have been selected for screening at the War Memorial. A descriptive commentary will accompany the showing of the photographs.

This phase of the program has been arranged by James Trayhern with Homer Bliss scheduled to do the commentary. Several "live" interpolations will be used in connection with the

Mayor Peter Battaglia will deliver the welcome at the ceremony which Dr. Leo LaPalma, rector of the Holy Trinity Church, will be the Master of Ceremonies. The Rev. Fr. A. Cornell, Ph.D., of St. Margaret Mary's Church

THE CEREMONY opened by His Excellency Bishop Casey and with a talk by His Excellency Bishop Kearney who is the silver jubilee of his elevation to the hierarchy, years of which were in Rochester.

Missa will be furnished by St. Bernard's Seminary of the glee clubs of Notre Dame and St. John Fisher. Jerry Vogt will be the Memorial organ.

A Citizens' Committee, the chairmanship of which will take part in the procession prior to the ceremony, will be held at 4:30 p.m.

## Beaupre Expects 3 Million In 1958

Beaupre, Que. — (NC) — More than 3 million pilgrims expected to visit the world shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre during 1958 when the anniversary of the founding of the shrine will be observed. The estimate was made by demologist Father Eugene Febvre, the shrine's director.



SISTER DOMINIC MARIE  
'now I can smile'

## New Greece Paris Sets Fund Drive

The new Our Lady of Mercy parish in Greece will have a two day drive to be held this Sunday and next (Oct. 20) to raise funds to build a church and school on Denison St.

Over 300 men of the just organized parish met last night at St. Charles Borromeo school hall to hear the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, parish pastor, outline plans of the campaign.

He also showed architectural designs of the proposed new parochial school. Church design is not yet completed.

FATHER O'BRIEN said the two-day drive has a goal of \$150,000 — the minimum amount needed to start construction of the church and school.

He announced Victor H. Malen as drive chairman. Co-chairmen of the general parish solicitation are Nicholas Plumeri, William Raymond and William Bassett.

Heading the advanced gifts committee are cochairmen Joseph



## 50,226 In Schools Of Diocese

Enrollments in Catholic elementary and high schools of the Rochester Diocese have hit a new record high total — 19,062, as announced today by the Rev. Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, diocesan superintendent of schools.

An added 1,161 students attend St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminars, Nazareth and St. John Fisher Colleges.

The total students now enrolled in Catholic schools of the Rochester Diocese has topped the 50,000 mark.

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the prelate asserted, would not be solved justly and fairly unless "we all fulfill the obligation we have to take a personal intelligent and patriotic interest in the affairs of our government both state and national."

## Catholics 'Compartmentalize' Too Much

Rome — (RNS) — An international student leader told the Second World Congress of the Lay Apostolate here that "spiritual compartmentalism" is keeping many Catholics from joining in efforts for social betterment.

He was referring to Catholics who lead pious lives but keep aloof from the problems of the world around them.

Thom Kerstiens, secretary general of the International Movement of Catholic Students, the undergraduate section of Pax Romana, said every effort should be made to overcome such attitudes "because Catholics, in the full sense, should be concerned with all aspects of international life."

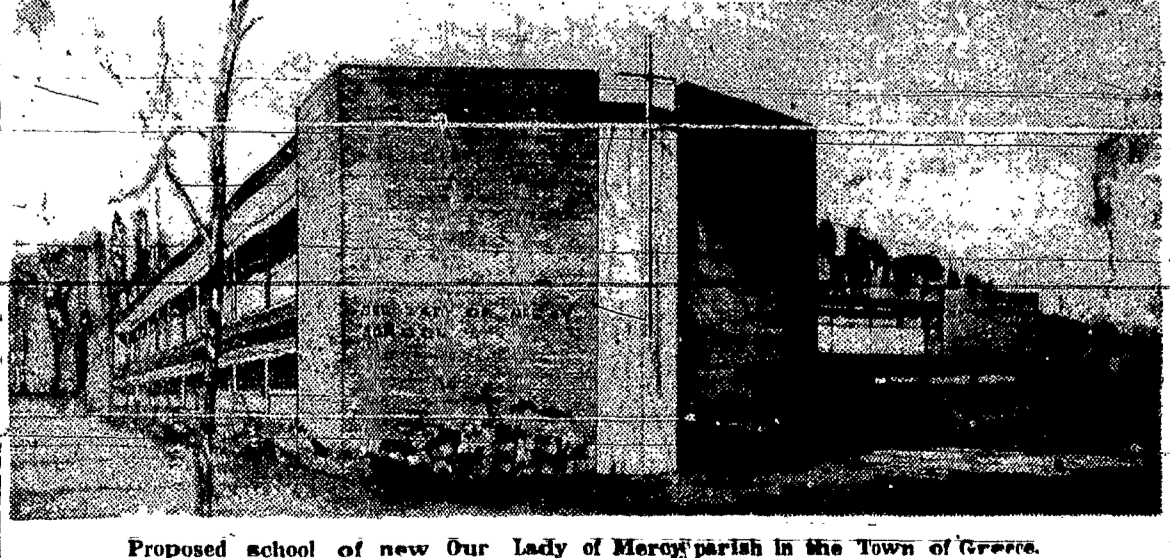
He said a responsibility of the Catholic layman is to "unite, within the framework of international organizations, with all

men of goodwill for common action" for the good of society at large.

"WE MUST conquer spiritual compartmentalism," Mr. Kerstiens said, "because the Catholic Faith has no room for racial differences, cultural barriers or national prejudice. Only by playing a role in international life can Catholics overcome the problems of Communism and social injustice."

"The only possible answer to Communism is a Christianity applied to the actual needs of society. For this reason it is absolutely necessary that international Catholic bodies should be able to count on the active collaboration of the laity. They will then start to act as a true leaven and make an effective contribution to mankind and the world."

Another speaker told the congress, attended by some 2,000 delegates from about 90 countries, that "Communism is an itch in our flesh which reminds us constantly of our failures in the social field."



Proposed school of new Our Lady of Mercy parish in the Town of Greece.

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