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Day Of Prayer For Persecuted

Gatholics of the Rochester Diocese will join vith the faithful throughout America this Sunday to pray for the persecuted people of the world.

Ancient pagans tormented Christian captives to renounce their faith but had at least a remnant of mercy to climax their brutality with the gift of martyrdom.

Present day Communists have bluntly stated, "We want no martyrs!

In Chins or India, in the Balkan and Baltic nations, wherever the Reds have power they smother the faith by relentless crushing technique - arresting a bishop, exiling prissts, closing a nearby church - a day to day, week by week campaign which finally leaves the people without shepherds or shrines_

Those who retain their faith are then forced to face the mind breaking brain-wash.

THE KREMLIN PREFERS these days to conquer through a creeping paralysis of the Church's freedom. A "front" is allowed to survive for the sake of foreign visitors and as evidence to dupe the free nations that religion is tolerated in iron curtained countries.

The tears of thousands are mute contradiction to the Soviet's boast however.

This Sunday, the bishops of the United States appeal to all Americans totake up the invincible weapon of prayer, more powerful than military might, to console the heroic souls who have endured persecution for the Christian faith. Included in these prayers will be an added request to speed the keeping of our Lady's promise at Fatima, "Russia will" be converted."

PERSECUTION IS NOT restricted to Communist nations, however. There is a petty, irksome persecution which reputed reputable men impose on fellow men even in free countries.

WHAT ABOUT THE people who are refused a job, a home, an education - just because their skin is a different color? Isn't that a form of being persecuted?

What about the people who are ridiculed, teased, embarassed because they choose to keep the laws of God and His holy Church--aren't they being persecuted too?

What about the poor who sweat their days out in work straining at two-jobs to make ends meet - are not they persecuted by the lash of poor-pay while profiteers take advantage of the poor man's patience?

WHAT ABOUT the innocent young lives spoiled by the divorce of parents who break their youngsters' hearts by breaking up, their homes - are not these children persecuted, hurt most by the very ones expected to love them most?

And it is quite probably true that God's accusing finger points to each of us as a persecutor too, for we all have our inner resentments, fixations and bitter prejudices.

in praying for the persecuted --- we are simply pray



People in half the world begin 1958 with tears as Communist nations continue a relentless drive against Church freedom.

As New Year Dawns

Church Still Suffers Under Red Oppression

By GEORGE J. ROBINSON (N. C. W. C. News Service)

This year, the 40th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution which cast the fire of militant atheism upon the world, saw the continued persecution of the Church in the Iron Curtain countries. It also saw new outbreaks of anti-Catholic hostility in other parts of the world influenced by the Reds and other forces hostile to the Church.

A glance through the news its drive to bar non whites reports of 1957 shows that the from attending school or even Kremlin, not satisfied with its worshipping with their white control over the satellite counco-religionists. trice inspired anti-religious ac-

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Reds took over in 1949."

The Reds released two Amerlcari Jesuit Fathers from years of imprisonment last spring and allowed them to go home. But the ranks of the foreign missionaries in China are now down to a mere handful, and in the course of the year the communists have arrested and jailed priests and laymen on one pretext after another, hitting hard at the clergy most the Holy See.

According to a report received from Bishop Dominic Tang. S.J., Apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Canton, he and his clergy and terrajous are being subjected to severe Red pressure. Special indictrination beriods are held twice each week and the clergy are forced to attend. Afterwards, each priest and nun at the meeting is questioned privately and asked concerning their opinion of what has been said by the government speakate China's Catholics from

The religious situation in Hungary is if anything worse than it was last year, despite some obvious propaganda moves to make it appear otherwise on the part of the government which was foisted on the Hungarian people by the Soviet Union when it smashed the people's revolution in November, 1936.

Msgr. Egon Turesanyi, former secretary of Cardinal outspoken in their devotion to Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, has been reported in a state of complete mental and physical collapse in a Red prison. Msgr. Turesanyi was arrested after the Soviet intervention in Hungary last year and most recent reports stated that he was being tried for "looting" government offices" during the revolt.

> The reports stated that 15 young Hungarian priests were also being tried with Msgr. Tuesanyi. The charge distrabuting the text of a papal message and other "inciting" leaf-

Unity Octave Prayers Lead Souls To Rome

By FATHER TITUS CRANNY, S.A.

Graymoor, Garrison, N.Y.

Fifty years ago a non-Catholic clergyman began a movement for religious unity which has been felt around the world. His name was Father Paul James Francis, of Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y. The movement was the Chair of Unity Octave, annually observed each January 18-25. His method included prayer, sacrifice, and the practice of the virtues, especially charity. His purpose was the reunion of Christendom and the conversion of unbelievers.

The golden jubilee of this prayer crusade for religious unity, which began very simply at Graymoor in 1908, will he next year. It was unusualthat Father Paul should propose this means for Unity since at the time he was a member. of the Episcopal Church, though a devoted follower of St. Francis of Assisi.

It was providential, however, that he should begin this work, for in less than two years after the Octave started, Father Paul and his small group of Friars and Sisters known as the Society of the Atonement entered the Catholic Church on October 30, 1909 in a body. Their conversion seemed to be tangible proof of the effective-

ness of the Octave prayers.

Today the Unity Octave is part of the devotional life of the faithful in all parts of the world. It was approved by St. Pius X on December 27, 1909 and by each of the Popes since. It was extended to the universal Church by Pope Benedict XV on February 25, 1916 through the Apostolic Brief. "Romanorum Pontificum." Each year witnesses a greater expansion development of this prayer crusade for Unity. Unity.

"There is a peculiar fitness," Father Paul wrote, "in this particular Octave for united prayer and effort and to further true Catholic Unity, because it links the name of the two great apostles who jointly founded the Holy Roman Church with the Chair of Peter, which is by divine appointment the center around which all must rally and whose



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FATHER PAUL started prayer crusade

and estrangement have fostered a deep-rooted dissent in men's hearts but shall that make us give up hope? Please God, never?"

The recent gatherings of various non Catholic groups concerned with Unity should furnish additional motives of prayer during the Octave and of daily prayer. The meeting of officials of the World Council of Churches at Yale University, the North American Conference at Oberlin, Ohio, the World Lutheran Federation meeting in Minneapolis, and other conferences all reveal a genuine concern for Christian

Our prayers should be that sincere souls may secure true Unity where it alone can be found in the Holy Catholic Church ruled by the Vicar of Christ, Pope Pius XII.



ing for our own victims - and for our own conversion to a more Christian attitude, Once we become better Christians ourselves then we tain more effectively expect the Commu- . mista to conse their persecutions too.

Big Market

As America's "inventory recession" cuts down production schedules and Equidates jobs across the country, Europe's new "free trade" program presents opportunities and hazards for U.S. businessmen.

Next year, six mations - Belgium, Holland, France, Luxembourg, Italy and Western Germany—will eliminate mutual tariffs but will operate with other countries on a common tariff agreement. Britain, Norway, Sweden, Denmirk, and Austria are expected to join this European common market program.

European industry, instead of competing against itself, will now be a united front challenge to America in world trade competition. Armerican made products will be tariff taxed on European counters and have to compete against tax free European products.

Despite this double obstacle, as European markets expand to raise living standards in those nations, there will undoubtedly be a rising demand for U.S. tools and technology and especially for the raw materials produced on American farms. Better living standards will also mean more meats and fruits on European tables imported from the United States.

In the wake of the more spectacular sputniks and satellites, this free trade program will probably go into operation with little fanfare. In reality the program is a tremendous step forward in establishing the dream of a United Europe, and one more proof that a divided world is inevitably drawing toward a "one world" way of life.

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Church on the Cliristian and Formation of the Patriotic pagan natives in that area. Association in Peking during the summer apparently Was-The Church's missionary efone of the opening guns of a fort has also been greatly hinhighly organized onslaught dered by the extreme to which against the Church, Observers "apartheld"-racial segregation abroad have expressed the fear that the new communist ppo--has been pushed in the Union

of South Africa. gram in China "foreshadows the most drastic persecution of That country is stepping up Catholics in China since the

Making Marriage Click Look Up Your In-Laws!

By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBLANC (Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

In constantly moving from place to place Americans have been herding with strangers and scattering relatives. In so doing many have lost contact with relatives and are losing one of the greatest earthly joys known to man.

cannot rightly say after the wedding, of her son, "I have May I make a sincere plea lost a son. I have gained a daughter." However kindly that statement was intended, it is a gross, confusing error,

> Mrs. Fritz does not have a mother-daughter_control_over the new bride. Nor is there the same old relationship between her and her newly wedded son. A new, independent family has been created.

Monsignor A mother in-law, of course, DeBlanc must love the new bride, but Anyone who carries a chin the relationship with the most on reach shoulder, as regards telling impact is the new one his in-laws, generally carries as the bride of her son. That son and his wife are now an inseparable whole. They are So it is by no means true always seen in the same picto say that one roof can never ture. Love cannot be given by be big enough for any two a mother and father to a sor women. Of course, it is not without it being given to the ideal for two families to live bride. together, but tens of thous-

ands today are doing so rich-In marriage a couple are no ly and satisfactorily. There are longer John and Mary, but John-Mary and must be loved as a unit. This story is told by I WILL NOT accept the com-

a wonderful, wise mother-inparison that some make who law: "When my son is with say that two queen bees canme, and his wife is away, I feel not live harmoniously in the that I haven't really got him. same hive; therefore, two And when he is away and his women must also battle who wife is with me, I feel that he live in the same home. Or that isn't altogether gone." two roosters cannot peacefully

prance the same premises and, The relationship of Mrs. therefore, neither can two men. Fritz can be motherly but not The difference is that human "mother - daughter." So the beings are capable of love, aniyoung couple themselves must mals are not. Also, some indecide where they will live, laws simply never make up how they will spend their their minds to get along. The money, how they will divide reunderstanding of a new Christian in-law relationship is abdiscipline the children, where the children will go to school-PARENTS MUST undereven if the grandparents pay the tuition! There will be no compromise, no surrender ex-

stand that after a son marries, a complete new relationship pected in these and similar has taken place for all concerned. Mrs. Fritz, for instance, rights.

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a "spy-ring."

Bishop Tang, who has not accepted any of the "invitations" to attend these meetings. has been called to the Government's Bureau of Religious Affairs and given detailed in-

structions as to how to conduct. his archdiocese. * IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, Archbishop Joseph Beran of Prague, the country's spiritual guide, has been held in detention since 1949. Ills whereabouts remains unknown and there is no sign at all that the government plans to release

In late summer, two Dominican Sisters in Moravia were semienced to prison terms for "anil-state" activity. They were accused of harboring Father Vaclav Filipec who had earlier been imprisoned 'for operating

Also sentenced in June were a group of Salesian Fathers and Sisters who were charged with anti-revolutionary and treason activity, Certainly, even in the light of these few instances, there is no sign of any slow-down in

persecuting the Church in Czechoslovakia. One authority on the Church in that country, writing in a French Catholic weekly, said that the Red government of

Czechoslovakia is favoring the creation and development of national churches—all with the intent of luring people away from Rome and their loyalty to Christ's Vicar. Twelve out of 19 Roman Catholic Bishops, he Stalinist heyday. wrote have been interned.

* * COMMUNIST GOVERN. MLENT officials in East Germany have long carried on a struggle to alienate the youth of the region from their families and traditions.

Every year, "youth initiation ceremonies" are publicized as the "progressive" approach to the "old" sacrament of Confirmation. Parents are told with stabile threats that it would be better to have their children indoctrinated in the "pre-initiation" classes and allowed to go through the ceremonies, than

to participate in a religious confirmation ceremony. As part of their widespread an exhaustive campaign to

win the youth of East Gerplaced well trained and loyal party members in kindergartens. Thus the children's minds are being formed in accord with communist doctrine from the very beginning of formal volucation.

lets during the rebellion.

In September Bishops Ber talan Badalik, O.P., of Vesz-"The Unity Octave," Father prem and Jozsef Petery of Paul further explained, "which Vacz were deposed from their begins with the festival of St. Seeswand banished to small⁴ Peter's Chair and ends with villages.

brings us at once into touch It is believed that four Hunwith the foundation principles garian Bishops are kept from of Catholic Unity and raises the complete exercise of their the whole subject to the solid functions, One of them, of course, is Cardinal Mindszenty, rock of divine institution, spirfrual revelation, and apostolic still in the refuge of the U.S. legation in Budapest. Red govradition. ernment officials have said that if the Cardinal Primate were to leave the legation he

THIS ANNIVERSARY of the Chair of Unity Octave-is. a milestone of special -imporwould be arrested and immeditance. It recalls the memory of ately brought to trial. Father Paul (who died in 1940) and his gigantic work for

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The political situation in Poof their duty of apostolic land and the agreements heprayer and activity to bring tween the State and the Church souls to the Church. there have created the best situation for Catholics in any Milan has said; "We must bear of the communist countries, witness to our love for each

Although the government other, and then love those still impedes the formation of whom we wish to evangelize. stome kinds of Church so-The great policy of the apostocieties and refuses recognitionlate is that it should not be a to some seminaries operated by conquest but a service. We religious orders, the people are shall keep vigilant watch and free to worship, no bishops are not forget that the world can in prison and religion may be be converted only through love. We shall love everyone --taught in the public schools. • friends, enemies, nations, all

Despite protests from Catholic members of parliament, the government continues its cen-Protestant, Anglican, pagan or sorship of the Catholic press as well as the press in general.

"PAX." organization of the Father Paul would be in full now · discredited "progressive accord with these words of Catholics," is still in operation charity towards all men, for and in effect controls Caritas, only prayers offered in this the Polish Catholic charities orspirit can bring souls to the Diganization which was wrested vine Redeemer. from, the Church during the He displayed this love when

he wrote to a minister who had But Cardinal Wyszynski, Priridiculed him: "I cannot tell mate of Poland, who even beyou how great an affection I for his three-year detention by have for the clergy of the Anthe Reds dared not go to Rome glican Church and how I long for fear he would be barred that all of them might learn from returning to his fatherto know better, to reverence, land, has traveled to confer and to love that Blessed with Pope Pius and returned Church of Rome which is truly home in triumph. Mother of us all."

And the Cracow Catholic weekly which is known to rebracing charity we must join flect his views has had forththe virtue of unwavering hope, right praise for some of the adconfident of the mercy of God vances made since Wladyslaw and of the intercession of our Gomulka took over the reins of Blessed Lady, who loves all the Polish government in Octomen and seeks to unite them ber, 1956. "Defense of the October (revolution) is defense of reasonable compromise," the paper said recently in an ediallow for no discouragement in torial on the greater freedom prayer and work for Unity: under Mr. Gomulka's leadership.

considered utopian, for that Such, then, is the condition of the Church in a tremendously great part of the world. Though there are some areas be One Fold and One Shepwhere the persecution has herd'.... Difficulties there are slackened off, persecution is but they should in no wise disstill the bitter lot of millions of courage our apostolic zeal and Christians. charity. It is true that rebellion

edge before the whole body of Christians can constitute one fold under one shepherd."

Unity. It reminds the faithful

As Archbishop Montini of

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The words of Pope Leo XIII

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Pig, Jr.

Mother: "Jimmy, I wish you'd learn better table manners. You're a regular pig at

After a deep silence on Jim's part, his father, wishing to further impress him said "Do you know what a pig is, Jimmy?" "Yes." Jimmy replied, "It's a hogs little boy,"

 In one patish school in Kearny, N.J. the 1st grade teacher had trained her class to fold their hands reverently, and to close their eyes during prayers. One day, when class was over, a little girl approached the feacher, offering the following unsolicited information: "Sister, I watched every boy and girl while they were saying their prayers, and I was the only one who had my eyes closed."

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 A couple finally realized a life ambition by spending their vacation in Europe. Upon their return, they were interviewed by a local report.

"And did you see much poverty abroad?" he inquired.

"See it!" snorted the husband. "Why, I brought some of it back with me."

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