



NEW GIRLS' HOME — The Walter Todd residence (above) at 1475 East Avenue will become the new St. Elizabeth Guild House, a diocesan-operated home for young working women. The present Guild House, located at 1 Field Street, will be razed to make way for construction of the new Eastern Thruway feeder.

### St. Elizabeth's Guild

## Girls' Home Moving To East Avenue

The St. Elizabeth Guild House, a diocesan-operated home for working girls at 1 Field Street in Rochester will be moved to new quarters later this year when it occupies the Walter L. Todd residence at 1475 East Avenue.

Approval of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals has cleared the way for the Diocese to acquire the Todd mansion and make it the new site of the St. Elizabeth Guild House. The Zoning Board gave its approval to the undertaking following a public hearing last Friday.

The Guild which now houses 40 young women must vacate its Field Street building to make way for construction of the Eastern Thruway feeder.

MONSIGNOR Arthur E. Ratigan, director of Rochester Catholic Charities, and diocesan representative in the negotiations for the Todd home, said that acquisition of the East Avenue site and necessary remodeling of the structure's interior will cost "upwards of \$100,000." The Diocese has agreed to pay Mr. Todd \$47,000 for his residence. Monsignor Ratigan said.

To maintain the attractive character of East Avenue, he explained, the exterior of the building will not be changed. The interior of the mansion, which includes ballroom and library, will be altered to provide dormitory quarters and to comply with the State Multiple Residence Law, the Charities director stated.

WITH MISS ANNA J. Homa as resident director, St. Elizabeth's provides low cost room and board for young women, non-Catholic as well as Catholic. Under the direction of the Rochester Catholic Charities, the Guild House is also a participating agency of the Rochester Community Chest.

Establishment of the St. Elizabeth Guild House resulted from the concern of a local pastor and a Catholic layman with the plight of young women coming to the city in search of work and facing the added problem of finding inexpensive and suitable living quarters.

Back in November 1915, on a cold, rainy evening, Father Thomas F. Connors (now Monsignor) answered the doorbell at the old Blessed Sacrament Church Rectory on Rutgers Street to find a young Catholic girl desperately seeking lodging. A stranger and many miles from home, the young woman asked the priest to direct her to an inexpensive girls club where she might stay overnight.

There was no such place, as far as Father Connors knew, but

he was able to arrange lodging for the young woman in a private home in the parish.

Visiting with the Blessed Sacrament pastor that evening was the late J. Adam Krag, a friend and parishioner, well known in early Rochester for his interest in works of charity and philanthropy.

FATHER CONNORS' proposal that something should be done to provide a home for young working girls coming as strangers into the city drew a ready response from his layman friend. Mr. Krag offered to donate \$20,000 for the construction of a new building. This plan was not realized.

About a year and a half later, with the approval of Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, then head of the Rochester Diocese, and generous financial help from Mr. Krag, the former Pinnacle Club, at the corner of Field Street and Monroe Avenue was purchased and converted into the St. Elizabeth Guild House. To meet the demand for increased facilities, an annex was erected to the rear of the building in 1915.

MONSIGNOR CONNORS' interest in the guild house did not cease with its establishment. Along with serving as member of the board of directors since the Guild's inception, he saw it through the years of early struggle by personally paying the mortgage interest.

Payment of the mortgage and other capital expenditures has been met through efforts of a women's group known as the St. Elizabeth Guild headed by Mrs. George Thorne as president.

Expressing pleasure that St. Elizabeth's would continue its role in the new East Avenue site, Monsignor Connors stated: "Through the years, St. Elizabeth's has done a lot of good in providing a home for young working girls."



CHARLES TUCKER

## Bishop Offers Requiem For Charles Tucker

Bishop Kearney celebrated solemn funeral Mass for Charles A. Tucker, prominent Rochester layman, Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Christ the King Church.

Mr. Tucker was head of the religious goods store on Main St., Rochester, which bears his name.

He died suddenly while on a business trip to San Francisco to attend the convention of the National Association of Religious Goods Dealers.

He was 57 years old.

HE HELD high posts in the Rochester Knights of Columbus during his 37 years membership in that organization and was frequently in demand as a speaker throughout the Diocese and in other cities.

He helped establish the laymen's Retreat House at Geneva and in relocating the retreat pro-

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## Communists Jam Vatican Broadcasts

Berlin — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio's German-language broadcasts over its new medium wave transmitter are no longer audible in West Germany because of "powerful jamming traced to East German sources," the West German Radio reported.

The station said that the only Vatican Radio broadcasts that can be heard in West Germany are occasional short wave German-language programs.



CARDINAL WYSZYŃSKI

## Decline Lourdes Bid

## Polish Bishops 'Stand Guard Over Church'

Paris — (RNS) — None of Poland's Roman Catholic Bishops will attend celebrations in Lourdes this year marking the centenary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin to St. Bernadette Soubirous because of "unwonted conditions" in their country.

The decision was announced by Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, in reply to an invitation to the Polish Hierarchy extended by Bishop Pierre Marie Theas of Tarbes and Lourdes.

The Cardinal said the Polish Bishops would like to attend, "but our episcopate, finding itself under unwonted conditions and facing many very delicate situations, is obliged to stay at home on guard over the treasure of the Faith of the Church of God."

"It may be," Cardinal Wyszyński added, "that for us, too, propitious days will shine. Today, only feeble rays slip through very dark clouds of continual threats and alerts."

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## Chinese 'Diehards' Loyal To Church, Red Press Admits

Hong Kong — (NC) — The stubborn and heroic opposition by Catholics to Red China's current campaign against the Church is coming into better focus here, thanks to the Chinese communist press.

Communist news sources admit that priests—including vicars general in charge of dioceses, Religious and laymen have openly defied the government's plan to establish the schismatic Patriotic Association of Chinese Catholics.

MOST OF THIS opposition has taken place at the very "indoctrination meetings" the Reds are now holding throughout China. The communists have been forcing priests and Sisters to attend these conferences for "diehards" who oppose their policy toward religion.

The Reds' official New China News Agency reports that at the meeting for Catholics in Szechwan province, Father Liu Chien, Vicar General and administrator of the Diocese of Sichang (Ningyuan), and several of his priests "did their utmost to slander the party's various major policy measures."

According to this communist report, when the "absolute majority" of the delegates present proposed that relations with the Vatican be severed, Father Liu warned members of the clergy present, saying:

"When you leave the Vatican you will be excommunicated."

FATHER LIU also denounced the Patriotic Association of Chinese Catholics as not being a "legitimate" organization, the report said. It was reported that among the 149 Catholic delegates were those "who frantically opposed the leadership of the Communist party and the socialist system as well as harbored hostility to the new society."

The communist news agency said that one rightist, Father Yeh Ting-cheng, shouted at the meeting: "China will not perish without the Communist party."

IN ANOTHER instance, the communist daily newspaper in Harbin reports that at one "conference" held in Mukden for Manchurian Catholics, a "number of people held different views" from those of the Red government Bureau of Religious Affairs. The paper reported that a Father Liu Wan-pu spoke out in defense of Bishop Ignatius Kung of Shanghai, who was jailed by the communists in 1955.

Father Liu is quoted as having challenged the "election" of Father Francis Xavier Chang to replace the Bishop, and then adding:

"Although Bishop Kung was arrested and put in jail, he is still the Bishop."

The Harbin paper also denounced a Father Chin Piu-chien for the "theory of loving our enemies, advocating that Catholics should love counter-revolutionaries, special agents and spies."

REPORTING A similar meeting in Fochow for Catholics in Fukien province, Jen Min Jih Pao, the Peking people's daily, stated that three priests "publicly defied the Vatican during the meetings."

According to the Peking Red paper, Father Li Kuang-fei, Huang Hsi-ming and Yeh Yushih "openly opposed the anti-imperialist and patriotic movement of the Patriotic Association of Chinese Catholics, saying that the Catholic Church must be led by the Vatican and maintain the principles of unity, holiness and catholicity, otherwise it will be a schismatic church."

## Pope's Lourdes Flight 'Unlikely'

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio dismissed as "most unlikely" reports that Pope Pius XII would fly to Lourdes, France, to inaugurate the International Marian Congress scheduled to open there Sept. 10.

In the Solemn Hours, Flowers are more comforting than words. In the beauty of flowers is confirmation of the faith which sustains all who have suffered loss. Blanshard Florist, 58 Lake Avenue — Adv.

## Pope Hails 'Large Family' Calls Birth Control 'Pagan'

Rome — (NC) — Large families are living in the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII. The Pontiff underlined these three "testimonies" of the large family in an address to members of the Association of Large Families of Rome and Italy.



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## Gallup Poll Picks Top Ten

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## Pope Gives Advice To Housemaids

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII exhorted domestic servants to "look upon your work as a service to God and, above all, never to forget your dignity as Christians."

The Pontiff addressed 15,000 Italian housemaids who had gathered to greet him at a public audience in St. Peter's Basilica. "Love your work and you will find it becomes easy," he told them. He also said that they should always behave and dress modestly, especially in front of children, "remembering your responsibilities in living with families other than your own."

Obviously deeply affected by the cheers with which the girls greeted him when he was carried into the basilica on his portable throne, the Pope spoke to the gathering in grave and fatherly tones.

HE URGED the housemaids to be loyal and faithful to those for whom they work. He said they should be careful especially to guard their tongues in front of their employers' children lest loose talk "disturb the normal development of the children's consciences and education."

At the same time, Pope Pius appealed to employers to treat their servants like human beings and not like "modern slaves." He said domestic service should be rewarded not only with money but also with kindness.

The Pope insisted that household workers are entitled to all the benefits that social legislation provides for any wage-earners, including job security and family allowances.

"God will not require men," the Holy Father added, "to give an account of the general destiny of humanity that falls within His care, but for the single acts willed by them in compliance with or in violation of the dictates of conscience."

THE POPE called the large family the "garden of the Church," where happiness and holiness flourish. He said that the efforts, sacrifices and renunciations of desire are all compensated for in this life by the love and hopes with which members of large families are rewarded.

God shows His special favor to large families by often making them the source of vocations and "the cradles of saints," the Pope said. He cited the examples of St. Louis of France, one of ten children, St. Catherine of Siena, one of 25 children, St. Robert Bellarmine, one of 12, and St. Pius X, who came from a family of 10.

Care For Negroes  
Bay St. Louis, Miss. — (NC) — Divine Word missionaries conducted 45 missions for Negroes, Mexicans and Japanese in five states, according to statistics in the 1958 calendar of the Society. Hamilton and Omega Watches, Budget Terms. Williams S. Thorne, Jeweler, 313 Main St. East. — Adv.

Paul Blanshard  
"No Voice of God"  
"First, in the one book of his which I have read, he ap-