

Back To School



James Kearney (the name has a familiar sound), pupil at new Annunciation school, Rochester, aided parish priests, Father Albert Simonetti and Father Joseph Nothnagle, and principal, Sister Mary Joseph, in opening day rites for Norton St. school.



Father Leon Hart, C.S.B., welcomes early arrivals Jon Kuppinger and Larry Winter to Aquinas Institute.



Mary Jo Lynch and Catherine Dinger are two of over 1300 young ladies enrolled at Nazareth Academy, 96 parochial schools and 7 high schools in the twelve county Rochester Diocese opened this week with a record enrollment of over 51,000 pupils.

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Father Lavery, Preacher

Bishop To Offer Lawyers Red Mass

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the annual Lawyers' Red Mass at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12 at St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Street, Rochester.

Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B., newly appointed resident of St. John Fisher College, will preach.

General chairman for this 33rd annual Mass, which marks the opening of the courts of justice in Rochester, is the honorable James C. O'Brien, state supreme court justice.

INAUGURATED by Bishop Kearney in 1925, the Red Mass has been celebrated since medieval times in most European countries at the opening of new court terms to invoke the blessing of the Holy Spirit on the courts of justice. The Mass takes its name from the color of the vestments worn by the celebrant.

Serving under Judge O'Brien on the committee are Daniel J. O'Mara, treasurer; Gerald R. Barrett, Agnes L. Bauman, Joseph B. Boyle, William J. Frank, Joseph H. Gervais, J. Arthur Jennings, Daniel G. Kennedy, Matthew Kowalski, Benedict Miller, Gregory F. Mills, Harriet A. Smyth, Howard M. Woods.

ESCORTS TO the Bishop are...

As I Saw Red China

This is the second of five N.C.W.C. Tour articles by Father Joseph P. McCormack, M.M., published in this paper. The first was published in the August issue of the N.C.W.C. Tour.

By FR. JOSEPH P. MCCORMACK, M.M.

Terror is the backbone of communism. That's why they sent an army of 30 police, soldiers and political workers to arrest me. They thought they would properly prepare me for their indoctrination of terror.

My communist captors swarmed all over my house in Shanghai that summer evening. I thought the whole place had exploded as they came charging into my room. They all seemed to screech at once: "Put up your hands!"

A soldier pointed a machine gun in my face.

One of the women soldiers asked me in English: "Are you Joseph P. McCormack?" "I guess I am," I answered. To which she replied, "You are under arrest for your destructive activities!" I asked what this meant and she snapped, "No questions asked! No answers given!"

They pushed me to the floor and told me to remain there. When they saw that I was in their way while searching the room they dragged me across the floor and put me in a chair. That was at 9:30 at night.

They went over the whole house, even tearing up the floorboards. They pulled the flowers out by the roots and shook them to see if I were hiding anything.

Sometime during the night, a big fellow of more than 200 pounds sat opposite me, just staring at me in an attempt to scare me. After an hour or so he got up and went into my bedroom and drank my Mass wine and then fell asleep in my bed. Soon he was snoring loudly, like and comfortable, in my bed, where I should have been.

About 5:30 in the morning they stood me up between two big Chinese soldiers who twisted my arms behind my back and shook me back and forth to give the impression I was struggling.

A PHOTOGRAPHER took five pictures of this phony scene. I knew exactly what they intended. I saw the same type of pictures in the papers after they arrested the Internuncios. I was arrested in the Internuncios.

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Marine Band Under Sousa Baton

Washington—(NC)—The U.S. Marine Corps band is conducted, for the first time in 27 years, by John Philip Sousa on the steps of the Capitol in Washington. Only this time it is 10-year-old John Philip IV, great-grandson of the late, immortal composer-band leader. An audience of 3,000 watched the calm boy from Los Angeles. He said he prefers football or baseball to conducting. John is a sixth grader at a Catholic school in Los Angeles.

Virginia Catholic Schools Continue Integration

Richmond—(NC)—Catholic schools in Virginia began their fifth year of racial integration this month, the superintendent of Richmond diocesan schools said here.

Msgr. J. Louis Flaherty, director of a statewide system of about 35,000 grade and high school pupils, said in an interview, however that no survey is made on the extent of integration.

SCHOOLS ARE NOT requested to keep records dealing with the races of their pupils, he said, adding that "if there are any colored Catholics in a parish, they are eligible to enter the parish school as a matter of course."

In May, 1954, Richmond diocesan schools, which are under the guidance of the late Bishop Peter L. Ireton, quietly began racial integration. This was done about three weeks before the decision of the Supreme Court to end segregation in public schools.

Several Virginia public schools, in Arlington, Charlottesville and Norfolk, are under Federal court orders to integrate this month. However, local school boards face a conflict between Federal orders and state law which automatically closes an integrated public school.

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Laymen's Code Urges Sunday 'Family' Worship

New York—(NC)—A "Sunday code for Catholics," urging proper observance of the Sabbath, has been issued here by a group of Catholic laymen and women in the business world.

Advocates of the code seek to pledge Catholics not to do "any unnecessary buying, selling or shopping on Sunday." It calls for "deeper family unity through Sunday family worship."

The code was drawn up by members of the New York Professional-Sociality, composed of Catholic professional men and women. It was made public during the Sociality Congress of the Lay Apostolate, held here at the Hotel Commodore and attended by some 2,000 delegates from all over the U.S. and Canada.

Arthur Mannaich, industrial relations expert who headed the committee which drew up the code declared that it "does not ask anything new or difficult of Catholic laymen. It is simply a reaffirmation of the letter and spirit of the laws on observance of the Sabbath contained in the third commandment and the first and fifth precepts of the Church."

THE CODE is one result of a study of Sunday observance laws conducted by the New York Professional-Sociality. A statement favoring such laws was issued in March of this year by the organization and sent to all members of the New York State Legislature at a time when the legislature was studying a proposal to relax New York City Sabbath observance laws. The proposal was later defeated.

The text of the code follows: To keep holy the Sabbath day, I will be on time for Sunday Mass.

I will devoutly participate in offering the Holy Sacrifice by using the missal.

I will adopt as my general practice the reception of the Holy Eucharist each Sunday.

I will attempt to foster deeper family unity through Sunday family worship.

I will support the Church in every way in which my talents or my resources can advance the cause of Our Lord.

I will seek that rest and relaxation, that belts the Sabbath and strengthens family ties, remembering that my conduct gives good or bad example.

I will take advantage of the leisure provided on this day to broaden my knowledge of Christian principles and teachings as found in the many Catholic publications.

I will not perform any unnecessary servile work.

I will not do any unnecessary buying, selling or shopping on Sunday.

I will remember that the activities of Saturday, the eve of the Lord's Day, should fittingly prepare me for, and not interfere with the reception of the great blessings and graces God has reserved for me on His day.

Sunday Broadcast Analyzes News

Rev. Richard Torrey, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School, returns to WHAM microphone this Sunday at 12:10 p.m. to begin his 12th year of weekly broadcasts entitled "The Moral Behind the Headlines."

Discussing current events and trends from the Catholic point of view, Father Torrey covers three or four important news events in the 20 minutes of his weekly TV talk. Slanted for the Non-Catholic listener and the Catholic who wonders how Christian ethics and philosophy look at current events, the program has gained a wide audience over the nearly 450 broadcasts of the long series.

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Can I Touch God?

Pittsburgh—(NC)—Robert W. Smithdas is deaf and blind, but he has a record of accomplishment that can well be envied by many persons in perfect physical condition.

Although he has not seen the outside world since the age of five or heard a spoken word since he was nine years old, Bob has conquered a world of silence and darkness through sheer courage and faith.

A college graduate with a master's degree, he is employed as a public relations counselor, author and lecturer. In his spare time he enjoys deep sea fishing and likes to cook his own meals in his bachelor apartment.

In July, 1930, when he was five, he was stricken with spinal meningitis. The illness left him blind and with only partial hearing.

LOOKING BACK on those first days in his sightless world, Bob recalled the long hours he used to sit at the knee of his mother asking questions. One he will always remember. It was to be his promise of hope in the long days of darkness that lay ahead. One day he asked:

"Mommy can I touch God?" "Yes, Bobby," his mother said, "you can touch God. If you reach out for Him, you will find Him at your fingertips waiting to lead you safely through the darkness."

When he was nine years old he lost his hearing completely and was unable to continue studies at the Pittsburgh school. It was suggested that he enter the Perkins Institution, where facilities are available to instruct the deaf-blind.

Bob entered St. John's College, Brooklyn, in the fall of 1946. A student companion was hired to attend classes with him, transcribe his notes into Braille, and assist him in his studies.

Bob attended the full four years, majoring in English literature and philosophy. He graduated summa cum laude in 1950 and he received a special blessing from Pope Pius XII and a congratulatory telegram from President Harry S. Truman.

Robert Smithdas is now public relations counselor for the Industrial Home for the Blind. He makes hundreds of lectures each year in behalf of the rehabilitation of the handicapped.

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New College For Mercy Nuns  
Mother McAuley junior college takes shape next to Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, Blossom Road, Brighton. The new unit will provide expanded facilities for training young Mercy nuns for their role as teachers in diocesan schools. (Martin Wahl Air Photo).

21st Wedding End Of Series

St. Joseph, Ont.—(NC)—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Masse have attended 21 weddings in the last 20 years—the weddings of their 21 sons and daughters.

The latest wedding, that of their son, 24, took place at old St. Peter's church here. He was the last of the 10 sons of Mr. and Mrs. Masse to be married. Eleven daughters also have been wed.

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Mass To Be Broadcast From Mercy Motherhouse

Monthly broadcasts of a High Mass celebrated for the sick and shut-ins of the Rochester Diocese begin this Sunday at 11 a.m. on WHAM, Rochester, (1180 kc.) with the services coming from the Chapel of the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse on Blossom Road.

Rev. Richard Torrey, chaplain of the convent, will be the celebrant and will preach the Sunday sermon. Rev. Henry Atwell, editor of the Courier Journal, will be the commentator to describe and explain the ceremonies.

The Mercy Sisters' Choir, directed by Sister Mary Benedict will sing the Mass.

Future broadcasts in the series, all to be aired by WHAM on the first Sunday of each month, will come from different churches and convents of Rochester to offer listeners a variety of the choirs and preachers of the city. Next year's broadcasts from September through June will be a wide listening audience and brought heavy appreciative mail to the station.