

Rochester Tailor

Altar Boy For Camerlengo

"I served the Camerlengo that's the proud boss of Joseph Luce, a member of St. Andrew's Parish, Rochester, a native of Italy who came to this country in 1913.

The election of Benigno Cardinal Masella to this post Oct. 9 after the death of his holiness, Pope Pius XII, recalled to memory Luce's early days as an altar boy in his home town of Pontecorvo, near Messina, Italy.

"MY HOME PARISH, St. Mark's, but a few of the altar boys, were selected to assist the Cardinal (he was then a bishop) at Mass," Luce recalled.

"Every Friday it was my duty to report to the Cardinal and serve Cardinal Masella in his private chapel," Luce said.

"I remember him as a kind and holy man, although I was a young boy at the time," he said.

LUCE WAS AN altar boy from the time he was 8 years old until he was 10. When he immigrated to the United States.

That was in 1913, Luce said. He wasn't until this past week that he met Cardinal Masella.

The Camerlengo runs the church and the mass. Pope is named.

Luce said he served the Cardinal at Mass in his private chapel at St. Mark's in Rochester.

"It was a very great honor to serve the Cardinal," Luce said.

All the boys who were given this privilege worked that week hard to keep their positions as altar boys.



JOSEPH LUCE

Red China Bars
Pope's Death News

Hong Kong (REUTERS) Roman Catholics in Communist China were kept in ignorance of the death of Pope Pius XII when the news was passed across the world.

For reasons of its left-wing government, which any mention of the Pope's death by the Communist press is outlawed.

It was learned from reliable sources that some of the mainland Catholics heard the news over a grapevine, but were still uncertain whether it was true or not.

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Around The World, Prayers For Deceased Pontiff

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After his arrival in Rochester where he came immediately after landing in New York, Luce studied as an apprentice tailor and later worked as a tailor at Fashion Park.

In 1930, Luce went into business for himself, opening a custom tailor shop. He still maintains his business at 183 St. Paul St.



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