

# Blood Of Martyrs Wins Great Pope For Church

## Bishop Sheen Says 'Heaven Blesses' World In Election Of John XXIII

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(N.C.W.C. News Service)

Something of tremendous moment happens when a man's name is changed.

When God changed the name of Abram to Abraham, He made him the father of the Jews and all future believers. When God changed the name of Jacob to Israel, He raised His people to new heights of unity with Him. When the God-Man, Christ, changed the name of a fisherman from Simon to Peter of Rock, He hung from his cincture the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven and made him the Rock of the Church.

When in obedience to that Apostolic Succession, Angelo Cardinal Roncalli changed his name to John, he became the heir to the Divine Promise that against him as the new Peter, "the gates of Hell would not prevail."

A NEW PONTIFF is not a stepfather to briefly orphaned children. He is not even one who shares their blood. It is the Faith in the Words of Christ that he is His Vicar on earth that makes him immediately beloved by 500 million Catholics and venerated among those who have not the Faith. Cardinal Roncalli was unknown to many; His Holiness John XXIII is known by the world.

Those who have the Faith love him with such ardor and devotion that thousands will endure martyrdom in China, northern Korea, northern Vietnam and behind the Iron Curtain rather than deny that he is the Vicar of Christ.

The Church always receives its history from the hands of its invisible Head, the Pontiff, it deserves. When the Faith and morals of the faithful weaken, the wreath of the Fisherman's Ring shows signs of sinking in the Sea of Galilee. But when the Church, as in our day, has more martyrs than even in the first three centuries of its history, Heaven blesses it with a Pius XII and a John XXIII.

Who, other than a new Pontiff, could have brought to this hour of the world's history a better preparator for handling its three major problems, namely, International Tensions, Communism, and the Eastern World.

1. International Tensions: The new Holy Father is used to handling international difficulties, for great tact was re-



From Bruce Book "Apostles of the Lord" Peter sinks beneath waves when faith weakens.

quired when he was Papal Delegate in Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey, to become the common friend of Orthodox, Jews and Moslems. More diplomatic skill was required to deal with the thorny French situation in France at the close of World War II.

2. Communism: The new Pontiff must also be the hope of the unpersecuted masses under Communism. The youth of East Germany, Poland, and Hungary who have tried to throw off the yoke of the hammer and sickle must have a great world figure who continually holds up for them the torch of freedom against those who destroy it with the same stroke they deny God.

3. The Eastern World: But the most difficult of all problems is the third, which concerns, Asia, Africa, and

what in Catholic language is known as the Missions of the world. Asia has one-half the population of the world and one-third of the earth's surface. With Africa, it is like a giant stirring from the sleep of centuries.

The Pontiff best prepared for understanding the great shift of power from the West to the East is the one who has already served the East in charity, in alms, and in apostolate.

It is a wonderful joy to the 134 directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States to know that their Pontiff once held their post which makes them sensitive not to our rich land, but to the one-third of the people of the world who go to bed hungry every night. John XXIII will be the greatest missionary Pope in the history of the Papacy.

His Holiness will now issue encyclicals and publish decrees not in the first person "I," but in the first person plural "We."

Why has every Pontiff since Peter used that plural form "We"? Because Christ, the Son of God, used the term "We" only once in His life in which He associated a human being with Himself. Think of what a great honor it was for a creature to have the Creator put His Arms about his shoulder and say "We."

Who was this one man with whom Our Lord linked Himself? It was Peter! And John XXIII is his Successor.

Back we go, link by link, to the first. No chain is ever stronger than its weakest link, and its weakest link was the first, Peter. But this first link is held in the hands of Christ Himself. Who said to Peter and to all his successors, including John XXIII: "But I have prayed for thee, that thy Faith may not fail; Christ's prayers are always answered!"

### Pope Names Venice Prelate

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope John XXIII has chosen a native-born Venetian, Archbishop Giovanni Urbani, Bishop of Verona, to be Patriarch of Venice—the Pope's See before his election to succeed Pope Pius XII.

Selection of the 58-year-old Archbishop was the Pope's first diocesan appointment since mounting the Throne of St. Peter.

It fell on a man who has had long experience in Church administration and who has taken part in the direction of the national program of Italian Catholic Action.

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# French Priest Wins Nobel Peace Prize

## Bishop Gives Priests New Assignments

Bishop Kearney appointed three priests of the Diocese to new duties this week, the Chancery announced today.

Very Rev. Msgr. James D. Coffey, administrator of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, is named Dean of the Cayuga Deanery. He will also continue as administrator at St. Mary's.

Rev. Ignatius St. George, assistant pastor of Holy Apostles Church, Rochester, is transferred to assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn.

Rev. Gerard J. Gull, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, is transferred to assistant pastor of Holy Apostles Church, Rochester.

The appointments are effective Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m.

## Priest Aides Named For Clothing Drive

Appointment of nine area directors of the Catholic Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Collection, to be held in the parishes of the diocese during the week of November 23, was announced this week by the Rev. E. Leo McManus, diocesan director of the tenth annual clothing campaign.

The newly appointed directors are:

Rev. Joseph Reihart, Monroe county;

Rev. Benedict Ehtnam, Chemung and Schuyler counties;

Rev. William J. O'Brien, Cayuga county;

Rev. Otto Vogt, Tompkins and Tioga counties;

Rev. Robert Smith, Ontario, Seneca, and Yates counties;

Rev. James O'Connell, Wayne county;

Rev. James F. Slattery, Cortland;

Rev. William H. Hickey, Steuben county;

Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, Livingston county.

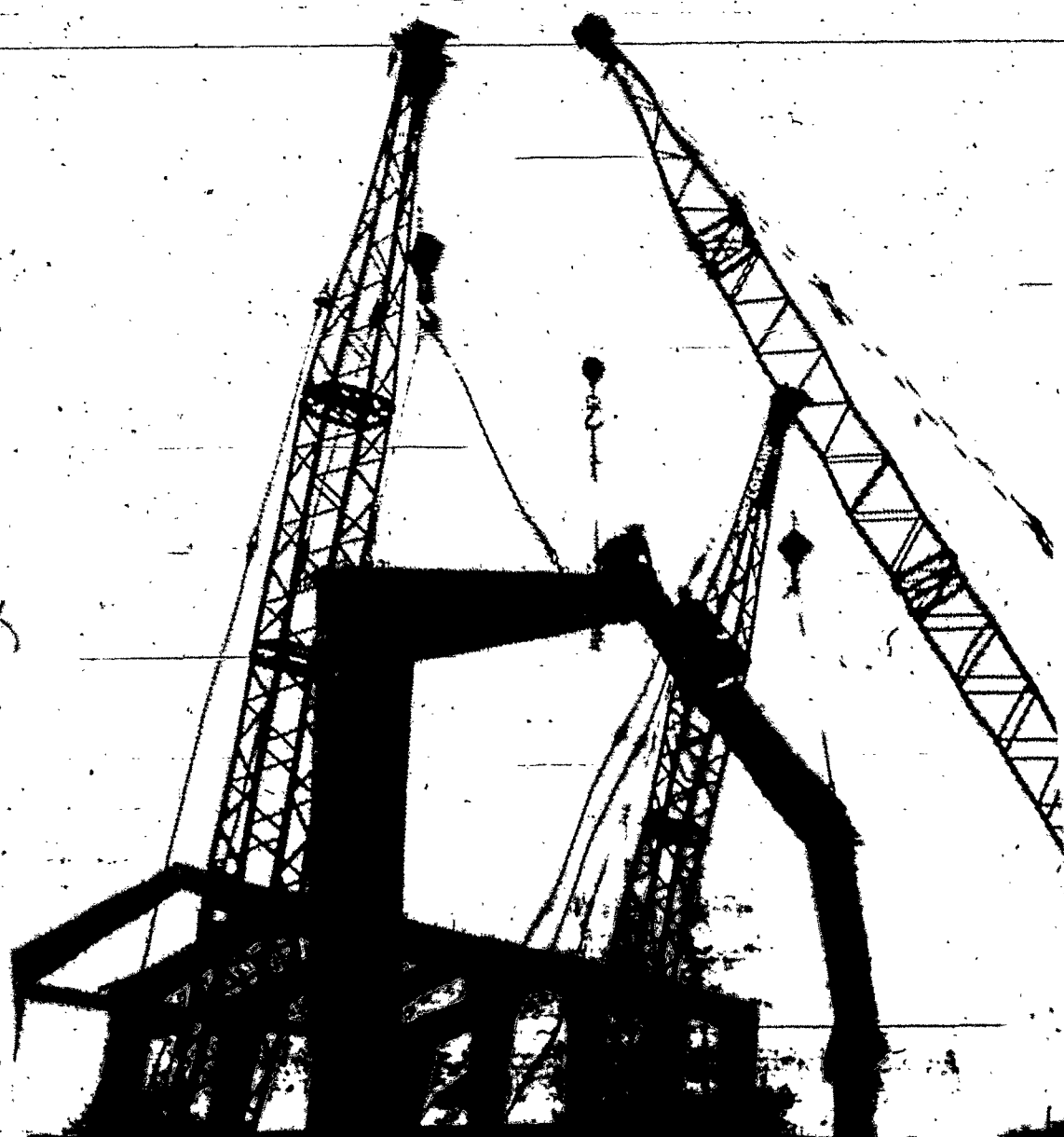
The area directors, who serve also as deanery moderators of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, which Bishop Kearney has entrusted with the promotion of the clothing collection, will supervise the campaign in their localities.

SPONSORED by the Catholic Bishops of the United States, the Thanksgiving Clothing Collection is conducted on a nationwide scale by the Catholic Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. As a result of the response of American Catholics to preceding clothing campaigns, this relief and rehabilitation agency of the Bishops has distributed overseas, without regard to race, color, or creed, 45,000 tons of usable clothing and shoes. Since the first such collection in 1949 the Rochester diocese has contributed 884 tons of clothing.

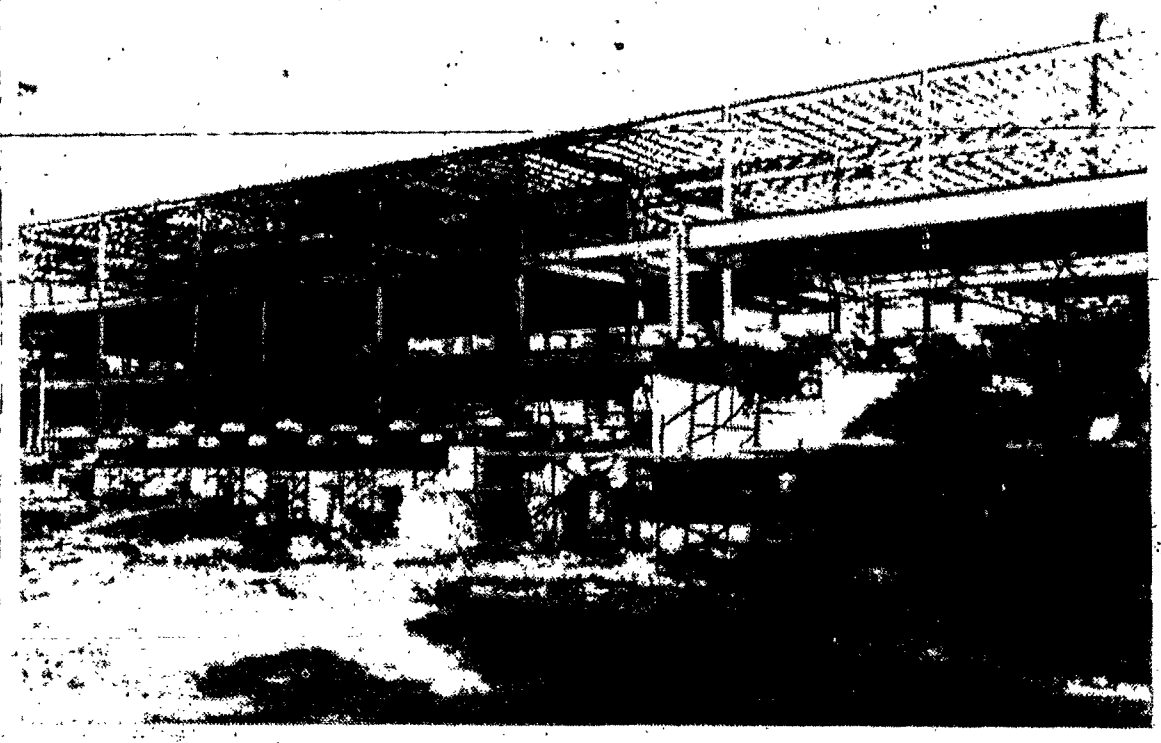
The Catholic Relief Services — N.C.W.C. was created by the Catholic Bishops of the nation in 1943 as a centralized agency of Catholic welfare overseas in order to assist "victims of war and persecution, especially children, refugees, the old and the sick everywhere, regardless of race, creed, or national origin."

Since its creation this agency, which is the world's largest voluntary overseas relief agency, has distributed clothing, medicines, food, and other relief supplies valued at nearly one billion dollars.

## Raising The Roofs



New Church — Workmen guide mammoth cranes to put arches into place for new St. Ambrose Church, Culver Road and Empire Blvd., Rochester. Church will be one of largest in the Diocese, seat approximately 1,000 people.



New College — Steel framework is completed, walls begin to rise at Catherine McAuley junior college for Sisters of Mercy next to their Motherhouse, Blossom Road, Brighton. New college will expand run's teacher-training facilities.



New School — Workmen rush pupils attend classes in neighboring Holy Cross school. (Photos by Paul Contestable).

Oslo — (RNS) — Father Dominique Georges Pire, 48-year-old Belgian-born Dominican priest who has devoted years to helping refugees from Eastern countries, was awarded the 1958 Nobel Peace Prize this week.

The first Catholic priest to win the prize since it was established in 1901, Father Pire has long been a hero to the Belgian people because of his work for the anti-Nazi resistance movement during the last war.

A native of Tournai, a French-speaking city on the River Meuse, Father Pire heads a group which he calls Europe of the Heart. It has specialized in helping displaced persons and political refugees who cannot be resettled outside Europe. Many of them are too old to emigrate, or are barred by poor health from receiving immigration visas.

FATHER PIRE was awarded the Peace Prize by the five-man Nobel Committee of the Norwegian parliament. The committee did not cite the reason for its choice nor state what other names had been proposed for the honor. The ceremony awarding the Nobel Peace Prize as well as those in Physics, Chemistry, Medicine and Physiology, and Literature will be held in Stockholm, Sweden, on Dec. 12.

When the Peace award was announced, Father Pire was making a retreat at the La Sarte Dominican monastery at Huy, his place of residence on the River Meuse.

The Oslo conservative newspaper, Morgenbladet, had strongly recommended that Father Pire receive the \$12,000 award. "Father Pire" it said, "has for years fought to give the refugees a normal existence. . . . We know that Father Pire is among the candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize. Give him the prize."

Norwegian sources said the priest will use the award money to establish in Norway an entire village to help refugees become integrated in the economical and social life of the country in which they are living.

It was recalled that last month he visited Oslo and gave a speech in which he said he planned to build a new village named for Annie Frank, the Jewish girl whose diary written during the Nazi occupation of World War II became a best seller after her martyrdom.

Father Pire founded his fifth village for refugees in Honor of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, at Spieren, Germany, last September. His other villages are located at Aachen, Germany; Bogrenz, Austria; Birle, near Milan, Italy; and Augsburg, Germany. Some of his projects have been government subsidized.

Father Pire has also promoted the adoption of industrial refugees by Christian families. So far, some 18,000 families, 9,000 of them in Germany, have accepted the responsibility. It is estimated that there are still 300,000 homeless foreigners still in Western European camps.

The only other religious recipients of the Peace Prize have been the late Dr. John R. Abri, internationally famed American missionary leader; Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Alsatian-born theologian and renowned medical missionary at Lambaréne French Equatorial Africa; and two Quaker organizations, the American Friends Service Committee and the Friends Service Council, London, England, joint winners in 1947.

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### Farewell From Pontiff

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII bids a warm goodbye to Thomas Cardinal Tien, S.V.D., exiled Archbishop of Peking, China, as the 68-year-old Prince of the Church prepared to return home after attending the papal coronation and conclave. Victim of a recent automobile accident, the cardinal had journeyed to Rome accompanied by his personal physician and a Chinese priest. He has been residing in a seminary near Siegburg, West Germany.

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