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Bishop Kearney has designated 1959 to be a "Eucharistic Year" throughout the twelve county Diocese of Rochester.

It is to be "a year of special devotion to the Redeemer of the world, present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar."

The Bishop, in a letter to be read at Masses in all parish churches of the Diocese this Sunday, asks the faithful to observe Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, as "a special time of prayer" to prepare for the year-long devotion honoring our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

World-wide observance of 1958 as a Holy Year and 1959 as the Lourdes Centenary Year resulted in an increase of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Bishop states.

"It is most fitting, now that we turn our hearts and lips to the special honor of the Eucharistic King," the Bishop says in his letter.

He especially urges the faithful to attend daily Mass and receive Holy Communion during the Advent to enjoy "God's special blessing upon our united efforts to make 1959 a great and worthy Eucharistic Year."

"These weeks of Advent, beginning by the Church as a period of worthy welcome for the Infant of Bethlehem, will serve this year as a special preparation for our Eucharistic Year 1959," the Bishop's letter states.

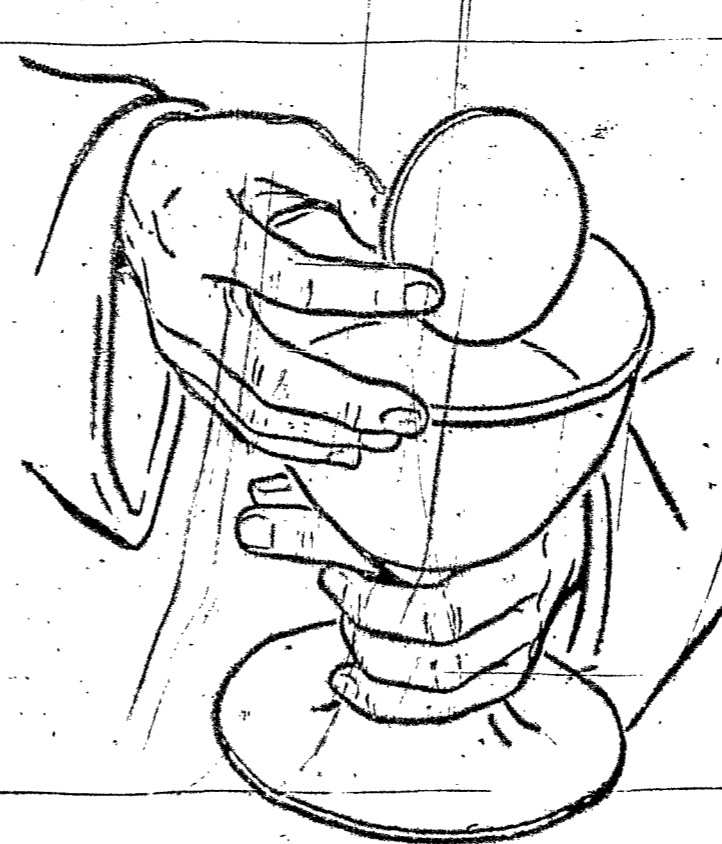
Recent Vatican decrees allowing evening Mass and ending the ancient fast laws for Holy Communion have "brought Mass and Communion so much nearer to all of us," writes the Bishop, "that it is possible for most of us to go to Mass daily and to receive the precious body of Our Lord and Saviour."

He said "noon Masses and evening Masses daily" are a "privilege not enjoyed by our predecessors."

Details of the year-long program will be announced as soon as plans for special diocesan-wide or local parish events of the Eucharistic Year are completed.

The Bishop said his "hopes and plans" for the Eucharistic Year include lectures, sermons and ceremonies which will increase understanding and devotion for the sacrifice of the Mass and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Also to be included is a study of the just published instruction from Rome calling for the people to participate more actively at Mass.



"This is My Body, This is My Blood." These words of our Lord Jesus Christ are repeated daily at Mass in every Catholic Church. The Saviour of the world, under the appearance of bread and wine, thereby renews the sacrifice He offered on Calvary, offers Himself as the Food for souls and dwells as Divine Guest in the tabernacle.



A Year Of Devotion To The Redeemer

The First Sunday of Advent
1958

My dear People:

It is our intention, with God's gracious help to set aside 1959 in our diocese as a Eucharistic Year; a year of special devotion to the Redeemer of the world, present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. We have celebrated not long since, an impressive Marian Year in honor of our Lady. This present year found us all, in spirit, at the historic grotto of Lourdes, in a year of gratitude.

It is most fitting, now that we turn our hearts and lips to the special honor of the Eucharistic King whose coming into our world we shall recall in a few weeks. These weeks of Advent, set aside by the Church as a period of worthy welcome for the Infant of Bethlehem, will serve this year as a special preparation for our Eucharistic Year 1959.

I ask, then, that Advent be a special time of prayer to prepare for Christ's coming and to ask His blessing upon our hopes and plans for the Eucharistic Year. We are familiar with the slogan "Keep Christ in Christmas." There is only one way to keep Christ in Christmas and that is to restore to Advent its traditional sanctity as a Holy Season of spiritual anticipation. Our late Holy Father has brought Mass and Communion so much nearer to all of us that I know it is possible for most of us to go to Mass daily during Advent and to receive the precious body of Our Lord and Saviour. We have noon Masses and evening Masses daily, a privilege not enjoyed by our predecessors.

While, then, we busy ourselves about the many Christmas activities which renew old friendships, bring happiness into the bleak lives of so many needing our help, recall memories of wonderful Christmas days gone by and bring such happiness into the lives of our children, let us sanctify all these days by the morning offering of the day to Christ Himself in the holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Thus shall we prepare for a real Merry Christmas and bring God's special blessing upon our united efforts to make 1959 a great and worthy Eucharistic Year.

May God bless you all and give you, as He alone can, a very Merry Christmas and Year of our Lord 1959-rich in divine graces.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

John E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

Kremlin To Admit Priest To Moscow

Washington (NC) - The Soviet Union has agreed to the way for an American priest to minister to the needs of American Catholics in Moscow after a delay of more than three years.

Father Louis A. Dion, A.A. of Assumption College, Worcester, Mass., is expected to go to the Soviet capital to replace Father Georges Bissonette, A.A., who was suddenly expelled without explanation in March, 1955.

The NEW SOVIET move came swiftly. Father Dion was expected to apply for his visa as soon as possible. A report of Assumption College in Worcester to make provision for someone to take over his duties there.

The State Department disclosed that the Soviet Union's willingness to accept a Moscow chaplain for American Catholics was made known in a communication to the U.S. Embassy in the Red capital.

Department spokesmen told White told his press conference of the Soviet willingness to accept a chaplain. He said that "the role with satisfaction that the Soviet government appears ready to fulfill its responsibilities under the Roosevelt-Lavine agreement."

This agreement reached in 1933 between President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Soviet Foreign Minister Maxim Litvinov, pledged that an American clergyman would be allowed to reside in Moscow for the benefit of Americans there. It has no reciprocity clause.

Father Dion was refused a visa by the Russians in a brief explanation. Apparently it was a retaliation against the refusal to permit Archbishop Boris of the Russian Orthodox Church to stay longer than 60 days in this country.

State Department sources indicated that officials had reached an understanding with the Reds that the case of Archbishop Boris and Father Dion are separate matters.

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Kremlin Prelate Visits America

New York (RNS) - Archbishop Boris Lvovitch, Exarch for North America and the Aleutian Islands of the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church, arrived here for a three-month visit.

He will spend the time visiting parishes belonging to the Patriarchal Russian Orthodox Church in North America, which is under the jurisdiction of the Moscow Patriarchate.



Pope Takes Possession Of His Cathedral

Rome - (RNS) - Pope John XXIII blessed the thousands of faithful who lined San Giovanni Square here as he was carried on his portable throne to take formal possession of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. The oldest church in this city, it is the Pontiff's cathedral in his capacity as Bishop of Rome. St. Peter's is a basilica.

Supreme Court To Study N. Y.

Washington (NC) - The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to study the constitutionality of banning a film for moral reasons other than outright obscenity.

The court said it will hear arguments on the constitutionality of a ban placed on the film "Lady Chatterley's Lover" in New York State.

The Kingsley International Pictures Corporation, distributors of the film, have contended that "in providing for the ban of immoral (as distinguished from obscene) motion pictures," New York's law banning objectionable films suppresses private opinion unconstitutionally.

OBSERVERS here have said that potentially the most significant part of the company's case is its claim that "Lady Chatterley's Lover" may not be banned constitutionally because it is not obscene in the strict sense of the term as defined by the Supreme Court.

The Company has charged that instead the film was banned because the ideas it presented were thought evil, not because of the manner in which the ideas were presented. The film was banned because it presented "adultery" under the circumstances portrayed as acceptable behavior.

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Youngest and Oldest Cardinals

Vatican City - (RNS) - Cardinal-designate Julius Döpfner of Berlin (left), the youngest of the new cardinals named by Pope John XXIII, is 45 years old. He is the only one of the new 75-member Sacred College of Cardinals in the 40 to 50 age group. Ninety-two-year-old Jose M. Cardinal Caro Rodriguez, Archbishop of Santiago, Chile (right), is the oldest member of the College.

Berlin Bishop Asks Firmness Against Reds

Berlin (NC) - Bishop Loophole of Berlin has urged Catholics of his diocese to stand firm in the face of renewed hostilities against the divided city-western zone.

"We Catholics stand for Berlin and know our duty with all the ardor and vigor of our hearts," Bishop Doepfner declared.

He added that Berlin has been called on "to decide the problems of our time" in a manner of "exacting equanimity."

He addressed a delegation of the faithful who had come to congratulate him on being chosen by Pope John XXIII to be a cardinal.

BISHOP DOEPFNER also asserted that any regime which opposes God is by that same fact opposed to the "supernal dignity and personal value" of man.

His inclusion on the list of future cardinals, Bishop Doepfner said, is a tribute to the priests and people of his diocese and to the city of Berlin itself.

Meanwhile, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer also in an address in Munich to an audience of Catholic priests and Protestant ministers.

He warned that the Soviets hope by their maneuvers to "enslave" the two and a half million people of Berlin like the 18 million Germans of the Soviet zone.

If the Reds were to accomplish this, Chancellor Adenauer said, it would be "a shock for the whole of Europe."

He emphasized that only the cooperation of the free world can avert catastrophe and that Germany relies on the promises of the Western powers regarding the safety of Berlin.

Girl In Coffin Vows Orphan Aid

New York (NC) - The new 11-story, ten million dollar headquarters of an institution which was conceived in a coffin and started with a \$5-bill, officially was blessed and dedicated here by Cardinal Spellman of New York.

The idea for the institution was originated by a Brooklyn girl, Catherine Fitzgerald, during three days when she lay in a casket, given up for dead, in 1949.

New York at the time was in the grip of an Asiatic cholera epidemic. People were dying by the thousands.

Miss Fitzgerald became a victim of the disease and fell into a deathlike trance. A doctor pronounced her dead. She lay helpless, unable to speak, in the casket for three days and even overheard details of her burial being discussed.

Later she told of having a dream, while in the coffin, of groups of children reaching out their arms for protection. She vowed if she were saved from being buried alive, she would devote her life to caring for foundlings. As the undertaker was about to close the casket, he noted a flicker of her eyelids.

The following year, in keeping with her vow, she joined the Sisters of Charity and became known as Sister Mary Irene. In 1969 with only a \$5 bill she rented a small house which became the first New York Foundling Hospital.

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