



'Keep Christ In Christmas'

Keeney, N.J. (RNS)—Youngsters at New Jersey's Boystown interrupt their daily cleaning chores while Father Robert P. Egan, director, takes time out to remind folks that Christmas is a religious holiday, as the sign and posters indicate. Proceeds from sales of the posters will be used to build a much-needed gymnasium for the several hundred homeless, orphaned and needy boys here.

Like Family Prayer

Natives Respond In Africa Masses

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia (NC)—Rhodesia's metropolitan archbishop has called on his people to unite in the offering together of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as they do in family prayers.

ARCHBISHOP Francis Markall, S.J., of Salisbury, cited in an Advent pastoral letter the recent instruction of the Sacred Congregation of Rites urging the people to take an active part in the liturgy.

He said, "It is my wish to have as many Masses as possible in the archdiocese at which the faithful participate with the priest..."

"It is clear," the Archbishop said, "that steps were being taken in the archdiocese at both the cathedral and in the schools to introduce the 'dialogue Mass' as it is called, even before this latest instruction was issued."

Holiday Proposed For Cocktails

Toledo (RNS)—Some 600 personnel directors of Toledo area firms are being urged by the Toledo Deamery Council of Catholic Men to ban office cocktail parties at Christmas and instead give employees the day off to be with their families.

'Novice' Pope Speaks English

Vatican City (NC)—Pope John XXIII highlighted his first weekly general audience of his pontificate Dec. 10 by speaking publicly in English for the first time.

The Pope prefaced his attempt by saying he was in his "nuptial" as far as English is concerned. He promised to "do better in the future."

The occasion marked the first of the regularly scheduled Wednesday general audiences granted by the Pontiff, who resumed the practice of weekly meetings with the people long followed by Pius XII.

The simplicity with which this was said drew resounding applause from the crowd.

At the end of the audience the Pope gave his apostolic blessing. Before imparting it he said he would give the blessing and invited all present to chant the responses.

New Mass Instruction Topic Of Study Week

Boston (NC)—"Lay Participation in the Mass" will be the theme of the 20th North American Liturgical Week to be held at the University of Notre Dame from August 24 to 28-1959, according to Father Sheehan, president of the National Liturgical Conference.

FATHER SHEEHAN, a professor at St. John's Seminary here, explained that the program plans for the week were revised in response to the instruction on lay participation issued by the Sacred Congregation of Rites on September 3.

The issuance of this decree has been hailed as one of the

Daily Mass Calendar

- Sunday, Dec. 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent (purple), Creed, Trinity Preface.
- Monday, Dec. 22—St. Francis Xavier (brown), Gloria, 2nd prayer of Advent Sunday.
- Tuesday, Dec. 23—St. Thomas, apostle (red), Gloria, 2nd prayer of Advent Sunday, Creed, Preface of Apostles.
- Wednesday, Dec. 24—Vigil of Christmas (purple), Mass as in missal.
- Thursday, Dec. 25—The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ (white), three Masses as in missal.
- Friday, Dec. 26—St. Stephen, martyr (red), Gloria, 2nd prayer, preface and canon prayers of Christmas, Creed.
- Saturday, Dec. 27—St. John the Evangelist, apostle (red), 2nd prayer, preface and canon prayers of Christmas, Creed.

Pope's Christmas Talk To Be Broadcast Tuesday

Vatican City (RNS)—Pope John XXIII will broadcast his first Christmas message to the world at noon on Dec. 23, Vatican authorities announced.

His talk will be broadcast over the Vatican Radio and relayed over a number of European radio networks.

Half Million Mourn Cardinal

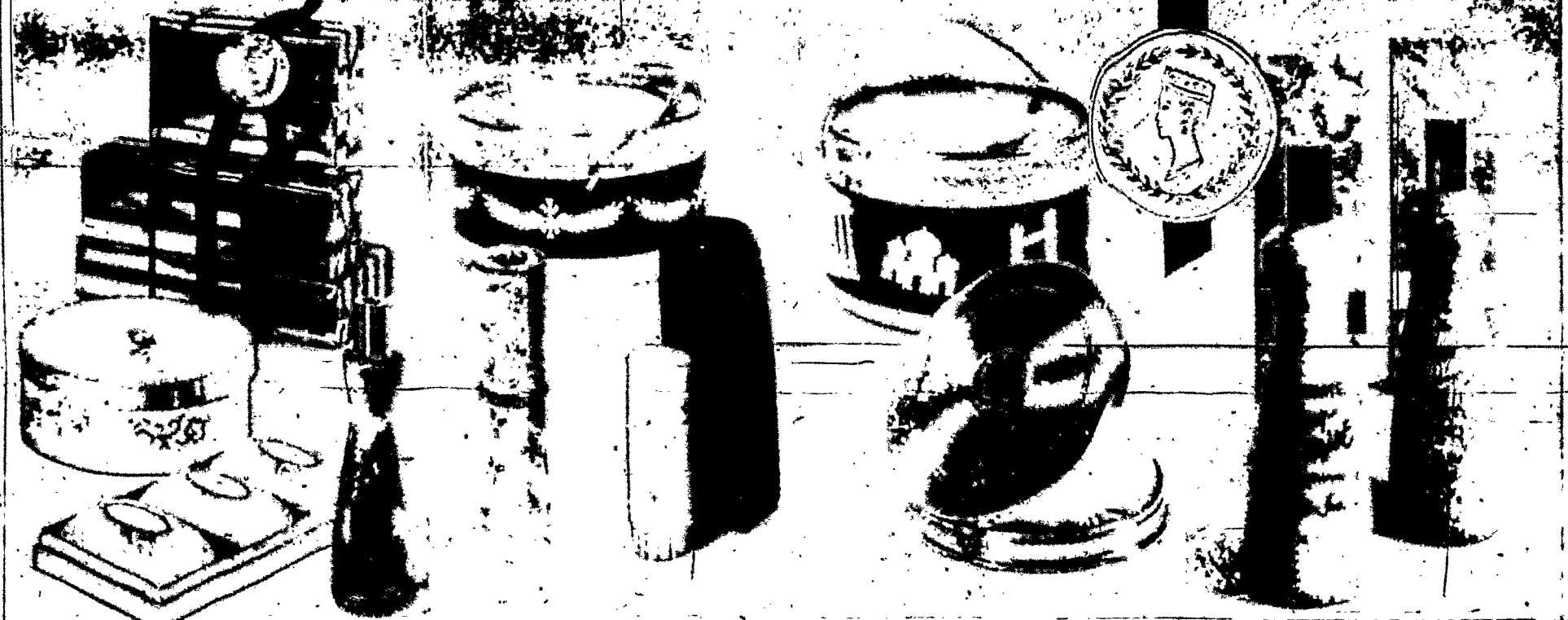
Santiago, Chile (NC)—More than half a million mourners took part in the funeral procession for Cardinal Jose Maria Caro Rodriguez, Archbishop of Santiago, who was buried in the crypt of his cathedral here.



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