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Pope John Visits Rome Hospitals

Rome — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII spent part of Christmas Day bringing holiday cheer to men, women and children in two Rome hospitals, the first Pontiff to do so since 1870. He is shown here presenting a small Vatican flag to three-year-old Giorgio Mariani at the Infant Jesus hospital for children. Later the Pope visited men and women

at the Rome Communal Hospital of the Holy Ghost. Earlier in the day, the Pontiff received some 60 orphans and 20 crippled youngsters at the Vatican where he distributed medals and spoke to the children. On the day following Christmas, Pope John again left the Vatican to visit Rome's large Regina Coeli prison.

Jocist Sees Bright Hopes For Church

Brussels — (RNS) — Mgr. Joseph Cardijn, founder of the International Young Christian Workers Movement (Jocists) returned from a four-month world tour convinced that "the possibilities for the Church are immense everywhere."

But the 76-year-old monsignor, who visited 18 countries and interviewed officials at the Vatican, believed that the world's problems confronting the Church must be solved chiefly through the lay apostolate.

Mgr. Cardijn, still vigorous and dynamic in spite of his years, said his itinerary included visits to Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Japan and Pakistan, where he conferred with missionary leaders and spoke at national Jocist meetings.

Mgr. Cardijn reported that the Jocist movement has "progressed considerably" in Japan, where there are now 100 branches, although Catholics number only 350,000 out of a total population of 90 million.

The Monsignor said that while Asia was open to Catholicism, it also was an area in which Communism most easily finds favor. "Unless the United Nations make a powerful effort there, he warned, 'we should not be surprised if the Asian countries all eventually fall under the spell of Communism. One of the means of combatting Communism is the Catholic mission school. Such schools are very much appreciated and two thirds of the pupils are often not Catholics at all."

Priest Heads For Moscow Assignment

Worcester — (NC) — American Catholics in Moscow will have their first chaplain in more than three years on January 25, the date a 46-year-old Assumptionist priest from Worcester expects to arrive in the heart of the Soviet world.

FATHER LOUIS F. Dion, A.A. registrar of Assumption College here, said he plans to leave the United States from Idlewild Airport, New York, on January 20. He will arrive in Paris on the 21st and leave the city on the 25th, landing in Moscow the same day.

He will be the successor to Father Georges Bissonnette, another Assumptionist, who was expelled without explanation by the Soviet Union in March, 1955, after serving as chaplain for more than two years.

Father Dion had been seeking an entry permit from the Soviet Embassy in Washington since 1955.

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Forecast For New Year

Highlights Of 1958

The events of 1958 have paved the way for the headlines of the new year 1959.

If you want to play prophet, sharpen your pencils and see if you call the shots as we do — and then keep your eraser ready, as we do, to blot out the predictions which fail to come true.

1. Look for increased numbers at the Communion rail. Bishop Kearney's designation of 1959 as a Eucharistic Year will certainly bring devout Catholics to the altar even more frequently than in the past years.

2. Be ready to make the Latin response to the priest at Mass. Parishes will introduce this practice in accord with a September instruction from Rome calling the laity to take an "active part" in the prayers of the Mass. Also expect pastors to urge wider use of the missal so people can follow the priest at the altar.

3. You also expect to hear news about still more changes in the Church's official rules for the worship of God — specifically, a possible revision of the breviary, the daily prayers said by priests, and perhaps a simpler rite for Holy Mass with parts of it said in English.

4. There will be more schools built to meet increasing enrollments — especially in suburban areas and in villages which do not as yet have parochial schools.

5. Special studies and programs will provide spiritual guidance for "senior citizens" — people who want to grow old "gracefully" in the face of the specific temptations the devil presents to the aged: loneliness and discouragement.

These are our five chief predictions for the new year — five points which will affect most Catholics of the Rochester Diocese in one way or another.

The diocesan program of praising God and saving souls in the new year will be bolstered by significant achievements in 1958.

Highlights of the year just ending include:

NINE NEW CHURCHES were completed, or started, or still underway at year's end. These are: St. Francis, Auburn; St. Thomas More, Brighton; Our Lady of Mercy, Greece; St. Joseph, Weedsport; St. Louis, Ellettsford; St. Patrick's, Macedon; St. Mary's, Honoye; St. Ambrose, and an addition to St. Mary's, Rustville.

Eleven new schools or additions to schools were completed or are still underway — Our Lady of Mercy, Greece; St. Thomas More, Brighton; Good Shepherd, Henrietta; St. Pius X, Chili; St. Mary's, Horseheads; St. Joseph's, Fenfield; St. Augustine's, and Our Lady of Good Counsel and Annunciation, Rochester, all at the elementary level. Also listed in the school construction review are Mother McAuley Junior college at the Mercy Motherhouse, Brighton, and Holy Angels home and school, Irondequoit.

Nazareth College is building a dormitory and St. John Fisher, a chemistry building.

There were also four catechetical centers launched in Gates, Ontario, Webster and Victor.

Renovation work also made "new schools" for St. Patrick's, Elmira; Guardian Angels, Dansville, and St. Agnes, Avon.

NEW CONVENTS for the nuns who staff the schools were built for Nazareth Academy; Mother of Sorrows, Greece; St. Thomas, Irondequoit and St. Stanislaus, (Continued on Page 2)

Caution... And Greetings

Happy New Year! But remember you are a Christian.

So greet the New Year in a Christian, not a pagan way.

The Church does not frown on moderate merry making but it does expect that we will want to begin 1959 with the special blessing of God.

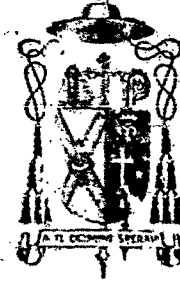
The best way to assure yourself of this blessing is to receive Holy Communion at Mass on New Year's Day, the beginning of the diocesan Eucharistic Year.

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Bishop To Greet Laity



On Sunday Afternoon
January 4, 1959

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will receive visitors at his home, 947 East Avenue, from two to six o'clock to confer his

Blessing for the New Year



Who Made The World? Science May Soon Find Answer In The Stars

London — (NC) — A leading astronomer said here that science is on the verge of discovering how the universe came into being, and that both of the present alternatives to the middle theory are wrong.

Professor Alfred C. B. Lovell, director of the largest radio telescope in the world, at Jodrell Bank, near Manchester, forecast in a national radio talk that man will find the solution within a few years.

Dr. Lovell, a Non-Catholic, noted that science is now split into two schools of thought on the problem:

• One holds that all the material of the universe and all of time and space were originally concentrated into a superdense "primeval atom" which disintegrated very quickly 20 to 60 billion years ago — "a once-for-all creation in the remote past followed by a steady evolution to the present conditions."

• The other holds that matter

radiation in the primeval atom is entirely consistent with the divine command: "Let there be light."

Dr. Lovell said that traditional optical telescopes having nearly reached their ultimate limit, only radio telescopes — which pick up the radiations from galaxies beyond human sight — and in the future, observations from man-made earth satellites or the moon, will be able to penetrate sufficiently far into outer space.

The conflict between the steady-state and evolutionary theories is of the very greatest significance to cosmology and to human thought," Dr. Lovell said. "The evolutionary theory places creation of matter at a definite moment in the remote past beyond human investigation."

Although the steady-state theory has no solution to the problem of the creation of matter, it is important to appreciate that if this theory is correct, then the primeval gas being created now, at this moment, and hence is open to human investigation."

Asserting that the steady-state theory is more materialistic than the evolutionary theory, the astronomer continued:

"It could be said that the creation process is a divine act which is proceeding continuously and which is beyond the perception of the human mind. On the other hand it cannot be denied that this may be a somewhat perilous attitude for the simple reason that the tools of science can probe the regions of space where this creation is occurring."

The professor said that "the most distinguished living protagonist of the evolutionary theory is himself in holy orders" — the Belgian Catholic astrophysicist, Father Georges Lemaitre. Then he said:

"For him and for all who associate their universe with God, the creation of the primeval atom was a divine act outside the limits of scientific knowledge and of scientific investigation. The probable conclusion of intense

theory, he said. But, he said, they may instead present an outer fringe of tighter concentration, suggesting a universe that had a beginning in one colossal primeval atom.

He also stated: "As individuals we must face the possibility that within the next few years astronomers may be able to speak with unanimity about the ultimate cosmological problem. Only the materialist can turn aside unmoved by this prospect. For others a settlement of this cosmological issue might mean an affirmation or rejection of deeply embedded philosophical and theological beliefs."

FUTURE RESEARCH may indicate whether galaxies continue on and on, spaced out as in the universe as we now see it, and of deeply embedded philosophical and theological beliefs.

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People Make Responses At Corpus Christi Church

Monsignor Maney in pulpit of Corpus Christi Church leads parishioners in chanting responses at High Mass. People also make the answers at Low Mass. The practice will be introduced in other parishes in accord with recent directives from the Vatican. Corpus Christi people also sing Gloria, Creed and closing hymn at High Mass every Sunday.



A Merry Christmas For Foster Children

Christmas was merry for Janie, Jimmie and Salvatore, foster children in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Keegan and their daughter, Sharon, 116 Minnesota St. Catholic Family Center officials report that scores of children like this trio have happy home life because of generous people like the Keegans. (Paul Contestabile photo)