

Highlights Of 1958

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Rochester. New rectories were started for St. Charles Borromeo, Paris, Greece, and St. Monica's, Rochester.

St. Boniface, Rochester, cleared away its fire-gutted church to make room for construction of a new church this year. St. Elizabeth Guild House is about to open its new home on East Avenue and the Cenacle Convent has the foundations in for a chapel and retreatants' wing.

DIOCESAN history was made in 1958 as enrollments hit a total of 52,667 in Catholic schools—an all time record high figure, and records were also set in generosity to the missions as the faithful contributed \$371,672, and in giving clothing to the Thanksgiving Drive to aid the world's needy.

Bishop Kearney marked his 51st year as shepherd of the Diocese and observed his 60th anniversary as a priest. The event was marked by a blessing from the Pope and by throngs who received Holy Communion for the Bishop's welfare.

He announced that the 1958 Lourdes Centenary Year which resulted in increased devotion throughout the world would be followed in the Rochester Diocese by a Eucharistic Year to focus the faithful's devotion to the holy sacrifice of the Mass and the real presence of the Saviour in the Blessed Sacrament.

Diocesan observances of the Lourdes Centenary were highlighted by a pilgrimage to the famed shrine in France led by Monsignor John E. Maney, chancellor of the Diocese, and by special Rosary devotions in May and October in parish churches.

As the Catholic population continued to increase throughout the Diocese, the ranks of the clergy were cut by the hand of death which took a toll of fifteen priests, highest number to die in one year in the 50 years of Diocesan history.

Newly ordained for the care of the soul were seven young priests.

Fifty-three young women took the veil of a nun this year—25 entered the Mercy order and

30 were enrolled in the St. Joseph order.

The Diocese shared in the world's mourning for Pope Pius XII and in acclaiming the election of Pope John XXIII.

The Diocese also mourned the death of Cardinal Mooney, formerly Bishop of Rochester, who died in Rome as he was about to enter the conclave to elect the new pope.

Three Rochester lay people volunteered their services in the Church's foreign missions—Dr. Paul S. Lalonde spent his third six-months' dentist tour in Tanganyika, Mariette Wicks went to the Belgian Congo and Doris Oplinger, to Ghana.

Catholic school pupils won 47 New York State scholarships and donated a statue of St. John Fisher to the national shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington.

Nazareth Academy and St. Agnes high school, Rochester, pioneered an advanced mathematics course and Nazareth College sponsored an early morning physics course on TV.

Father Peter Sheehan of St. John Fisher College edited a completely new St. Basil's Hymnal for church choirs; Father Albert Shannon authored a book "First Steps to Sanctity" a guide for people who want to deepen their spiritual life, and Father E. Charles Bauer wrote a manual for catechism teachers to aid them teach the Apostles Creed.

Eastman Kodak Company bought St. Ann's Home property on Lake Avenue, Rochester, and plans were announced for a new home for the aged to be built near Ridge Road East and Fairland Avenue.

Conventions brought delegates of Hibernians and Knights of St. John to Rochester and Catholic War Veterans to Elmira.

These and scores of other events indicate that faith and devotion are strong in the hearts of the clergy, nuns and lay people of the Rochester Diocese. These are the elements which win God's blessing and give assurance that in 1959 we will see even greater progress made to serve God and save souls.

Pushbutton Philosophy

Rome — (NC) — Automation has been put to work to aid philosophers and theologians in their study of the complete works of St. Thomas Aquinas.

The project is one of the most ambitious undertaken in the field of Catholic scholarship and is called the Index Thomisticus. The Index will ultimately hold about 12 million reference cards containing all the words used in the great Dominican's writings.

By running the cards through International Business Machine Corporation's giant computers, scholars will be able to classify the enormous amount of ideas, exact meanings and various uses of the same word to be found in Thomistic philosophy and theology.

This is enormously important to scholars because St. Thomas' writings form the basis of a great portion of the Church's theology as well as being the major source of Catholic philosophy and theology.

Do-It-Yourself Church Blessed

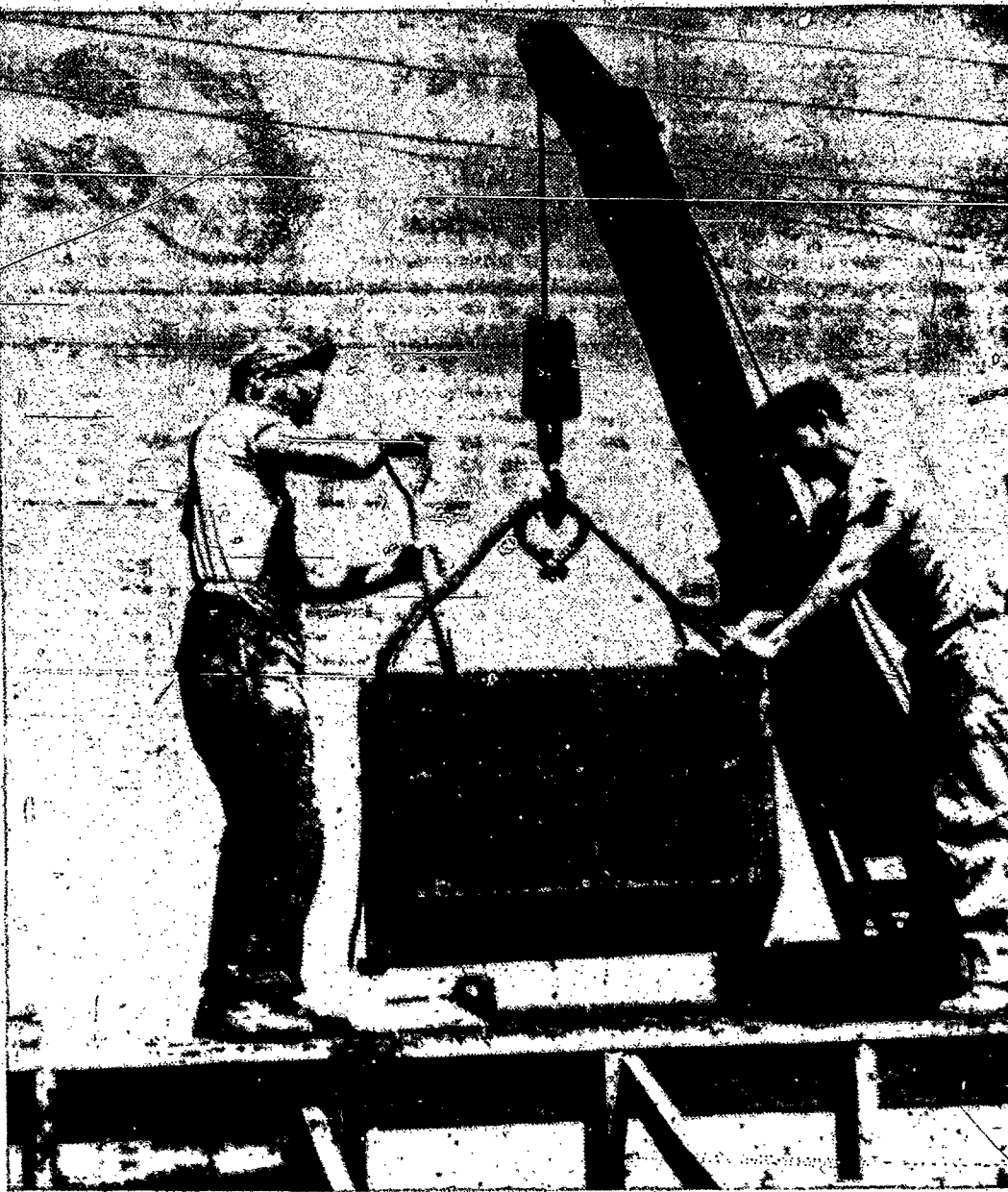
London — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Bishop Cyril C. Cowdery of Southwark opened a new church at Uckfield, Sussex, that the local pastor built literally with his own hands and with the help of loyal parishioners.

Father Cyril Plummer began with the altar, which he commissioned a local craftsman to make. The craftsman was Joseph Cribb, once a pupil of famed Eric Gill.

Having his altar, Father Plummer raised a roof over it. Then came the walls, of solid Cotswold stone. Three masons helped with them.

Three painters, two silversmiths, a metalworker and three woodworkers, all recruited locally, put the finishing touches to the church.

Father Plummer was his own architect and costs were kept at a minimum. The church was opened free of debt, just about a year and a half after the priest and his willing helpers dug the foundations.



Benedictines Build Own Abbey

Marvin, S. D. — (RNS) — For eight years priests and brothers of the Benedictine community here have been building their Blue Cloud Abbey, doing most of the construction by hand. Situated in the Coteau Hills here, the monastery is about 30 per cent completed. Shown pouring concrete for a

wall are Brother Bernard, O.S.B. (left); and Father Roger, O.S.B. The monks do not wear their monastic garb while working. Blue Cloud also will include a seminary and will serve as the headquarters for the four Indian missions operated by the Benedictines in the Dakotas.

Prelate's Mass In Garage

Bremen — (NC) — Bishop Helmut Witter of Osnabrueck offered Christmas Mass for some 900 Catholic refugees in an old garage at a camp near here.

The refugees have been using the garage as a theater where movies donated by various organizations are shown on an improvised screen. The same building is also used as a chapel.

Kremlin Features Marx

Moscow — (RNS) — Christmas week broadcasts by the Moscow Radio featured talks calling for a stricter Marxist-Leninist education of Soviet children and youths so as to "prevent them from being poisoned by religious beliefs and superstitions."

The talks were delivered by speakers during a debate in the Supreme Soviet (parliament) on proposed reforms in the Russian educational system.

MYSTERIOUS MEN FROM THE EAST

appeared to worship the Infant Saviour and with their arrival the "public life" of Christ began. The Feast of Epiphany (Jan. 6) in a real sense is the feast of the Near East Missions. On this day the Church commemorates the revelation of the Redeemer to the peoples of the earth. And it is of particular significance to us that this revelation was made first to the kings of the Orient. It is your privilege and ours to continue this work of revelation—to help your missionaries to preach and baptize in the name of Christ through the lands of the Near East. May we suggest that on this great feast of January 6th you dedicate yourselves again to the service of Christ in the suffering, the poor, the abandoned of the mission countries of the land which saw the birth, life and death of the Son of God? Do you feel you could possibly fill in the blank at the end of this column and send it to Cardinal Spellman?

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ON THE FEAST OF LIGHT . . . THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY WILL YOU SAY A PRAYER FOR SISTER INNOCENT MARY AND SISTER MARIA THERESA? So far we have not been able to find a benefactor for each Sister to pay the necessary expenses of \$150 a year for the two year period of novitiate training. They wish to be Clarissa Sisters in South India. If you pray for us we will surely find a benefactor for each and thus be able to reveal Christ to those who know Him not.

FREE LAND . . . FREE LABOR . . . FREE MATERIALS . . . have brought down the cost of the new chapel in the village of Muplham (Trichur, S. India). The desire of the new converts here for a Church of their own has made it possible to proceed with the work of building until it is now almost finished. They lack but \$1,500 to have a Church of their own. Will you be the answer to their "Epiphany Prayer?"

WHAT YOU GIVE TO HOLY FATHER YOU PLACE IN THE HANDS OF CHRIST!

Dear Cardinal Spellman: In the spirit of Epiphany I wish to make Christ better known in the Near East and at the same time I would like to gain many spiritual benefits for myself and my family. Please enroll me (and my family) in the Catholic Near East Welfare Association so that our souls may profit and we may help the Holy Father.

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Vatican Permits Mass In English

Madras — (NC) — The congregation joined the priest in praying aloud parts of the Mass for the first time in Madras at a four-day liturgical conference which drew delegates from 10 South Indian dioceses.

The session was dedicated to the theme recently subtitled by the Holy See — that the present pastures of the liturgy at Mass should give way to "active participation."

Highlighting the conference were two evening Masses sung for the intentions of the meeting in St. Mary's Co-Cathedral.

In the first Mass, the people's parts were sung in their English translations instead of the traditional Latin texts. The congregation along with the priest, using leaflets they had received on entering the church.

The second Mass featured the same prayer and responses translated into Tamil, the local dialect.

At another Mass, in the conference chapel of the Catholic center here, a Tamil-speaking priest used Tamil for parts of low Mass. He read the epistle and Gospel in Latin as well as Tamil.

The Madras archdiocese, in making use of the translations at Mass, took advantage of a

privilege granted by the Holy See.

The liturgy conference, which was piloted by Father Johannes Hofinger, S.J., director of the Institute for Mission Apologetics in Manila, was opened by Archbishop Louis Mathias of Madras-Mylapore. Lay participation in the Church's worship is no "innovation" to meet modern needs, the Archbishop said, but is rather a return to the past, when the priest and his flock were united in the act of worship.

Archbishop Mathias told the session that the early Christians did not regard participation in the liturgy as a problem to be studied at conference tables. It became a problem only in later times, he said, but in the early times, priests and their people naturally were "united in the altar."

Nut Gets Grant
Washington — (NC) — A \$1,300 National Science Foundation faculty fellowship has been awarded to Sister Marie Therese, head of the biology department at Trinity College here, for the study of marine biology.

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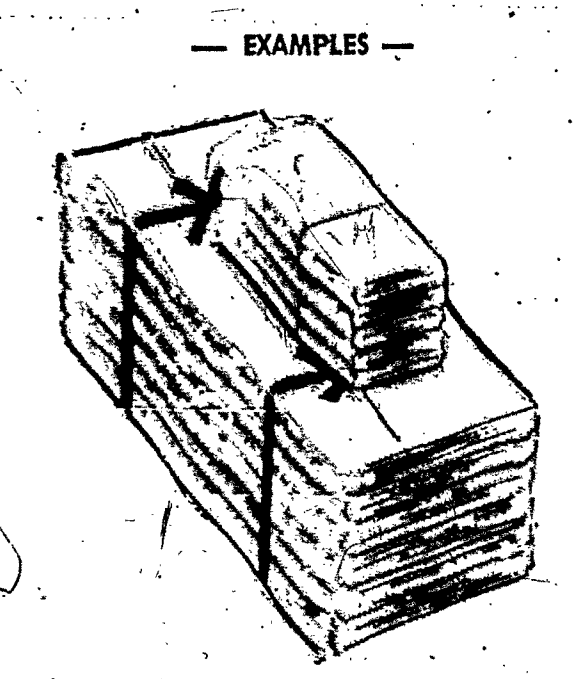
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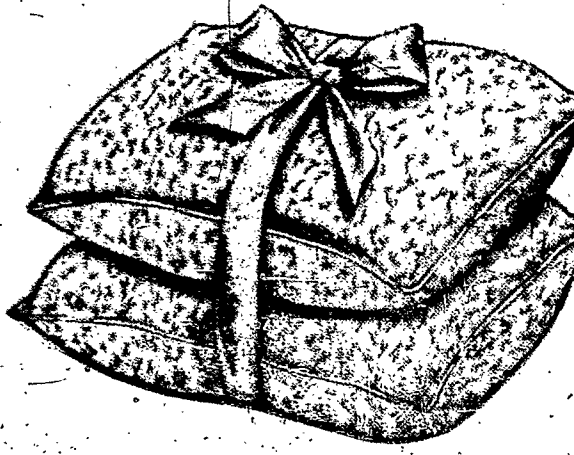
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