

Paris Rite Honors Canada Bishop

Paris—(NC)—Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, celebrated a Mass here commemorating the 300th anniversary of the episcopal consecration of a French Sulpician priest who became Canada's first bishop.

The Canadian Ambassador to France, members of the Canadian colony in Paris and hundreds of French faithful thronged the ancient Church of St. Germain-des-Près where the consecration of Bishop Francois de Montmorency-Laval took place in 1658.

In a brief address at the end of the ceremony, Cardinal Leger thanked France for supplying Canada with several generations of missionaries.

He also expressed the hope that Bishop de Montmorency-Laval's cause for beatification, introduced at Rome on September 24, 1890, would soon reach a successful conclusion.

FRANCOIS de Montmorency-Laval was born at Montigny-sur-Avre, France, on April 13, 1623, and died in Quebec on May 6, 1705. In 1658 he was nominated the first Apostolic Vicar to New France (Canada), and 16 years later he became Quebec's first Bishop.

His jurisdiction extended at the time from the frozen regions of the Arctic circle to the Gulf of Mexico. There are more than 200 dioceses in the same territory today.

As Bishop he defended the Church from the claims of the French Kings who sought to dominate the Church and organized the religious ministry in his territory for both colonists and Indians. He opposed the sale of alcoholic beverages to the Indians and championed their rights against the colonial French government.

In Quebec he founded two seminaries and an industrial school. He resigned in 1688 but continued to help his successor, Bishop de Saint Vallier, and replaced him when the latter was imprisoned by the English.

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Cardinal Receives African Nuns

ROME—Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, received some 1,000 guests at the Pontifical North American College here before returning to the United States at the close of Consistory ceremonies. Among the guests were three representatives of the Little Sisters of St. Francis and the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa, an order founded by the famed Mother Kevin. It was Cardinal Cushing who helped the nuns of Uganda obtain the return of "Mama Kevin's" body after she died in Brighton, Mass., last October.

Twenty-three survived—among them our Ginny—and if the other 22 houses are like ours, there couldn't have been greater rejoicing.

Poverty, Progress In Bethlehem

Bethlehem, Jordan—(NC)—Using a rented room and a small hall for a chapel on the Street of the Star Bible, Father Basil Kanakry has led his Byzantine Rite flock during the past seven years in moving a mountain to build a church.

Father Kanakry, a native of Damascus, Syria, was sent to Bethlehem immediately after his ordination in 1951 as pastor of the Melkite Catholic church. Since this city of Christ's birth is on hilly ground, the priest and parishioners had to claim space from a backyard mountain on which to build their new church.

Through the extreme poverty of the parishioners makes progress slow, Father Kanakry prides the work of his people. Describing his covert work, he said that much progress has been made during the past seven years in reaching both the Orthodox and the Moslems as well as the Arabs who follow no religion.

"We could not have started to build without the help of Rome," said Father Kanakry. "The Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church knows that we have the best possible contact with the people. The Arabs are very much at home with us. Many come every Sunday. The Liturgy is in their language, following their customs. We prepare each sermon knowing that they will be there."

Family Rosary Radio Leaders

Friday, Jan. 2—Edward Micek, St. Anne, accompanied by members of Rochester Catholic Kolping Society.

Saturday, Jan. 3—Roy Higgins, St. James.

Sunday, Jan. 4—John Hendrick, St. Michael accompanied by members of the Legion of Mary.

Monday, Jan. 5—Leonard Micek, St. Stanislaus accompanied by members of St. Thomas More Club of St. Andrew.

Tuesday, Jan. 6—Charles M. Dispensa Jr., St. Monica.

Wednesday, Jan. 7—Peter "Elementary," Dr. Watson.

"My three boys stick together," one father was telling another. "When one boy gets into trouble, neither of the others will tell on him."

"Then how do you find out which one to punish?" the other dad asked.

"It's easy," said dad No. 1. "I send them all to bed without supper. Then the next morning I thrash the one with a black eye."

Over the Christmas holidays I have been catching up on my reading and, as usual, I have been impressed by the excellence and variety of fare offered us by our Catholic press. As proof of the foregoing I found on one page of the January 1959 issue of the Sign, the following thought provoking remarks:

We found these remarks under the heading "Vulgarity." "At this time of the year, the Legion of Decency again reminds us of the importance of considering the moral aspect of movies.

But aside from this moral aspect, there is also a wider aspect which we may too easily overlook.

"Allen Tate recently emphasized it. I do not know whether any Catholic organization has publicly condemned the appalling vulgarity of the Hollywood view of life. This, as it is expressed in one motion picture after another, is sinister, insidious and corrupt, and represents a profound distortion of the true ends of life, whether these are conceived humanistically or religiously."

DOINGS AT THE DALY'S

By Mary Thelma Daly

The "first" of anything is newsworthy—more or less.

To a world awaiting the first man-made rocket to hit the moon, the initial game of a CYO girls junior basketball team would pass unnoticed.

But, within the orbit of these junior high students, the moon rocket takes second billing. After all, the rocket might not make it—and THE GAME was scheduled. Matter of fact, though, for a while it looked as though the game were as uncertain as the rocket—but that part comes later.

After weeks of try-outs and inevitable "cutting" we were instructed to "Pray! Pray real hard from three to five this afternoon that I'll make it."

THEN PRACTICES began in earnest. Carol Alder, herself a longtime CYO player, generously undertook the coaching job. If it were just a matter of introducing neophytes into the intricate world of court rules, basket-shooting, guarding, dribbling and passing, that would be a major accomplishment.

In addition, Carol found herself faced with myriad other duties: driving the school bus to and from the "loaned" gymnasium miles away, instructing her young charges not only in the rules of the game but in the philosophy and "moral" aspects of good sportsmanship, helping with homework—in other words, building a team worthy of their school, Blessed Sacrament.

As sidewalk superintendents, we parents saw results—just one, for a while. Regular, strenuous exercise was forming down "baby fat" appetite for dinner was ravenous, zeal for keeping up grades was keen.

And then (to paraphrase a newspaper cliché), "As it must to all mankind, security came to the Junior Team"—some of them. It happened to the Juniors—Ginny included! Homework "done" all too soon, TV shows indulged in.

An arithmetic exam brought to light the hidden weakness, and one in history clinched it. Result? Off the team for two weeks while the shocked teamsters were forced to give top priority to cube root and the history of the U.S. territories. (If they never remember anything else from their education, we're sure they will know cube root and U.S. territories!)

PRACTICE AGAIN—with Carol chug-chugging that ancient bus to the far-distant gym, redoubling efforts to get juniors in shape for the game, and hoping that the uniforms would come before G-dy.

Final practice: not so good, and still no uniforms. . . . Unless, of course, Carol herded her gang onto the bus, counting noses as the weary passengers climbed aboard. She threw in the clutch. No clutch. No go.

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