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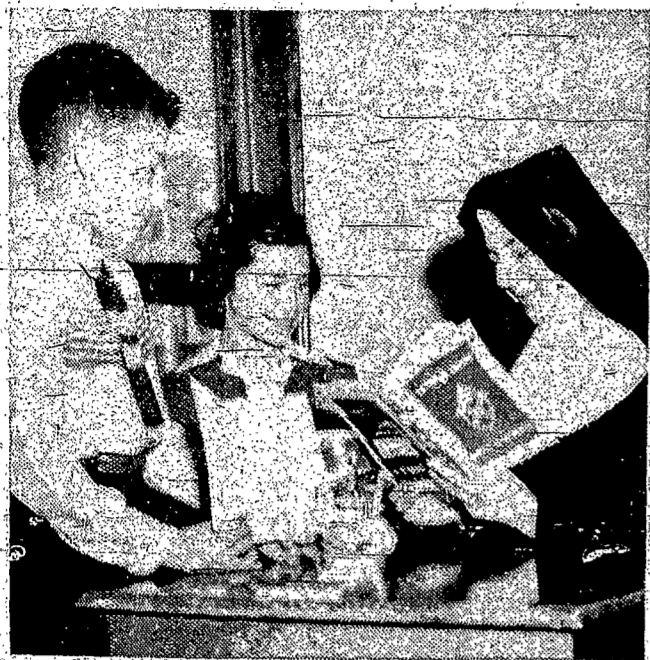
Can A Russian
Go To Mass?

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70th Year

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Sister Caritas tells Charles DiSalvo and Kathleen Lo-Curto, fifth graders at St. Ambrose school, how American children during Lent will aid poor children in other countries.

Lent In A School

(First in a series)

Lent comes to Catholic school classrooms in quiet but dramatic ways.

Pupils are noticeably quieter — they are keeping silence "for our Lord 'cause it's Lent" as a fifth grader at St. Ambrose School explained.

Even homework improves, the teachers say, because many of their charges "give up television after supper" during the penitential season.

Permites spent for gum and candy other times of the year now find their way to the little coin-banks in the classrooms to build up a fund to aid needy children in other countries.

Watch for — Lent in a Church, a Home, a Convent, a Rectory, a Cathedral.

LOOK OUT BELOW!

Rev. (Lt. Col.) Francis L. Sampson, U.S. Army chaplain serving airborne troops, tells the story of fear and courage which characterize a paratrooper's life. This week's chapter describes his first actual jump from a plane while training at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1943.

CHAPTER TWO

C Stage and the 250-foot "free towers" were next. We took turns in being hoisted to the top of the tower and released. Floating down from that height is pleasant, but the closer you get to the ground the faster you seem to drop.

The earth seems to be rushing up to meet you... must remember the proper landing technique... feet a few inches apart, toes pointing down, chin in, hands on risers, body neither tense nor relaxed.

The instructor's voice over the loudspeaker from the tower, "Don't stretch for the ground! Make a half turn to the right!"

It was too late! I landed like a sack of flour. But the body is a wonderful thing; it can collapse and fold up like an accordion, thus absorbing without injury the greatest part of a bad landing.

I was quite satisfied with myself even though the instructor was not for I could get up and haul the chute back to the tower without help, I could speak with the voice of experience to the next fellow in line still swaying out his first drop from the free tower.

There was a young second lieutenant in our class a Polish lad, who had taken the "whole course" in stride. He was small — about a hundred and thirty pounds I'd guess — and the calisthenics and runs had seemed ridiculously easy for him.

When given fifty pushups for leaping against a post, he asked the sergeant, "With which hand do you want me to give them?" Most of us could scarcely do the required fifty with both hands, but he did them with his left hand and was almost as fresh when he finished as when he began.

On Saturday morning at the close of C Stage a two-hundred-pound rugged first lieutenant, in charge of the officers going through this stage said that he would like to have the chance of separating the men from the boys in the jump pit; and that if any of us thought that we could stay with him three minutes, he'd be glad to give us the opportunity.

The young Polish officer stepped out. "I'd like a chance to try, sir." We felt that he had gotten in over his head this time, for the instructor was really slower and fast and had about seventy pounds advantage. But in less than thirty seconds the instructor was flat on his back.

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Joseph Ligotti and Rosemary Gotham, fifth graders at Sacred Heart Cathedral school, get pointers in Latin pronunciation for a Dialogue Mass from Father Edwin Wedow and Father Michael Hogan.

People Like It

Fifty Parishes Do Dialogue Mass

Fifty parishes of the Rochester Diocese have inaugurated the "Dialogue Mass," a Courier Journal survey revealed this week.

At the dialogue Mass, the people respond in Latin to the priest at the altar.

Additional parishes are expected to begin the practice during Lent.

BISHOP KEARNEY has invited congregations to make the Latin responses at Masses he has celebrated in parish churches for special lay groups including the Men's Retreat League, the Sodality, the St. Monica's Sodality of priests and seminarians mothers as well as at his Masses for students in local high schools and colleges.

Some parishes have not as yet attempted the dialogue Mass on Sunday but use it extensively for special occasions — as First Friday, Lenten evening Masses or Masses attended by Holy Name or Rosary Society members.

Many parishes have installed microphones at the altar to carry the priest's voice over the public-address system of the church. Some pastors said they were originally a bit sceptical about how the people would take to saying prayers in Latin.

Father Francis Pegnam of St. Thomas More Church, Brighton, said he was "pleasantly surprised" by the ease with which his parishioners took up the responses.

Monsignor Thomas F. Connors, who has the people at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, make the responses at all Sunday Masses, said, "We aren't perfect yet, but we're improving every week." His parish counts one of the largest congregations in the Diocese.

At St. John the Evangelist Church in Greece, where 9, 10, 11 and 12 o'clock Sunday Masses are said simultaneously in church and school chapel for a total of over 3,000 parishioners, the responses in Latin but pray



FATHER KELEHER "people do very well" MONSIGNOR CONNORS "we're improving"

Bishop Asks Prayers For Church In China

Girl From Hong Kong

Prayers for persecuted Catholics behind the "bamboo curtain" on Sunday will have a special significance for a young lady studying at Nazareth College.

The student, Natalia da Roza, came from that trouble spot in the Far East, China.

Although she is not Chinese, Natalia was born and lived all her life until her arrival at Nazareth in Hong Kong.

She has had first hand experience on what these prayers offered by millions of Catholics at Mass on Sunday can accomplish.

"THE PERSECUTION these people are suffering is terrible," she said. "Although the Chinese Catholics are very staunch in their Faith, the prayers being offered Sunday will give them an added incentive to withstand the persecution, no matter how terrible it gets."

"When I was living in Hong Kong with my family, refugees teemed into the city by the thousands. "Without exception, they were in pitiful condition, in desperate need of food, clothing and shelter."

"As a member of the Sodality, we brought them food and clothing that was given to us by the Catholic Relief Service of the National Catholic Welfare Conference."

"One thing I will be saying a special prayer for on Sunday is the deliverance of my father, by two sisters and a brother," she said.

"They will be leaving Hong Kong on Sunday for this country to join my other two sisters and a brother who live in California."

"This will mark the end of an era for us, since my grandfather settled in Hong Kong almost 100 years ago."

"Things are gradually deteriorating in Hong Kong and I thank God that my family is coming here now, before it's too late," she said.

Natalia is a freshman majoring in music at Nazareth.



Beyond Man's Hands

New York — (RNS) — Mass. John J. O'Donnell of New York's Shrine of the Sea chapel gives the CHURCH'S last rites to one of the victims of an ill-fated airliner which crashed into the East River while groping through the fog toward La Guardia airport here. Only eight persons survived the disaster which took the lives of 65 persons.

Priests Holy Hour Group Established

The Decree for the first canonical establishment of the "Sacred Union of Daily Adoration" in the United States was issued by Bishop Kearney on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 11. Bishop Kearney in announcing the decree said, "The hour of intimate conversation with Our Lord in the tabernacle as a part of each day's program is a practice which must bring great blessings upon a priest's work."

Purpose of the Union is to encourage diocesan priests to make a daily Holy Hour of prayer in church.

Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien of Elmira is national director of the union.

See Inside

At Home With Trudy McNall — a new feature for your every week reading pleasure begins this week on page 9.

This well-known TV personality will provide Courier Journal readers with up-to-the-minute tips for happier home-making activities.

Her program is seen every weekday afternoon on WROC-TV, Channel 5.

See her recipes for Lenten dinners and a Valentine's Day dessert... page 9

Nuns' Infirmary

Pledges Mount In Fund Drive

More than 1,000 persons in Monroe County, plus additional hundreds in other communities of the Diocese, this week are soliciting or preparing to solicit pledges toward the proposed construction of a \$1,500,000 infirmary building for the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Final report dates for the Monroe County committee are slated next week. Members of the advanced gifts committee will report Tuesday, Feb. 17, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Nazareth College cafeteria, 4245 East Ave., Pittsford.

General committee members will total their results beginning at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19, in Nazareth College auditorium.

Solicitation is scheduled on the next three Sundays, Feb. 15 and 22, and Mar. 1, in parishes staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Auburn, Seneca Falls, Geneva, Canandaigua and Ithaca.

Results of solicitation in two communities were received this week at the motherhouse. Pledges reported from Wayland totaled \$18,500, and Mt. Morris noted re-

sults to date of \$13,000. A partial report from Elmira listed pledges totaling \$69,000. Totals reported earlier include Lima, \$13,500, and Perkinsville \$5,000.

Pledges are being sought among relatives, alumnae, parent groups and friends of the Sisters toward erection of a three-story infirmary building adjacent to the Nazareth Motherhouse, 4025 East Ave., Pittsford, designed to accommodate 100 Sister-patients.

Aim of the appeal is two-fold — not only to supply adequate facilities for the care of ill and aged Sisters but also to provide additional space in the motherhouse for the housing and training of young women preparing to become Sister-teachers.

It is the first major public appeal of the Sisters — largest religious community in the Diocese — who have served in this area for 105 years.

Of the 920 Sisters of St. Joseph, 90 are retired because of illness or age. Present infirmary quarters on the top floor of the motherhouse provide for only 26 of these, with the remaining 64 being in other parts of the moth-

Nationwide Observance

Special prayers will be said in all parishes of the Rochester Diocese this Sunday for persecuted Catholics in Red China.

Bishop Kearney has directed priests to lead their congregations in offering a prayer composed by Pope John XXIII.

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Many parishes have scheduled all-day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or other services for the relief and comfort of fellow-Catholics undergoing a relentless persecution in Communist-run China.

All of the other 139 arch-dioceses and dioceses of the United States will also be praying for the same intention.

The day of prayer and reparation is part of a worldwide response to an appeal by Pope John XXIII.

The Pope recently expressed his fear that Communist pressures might lead Chinese Catholics into "schism," a break with the Holy See. He pleaded for prayers to "beseech Almighty God that in His mercy He may convert this calamity to His glory and the good of the Catholic community of China."

The chairman of the National Catholic Welfare Conference Administrative Board, Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, suggested that Sunday, February 15, be set aside to pray for the Pope's intention. The NCWC, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., is the American hierarchy's coordinating body.

Since the Communist look control of China ten years ago practically all of the 3,500 foreign Catholic missionaries have been expelled and half of the 7,000 Chinese priests have been killed or jailed. Eighty of the 150 dioceses are without bishops and 50 dioceses are without a single priest.

More recently Red China has embarked on a ruthless drive to erect an "autonomous" Catholic Church in China. The Communists have forced the "election" of at least 32 bishops. Some 20 of these bishops have been illicitly consecrated in an encyclical last summer, secretly circulated among Catholics in China, the late Pope Pius XII said that illicitly consecrated bishops, as well as those who preside at the ceremonies, are automatically excommunicated.

Members of the Monroe County general committee are headed by Gerald R. Barrett, with Urbair G. Kress and Mrs. Albert E. Lauer as vice-chairmen. Committee chairmen include Mark E. Toth, toward erection of a three-story infirmary building adjacent to the Nazareth Motherhouse, 4025 East Ave., Pittsford, designed to accommodate 100 Sister-patients.

Chairmen of various subcommittees are: Nazareth College alumnae, the Misses Rosemary and Elizabeth Connaughton; Nazareth Academy alumnae, Mrs. Florentine Rickard; St. Agnes High School alumnae, Miss Donna Masters; Nazareth College Guild, Mrs. John Noonan and Mrs. Ronald McDonald; Nazareth College parents, Frank Ginnam and Joseph O'Day; Nazareth Academy parents, Thomas Begley and Thomas Gibbons; Nazareth Hall alumnae and parents, Edward Proverzano; St. Agnes High School parents; Raymond Weis.

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