

Bishop Kearney's Appointments

- APRIL
- 5 Sunday—Bishop Kearney's Chapel—Ordination—9:00 a.m. Ewers Hotel—Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses' Dinner—5:30 p.m.
 - 7 Tuesday—Sheraton Hotel—Mercy Guild Luncheon—1:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
 - 8 Wednesday—Columbus Civic Center—Clergy Conference—4:00 p.m. Rochester Club—Catholic Women's Club Dinner—7:00 p.m.
 - 9 Thursday—St. George's Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
 - 10 Friday—St. Margaret Mary's Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
 - 12 Sunday—Good Counsel College, White Plains—Alumnae Communion Breakfast
 - 13 Monday—Corpus Christi Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
 - 14 Tuesday—St. Louis Church, Pittsford—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.

Bishop Casey's Appointments

- APRIL
- 5 Sunday—Sacred Heart Cathedral—Blessing of Bibles—3:00-5:00 p.m.
 - 7 Tuesday—St. Helen's—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.
 - 8 Wednesday—Columbus Civic Center—Clergy Conference—4:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Waterloo—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.
 - 9 Thursday—St. James—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.
 - 12 Sunday—St. Columba's, Youngstown Ohio—Dedication of New Cathedral—3:30 p.m.
 - 13-17 Monday through Friday—Sacred Heart Retreat House, Auriesville, N.Y.—Annual Retreat
 - 18 Saturday—Sheraton Hotel—Address, Ancient, Order of Hibernians—6:30 p.m.
 - 19 Sunday—St. John Evangelist—Confirmation—2:00 p.m. St. Ambrose—Confirmation of Boys—3:30 p.m. Confirmation of Girls—5:00 p.m.
 - 20 Monday—New York City—Reception for Archbishop Yaguzzi, Apostolic Delegate
 - 22 Wednesday—Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.—Episcopal Consecration of Most Rev. Charles Mulrooney and Most Rev. Joseph Denatis—10:00 a.m.
 - 23 Thursday—St. John's, Greece—Confirmation of Girls—7:45 p.m.
 - 24 Friday—St. John's, Greece—Confirmation of Boys—7:45 p.m.
 - 26 Sunday—Sacred Heart, Auburn—Confirmation—1:30 p.m. Holy Family, Auburn—Confirmation—3:00 p.m. St. Alphonsus, Auburn—Confirmation—4:45 p.m.
 - 27 Monday—Mother of Sorrows, Mt. Read—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.
 - 28 Tuesday—Nativity, B.V.M., Brockport—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.
 - 29 Wednesday—Assumption, Fairport—Confirmation—7:45 p.m.

Freedom From Filth

The New York City Daily News recently featured a series of four articles about the billion dollar business which lades out sex and sadism to youngsters.

Despite state and federal laws and periodic eruptions of public opinion, the filth traffic grows worse.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover states that obscene publications are "far worse than dope" for sex-hungry adolescents.

Psychiatrists, lawmakers, teachers and clergymen of all denominations testify to the corrosive influence on youngsters of pornographic publications. Police records show case after case of brutal assaults, even murder, provoked by such literature.

Yet whenever any attempt is made to stem the flood of filth, the peddlers brazenly claim their "constitutional rights."

Typical of such stalling action is the New York City spree in 1954 when two high school seniors one night beat up two elderly men, horsewhipped two 16-year old girls, then burned, beat and finally drowned a man.

During their trial, their lawyer termed the swath of sadism an "unfortunate prank."

Investigation traced their brutality to a series of lurid, licentious books they read. The books were then banned from that city's newsstands but publishers claimed "restraint on freedom of the press."

The case bounced back and forth in the courts and meantime—since 1954—the books remained on sale in New York to spur other youngsters to similar crimes. The case still is not settled.

If police move in on a newsstand to clean it up, the operator can find himself a bright attorney to get him off the hook. Courts, including the United States Supreme Court, can't agree as to what is meant by obscene. While judges squabble, FBI reports show a 110 per cent increase in rape cases since 1940—when the pornography boom got underway.

Behind the whole sordid racket is the suspicion that Communists are exploiting the minds of youngsters to demoralize the nation.

One doesn't need to go to New York City, however, to see examples of the disgusting business.

Parents especially must be forever vigilant of the reading material their youngsters have. Even the best minds can be corrupted so quickly by this poison. Parents should also firmly insist that store-keepers keep their magazine stands free of such publications. Certainly decent people have a right to be free from having to face filth at every turn.

'Invincible Strength'

Easter—Source Of Joy For All

Following is the full text of Pope John XXIII's Easter message.

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

On this evening which, though still veiled in sorrow at the memory of the death of the Saviour, is already filled with a joyous trembling in expectation of His Holy Resurrection, We address you, dear children of Italy and of the whole world, as you devoutly prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter.

Within a few hours, the majestic cathedrals and the remote little chapels in mission lands in city parishes and in humble churches scattered on mountains and in country districts, in every place where a Christian community is gathered in faith and love around its priests, the hymn "Essential" will be joyously sung in the depths of the night and there will arise the first soft "Alleluia" of the Gregorian chant.

It is in the quivering anticipation of this new, dear children, that we speak to you. This year, it is the new Holy Father who celebrates Easter with you — he who has been called, as the visible head, to rule the Church of which the risen God is the One, Invisible Head.

What a marvelous proof of the enduring nature of Holy Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, which draws from the Resurrection the immortal stream of life which makes it immortal! What a moving testimony to the truth of the historical fact of Christ's Resurrection which, though it took place 20 centuries ago, is the firm buttress of Christian society for the sure monument of its faith, the motive of its hope and the driving force of its charity.

The Church is alive as its Divine Founder is alive! The Church goes forward with the same power of life as that which Christ, after having paid the price of mortal nature, passed in triumph beyond the barrier of death which His enemies had set to keep the tomb secure.

For the Church, also, as the centuries passed by, there have been other enemies who have sought to enclose her in a tomb, boasting repeatedly of her agony and death. But she, who has within herself the invincible strength of her Founder, is ever newly risen with Him, granting pardon to all, and providing for the lowly and the poor, for those in suffering and for men of good will, tranquilly and peace.

This is the meaning of the feast of Easter which we are about to celebrate, that we desire particularly to put before you, dear children, in order that your fidelity to the Church may never waver, but rather be rooted in love, you may know how to share with joy and generosity in the life of your Mother, confident in her triumph, certain that you may be ready to fight her defense, to spend yourselves to make her known, linked together in bearing witness to her; that you may be "careful," as St. Paul said, "to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, even as you were called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and throughout all, and in us all" (Eph. 4, 3-6).

The joyous mystery, about to be renewed in this night of watching and prayer, has not only the meaning we have underlined, but also an efficacy which strikes deep into the heart of the spiritual life of every single Christian so as to form him in the image of the Risen Christ.

Easter is for all a mystery of death and of life.

For this reason, in keeping with that express command of the Church of which we paternally remind you, each of the faithful is invited at this time to cleanse his soul by means of the sacrament of Penance, bathing his soul in the blood of Christ, and is called upon to approach with greater faith the Eucharistic table to partake of the life-giving Body of the Lamb without stain. Easter, then, is a mystery of death and of resurrection for every believer.

By drawing attention to the sufferings of Our Lord, who for our sake willed to be "spined and crucified" by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with infirmity" (Is. 53, 3), the Easter ceremonies are an invitation to die to sin, to purge out the old leaven, "the leaven of malice and wickedness" (1 Cor. 5, 7, 8) so as to become a new creature.



HIS HOLINESS, POPE JOHN XXIII.

If He who is the Son of God by nature, willed to become "obedient to death, even to death on a cross" (Phil. 2, 8), we, made by Him children of God through grace, have the duty of imitating and reproducing His actions.

Belonging as we do to Christianity, we are made sharers with Christ in the mystery of spiritual death, according to the cry of the Apostle which we are glad to repeat to you: "Do you not know that all we who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? For we were buried with Him by means of Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ has arisen from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lust" (Rom. 6, 3-4, 12).

For all, then, our Easter is a death-to-sin, to passions, to hatred and enmities and to all that is a source of disharmony, of bitterness or of grief in either the spiritual or the material order. This death is really only the first step toward a higher goal, for our Easter is also a mystery of life.

We must affirm with the same certainty as did the Apostles, and you, dear children, have to be attached to it as to a most precious treasure which alone is able to give value and restore calm to daily existence. Christianly is not that mass of restlessness which the unbeliever imagines. On the contrary, it is peace, joy, love, and life which, like the unseen throbbing of nature in early spring, is ever being renewed.

The source of this joy is in the Risen Christ, who frees men from the slavery of sin and invites them to be a new creature with Him, in anticipation of eternal happiness.

With what penetrating force will the words of the Epistle of the Mass very soon be heard: "Therefore, if you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Mind the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

In addition, we offer a prayer that peace, the daughter of gentleness and good will, may establish a lasting rule among nations, made ever anxious by the clouds which repeatedly darken the horizon. We pray for the heads of states, joined with us in recognizing that their high calling establishes them not as judges, but as guides

of the nations; to those they are in duty bound to guarantee respect for the fundamental rights of the human person.

We pray for those who are still suffering from the effects of the past war, even 15 years after it has ended, and in a special manner we pray for those venerable brethren and sons, the most dear to us of all, who, deprived of their families, their homeland, of liberty itself, are a living and painful witness of the evils which afflict the human race because of the lack of true peace and its proper fruits.

We have been raised by a singular disposition of Providence to include all the nations of the earth in Our pastoral and paternal embrace; those nations have, likewise, during the centuries, been called to and trained in the faith and grace of Christ Our Saviour.

It will be readily understood and forgiven us if Our heart is unable to restrain a throbbing of particularly warm tenderness for the sons of a strong and good people whom we met in the course of Our journeys. With these we shared the more vigorous years of Our life (1925-1934) in one part or another of the Balkan region, in the exercise of a spiritual ministry during which Christian sentiments of brotherhood were accorded a respectful welcome.

We delight to recall with ever lively affection that fine people, hardworking, honest, sincere, and their beautiful capital, Sofia, which brought us back to the ancient Slavia of the first Christian centuries and to the noble and glorious epochs of their history.

It is now many years since the vision of the dear country was taken from Our eyes, but all those pleasant friendships with individuals and families remain alive in Our heart and daily in Our prayers.

In remembrance of the people of Bulgaria, on this feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, the first of Our pontificate, we are glad to associate in Our greeting and Our message of benediction all the others whom we met in the Near East, as also in the West—the Turks, the Greeks, the French, all so well disposed toward Ourselves, all equally dear to Us in the light and love of Christ.

O Saviour of all nations, O Jesus, Paschal Victim without blemish, who has restored sinners to union with the Father, pour forth on each single member of the human family every gift they need, that the light coming from You, which is about to be rekindled, may drive out from their minds the darkness of error, cleanse the secret places of their hearts, make clear to each the path of their true vocation and arouse throughout the world burning zeal for works of charity, justice, love and peace.

Beda College Rome Seminary For Older Men

Rome (NC)—The 1959 ordination class of Beda College, seminary for late vocations to the priesthood, is proof that it is never too late for a man who wants to be a priest.

A class of 14 men, ordained by Archbishop Luigi Traglia, Vice-gerent of Rome, in St. John Lateran Basilica has an average age of 46. Almost all of them had careers before they began studies for the priesthood.

A brief review of the list of the newly ordained shows the varied background of the men who come from all over the world to Beda College to prepare for an entirely new life in the service of God. They are: Fathers:

- John O'Connell, 43, former bank clerk in the National Bank of Dublin, ordained for the Archdiocese of Westminister.
- Francis Greenan, 72, former headmaster of Commercial Road School, London, ordained for the Diocese of Brentwood, England.
- Charles Napier, 30, Cambridge University graduate, ordained for the London Oratory.
- Bertram Adley, 39, Perth University (Australia) graduate with a Ph.D. from Georgetown University, Washington, ordained for the Diocese of Bunbury, Australia.

THE MANNER in which these men received their vocations to the priesthood is as varied as the lives they led before they came together for their single purpose.

Father Ramsay's vocation crystallized while he was with the troops that occupied the Suez Canal zone. Father Han, a convert, decided to become a priest while he was being "brainwashed" by his Chinese communist captors. The first steps toward Catholicism and the priesthood for Father Hannah, former secretary of the High Church Annunciation Group, began with his opposition to Anglicanism's South India movement.

Father Armstrong, 45, former employee of the Dublin Health Department, ordained for the Archdiocese of Cape Town, South Africa.

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John Ramsay, 33, former major in the Scots Guard, ordained for the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Scotland.

Francis Han, 39, former English professor at the University of Nanking, China, ordained for the Diocese of Hong Kong.

William Erby, 52, former administrative official of a leper colony in Nigeria, Africa, ordained for the Archdiocese of Westminister, England.

Robin Noel, 35, former Belgian minister, ordained for the Diocese of Portsmouth, England.

Don Sexton, 55, lawyer who practiced in Boston and New York, ordained for the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio.

Wallon Hannah, 47, former Anglican minister, ordained for the Archdiocese of Westminister, on loan to the Archdiocese of Montreal, Canada.

Edward Joram, 45, former accountant, ordained for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Australia.

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Let us put into question and answer for what he said. WHAT DOES the Holy Eucharist do to us?

It instills in our hearts a new energy.

The name of the energy? Supernatural love.

Does this supernatural love push aside human affection?

No; it strengthens human affection, makes it more, purifies it, and channels it in the right direction.

What is the effect upon us — upon you and me? Pope John replied:

"Man is complete when he has God within his breast; God who remains united with him, strengthening his personality."

"The natural virtues themselves are elevated in quality. They ripen into the ideal type of the perfect man, made in the image of God, conforming to the example of His Son in whom the Father is well pleased."

What is the effect upon our relations with others?

"Human relations acquire a new tone from the person who possesses God through the Eucharist."

Why is this so?

Because Communion brings forth and nourishes true love. If soothes sorrows, calms, soothes, calms the troubled spirit; spurs us to good works and to justice and mercy.

"Christ in the sacrament of the altar," said Pope John, "is more truly and completely with us than in any other of His manifestations."

THIS SACRAMENT is the Love giving itself in Christ. Therefore, bread and wine achieve highest spiritual fusion.



Joseph Breig's Column

Better Life

What makes a man most perfectly a man? And a woman most perfectly a woman?

"Where can a husband and wife find the source of the highest spiritual fusion?"

Whence comes harmony in families, and peace and cooperation among nations?

In one word, Pope John gave the answer. The word: Communion.

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