

# Spain Shrine For War Dead

Madrid (RNS) — Generalissimo Francisco Franco is making at the dedication of a magnificent new underground shrine to the Civil War dead in the Valley of the Fallen some 25 miles northwest of here. It is a shrine of granite and steel, a monument to the fallen and a warning against the danger of Communism.

He told a crowd of 40,000 persons gathered from all parts of the country for the solemn and colorful rites inaugurating the great monument, topped by a 350-foot-high granite cross, that "the anti-Spanish forces were conquered and destroyed but are not dead."

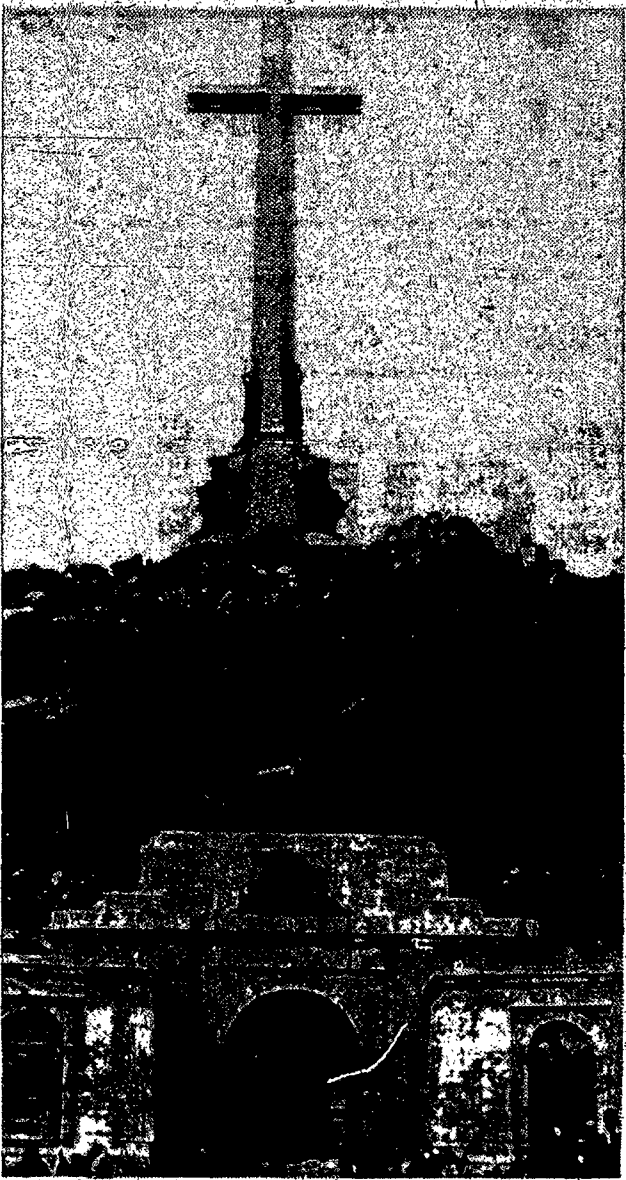
"Periodically," he said, "we see them raise their heads and in their arrogance and blindness attempt to poison and annihilate anew the innate nobility and ambition of the Spanish people. It is necessary to shut out the defilements of the bad educators of these new generations."

The Chief of State spoke after Cardinal Pla y Deniel, Archbishop of Toledo and Primate of Spain, had offered a Requiem Mass in the crypt, drilled almost 1,000 feet into the Cuelgamuros mountainside for the victims of the conflict which ended 20 years ago. It was draped around the altar where the coffin of Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera, martyr and founder of the Falange, rested, were 53 archbishops, bishops and abbots.

Standing on the esplanade in front of the monument, where the bodies of soldiers slain fighting on both sides of the conflict have been transferred in recent weeks, the 69-year-old Cardinal said "we can congratulate ourselves on our victory over Communism when we see what has happened to other Catholic countries."

"OUR VICTORY," he added, "was not a partial victory, but a total victory for everybody. Our war was not a civil conflict, but a true crusade, as it was then termed by the Pope. In all, more than 12,000 workers helped in the construction of the subterranean basilica which work began in 1936. It is estimated that the construction has cost at least \$20,000,000 to date.

Last July, the Benedictine Order was formally placed in charge of the shrine, known officially as the Foundation of the Holy Cross of the Valley of the



Madrid (RNS) — Gigantic cross towers over entrance to enormous subterranean church and mausoleum in the Cuelgamuros mountain range, Spanish memorial where 150,000 Nationalist soldiers are buried.

Valley. The Benedictines were assigned to all duties in connection with the church under the terms of a government decree made public in 1937. They have a monastery on the site, which was made part of the project by General Franco.

Also incorporated in the project is a hostelry built to encourage and facilitate visits to the monument. The approach to the site is along a five-mile road lined with sculptured figures representing the Stations of the Cross.

## Press, Pulpit-Partners

Pittsburgh (RNS) — The press and the pulpit share a kindred duty in helping form an enlightened public opinion, Roman Catholic Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh declared before the Press Club here.

Local daily newspapers said "an all-time record" whose bits even topped marks set by visiting presidential candidates.

Bishop Wright stressed that on every press and every pulpit "the needs of the hour impose a sense of responsibility toward the promotion of those values which unite men and groups."

In this context he called for a reaffirmation of the nature and the claims of "the common good."

# Widow - Nun Canonized

Vatican City — Joaquina de Vedruna de Mas, canonized a saint by Pope John XXIII Sunday, April 12, had a foretaste of many of the horrors of 20th century life even though she died more than a century ago.

As a young wife whose husband was away in the army, she was forced to split her children away from their home in northwestern Spain before the invading armies of Napoleon.

She was widowed at 33, with six children to rear, and after lawsuits by relatives had drained away much of the family's resources.

In her forties and fifties, she was caught in the Carlist wars, jailed by the anti-religious government, and finally forced into exile in France for three years.

The last four years of her life were plagued by creeping paralysis which left her unable to move or speak. She was freed from this cross only when cholera killed her at the age of 71.

Through it all Joaquina de Vedruna de Mas kept an overwhelming love for the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, for Christ, and for her fellowmen. It led her to found — seven years after the death of her husband — when her children were able to go on their own — the first religious order established in Spain for the education of girls.

HER COMMUNITY, the Institute of the Carmelite Sisters of Charity, has now spread from Spain to Morocco, Argentina, Chile and other Latin American republics.

Despite the attrition of the Spanish Civil War two decades ago, which took the lives of the superior general and snuffed out the lives of some 30 Sisters, the congregation now totals 2,881 Religions.

THE NEW saint was born in Barcelona April 10, 1783; the fifth of eight children of Lorenzo de Vedruna, member of a prominent Catalan noble family, and his wife, Teresa Vidal. Her childhood was uneventful, except that at the age of 12 she sought to join a Carmelite convent and was turned away.

In 1798, she met the man who was to become her husband, Teodoro de Mas, a young Barcelona lawyer who was a witness at the wedding of her sister Joaquina.

Married the following spring, just before her 16th birthday, Joaquina is said to have told her husband shortly afterward that she felt she had passed up a religious vocation. Teodoro, in turn, said he had once thought seriously of joining the Franciscans.

He added that if they had children, they would launch them into life, and then, still feeling pained, she would retire to a convent and he to a monastery.

The first of their children, ARTHUR MURRAY, founder of The World Famous Arthur Murray Dance Studios

In 1826, Bishop Pablo Corcuera of Vich suggested to the widow that her organized teaching and nursing work be given definite form.

Father Esteban drew up the rule, and the Carmelites of Charity began in the old Mas Escorial mansion in Vich with six members.

The Carlist wars and religious oppression of the 1830s and '40s — which included the massacre of Religions in 1834 and 1836 — brought only temporary setbacks to the congregation which was spreading throughout Catalonia. While the Sisters cared for the wounded on both sides, Mother Joaquina — who had been jailed for political reasons for five days in 1837 — and some of her Sisters were forced to flee across the Pyrenees to Perpignan for three years, not to return until 1843.

On February 8, 1844, following a retreat preached by St. Antonio Maria Claret, the foundress and her first companions pronounced solemn public vows.

The ensuing period was one of comparative peace, and Mother Joaquina's congregation made strides founding schools and hospitals throughout her native land.

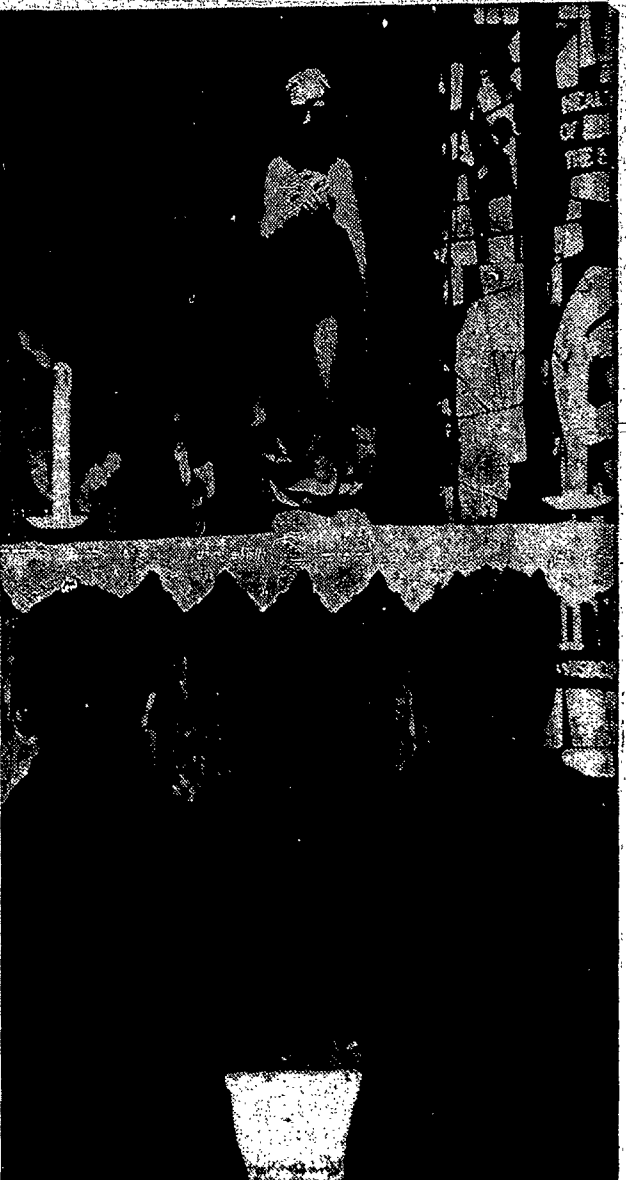
In 1851, when paralysis began to take its toll, Mother Joaquina resigned the leadership of her community, cheerfully assuming the rank of a simple Sister. For four years, the paralysis spread, and towards the end she could not even speak, although she could still receive Holy Communion.

Moved to a hospital in Barcelona where one of her own daughters was superior, she fell victim to a cholera epidemic and died at the age of 71, on August 28, 1854.

Her body was eventually returned to the chapel of her old home — motherhouse of the Carmelites of Charity at Vich. Here, the Sisters held, she had several times while at prayer been lifted from the floor in ecstasy, her head enveloped in light.

Pope Pius XI took a personal interest in her beatification cause, and she was solemnly beatified by Pius XII in St. Peter's on May 19, 1940. The feast day then assigned for Blessed Joaquina was May 22.

The same year, her now grown children Jose and Ines both married. Jose and his wife shortly afterward took the two youngest children, Teresa and Carmen, to live with them in nearby Igualada.



## Prayers At Mary's Altar

Minneapolis (RNS) — Kneeling in prayer before a new statue of the Virgin Mary at St. Olaf's Catholic church in Minneapolis are two youngsters from the parish's class for retarded children. The statue was executed for the church by a German sculptor, Hans Werfel.

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THESE BOYS DON'T WANT A UEM! And there's nothing peculiar about them — they are students of the Christian Brothers in Eritrea. They profit from the teaching and the example of the Brothers and they wish to go to Mass — pay a visit to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament — and in a word have Our Lord "on the premises" with them. They now must walk many miles to attend a Church. Will you help them to build a chapel, which will serve the Brothers and their many students? These devoted men and boys will do most of the work so that the cost will be about \$4,000. Can you help them?

Dear Cardinal Spellman: I would like to show my gratitude for the gift of my own faith in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Enclosed is \$10 to buy a First Communion outfit for a refugee child. May the joy of their First Communion grow deeper and stronger as the years go on.

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