

# Sicily Rites Draw Thousands

Catania (NC) — Seventy thousand pilgrims took part in the opening of Italy's 16th national Eucharistic Congress here on the island of Sicily.

In the opening ceremony the Blessed Sacrament was carried in procession from Catania's cathedral to Giovanni Verga Square where a huge altar surmounted by a 156-foot cross had been set up.

Cardinal Ruffini of Palermo, and Italian Premier Antonio Segni were present as the Eucharist was carried into the square by 1000 ranks of Knights of Malta.

Cardinal Menni, P. a. p. a. Legate to the congress, in imitation of Pope John XXIII who visited the sick and prisoners shortly after his election, blessed 1300 invalids in St. Nicholas hospital as they waited for the Catania rites. He was preceded by 20 priests who heard the prisoners' confessions so that they could receive Holy Communion from the hands of the Papal Legate.

The opening address of the congress was given by Archbishop Giuseppe Agrigoni of Casale Monferrato who spoke on the congress theme, "Give us this day our daily bread," which had been chosen by Pope Pius XII before his death.

During the week-long congress Catholics listened to speeches on such topics as "Our Separated Brethren," a reminder of the coming ecumenical council, and "The Church of Silence."

Other events included the ordination of nine priests on the day devoted to the priesthood and a Mass of adoration of the Eucharist on the day set aside for Italy's armed forces.

Italian Minister of Defense Giulio Andreotti addressed the congress and said that the principles of Christian life are not in conflict with an army called into being by the duties of citizens toward their native land.

He cited the contributions of Italy's Catholics during World War II and recalled a recent visit of the U.S. 7th



Chaplain

REV. FREDERICK W. STRAUB, now a first lieutenant, chaplain in the U.S. Army, is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. Father Straub who was assistant at St. Boniface Church, received his commission with Bishop Kearney's permission on April 15, and left for active duty, May 17. Graduated from the Chaplains' School, he will remain at Fort Riley.

# During Nikita Visit Prelate Warns Against Outbursts

Pittsburgh (RNS) — Catholics of the Pittsburgh diocese have been cautioned against "any public demonstrations unworthy of the dignity and spiritual commitments we have as Christians" in connection with the visit of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchew to this city.

The warning came from Bishop John J. Wright in an official letter to his diocesan Mr. Khrushchew is scheduled to be in Pittsburgh on Sept. 24.

BISHOP WRIGHT urged "our people and their prayerful neighbors" to make the occasion of the visit "a time of meditation." He also asked that at all Masses that day in the diocese "priests and people recite aloud and together the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer, immediately after the Last Gospel and before kneeling for the vernacular prayers traditionally offered for the conversion of Russia."

During the rest of the day "we shall have recourse to silent prayer—and nothing else."

The prelate said that he had "no political opinion to express" regarding the visit and commented that "no political opinions will be voiced from the pulpits of our churches, especially in times of such emotion, lest some ill-considered word of ours, unbecomingly to Catholic Christians, complicate further a situation which is already dangerously charged with understandable strong feelings."

The shrine is being erected by the Carmelite Friars on the site of the church of the same name which was pulled down when King Henry dissolved the monasteries in 1538.

According to Carmelite tradition, St. Simon Stock, 13th century superior general of the order, had a vision of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Aylesford and received from her the Brown scapular. The Carmelites got their ancient monastery back in 1949.

# Prelate Calls For Prayers

New Orleans (NC) — Catholics here have been urged by their archbishop to recite the simple rosaries at all regularly scheduled Sunday Masses and to learn the responses of the altar boys by Christmas.

Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans advocated the action in a pastoral letter read in all churches of the archdiocese.

# Marriage Counseling Rules Told

Cincinnati (NC) — There is no "peculiarly Catholic process" of marriage counseling, but Catholic marriage counselors themselves are different from others in three major respects.

Father John W. Stafford, former psychologist at the Catholic University of America and now superior of the Viatorian Fathers in the U.S., told the American Catholic Psychological Association convention here that the differences lie in the following areas:

1. The Catholic counselor is certain of the goals there should be in human life.
2. He is aware that the real end of life is "a future life of union with God."
3. He has a deeper sense of sin and a deeper sense of the Redemption.

FATHER STAFFORD declared: "There is no peculiarly Catholic process of counseling any more than there is a Catholic mathematics or a Catholic astrophysics."

Nevertheless, the Catholic counselor as a person must function as a Catholic. "One's own value systems subtly and consciously, if not indeed consciously and deliberately, influence one's procedures in the counseling process," he said.

Views of the Catholic counselor will parallel "contemporary counseling theory and practice even outside Catholic circles," Father Stafford said.

"Thus, he will respect the integrity of the individual; he will assume the individual's ability and responsibility to make decisions for himself; he will value an ordered, satisfying, rational life as greater than a chaotic life; he will regard man as an integral part of a society seeking commonly as well as personal goals."

But the Catholic counselor "will assume the individual's ability and responsibility to make decisions for himself; he will value an ordered, satisfying, rational life as greater than a chaotic life; he will regard man as an integral part of a society seeking commonly as well as personal goals."

And because he has a deeper sense of sin and of the Redemption, the Catholic counselor will seek to lead his client into the real essence of human weakness—the only real tragedy of the world, that is, mortal sin.

"This will not make a revivalist of him," Father Stafford said, "but it will color his vision of himself."

"The Catholic does not spend his life contemplating the fact of sin. The doctrine of sin without the doctrine of the Redemption would indeed make pessimists of us all."

"The Catholic counselor sees man as responsible, perfectible, and a little lower than the angels because he sees him as redeemed by the death of Christ. He knows that where nature fails, grace indeed can succeed."

# Bishop To Lead Radio Rosary

Bishop Kearney will lead recitation of the Rosary on the nightly radio WDAY Family Rosary for Peace program Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m.

The Bishop's broadcast will mark the feast of our Lady of Mercy.

He will be accompanied by William F. McKeever, superintendent of schools.

# Making Marriage Click Obedience

By MSGR. IRVING A. DEBLANC  
(Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

I believe a child should know who is boss when he misbehaves, but I never have sent one to bed without supper. After all, what is supper supposed to be a prize? But I am a firm believer in spanking. A child needs a little reminder that he isn't Caesar. This seems so reasonable. Is there anybody holding the opposite? J.G.S.

sure from society to grow up and at the same time society holds him back. The duration of this period is the crux of the problem.

In some cultures he is expected to marry early and support a family. That is, in general, impractical or undesirable in this country. He then develops his own sub-culture in self-defense—his own music, his own vocabulary, his own dress, his own raucous taste.

But if rejected by his own sub-culture, the teenager may become introverted and fall into the immoral habit of self-abuse.

It is difficult for his late teens to face being still dependent on his parents for another five or six years. He may then try to get tough, to break through and become accepted as an adult, or perhaps he will get purile and go to the other extreme and seek the security of his childhood days.

Through different youth movements, such as the C.Y.O., the Soda Lily, the Y.C.S., the Legion of Mary, the young are influenced through their own sub-culture. Their own leaders must set the pace. Only the teenagers can actually change their own behavior patterns. They do not want complete freedom in this most "free" world. They crave "reasonable" freedom.

If WE OURSELVES are calm and friendly in our demands, he is more likely to agree in a calm and cheerful way. Commands must be as firm as they are reasonable. An intelligent child is extraordinarily quick to sense a weak, half-hearted command. He usually accepts what is clear and firm, but not a "has to go or don't" he will sometimes rebel and try to get his own way but if the above rules are followed he will not make a habit of doing this.

Youngsters are observant and recognize quickly the faults of their elders. It is foolish to try to hide these shortcomings. Let it be known that you, too, are struggling to be perfect.

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There is a push and a pressure.

# Notre Dame Retreat House For Men

SCHEDULE  
September 18-20 — St. Monica's (Rochester), Assumption (Fairport).  
September 25-27 — Good Counsel (Rochester), St. Helen's (Rochester).  
October 24 — St. Stephen's (Geneva).  
October 31 — St. Ambrose (Rochester).  
October 16-18 — St. Anne's (Rochester), Christ the King (Rochester).  
October 23-25 — Holy Cross (Rochester), St. John's (Geneva).  
October 27-29 — Doctors of Rochester Diocese.

# KC Officers Schedule Meet

All Faithful Navigators and Commanders of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus of the Fifth New York District will meet at the home of the Master of the District Raymond L. Nary of 260 Deanechester Road on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2:30 p.m.

Many items of interest to members of the Fourth Degree will be discussed and plans for the coming season will be made.

# U.S. Lags In Liturgy English Jesuit Says

London (NC) — The Catholics of England have more frequent injustices, he will no longer be sure of authority or of himself. He will not even defend himself for all will seem useless.

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**Ancient Shrine  
Rebuilding**  
London (NC) — A new shrine church of Our Lady of the Assumption at the nearby ancient pilgrimage center of Aylesford is being built entirely from the stones of old religious buildings.

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**Fourth-Graders**  
Miami (NC) — Written and conversational Spanish will be taught beginning at the fourth grade level in the parish schools of the Miami diocese, it was announced here by Msgr. William F. McKeever, superintendent of schools.

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