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Bishop Directs Day Of Prayer

Faithful of the Rochester Diocese were asked today by Bishop Kearney to observe the exhortation of Pope Plus XXIII issued this week and to join President Eisenhower and the people of the country in a national day of prayer for world peace.

The Bishop has appointed Wednesday, Oct. 7, feast of the Holy Rosary, to comply with the President's proclamation.

On the evening of the feast, Bishop Kearney will recite the Rosary over Rochester Radio Station WSAY at 7 p.m. from St. Francis Church.

The Bishop asks that all Catholics of the Diocese join with him in recitation of the Rosary for the intention of world peace.

Further, the Bishop asks that all pastors of the Diocese order their church bells rung at five minutes before 7 p.m. as a reminder to their parishioners.

His Holiness, Pope John issued an encyclical letter this week calling on the world's Catholics to recite the Rosary during the month of October for "peace and concord among nations."



BISHOP KEARNEY

The White House National Day Of Prayer, 1959

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
A Proclamation

WHEREAS this continent was chosen by men and women of profound religious conviction, seeking a free land where they and their children might worship God and follow His commandments as they understood them;

WHEREAS our Nation was conceived in the same faith and dedicated to the same purpose; and

WHEREAS in this tradition, by a joint resolution approved April 17, 1952 (84 Stat. 64), the Congress has provided that "the President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby set aside Wednesday, the seventh day of October, as a National Day of Prayer; and I call upon my fellow Americans to join in prayer on that day.

Let us give thanks for the bounty of Providence which has made possible the growth and promise of our land.

Let us give thanks for the heritage of free inquiry, sound industry, and boundless vision which have enabled us to advance the general welfare of our people to unprecedented heights.

Let us remember that our God is the God of all men, that only as all men are free can liberty be secure for any, and that only as all prosper can any be content in their good fortune.

Let us join in vigorous concern for those who now endure suffering of body, mind or spirit, and let us seek to relieve their distress and to assist them in their way toward health, well-being, and enlightenment.

Finally, let us rededicate ourselves and our Nation to the highest loyalties which we know; and let us breathe deeply of the clean air of courage, preparing ourselves to meet the obligations of our day in trust, in gratitude, and in the supreme confidence of men who have accomplished much united under God.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Rosary Recitation Asked By Pope During October

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope John XXIII has issued an encyclical letter calling on the world's Catholics to pray the Rosary during October.

They should pray, the Pope said, for five special intentions:

- Guidance of the Pope.
- Success of missionaries and the apostolate.
- Peace and concord among nations.
- Success of the Rome diocesan synod.
- Success of the forthcoming ecumenical council.

The 1,400-word encyclical, dated September 26, will be known as "Grata Recordatio" (Grateful Memory) from its opening words.

In it the Pope hailed the Rosary as a "mystical crown in which the prayers 'Our Father,' 'Hail Mary' and 'Glory be to the Father' are interwoven with meditation on the greatest mysteries of the Faith."

POPE JOHN'S encyclical is the third he has issued since his election to the papacy nearly a year ago. It is his first on the Rosary and his shortest.

The Pope's first encyclical was "Ad Petri Cathedram" (Near the Chair of Peter), a 14,000-word document issued in Rome appealing to separated Christians to reunite with the Catholic Church.

In August he released "Sacerdotii Nostri Primordia" (From the Beginning of Our Priesthood) on the role of the priest and the virtues he needs. The 9,000-word encyclical was issued to commemorate the centenary of the death of St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Arz.

"GRATA RECORDATIO" is the first encyclical on the Rosary since Pius XII wrote "Ingratissimum Malorum" (The Assault of Evils) in 1951. Earlier encyclicals on the Rosary include Pius XI's "Ingravescentibus Malis" (Increasingly Grave Evils) in 1937 and ten by Leo XIII between 1883 and 1898.

The opening words of Pope John's new encyclical refer to the period when he was a boy and heard Leo XIII's letters on the Rosary. He said:

"This sweet memory of Our

young years has never left Us with the passing of time, nor has it weakened."

He stated that he has often urged the faithful to pray, privately and publicly, during the first year of his pontificate and that now he intends "to do so with a still stronger and We would say, more stirring exhortation."

Recalling Pius XII's death and his own election last October, Pope John singled out a prayer in the Litany of the Saints and asked Catholics to "raise to God the same prayer — That you would preserve our Apostolic Prelate and all the orders of the Church in holy religion, we beseech you to hear us."

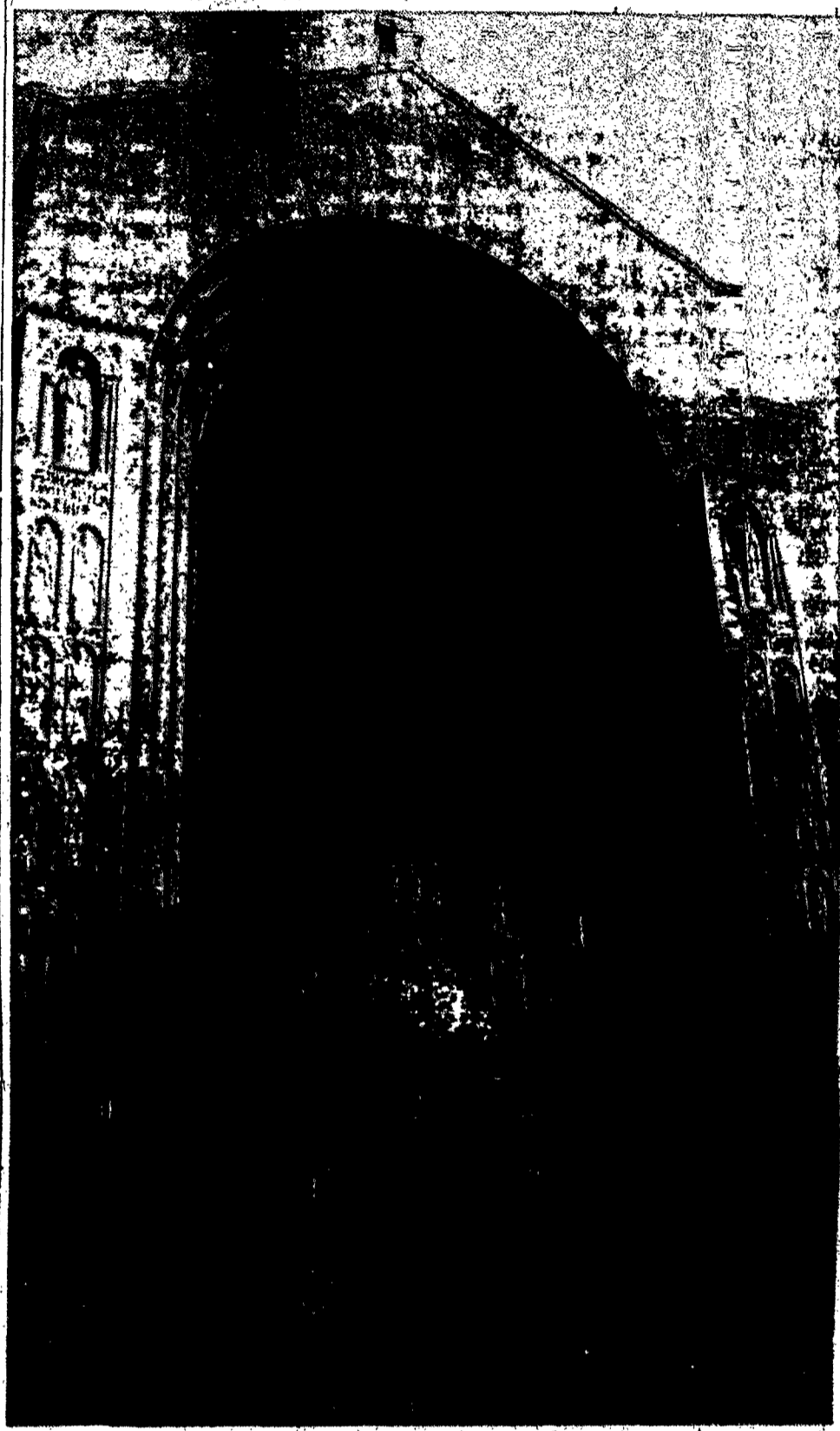
SECONDLY the Pontiff urged the faithful to pray for missionaries. Noting that on October 11 he will take part in a World Mission Sunday observance in St. Peter's basilica in the morning and visit the North American College in the afternoon, he called for recitation of the Rosary for the success of the missions "both in distant lands not yet evangelized and in immense industrial cities."

The longest section of the encyclical was devoted to world peace.

The Pope urged Catholics to pray the Rosary in October so that world leaders will understand today's problems and "attentively assess the serious duty of the present hour."

"We therefore pray the Lord that they may endeavor to know thoroughly the causes that give rise to differences and that they may overcome them with good will and that they may above all assess the sad tally of ruin and harm wrought by armed conflicts — from which the Lord preserve us — and not place any trust in them."

The encyclical closed with the apostolic blessing for all who respond to the Pope's appeal.



CLOSE-UP VIEW of the main facade of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., to be dedicated on November 20, with more than 200 of the hierarchy taking part. The rose window, 34 feet in diameter, is one of three in the four walls of the Shrine. The three-figure statue of the Immaculate Conception above the main doorway is by Ivan Mestrovic. It shows the Blessed Virgin Mary and two venerated angels. Also seen are some of the 137 separate pieces of sculpture to be fastened on the outer walls of this, the largest Catholic church in the United States and one of the seven largest in the world. (Rent Photo)

Washington — (NC) — Catholics throughout the United States will be consecrated to Mary the Mother of God, in a nationwide act of homage on Friday, November 20.

It will be part of a period of national prayer and a highlight of a Day of Dedication to be observed in the 16,750 Catholic parishes of the country. All of the nation's more than 39,000,000 Catholics are invited to take part.

The Day of Dedication has been called for by the Bishops of the United States to mark the dedication of the great upper church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here on that same day.

Although it has been 113 years since the Catholic Bishops of the country selected the Blessed Virgin Mary to be patroness of the United States under the title of her Immaculate Conception, this will mark the first time there has been a national dedication of Catholics to her.

Archbishops and Bishops across the country are naming priests to serve as diocesan directors for the Day of Dedication observance in their respective sees. More than 100 directors have been named to date; others are being appointed daily.

(Courier Journal editor Father Henry Atwell is director for the Rochester Diocese.)

"It is important that every Catholic in the United States should both know the meaning of the shrine and be proud of it," said Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis, chairman of the Episcopal Committee for the Shrine, in calling upon his fellow Ordinaries to name diocesan directors for the occasion.

Archbishop Ritter said the National Shrine "should become a center of sound devotion to Mary, a center for pilgrimage, a source of grace to each diocese and to the whole nation."

"It is important that the Shrine should actually perform the function for which it is being built," the Archbishop continued.

"In order that every Catholic in the country may participate in the dedication of the Shrine, the Episcopal Committee proposes that each parish in the country have a 'Triduum of prayer' on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 18, 19 and 20," he said.

THE TRIDUUM will culminate in an act of consecration to Mary made all over the country on the Day of Dedication, Archbishop Ritter stated.

In stressing the religious significance of the dedication of the National Shrine, the Bishops hope to make November 20 one of the most memorable days in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States. The dedication will come at the time of the annual general meeting of the Catholic Bishops of the country and more than 200 Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops will take part in the exercises.

It gives the city of Washington a great new place of pilgrimage.

Teachers' Conference Draws 1,500

Bishop Kearney placed the school children of the Rochester Diocese under the special protection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the closing session of the 55th annual two-day teachers' conference last Tuesday afternoon in Rochester's Community War Memorial.

Through devotion to the Sacred Heart arises closer union with the Holy Eucharist, the Bishop said, the source of strength and knowledge.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM was under the direction of the Rev. William M. Roche, diocesan superintendent of schools.

Some 1,500 priests, nuns and lay teachers heard the Very Rev. George B. Flahiff, C.S.B., superior general of the Basilian Fathers, give the keynote address on Monday morning.

Opening his talk, Father Flahiff referred to a remark of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev on his recent visit to the U.S. that the Russian people would soon be living as richly as Americans.

It is the material richness in our lives, Father Flahiff stated, that is envied by the communist head.

The ignoring of God, the general moral decline and materialism in our country today are our real enemies, he said. Communism is not wrong because it is material, but because it is only material. Man's spiritual nature is ignored, Father Flahiff stated.

It is the peculiar function of the Catholic schools to know and account for the whole truth.

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AUXILIARY BISHOP Casey is shown with the Rev. George B. Flahiff, C.S.B., Basilian Superior General and keynote speaker at the Teachers' Conference.

and the total reality, neglecting nothing, he added.

"THE REMEDY," he concluded, "does not consist in neglecting the good things of the material life, but in accepting them in terms of God."

Auxiliary Bishop Casey presided at this opening session.

First speaker of the afternoon was the Very Rev. Msgr. J. B. McDowell, whose talk was entitled "Caution Children."

Pope To Mark Mission Day

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — His Holiness Pope John XXIII will offer Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on October 11 for about 300 missionaries to mark World Missionary Day.

During the course of the Mass the Pope will speak on the subject of Missions. Afterward he will present each of the missionaries attending the missionary cross which they will carry to the mission fields.

Two Days Of Devotion

Today is the First Friday of October, a day of devotion to honor the Sacred Heart of our Lord.

Tomorrow is the First Saturday of the month, a day of prayer for the conversion of Russia and world peace.

Many parishes schedule special services on these two days. Consult parish bulletins for exact schedules.

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New Column
On Records
By
Suzanne Wigg
Starts This Week

100 Million Rosaries

Annual Appeal Slated For Rosary Broadcast

The annual appeal for funds to keep the Family Rosary for Peace on the air for another year will get under way next week when thousands of Catholics in the Rochester area will receive letters around the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

Announcement was made today by the Rev. Joseph Cirrincione, Director.

THE FAMILY Rosary for Peace pays for its nightly half-hour broadcast over Radio Station WSAY at regular commercial rates and its annual budget runs to about \$17,000.

It depends entirely on the contributions of listeners to meet these expenses. Catholics not reached by the mail appeal can become sponsors of this popular radio program by sending their contributions to 401 Orange St., the Family Rosary Center.

The Family Rosary for Peace has been on the air nightly for almost 10 years. Last night's broadcast (Oct. 1st) was the 3,501st consecutive broadcast. It is estimated that in this time, the vast audience of listeners has received over one hundred million rosaries.

THE ANGELUS also is broadcast daily at 7:00 a.m., noon and 6:00 p.m. by means of a recording made by the Family Rosary for Peace staff. WSAY has donated the time for the Angelus for almost five years.

Rochester is probably the only city in the country where a half-hour radio Rosary program and the Angelus are heard every day in the year.

Missile — or Missal?

Lincoln, Neb. — (NC) — Mrs. John Scott said that the other day she was on her way to the church goods store to buy her husband a missal.

A non-Catholic friend joined her and asked what she was going to buy.

"I'm going to buy a missal for my husband,"

The other party wisecracked back. — Adv.