

## Father Mooney Resigns Pastorate

Father Leo C. Mooney, a pioneer in many of the present day activities of the Diocese, has resigned as active pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Rochester.

Bishop Kearney named him pastor-emeritus and appointed his curate, Rev. Anthony Calmeri, to be parish administrator.



FATHER MOONEY

Father Mooney will continue to live at St. Patrick's and aid in the spiritual care of parishioners.

Falling health forced him to give up the administration of the parish which dates back to 1823 and ranked as cathedral of the Diocese from 1888 until 1937.

Father Mooney organized the diocesan units of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Association of the Holy Childhood. He arranged for Carmelite nuns to come to Rochester and served for seven years as their chaplain. He was one of the pioneers in local Catholic radio broadcasting and established the Courier Journal on a diocesan-wide basis. He was director of the diocesan units of the National Council of Catholic Men and later of the National Council of Catholic Women.

## Statue Towers Over Thruway

White Plains — (RNS) — A 50-foot statue of the Virgin Mary, said to be the largest of its kind in the world, was erected near here atop a knoll overlooking the Cross Westchester Expressway, which eventually will link the New York and New England Thruways.

J. Arthur McNamara, Grand Knight of the local Knights of Columbus Council, which financed the \$100,000 project, said he had searched Vatican City records and "found none bigger" than Our Lady of Fatima, Americana, as the 8-ton bronze work is called.

## Kiwanis Warn On Smut Danger

Cleveland — (NC) — Ohio members of Kiwanis International condemned the sale of pornographic material as a threat to America and called for public opinion to back enforcement of obscenity laws.

Meeting in convention, the Kiwanis passed a strongly worded resolution which cited obscenity as "an important factor" in juvenile delinquency, sexual perversion among children, improper sex activity, and corruption and moral decay among youths and adults.

## Polish Reds Ban Catholic Books

Cracow — (NC) — A Catholic-oriented Cracow weekly has called attention to the absence of books by Catholic authors in community libraries in Polish towns.



Monsignor Azzi tells pupils of Mt. Carmel parochial school about Sunday's program which will mark the parish's golden jubilee. They all asked the question, "Will we have a holiday?" The pastor kept them answer a secret. (Courier Journal photo by Paul Contestabile.)

## 50th Jubilee To Be Marked At Mt. Carmel

Two Bishops will attend golden jubilee rites of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, this Sunday.

Bishop Kearney will preside and preach at the solemn Mass at 11 a.m. and Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse, a former pastor at Mt. Carmel parish, will speak at the banquet at 6 p.m.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Azzì will be celebrant of the anniversary Mass.

WHEN HE marked his silver jubilee in the priesthood in 1949, greetings came to him from mission outposts throughout the world. His 12 years as director of the diocesan mission society, during which time he visited most of the parishes of the Diocese to develop interest in the Church's mission program, gave this Diocese a worldwide reputation for its generosity.

Missioners visiting here have testified when he lacked funds in the society's treasury to aid them, he contributed from his own personal income.

His charity to the poor, especially during the depression years, is a story which can only be suspected since he always insisted, as those whom he helped testify, "It's just a little, don't mention it to anybody."

Father Mooney also organized the first unit in the Diocese of the men's Nocturnal Adoration Society in 1948 and made St. Patrick's the center of the devotion until swelling membership numbers required splitting the monthly all-night program into four churches.

IN A PASTORAL letter to Father Mooney, Bishop Kearney said:

Rev. Raymond Wuest will be master of ceremonies; Rev. Genaro Centura, thrifter; Rev. Leo Mans, cross bearer.

Acolytes will be Rev. Dominic Mckeivicious and Rev. Frank Valkevicious.

The jubilee banquet will be held at the Manger Hotel with Father Palumbo serving as toastmaster. Speakers will include Bishop Foery and Monsignor Azzi.

The jubilee committees are headed by James D'Amico, Lawrence Camuso, Edward Muelo, Joseph Moretti, Frank DiBenedetto and James Ingulli.

## Pontiff Grateful For Peter's Pence

Pope John XXIII has sent a message of thanks to the people of the Rochester Diocese for their contribution of \$55,000 in the June Peter's Pence collection.

The annual diocesan collection aids the Pope in the Vatican's worldwide religious and relief programs.

The Pontiff's note of gratitude was sent this week to Bishop Kearney by Domenico Cardinal Tardini, secretary of state to His Holiness.

Cardinal Tardini visited Rochester several years ago when the boyhood friend Monsignor Paul Ciacco was pastor of St. Anthony's Church. The Monsignor now lives at the Cardinal's residence, an orphanage for children, in Rome.

At the august command of the Sovereign Pontiff, I have the honor of expressing to you his sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the generous Peter's Pence in the amount of \$55,000 which you presented to him, during your audience with him, on behalf of the Diocese of Rochester.

Ever since the horizon of his pastoral care has been extended to embrace the universal Church, the pastoral heart of His Holiness Pope John XXIII has gone out in prayerful affection to those of his children who live in distant lands.

It brought him much satisfaction to learn from Your Excellency of the sentiments of filial devotion which the faithful under your care cherish for him and which are so eloquently manifested in the generous donation that you presented to him in the name of your Diocese.

The Holy Father bids me renew the assurance that in his Masses and prayers he will have your Excellency and your zealous priests and devoted people in constant remembrance, and in further token of his grateful benevolence, he once again imparts to you and to them his paternal Apostolic Benediction.

Gladly do I take this occasion to express to Your Excellency my high esteem and cordial regard, and I remain, Yours sincerely in Christ, D. Cardinal Tardini.

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## Syracuse, Sicily

## Weeping Statue Converts Reds

Paterson — (NC) — The "most remarkable" result of the miraculous "Weeping Madonna" of Syracuse, Sicily, has been spiritual, according to a Sicilian priest.

Father Vincent Raimondo conceded in an interview that there have been physical miracles in connection with the "Weeping Madonna."

Nevertheless, he declared, "the most remarkable result of the Weeping Madonna has not been the miracles, but its effect on the people themselves."

The Weeping Madonna is a plaster plaque of the Immaculate Heart of Mary which shed tears from August 29 to September 1, 1953. The phenomenon has been formally recognized as miraculous by the Bishops of Sicily.

FATHER RAIMONDO, chaplain at a hospital in Syracuse, is in this country on a visit to relatives. Before leaving Syracuse he was commissioned by Church authorities to spread the story of the Weeping Madonna in the U.S.

Father Raimondo recalled that the Madonna began to weep in the home of Angelo Januso, a laborer and a communist. His wife, Antonia, was the first to notice the liquid issuing from the eyes of the plaster plaque.

Scientific analysis of the liquid, which flowed copiously for three and a half days, showed it to have the same chemical composition as human tears.

The plaque itself was examined and even removed from the Januso house. No natural explanation was found for the tears.

The Januso house itself is now a public shrine, the family having moved to other quarters. The Weeping Madonna is enclosed in a small outdoor shrine in a piazza nearby.

It is visited by about a million persons a year, Father Raimondo said. Close to it are the crutches and canes of those who claim to have found a cure there.

Emphasizing the spiritual effects of the miracle, Father Raimondo pointed out Angelo Januso, formerly a communist, and the members of his family "are now devout Catholics."

In addition, he said, "several outstanding communist leaders have returned to the practice of their faith. There has been a general spiritual revival."

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## Bishop's Remedy

# Teach Doctrine To Stem Path To Delinquency

Regular instruction in religious doctrine is necessary to rescue children from "the path to delinquency," Bishop Kearney told a session of the tenth regional congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

An estimated 1,500, mostly from the Rochester Diocese, attended the two-day state meeting of the organization.

## Clothing Drive To Relieve World Needy

New York — (NC) — A generous outpouring of traditional American Catholic charity is anticipated during the coming 11th annual Thanksgiving Clothing Campaign by the director of the worldwide relief and rehabilitation agency maintained by the U. S. Bishops.

Msgr. Edward E. Swanson, executive director of Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, stressed that the need now is greater than ever since the relief campaign has been extended to Africa and South America.

But, he added, he felt certain generous American Catholics would not let down the world's destitute.

"Operation Clothesline" will be staged during the week of November 22 to 29 under the direction of the nation's archbishops and bishops.

The faithful are called upon to rummage through closets, attics and other storage rooms and donate all used but useful clothing, bedding, blankets, shoes and similar articles which can be spared.

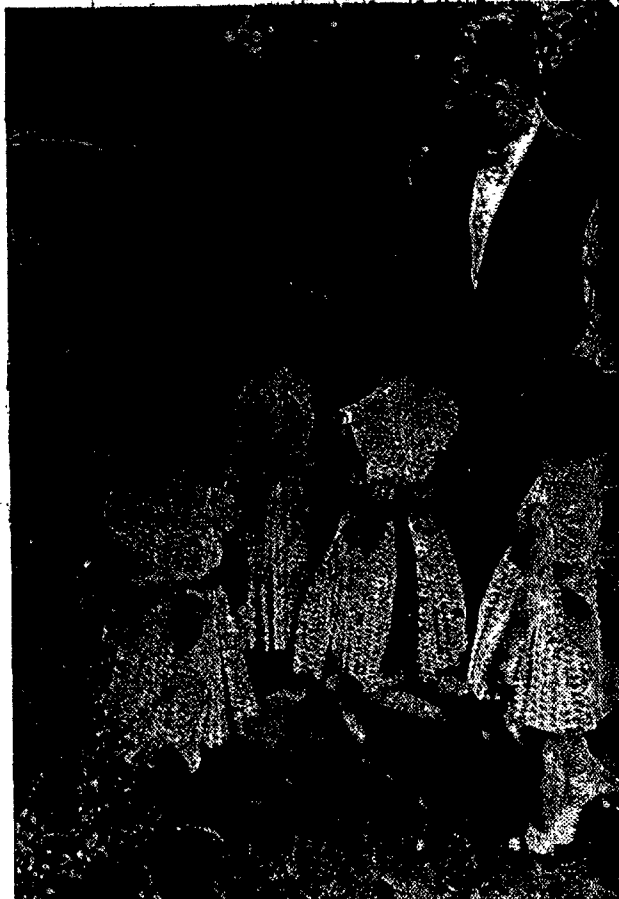
Msgr. Swanson said that in last year's Thanksgiving campaign a total of 13,100,000 pounds of relief materials, estimated to be worth \$8 million dollars, was donated by the American Catholics.

The bulk of the collection, 12,100,000 pounds, was processed and shipped from the agency's New York warehouse, while the other million pounds went through salvage bureaus operated by the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Other speakers at the congress explained books, catechisms, pictures and other aids parents and teachers can use in religious instruction in homes or classrooms.

Special emphasis was given to present day needs for adult Catholics to keep informed in their faith through parish study groups.

Rev. Albert Schnacky, diocesan director of the Confraternity, arranged the program which was held at the Columbus Civic Center.



## Madonna Aids Disabled

Alburtson, N.Y. — (RNS) — Henry Viscardi Jr., president of Abilities, Inc., at Alburtson, his wife and daughters give thanks to Our Lady at a shrine in the garden of their home. Mr. Viscardi, who has artificial legs (he was born legless), heads an electronics plant which is staffed by some 400 severely disabled workers. Our Lady, he said, is on their "board of directors." Mr. Viscardi tells the story of Abilities in his recently published book, "Give Us The Tools."

## Vision Reported Seen In Warsaw

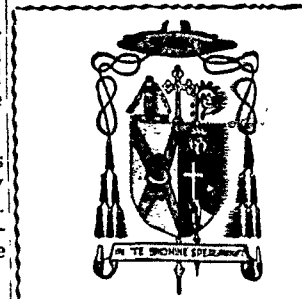
Berlin — (NC) — Thousands of persons in Warsaw were reported thronging to St. Augustine's church in the Polish capital nightly as a result of reports that a luminous figure said to be the Blessed Virgin was seen above the church.

It was reported here that police cordoned off a section a half-mile square in downtown Warsaw to control the crowds.

The so-called apparition was said to have been seen at the top of the church tower. Church authorities in Warsaw were understood to have made no immediate public statement on the reports.

It was understood that some westerners in Warsaw had witnessed the phenomenon.

Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen Williams, was quoted after visiting St. Augustine's Saturday night (Oct. 10) as saying it was "fantastic." His wife, according to the reports reaching here, said she had "never seen anything like it before."



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Wednesday, Oct. 21  
10:30 A.M. to 3 P.M.  
under the direction of  
VERY REV. THOMAS FALLON, C.S.S.R.  
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## Lowest Get Most

# Vatican Employees Get Pay Boost

Vatican City — (RNS) — All persons on the Vatican payroll, from cardinals to the humblest workers, will benefit from pay raises amounting to \$2,400,000 a year granted by Pope John XXIII.

The new salaries were announced by Domenico Cardinal Tardini, Papal Secretary of State, at a news conference here. He said the largest increases will go to the lowest paid of the 3,000 Vatican employees.

THE INCREASES have caused the payroll at the Vatican to rise from \$4,800,000 a year to \$6,800,000. They resulted from a study of pay scales initiated by Pope Pius XII and continued.

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Church officials have estimated that after the increases, Vatican wages will be about twice as much as those earned by non-Vatican workers in Italy.