



Italy Boys Town Mass

Rome—(RNS)—A priest offers Mass in Boys' Town, Rome, one of nine such centers which are currently observing the 15th anniversary of their founding. Msgr. John Patrick Carroll-Abbing, founder and president of the Italian Boys' Towns, established the first boys' town in 1944 with \$20, two sacks of flour and some iron cots. Since then some 30,000 boys have been graduated and 2,500 youngsters are presently living in the centers for neglected or orphaned children.



Rome—(RNS)—A visiting African priest talks with youngsters at Boys' Town in Rome. More than 2,500 youths are currently receiving religious, academic and vocational education in nine Italian Boys' Towns, which had their meager beginnings in a cellar refuge.

Charity Priest Requiem Held

Cincinnati — (NC) — Pontifical Mass for the late St. Lawrence church, where he had been pastor since 1944. Widely known for his interest in social welfare, Msgr. Wagner was director of Archdiocesan Charities for 17 years.

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First Talk In English

Pontiff Voices Affection For U.S.

Rome — (NC) — Pope John the XXIII's first speech in English, delivered at centenary celebrations of the North American College here, lauded the "flourishing conditions" of the Church in the U.S.

Speaking in the presence of 17 cardinals, three of them American, and 60 U.S. bishops, the Pope said that the beatification cause of U.S.-born Mother Elizabeth Seton, foundress of the American branch of the Sisters Charity, has passed preliminary stages and "there is reason to hope that in a relatively short time the cause . . . may be brought to a happy conclusion."

Speaking clearly and deliberately in English from a prepared text, the Pope imparted his blessing to the college superiors, alumni and guests "in token of our affection for the entire American nation so dear to us."

The Pope spoke in the college's modern chapel, first in Latin and then gave a resumé in English. More than 2,000 people, including over 300 U.S. priests, attended the ceremony. Present also was James D. Zollerbach, U.S. Ambassador to Italy.

THE POPE'S English, despite his strong Italian accent, was clear and easily understood, even from the back of the chapel. At the conclusion of his speech, he was greeted with a tremendous burst of applause. He smilingly remarked in English "Though I am an old man in years, I am a child in your language."

In his address the Pope praised the "marvelous progress of the Church in the United States" since the founding of the college.

He spoke of the great increases in U.S. dioceses, and the activity of the Church, its schools, universities, charitable organizations and monastic institutions.

"All this reveals," he said, "the presence of many men gifted with great genius and with an ardent love of God, which is a cause for joy to the Vicar of Christ and a hope for the future."

As to this future, the Pope, after taking note of the charity of U.S. Catholics, said that "there is no doubt that the all-powerful God will be generous toward them with every grace so that, having ample means, they may abound in every good work."

The Pope said the North American College holds first place among those institutions that give tangible evidence of the faith and generosity of U.S. Catholics, led by their bishops.

In founding the college, the Pontiff, continued, the North American hierarchy "wished its students to be instilled with the Roman spirit."

The Pope declared that the priests the college produces will return to their country to be a "beneficial leaven" and cultivate new seeds of priestly vocations to follow in their footsteps, and that "the Holy Church will constantly make new progress in that nation."

Pope Sends \$20,000 Aid To Japan

Nagoya — (NC) — A \$20,000 gift from His Holiness Pope John XXIII has been turned over to the Japanese Red Cross here to provide assistance to victims of Typhoon Vera.

The check was presented to the Red Cross by Archbishop Maximilian de Furstenberg, Apostolic Internuncio to Japan.

Reports indicate that several Catholic missions and parishes have been badly damaged. Hardest hit was the parish conducted by the Franciscans in the harbor district of Nagoya.

Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference has sent 22 tons of relief supplies to the disaster area which includes Aichi, Mie, Gifu and Nagano prefectures.

The supplies include milk, flour and rice which will be distributed through Catholic Church channels. CRS-NWC, in cooperation with the churches of the Toyo archdiocese, is arranging for a city-wide collection of clothing which will be shipped to Nagoya.

Education Week In November

Washington — (NC) — Catholic schools in the United States will mark National Catholic Education Week from November 8 through 14, according to Msgr. Frederick C. Hochwalt, director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference Department of Education.

This year's theme, "Our Way . . . Our Truth . . . Our Life."

Father Mooney Resigns

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"The hand of God has directed your pen in requesting to be relieved of the burdens of the pastorate at St. Patrick's. It is hard to be resigned to God's will when that resignation means giving up a work so dear to a priest's heart."

"However, when God takes away the physical powers necessary for the doing of His own work, we can only say, 'Thy will be done.'"

"Let me say this, in all honesty, Father — that I have, in my fifty years of association with priests in many areas never met one whose personal life and zeal excelled your own. The priesthood of Christ never found finer expression than in your own life."

"As one priest rather graphically expressed it the other day, 'When God created Father Mooney, He threw away the mould.' To which I may add, as will many, 'You can say that again.'"

FATHER MOONEY was born in Canandaigua, October 1, 1894. He attended St. Mary's Grammar School and Canandaigua Academy before coming to Rochester to enter St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood June 7, 1924.

His first appointment was to St. Mary's Church, Auburn. On July 8, 1925 he was transferred to St. Bridget's Church in Rochester.

A few months later at the request of Bishop O'Hern, Father Mooney went to Cincinnati to become acquainted with the method of organizing the mission unit known as the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Pope Pius XI had just issued his encyclical letter, "The Promotion of Catholic Missions."

On March 16, 1928, Bishop Hickey appointed Father Mooney diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and, on April 25, 1928, the Bishop's letter was

read in all churches throughout the Diocese formally announcing the establishment of the Society.

During his first year as director, Father Mooney visited twenty-four parishes in the Diocese to establish branches of the Society, and his work of organizing continued until branches had been founded in all parishes.

Mission work was organized among the children in the parochial schools and was known as the Association of the Holy Childhood.

As mission director he traveled around the world to visit missionaries, stopping at missions in remote places of the Orient. He served as director of the Society for twelve years until he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

In September, 1929, at the request of Bishop O'Hern, Father Mooney went to Philadelphia to assist in arranging plans for the establishment of a Carmelite foundation in Rochester. On June 19, 1930 he was appointed chaplain to the Discalced Carmelites when four Sisters came to Rochester from Philadelphia, and the Carmelite Monastery was established at the present site of St. Patrick's Rectory on Saratoga Avenue. He served as chaplain to the Sisters for seven and a half years.

On November 3, 1929, an unprecedented event for Rochester took place in the form of a series of discussions between Father Mooney and the Rev. Dr. Justin Wroe Nixon, minister of Brick Presbyterian Church, broadcast over Station WHAM.

This was the first time a religious discussion had ever been conducted over the radio in Rochester. He also broadcast the "Catholic Hour" Sundays over the same station.

In 1932 the Catholic Courier was reorganized and Father Mooney was made managing editor. For eleven years he served in that capacity laying the firm

foundation for the diocesan newspaper.

On October 11, 1931, Father Mooney was appointed moderator for the National Council of Catholic Men and directed this organization for six years. Later in 1934 he was named moderator for the National Council of Catholic Women, and for twelve years guided the activities and program outlined for the diocesan area.

Father Mooney was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church on December 7, 1937. Under his direction, remodeling transformed the old Cathedral hall to the devotional church that now stands in the heart of Industrial Rochester.

Father Mooney has also guided Third Order Franciscans since being named pastor at St. Patrick's.

On December 8, 1940, twin bells were consecrated and dedicated to the priests and nuns who had served St. Patrick's and to the laity of the parish. As a memorial to the men and women who served their country in World War II the carillon bells which chime throughout the day were erected on December 8, 1947.

When Father Mooney came to St. Patrick's there was no rectory. The old Carmelite Monastery was acquired (the nuns moved to East Avenue) and remodeled into a rectory, and to the house where he formerly served as chaplain he finally came to live as pastor of the parish. He has since served for 22 years.

Nurse's Will Aids Hospital

Cleveland — (NC) — A bequest which may total as much as \$180,000 has been left St. Vincent Charity Hospital by a retired nurse who died last June at the age of 84.

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