

Reds Remain Church's Chief Roadblock

(The following is the second of three articles on the first year of the pontificate of His Holiness Pope John XXIII.)
By PATRICK GAVAN-DUFFY RILEY

Vatican City — (NC) — During the first year of his reign Pope John XXIII took the sternest anticommunist action to issue from the Holy See in a decade.

His first 12 months as Pontiff also saw him call for the return of separated Christians to the Church and express his affection for the entire American nation during his visit to Rome's North American College.

Early this spring Pope John ruled it sinful for Catholics to vote for any political candidate, communist or not, known to support communists or their activities. The ruling came in the form of a "monitum," or warning, issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office. Approved by the Pope as Prefect of the congregation, it complemented and stiffened the Holy Office ruling of 1949 which excommunicated communists and those who support communism.

Pope John's action apparently dashed the hopes of the Soviet newspaper New Times, which had greeted Pope John's election with the pious wish that he would support "the principles of coexistence."

The anticommunist ruling is believed to have been occasioned by a political coalition of communists and rebellious members of the Italian Democratic Party in Sicily. But Pope John had condemned collaboration with extreme leftists — collaboration known as the "pentagon to the left" — in 1952 when he was Patriarch of Venice. He called it "wrong in principle and fatal in its application."

To his associates and the world Pope John frequently voiced his anxiety over the communist roadblock and his sorrow at communist persecution of the Church. In an address on Pentecost he called communist attempts to create schismatic churches "a great reason for sadness" which "the habitual serenity of Our demagogue does not allow to show through." But he was visibly sad as he spoke.

Five months earlier the Pope — for the first time in any papal utterance — had referred to "schism" in China. He said that the word seemed to burn his lips. Now on Pentecost Sunday, he said: "It is with great sorrow that we must say the position of the Church in China seems to have deteriorated further."

His counsel to Catholics in Iron Curtain countries was: Remain firm in the Faith, love those who would destroy you if it. He composed a prayer for the Church of China.

Pope John issued his first encyclical letter on June 25, 1959. The 10,000 word encyclical, entitled "Ad Petri Cathedram" (To the See of Peter), earnestly invited separated Christians to return to the Catholic Church, and appealed to the leaders of nations to strive for peace.

In urging separated Christians to return to Rome, the Pope revealed a tender side. "I am your brother, Joseph," he told them. This was a reminder of his own Christian name of Joseph. It was also an exact echo of the cry of the Patriarch Joseph, who in these words revealed his identity to his long-separated brothers, men who had once exiled him and who saw in him only the all-powerful governor of an alien land.

From the first days of his pontificate Pope John made a habit of chatting with all Vatican employees. He met on his many ramblings through Vatican City. He asked them about their families, their household budget, their career and anxieties. A new pension scheme for them was the result. And one feature of the Vatican's plan for the unimpeachable mark of John XXIII: financial help for struggling young students from the families of Vatican workers.

On July 19 the Pope moved to his summer residence at Castelgandolfo, about 18 miles south of Rome in the Alban Hills. He returned to his residence in the Vatican on September 24, almost two months earlier than Pius XII was in the custom of returning. And unlike Pius, who adhered to the same strict work schedule at Castelgandolfo that he kept at the Vatican, Pope John took more time for recreation.

He frequently left the papal villa to grant audiences at the Vatican, to see some of the sights around the Alban Hills, to visit churches, synagogues and sick friends. He also canceled for the summer his daily schedule of conferences with the Church's administrative officials. He had returned these regular audiences upon his accession to the papacy.

The Pope's second encyclical letter was issued August 1. It was entitled "Cum Iugum" (From the Beginning of the Priesthood) and its 9,000 words dealt with priestly life. The ceremony of the death of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, was the occasion of the encyclical. The example of this model priest was cited throughout.

During the second week of September word leaked out that the Holy See had ordered a halt to the priest-work experiment in France. Within a few days a special newspaper in France published the document that instructed the French bishops to end the experiment.

It was a letter from the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office — the Church's supreme administrative watchdog of faith and morals — dated July 3. The document contained in the letter had Pope John's personal approval.

For October, the month of the Rosary, Pope John issued an encyclical calling on Catholics to pray the Rosary in five intentions: guidance of the Pope, success of missions and the apostolate, peace among nations, success of Rome's forthcoming synod, and the success of the forthcoming ecumenical council.

The 1,400-word document was dated September 8 and was known by its opening words, "Grata Memoria" (Grateful Memory).

Bishop Kearney's Appointments

NOVEMBER

- 1 Sunday — Alma Mater Chapel, Nazareth College — Fathers and Daughters Communion — Breakfast — 10:00 a.m. Nazareth College — Cap and Gown Ceremony.
- 2 Monday — Nazareth Convict Motherhouse — Low Mass — 6:30 a.m. Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse — Low Mass — 7:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Cathedral — Solemn Pontifical Mass for Deceased Bishops and Priests of Diocese — 7:45 p.m.
- 3 Tuesday — St. Francis of Assisi Church — Confirmation — 7:30 p.m.
- 4 — Police Academy — Address — 1:00 p.m.
- 6 Friday — St. Joseph's Church — St. Monica's Sodality Mass — 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard's Seminary — Conference — 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Saturday — St. Agnes High School — I.F.C.A. Mass — 6:30 a.m. Power Hotel — First Saturday Luncheon — 12:15 p.m. Manger Hotel — Annual Seton Charily Ball — 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Sunday — St. Joseph's Church — Knights of Columbus Communion — Breakfast — 9:00 a.m. Nazareth College — Address, Federation of Catholic College Students — 1:30 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse — Dedication of Mother McAuley College — 4:00 p.m.
- 9 Monday — Immaculate Conception Church — Golden Jubilee of Holy Name Society — 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Sunday — Baltimore, Maryland — Consecration of new Cathedral — 10:30 a.m.
- 16-19 Wednesday - Thursday — Washington, D. C. — Annual Bishops Meeting.
- 20 Friday — Washington, D. C. — Dedication of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception — 10:30 a.m.
- 22 Sunday — Park Lane, New York City — Address, St. Cecilia's Altarist Breakfast — 10:00 a.m.
- 24 Tuesday — Camaldoli — Knights of Columbus Camaldoli Council 1425 Jubilee Banquet — 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Sunday — St. Joseph's Church — Catholic Employees of Shiley, Lindsay & Carr Co. Communion — Breakfast — 8:00 a.m.

Joseph Breig Red Face

I am happily amazed to learn that I am not without defenders. A few weeks ago I quoted a husband who denounced me — and canceled his subscription — because I said that wives should not work outside the home unless it is truly necessary.

Somewhat ruefully, I remarked that the young man had misunderstood me. With what I hope was a smile in my words, I indicated that being misunderstood is the mild martyrdom to which the vocation of writing seems occasionally to lead.

I thought that was the end of the matter, but I was flabbergasted to receive some letters cheering me on and arguing that I was right, whereas the young husband's position would bear further examination.

The husband, for instance, said his wife worked for one reason, to finance Catholic education for their children. This brought from Robert J. Bauer, of Anoka, Minn., the following rebuttal:

"A CATHOLIC education consists mainly in the home and the atmosphere provided there . . .

"I don't deny that it is very beneficial for a son or daughter to attend a Catholic high school and college, but not at the expense of giving up a Catholic home where the mother is the heart.

"In order to donate to the school fund, one's wife must work. I think any pastor would say to forget about the school fund and have the wife remain at home.

"... AS FOR YOU, Mr. Breig, instead of living in an ivory tower, as the writer suggests, you have consistently given us articles of real practical value.

"You can be assured that the subscription which the letter-writer cancelled will be replaced by a person for whom I intend to purchase a subscription, who will appreciate good advice from a good Catholic journalist."

Equally vigorous was a letter from Mrs. Hugo A. Cabrera of Columbus, who wrote in part:

"YOU ARE 100% right, and don't give one inch in your stand. There is a hue and cry about juvenile delinquency, and let me tell you, I have watched the seeds nurtured.

"These little ones are left either by working mothers or their counterparts — mothers who don't care — and all day they wander about, inadequately dressed, fed and tended . . .

"Let's face it, the mother sets the pace morally and physically . . . These parents, when confronted with serious evidence of their child's misdoing, ask suddenly what do you expect them to do about it.

"A few years later, these complacent parents are screaming at the sociologists and jurists, 'Do something! Save my child!'

"BUT DURING the formative years, they were thinking more of their own creature comforts.

"... Really, it doesn't take a great deal of caring to raise a child to be a good and God-fearing citizen. They thrive on our meager crumbs.

"... Most of the mothers jobs are not providing milk and shoes. They are providing temptation to be lazy at home, to spend more than she should, and to be too tired for her role of mother and wife."

Mrs. Virginia Westerfield, of Cleveland, wrote that a working wife can often weaken or kill a man's incentive.

Mrs. Anna M. Hermann of Des Moines, Iowa, wrote:

"You are absolutely right about working wives . . . Rearing a family is a full time job for any woman. Of course there are times circumstances make it necessary for a wife to work . . . But don't let your correspondent get you down. Your columns are very good. You must expect some abuse."

Pardon my blushes. I can stand abuse; it's the opposite that casts me into confusion.

Bishop Casey's Appointments

NOVEMBER

- 1 Sunday — Assumption, Mt. Morris — Confirmation — 1:30 p.m. St. Mary's — St. Patrick's Danville — Confirmation — 3:15 p.m. St. Rose, Lima — Confirmation — 8:00 p.m.
- 2 Monday — Sacred Heart Cathedral — Solemn Pontifical Mass for deceased Bishops and Priests of Diocese — 7:45 p.m.
- 4 Wednesday — Holy Trinity, Webster — Confirmation — 7:45 p.m.
- 7 Saturday — Notre Dame Retreat House — Supper, Sacred Heart Retreat — 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Sunday — St. John's, Palm Beach — Confirmation — 1:30 p.m. Holy Cross — Confirmation — 3:00 p.m. St. Charles — Confirmation — 4:45 p.m.
- 10 Tuesday — Sacred Heart Cathedral — Confirmation — 7:45 p.m.
- 11 Wednesday — Holy Apostles — Confirmation — 7:45 p.m.
- 12 Thursday — Elmore Hotel — Dinner, Eastern Regional Conference, Catholic Press Association — 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Friday — Sacred Heart Hall — Mary Guild Card Party, Benefit of Holy Childhood School — 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Saturday — St. Boniface Hall — Address, Opening Building Fund Campaign — 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Sunday — St. Andrew — Confirmation — 1:30 p.m. St. Francis Xavier — Confirmation — 3:00 p.m. Annunciation — Confirmation — 4:30 p.m.
- 18 - 19 Wednesday - Thursday — Catholic University, Washington, D.C. — Annual Meeting of Bishops
- 20 Friday — National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington — Eastern Dedication — 10:30 a.m.
- 26 Thursday — Sacred Heart Cathedral — Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving — 9:00 a.m.
- 29 Sunday — Sacred Heart Cathedral — Opening of Forty Hours' Devotion — 11:00 a.m.

SERMONETTE

Temper? Temper?
By Rev. James D. Moriarty

Mabel arrived home from her shopping tour looking like last year's Christmas tree. Her hair was not easily established at her own basement counter. She had left her over-joying Joe in charge of their four children. Joe realizing that the big Ben Christel proceeded to make the "kitten" chow as pinkies as possible. The TV, a bottle of beer and the game of the day made it easy once he had restricted the kids to playing inside the house.

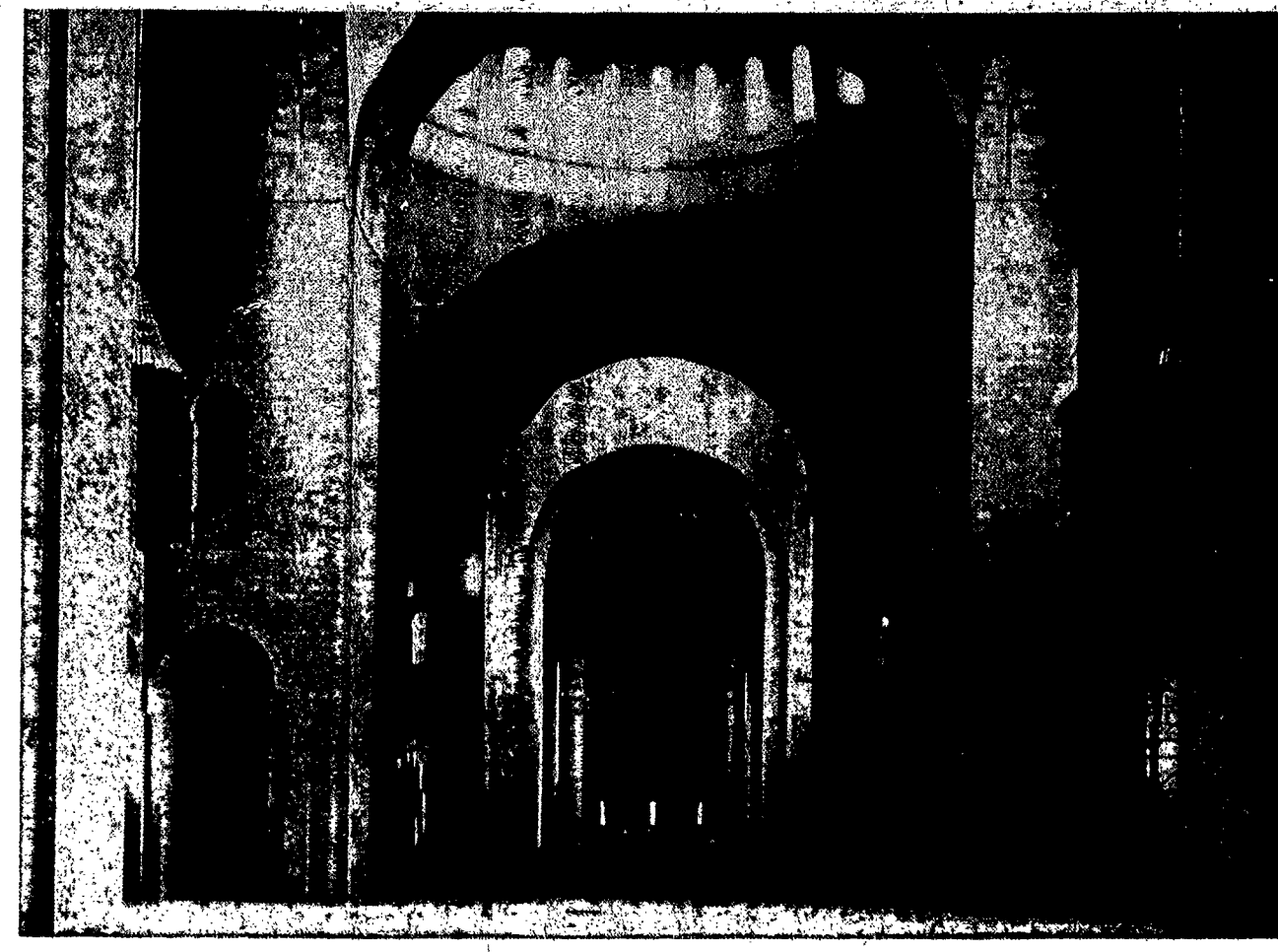
Mabel dumped the packages on the dining room table. Perhaps it was intuition which led her to the kitchen. A birds eye view from the dining room doorway made her blood boil. Mess was not enough word for what she saw. That kitchen looked like a bombed out village.

Mabel knew she had a terrible temper. Joe knew it, too. She stomped into the living room. With a vicious twist of the knob she blacked out the TV and then confronted Joe angrily.

"What kind of a man are you!" she screamed. "You can't take care of your own children. I am gone for an hour and you allow them to make a shambles out of this house." With each word the pitch got higher and Mabel got hotter. Joe knew that like a tornado it would blow over if he could just weather it for awhile.

The phone rang . . . He looked at her as if to make a snout and she yelled, "Stay away from that phone. Just rest those good for nothing, lary bones like you've been doing all day."

I wonder how many of us have uncontrollable temper, just like Mabel.



National Shrine Of Our Lady

The national shrine of the Immaculate Conception, one of the world's largest churches, is being rushed to completion for dedication rites on November 20. Above photo shows vast interior. Shrine will be scene of major religious services in the nation's capital.

The shrine is being built on a hillside in Washington, D.C. It is designed to accommodate large numbers of pilgrims and is expected to become a major center of Catholic worship in the United States.

Making Marriage Click

First Grade
By MSGR. IRVING A. DeLANO
(Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)



With mixed emotions I have sent my first child to school and it is about these "emotions" that I am writing you. What does the child have a right to expect from our parish school teachers? Also, what can we parents expect and, of course, what does the school expect. G.I.L.

As you have no doubt realized, G.I.L., the first days of school do test a child. It is possible that his future school and social life will depend in great measure upon those first two or three weeks in September.

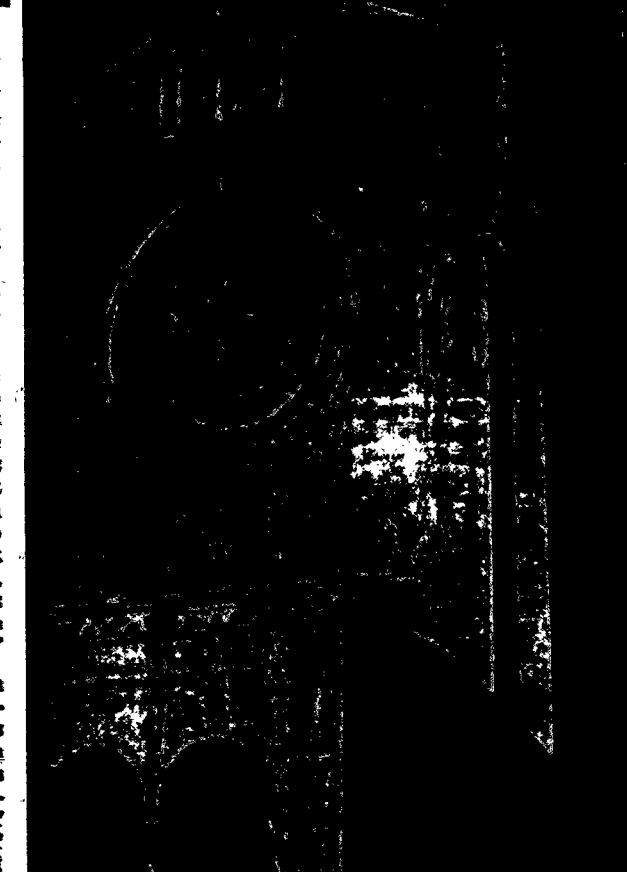
School life to most youngsters is a mysterious, unknown world. Before he ever leaves for a classroom, his opinion about school is made up. He wants to or does not want to go to school — if asked, he rarely answers, "I don't know." If he says "no," it may be because he still wants to remain close to "mama." If he says "yes," it may be because relatives or friends are at school. He reflects the careful preparation and attitude of the family.

But school rarely corresponds to his expectations. The new atmosphere, new personalities, the change of authority, the great number of children his age, his constant sharing of everything, his "class" life, the relatively small amount of private attention he gets — all of this test him.

Emotionally, school is difficult. There are fortunately many pleasant surprises, too — new attractions, new activities, new freedoms, new group games and so on.

Admittedly, many parents wait impatiently for the day their child can go to school. It means some relief in housework, less care of a busy child, more freedom for a mother. Children sometimes sense that they are being gotten rid of. Sometimes, a mother then starts to do outside work and a child may feel abandoned, or that he is being "sent" to school, or "disposed of."

A mother herself should show a child around the school; where to get water, where to go to the rest room, where classes begin. She should introduce her child to the teacher and have him meet classmates and provide mutual reassurances. Parents should normally not remain in class that first day or so; tensions mount, the shift of authority is less easy, and all concerned are embarrassed.



A glittering mosaic dome caps Washington's shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Grain Of Sand God's Handiwork

Jersey City — (NC) — A priest-scientist in a talk here offered a grain of sand as proof that there is a God.

Father Daniel Linehan, S.J., seismologist in charge of the observatory at Westora (Mass.) College, spoke at the annual Michaelmas convocation of St. Peter's College. He told the students: "Science and religion must work hand in hand if man is to arrive at his fullest development on this earth."

Citing the grain of sand, Father Linehan said a microscopic examination will show that it has six sides, each with a definite angular conformity. It has a definite density and hardness, and the temptation is to say that "this is a freak of nature," he declared.

"Such precision could not have been a chance freak of nature," Father Linehan concluded.

Daily Mass Calendar

- Sunday, Nov. 1 — All Saints Day (white), Gloria, 2nd Prayer of 4th Sunday after Epiphany, Creed.
- Monday, Nov. 2 — All Souls Day (black), three Masses as in missal.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3 — Mass as on the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost with prayer, epistle, gospel, secret and post-communion from 4th Sunday after Epiphany; VR.
- Wednesday, Nov. 4 — St. Charles Borromeo (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Vitalis and St. Agricola, no Creed.
- Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5 and 6 — Mass as Tuesday; VR.
- Saturday, Nov. 7 — Saturday Mass of our Lady (white), Gloria; VR.
- VR — Votive or Requiem permitted.

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