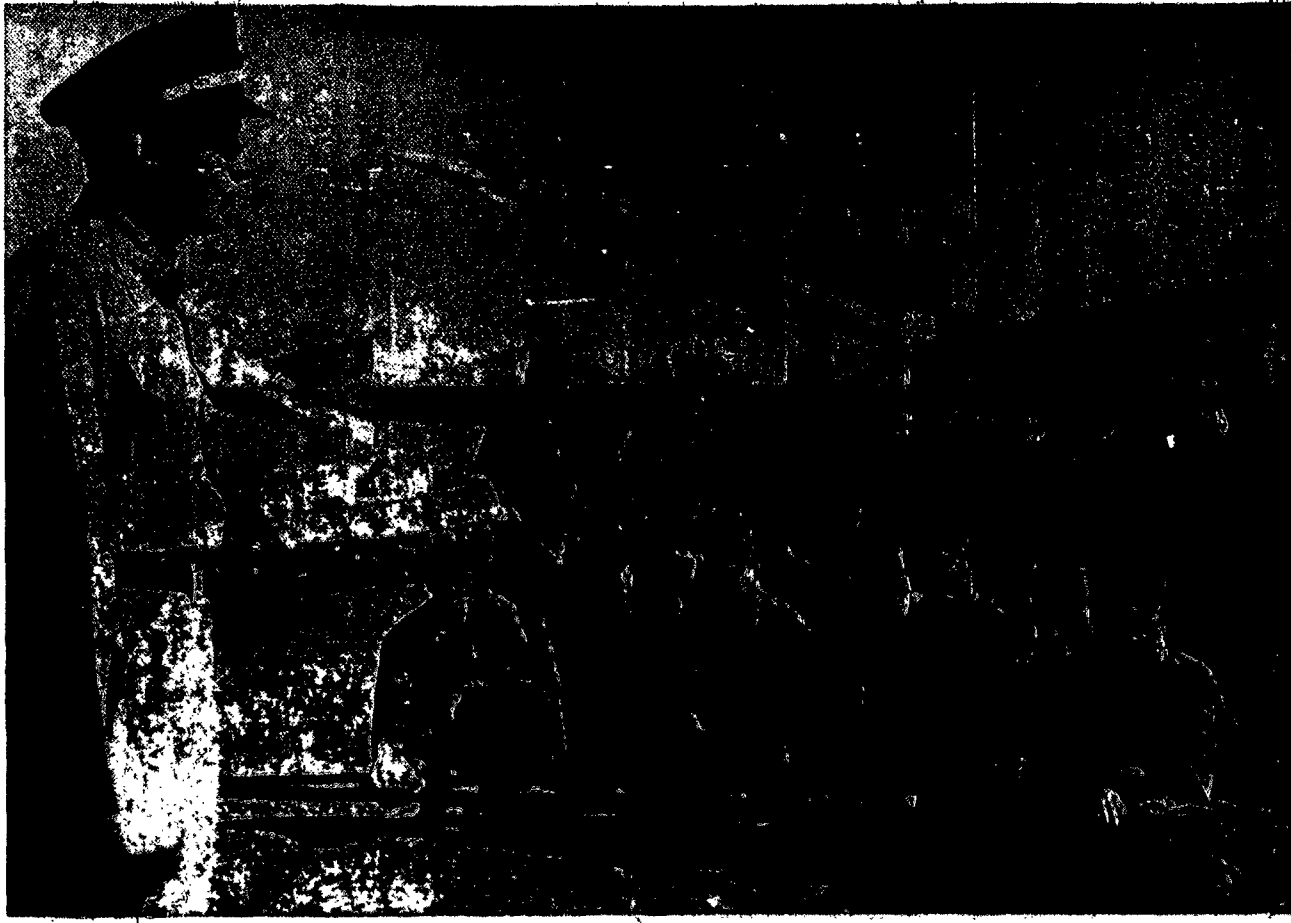


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Father Christoph, his Army parishioners and missiles at Fort Niagara Nike base.

First Friday, Fast, Feast

Today, Friday, Dec. 4, is the First Friday of December, a day of devotion to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Tomorrow, the First Saturday, honors the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Monday, Dec. 7, vigil of the feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady. Is a day of fast and abstinence. All over 7 may not eat meat. Those between 21 and 59 are further restricted to one full meal.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, feast of the nation's patron, is a holy day of obligations.

Parish bulletins should be consulted for time of Masses.

Bishop Kearney will lead recitation of the Rosary on the feast day over radio station WSAY at 7 p.m.

Bishop To Give Radio Sermon

Bishop Kearney will give the sermon to the sick and shut-ins who listen to the monthly broadcast of High Mass this Sunday, Dec. 6, at 11 a.m.

The WHAM program will originate in the Alms Master, Chapel of Nazareth College where Father William Shannon, chaplain, will celebrate Mass. College students will sing.

Not Proper, Unfair

Ike, Governor On Birth Control

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President Eisenhower and Governor Rockefeller stepped into the federal-funds-for-birth-control hassle this week.

Both agreed the issue ought not to be a subject for political debate.

THE PRESIDENT at his Wednesday press conference flatly ruled out subsidizing control "as long as I am here." He said, "I cannot imagine anything more emphatically a subject that is not a proper political or governmental activity or function or responsibility. . . . That's no our business."

THE GOVERNOR stated it was "unfortunate and unfair" to bring the controversial topic into the political arena.

The issue has been hotly debated since Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike asked what potential Catholic candidates in the 1960 presidential race

thought about the subject following the U.S. Catholic Bishops' statement reaffirming the Church's opposition to artificial contraception.

President, Pope Meet Tomorrow

President Eisenhower will meet Pope John XXIII at the Vatican tomorrow morning, Saturday, at 9:30 a.m.

He has scheduled a forty-five minute visit with the Pontiff.

What Did The Bishops Say?

The full text of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' statement against artificial birth control was published in last week's issue of our Courier Journal.

To understand the current, widespread controversy on the subject, you are advised to read the statement in its entirety and carefully.

If you have mislaid your copy, you may obtain a new one by phoning the Courier Journal office, BAKER 5-8210.

This week, on page 4, you will find the text of the Bishops' other statement "Freedom and Peace."

You would do well to clip the birth control and the freedom texts for later reference.

Father Christoph

Chaplain At A Nike Base

By FRANK KELLY

Fort Niagara — The best equipment, well-trained personnel and excellent morale are the three essential things a commander of any army unit must have to provide a victory in battle.

According to this formula, the people of Western New York haven't a thing to worry about in the event of a nuclear attack by air from some enemy.

This was gleaned from an interview with Chaplain (First Lt.) Edward J. Christoph, who is the spiritual advisor to over 500 Catholic men attached to the Second Artillery Group at Fort Niagara, near Buffalo.

Father Christoph, a priest of the Diocese of Rochester, who joined the Chaplain Corps in 1953, said that the men attached to the Army group are among the most conscientious he has seen in his four-year Army career.

"They fully realize the tremendous amount of responsibility on their shoulders and, as a result, re-enlist in the Army

more often than not when their hitch is up," he stated.

"Of course, they all have their usual gripes, but their morale is very high because they know that they have the best equipment possible along with the finest training.

"This goes for all the men in the group as well as our own Catholic personnel," he added, "Most of the men here come from the Western New York area, and it is evident that they have received not only good education here, but at home as well."

"These Catholic men are a credit to their Faith, as I have learned during my six months of duty at Fort Niagara," Father Christoph stated.

"The men also are getting excellent leadership from their officers, headed by Col. Michael J. Krizan, a West Point graduate, who is also an excellent Catholic," he added.

Among Father Christoph's duties is the visitation of each one of the seven Nike Missile batteries, strategically located

on the western perimeter of New York State.

Father Christoph says Mass at each one of the batteries, all of which have completely equipped chapels, once a week.

"This means that on some Sundays, he will say Mass three times at the base chapel at Fort Niagara and sometimes, once at one of the batteries.

"Usually, the boys attached to the batteries go to their local parish church to hear Mass, but sometimes this is impossible," he said.

ON THIS BASE at Fort Niagara, Father Christoph conducts release-time classes for children living on the post during the school year. He also conducts character guidance classes for the men at the various Nike batteries.

For relaxation, Father Christoph plays a little golf and tries to get home to see his family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Christoph of 215 Navarre Rd., Rochester, as often as possible.

'Venerable' Title Near

Vatican City — (RNS)—The Sacred Congregation of Rites has completed its examination of the heroic virtues of Mother Elizabeth Seton, New York born nun of the 19th century who founded the parochial school system in the United States.

Following recognition by the congregation and Pope John XXIII of the nun's virtues and heroism, a decree will be published stating that the Servant of God may be called Venerable, an important stage in canonization.

Mother Seton, whose beatification cause was introduced at the Vatican in 1940, is the first native of the U.S. to be proposed for sainthood. She also was the first American to establish a religious community of women in that country by founding the Sisters of Charity of Emmitsburg, Md., in 1809.

Born in 1774, Mother Seton was the granddaughter of a Protestant Episcopal clergyman. She was converted to Catholicism in 1805 following the death of her husband, William Seton.



Sodalities will promote devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary as represented in this Russian icon of Our Lady of Vladimir.

Pope Initiates

New Church Era In Africa, Spurs Mission Work

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, in a historic move, created new hierarchies in the Belgian Congo and the adjacent United Nations trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi. This has paved the way for turning ecclesiastical jurisdiction in the two areas over to native bishops.

The Pontiff announced his action in a 10,000-word encyclical letter to the world's 2,500 Catholic bishops in which he expressed confidence in the native clergy at a time when "the aspiration of the peoples to self-rule and independence is becoming general and the conquest of civil liberties may unfortunately be accompanied by excesses that are not in harmony with true and deep spiritual interests."

Declaring that in the Catholic Church "no priest is a foreigner," Pope John appealed not only for more missionaries (for both Africa and Asia, but called on African and Asian Catholics to welcome such outside assistance.

Written in Latin and entitled, "Principis Pastorum" (The Prince of Pastors) from its opening words, the encyclical announced the creation of eight archdioceses and 29 new dioceses in the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi. They have been formed mainly from former Vicariates Apostolic ruled by bishops.

For the time being, bishops from Belgium will administer the heads of the 37 ecclesiastical jurisdictions, but the Pope stressed that it will be his policy to transfer control to native clergymen as fast as they can be trained.

Six of the eight new archdioceses are in the Belgian Congo and the other two in Ruanda-Urundi. The entire area involved is inhabited by some 5,000,000 Catholics.

POPE JOHN'S encyclical, the fourth of his pontificate, was issued to mark the 41st anniversary of the Apostolic Letter in which Pope Benedict gave

great impetus to missionary activity shortly after the end of World War I.

Pope John noted that considerable progress has been made since that time, but he emphasized that much remains to be done in the African and Asian mission fields.

The Pontiff said there were no native Asian bishops until 1953 and no native African members of the hierarchy until 1959. But now, he stated, there are 68 native bishops in Asia and 25 in Africa. Two of the Africans, he pointed out, are members of the Sacred College of Cardinals: Thomas Cardinal Thiébaux, Archbishop of Leopoldville, Congo, and Valerian Cardinal Gravain, Archbishop of Bombay, India.

Pope John said it was necessary that the world's missionary bishops and priests educate the native clergy so that they can "take into their hands as soon as possible the government of the new churches." At the same time, he urged the active promotion in the missionary territories of a progressive, educated and active Catholic laity.

In this connection, the Pope implicitly warned against the

feared by the priests prior to the feast.

THE PRAYER day was initiated following Dr. Paul Landon's four six-months' stays in mission outposts to bring dental relief there. His appeals have brought extensive aid from Rochester Diocese groups and individuals.

Father George S. Wood, Propagation of the Faith director here, has asked the faithful to offer their holy day prayer for continued progress of the mission program in Tanganyika.

New Devotion Links East, West

A national movement promoting devotion to "Our Lady of Vladimir," as the Blessed Mother has been fervently venerated in Russia since the 12th century will be inaugurated by U.S. Sodalities of Our Lady on Dec. 8.

Beginning in Boston as a lay apostolic activity with the approval of His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing, the project will be publicized by sodalities and lay organizations in many dioceses this month.

Aimed at creating a bond of religious friendship between Eastern and Western rites Catholics and other Christians by fostering mutual love for the Blessed Mother under a title long honored by the people of Russia, the American project is viewed as a language preparation for the Ecumenical Council of 1961.

In the Rochester Diocese, the High School Sodality Union will begin to foster this devotion to the Vladimir Mother of God by distribution of copies of the ancient Russian icon described as "a Madonna of loving kindness."

A prayer to the Blessed Mother as "the Lady of Vladimir," composed by Cardinal Cushing, will be added to the daily devotion of all sodalities. Catholic families of the students are being urged to have a painting in their homes similar to the one printed on this page.

TRADITION SAYS that the Vladimir icon was painted by the Evangelist St. Luke during the Blessed Mother's lifetime. Brought to the Russian city of

Appeal Made To Aid Poor

Contributions began arriving at the Catholic Charities office this week in response to the appeal in last week's Courier Journal to give for the poor for Christmas.

Charities' officials said many people will be in need of special help at the Christmas season.

Donations may be made directly to the Catholic Charities Christmas Fund, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester 4, N.Y.

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CLOCKS: Electric or key wound, \$3.25 and up. William BLANCHARD FLORES, 38 Lake Ave. RA 5-9494 for delivery. — Adv.



Poor Will Be Helped

From back to back—Like youngsters and adults across the nation, this led brought clothes to relieve the needy of the world during the annual Thanksgiving Week drive. The items packed on his back will soon replace rags and tatters on the backs of refugees, exiles and war and storm victims. Father Leo McManus said first reports from ten parishes of the Rochester Diocese indicate an increase over last year's total.

Monuments and Markers for Holy Sepulchre. The better way to choose a monument is to see our indoor display. You will appreciate our no-charge plan. TOTT BROS., 1120 N.E. Hope. GE 3 - 3771 — Adv.