

President Visits North American Rome College

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Referring to the presence of the President's son, the Pope spoke of "the happy and encouraging coincidence of the name 'John' which he bears in common with us." He said this significance means "gift of God, expresses, in fact, confidence, joy and serene robustness."

In his final remarks, the Pope earnestly invoked for President Eisenhower the powerful assistance of God upon you, in your noble efforts as the untiring servant of your people and the cause of peace in the world. He also prayed for "all the families of the noble American nation."

President Eisenhower, in reply, thanked the Pontiff "from my heart" for his blessing and for the kind and noble words with which he had spoken to the American people. He also praised the Pope for his pronouncement of English, a compliment that was echoed later by Irish-born Bp. Ryan, who has been giving the Pope English lessons. The minister told newsmen that the Pope read his speech "very well."

Pope John presented President Eisenhower with an autographed photograph of himself, a gold medal of his pontificate and a book of pictures of the Raphael frescoes in the Vatican. To the other guests he also gave signed photographs and silver medals of his pontificate. The President, in turn, presented the Pope with an inscribed photograph of himself. The Pope then brought the audience to a close by imparting an apostolic blessing to those present and to all Americans.

As President Eisenhower and his party left, the Chief Executive paused to greet a group of American nuns who gathered around him. He said to one nun, Sister Ann Monica, a Sister of Charity from Cleveland. "Very nice to see you. Where are you from? Thank you very much for coming." The nun, in turn, wished Mr. Eisenhower, a "safe journey."

The Presidential party drove from the Vatican to the Pontifical North American College on the Janiculum Hill where it was greeted by the rector, Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor, who hails from Scranton, Pa., members of the faculty, and about 30 students, all specially selected from U.S. diocesan seminaries to complete in Rome their training for the priesthood.

President Eisenhower and his group then went by helicopter to Ciampino airport where a huge crowd roared a welcome. On hand to greet them as they prepared to board the plane that was to take them to Ankara, Turkey, were Foreign Minister Giuseppe Pella, Manlio Brosio, Italian Ambassador in Washington, James D. Zerk, U.S. Ambassador in Rome, and Archbishop Angelo Dell'Acqua, Substitute for Ordinary Affairs in the Vatican Secretariate of State, who bade farewell in the Pope's name.

In a message on his departure from the world of Christianity to the world of Islam, President Eisenhower spoke of the "fine beginning" of his peace tour in Rome, and made special mention of his meeting with Pope John. "I have been inspired," he said, "by his approval of the effort that the free nations together are making to bring some progress toward peace and friendship in freedom."

President Eisenhower and his party drove from Episcopal church services to St. Peter's Square where 2,000 persons had gathered under clear blue skies — a contrast to the rain that had fallen almost uninterrupted for 48 hours — to see the visitors pass by. Among them were some Catholic social workers who carried posters reading, "Thank you, thank you" — reference to American aid to needy Italian families distributed by Vatican welfare agencies. There were many cries of "Viva Eisenhower" and "Viva America."

At the Arch of the Belles, Swiss Guards in their picturesque 16th century uniforms of sky blue, yellow and red raised their ancient halberds in salute as the President's automobile passed into the Court-yard of St. Damasus.

Text Of Pope's Talk To President

Following is the text of Pope John's English-language address of gratitude for the generosity no doubt that Your Excellency will continue to receive also at his meeting Sunday, Dec. 6, with President Eisenhower at the Vatican:

The visit which you are kindly making to us, Mr. President, as this year grows to a close is for us a motive of much satisfaction which we desire to express to you from the depth of our heart.

As we greet and welcome Your Excellency, the highest and most illustrious representative of the great American nation, we wish also to direct our thoughts and our greetings to your country; and we rejoice on seeing it striving so actively, under the guidance and impulse of its worthy President, towards the lofty ideals of a loyal and effective concord between nations.

The Catholic Church, whose constant yearning is the establishment of true peace between peoples, cannot but greet with every sincere effort directed towards that end, and wish it the most consoling success.

We beg Your Excellency to discern in these words of Our mate Aloisius J. Muench, Bishop of Fargo, N. D., an Apostle of benevolence and admiration Nuncio to Germany, will be signing the Church of San Bernardino alle Terme.

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Let this remark, of a confidential nature, inspired in our mind by the presence of your son John and his wife, be regarded as a flower-which We offer to Your Excellency, as an augury and an auspice of well-being and of celestial blessings for all the families of the noble American nation.

The name John, which in its Biblical significance means "Gift of God," expresses, in fact, confidence, joy and serene robustness.

The sentiments and good wishes we have just expressed, we are glad to extend from our heart to Your Excellency personally; and we earnestly invoke the powerful assistance of God upon you, in your noble efforts as the untiring servant of your people and of the cause of peace in the world.

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FATHER EMMANUEL

Retreat On Record Pope Prays For French Flood Dead

Sierra Madre — For the first time in the centuries-old history of Catholic laymen's retreats, a recording has been made of this religious observance and is available to the general public.

The retreat on record, representative of many such retreats, held throughout the Catholic world, is held each year by the Passionist Fathers in their retreat house in California's San Gabriel Mountains.

Mater Dolorosa Retreat, as it is called, attracts nearly 4,000 visitors a year and has to turn away many others because of limited facilities.

This year's series of conferences is led by Father Emmanuel, who leads the same retreats at other locations each year. Those who attend hear 10 conferences of about 30 minutes each. These were recorded and edited into a single long-playing album of about 40 minutes.

Title of the album is "The Big Pitch," which refers to an expression popular with Father Emmanuel. Price is \$3.98, including shipping and postage. Orders may be sent to Mater Dolorosa Retreat House, 100 North Sunnyside Avenue, Sierra Madre, California.

Pope Prays For French Flood Dead

Frejus — (RNS) — Catholic world, is held each year by the Bishop Henri Mazerat of Frejus personally pronounced the treat house in California's San Gabriel Mountains.

The bishop prayed over 135 coffins of identified dead, while other unidentified bodies lay in open coffins in a chapel of the Frejus hospital. Many priests and nuns attended the burial.

Meanwhile Pope John XXIII joined President Charles de Gaulle, Queen Elizabeth of England and U.S. Ambassador Amory Houghton in sending messages of sympathy to the bereaved and homeless.

In his message, which was read at the burial rites, Pope John said he would offer special prayers for those who lost their lives in the tragedy, one of the worst in French history.




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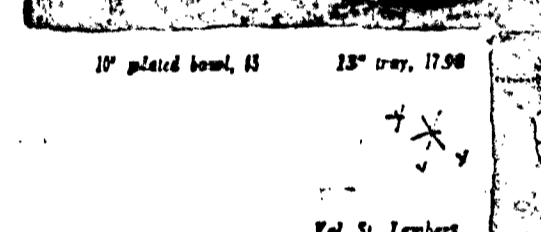
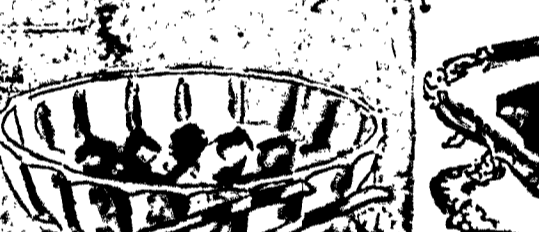


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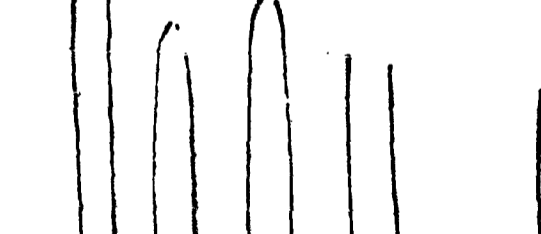

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