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Last Minute Appeal

"It's hard enough to be poor anytime but it's harder still at Christmas time," Father Donald Mulcahy of the Catholic Charities said as he made a last minute appeal to provide baskets for the needy.

He said any amount, large or small, is welcome and will go toward feeding 500 families on Christmas Day.

"Response has been excellent so far but we still need more in order to give all these families enough to cheer their Christmas," Father Mulcahy said.

Contributions may be sent to the Catholic Charities Christmas Fund, 59 Chestnut St., Rochester 4, N.Y.

Fast Day Wednesday

Wednesday, Dec. 23, will be a day of strict fast and abstinence. All over 7 years of age may not eat meat. Those between 21 and 59 are further restricted to only one full meal and no eating between meals.

Thursday, Dec. 24, has no restrictions.

Catholics planning to receive Holy Communion at Christmas midnight Mass are reminded they must fast from food and alcoholic beverages for three hours, from liquids for one hour.

Pope Urges Family Rosary

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII has urged Ecuador's Catholics to pray the family rosary.

He addressed them by radio in connection with ceremonies marking the coronation of Our Lady of the Rosary by Agustinia de Bannos. The statue was crowned "Queen of the Missions of Ecuador" during the National Missionary Congress held in Quito.

Aerial Salute

Perched on a ladder high above Rome rooftops, a fireman offers a respectful salute after placing a wreath of flowers on the statue of the Madonna towering above the Piazza di Spagna. The event took place as devout Romans paid tribute to the Madonna on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. (RNS Photo)

Mother Seton

U.S. Nun Said Heroic In Virtue

Vatican City — Mother Elizabeth Seton practiced the Christian virtues in an heroic way, the Vatican Congregation of Rites declared this week.

This announcement advances the American born nun a step closer to canonization.

Only intervening step remaining is "beatification," a papal decree which follows evidence miracles have occurred through her prayers.

IF CANONIZED, Mother Seton will be the first native U.S. citizen to receive the title "saint."
Mother Seton was born Elizabeth Ann Bayley in New York City in 1774. A devout Episcopalian, she married William

Red Cross General:

War Threat Dims, Red Power Gains

Los Angeles — (NC) — Gen. Alfred Gruenther has urged a spirit of dedication and education in efforts to preserve freedom.

The American Red Cross president spoke at the 10th anniversary of Our Lady Chapel, situated in the heart of this city's business district.

"I do not believe there will be World War III," the former NATO commander said. "But I do believe the communist threat is greater than ever before. The communists, specifically Nikita Khrushchev, are playing their hand better than ever — the soft sell."

This, he said, makes it more difficult for the U.S. to present its proper image to the world. To American incentives of free enterprise and freedom must be added greater knowledge of other people and greater unity

in our concept of human dignity, he added.

The General called for more discipline, dedication and responsibility by Americans.

He said the responsibility should cover education, and cited the weakness in foreign languages of 70 per cent of the candidates for foreign service examinations.

He said that of the world's 2,500,000,000 people, one third are free, one third Red captives, and one third, "the swinging third," uncommitted.

"How this last third commits itself will determine the future of our civilization," he said.



Around The Mass

Bishop Kearney offers Mass in Nazareth College auditorium surrounded by students and faculty. The Tuesday afternoon Dialogue Mass included Christmas carols sung by the college glee club. The center placed altar was specially designed for the rite to give all a full view of the Mass ceremony. (Hal Campbell Photo)

Rite For Shut-ins

Kinks Faced In TV Mass

A Christmas Solemn High Mass in a parish church is somewhat quite easy to plan. You need the services of three priests, a half-dozen altar boys, a choir and a modest knowledge of liturgical protocol.

But to arrange the televising of a Solemn High Mass is a project of rather staggering technical and liturgical complexity, according to Rev. Richard Torney, chaplain of the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse.

HE WAS INVOLVED this week in the preliminary details of producing the annual televised "Mass for the Shut-ins" which WROC-TV will carry for a 10 to 11 o'clock on Christmas Day from the Mary Motherhouse on Bloomington Road.

Offered specifically for those who cannot get out to church for Christmas, the program is watched by thousands each year and has become the outstanding religious program in the station's schedule.

"WROC-TV chose Mercy chapel for their initial attempt at televising Catholic liturgy at Eastertime in 1952 because the setting is so simple, yet bright and richly devotional," Father Torney said.

"Our Christmas production will be the sixteenth local Mass the station has televised at Easter and Christmas for shut-ins of the Diocese. Other sites have been the chapels at St. Joseph Sisters' Motherhouse, the Carmelite Monastery and St. Mary's Hospital."

The Christmas Mass telecast this year will include a sermon by Very Rev. Charles J. Lavary, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College, music by the Sisters' Choir directed by Sister Mary Benedict, R.S.M., and descriptive commentary on the ceremonies by Rev. Henry A. Atwell, editor of the Courier Journal.

Father Torney will be the celebrant of the Mass, assisted by two Deacons from St. Bernard's Seminary, the Rev. Mr. Eugene Sweeney and Rev. Mr. Bernard Cargen, and by students from St. Andrew's Seminary.

Three TV cameras and four microphones plus extra lighting facilities are to be installed at

the Motherhouse the day before Christmas. Excellent views of every detail of the ceremonies will be provided by a camera on a high platform a few feet from the Epistle corner of the altar, another mounted on a rolling cart which moves back and forth outside the communion rail and another elevated over the seats in the body of the chapel.

A huge van-truck especially equipped with control panels and transmission cables like a TV studio will park beside the chapel during the Mass as headquarters for the director, the technical director and the chief video engineer.

In the truck these men will watch three views of the Mass on separate screens connected by long cables with the three different cameras in the sanctuary and nave of the chapel.

The director will choose the scene to be sent out to the transmitter and on to the viewers and the video engineer will control the switches which pass that image along by cable to the roof of the chapel. There a large parabolic disc relays the picture image electronically through the ether to the tower of the transmitter on Pinnacle Hill.

Vote Prejudice Dips, Gallup Poll Reveals

Princeton — (NC) — The Gallup Poll says the great majority of American voters today have no objection to a Catholic being elected president.

Dr. George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion Here, said his staff asked this question of a cross-section of voters:

"If your party nominated a generally well qualified man for President and he happened to be a Catholic, would you vote for him?"

Here are the poll's results in percentages:
Yes, would 69.
No, would not 20.
Don't know 11.

Dr. Gallup compared these answers with a 1940 poll and another taken last year. He said the results were these:

	Yes	No	Don't Know
1940	62	31	7
1958	68	24	8
Today	69	20	11

The poll, he said, also showed that among voters who are not of the Catholic faith, a majority — 61 per cent — say they would have no objection to a Catholic. Twenty-six per cent would object and 13 per cent didn't know.

"As might be expected," he stated, "a party with a Catholic candidate heading its ticket could count on the overwhelming support of Catholic voters within the rank and file."

Pope's Mass At St. Peter's

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII will offer Mass on Christmas Day at the high altar of St. Peter's Basilica, as he did last year, the Vatican Radio announced.

It said the Mass will be in addition to one which the Pope will celebrate at midnight on Christmas Eve in the Pauline Chapel at the Vatican Palace for foreign diplomats accredited to the Holy See.

The station also announced that Pope John will broadcast a Christmas message to the world at midnight on Dec. 22. It said the message will be relayed by many national networks in Europe.

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Pope's Remedy More Food, Not Birth Control, To Aid Hungry

Vatican City—Pope John said the Christian way to meet the problem of hungry people is to feed them rather than to pressure them into birth control.

He called for better distribution of existing resources hoarded in some nations and development of techniques in backward areas to "remedy this terrible calamity of hunger."

The Pontiff made his appeal to aid the world's needy in the opening rite of this week's consistory raising eight prelates to the rank of Cardinal.

In his talk, the Pontiff also referred to the "sad condition" of the Church in Communist China and expressed sorrow over grave losses of life resulting from floods in many parts of the world during the year. At the same time, he voiced gratification over recent visits paid him by President Eisenhower and other chiefs of state, and urged support of the World Refugee Year.

TWO AMERICANS were among the new cardinals proclaimed by the Pope. They were Aloysius Cardinal Muench, who has been serving as Papal Nuncio to West Germany, and Albert Cardinal Meyer, Archbishop of Chicago.

The other new Princes of the Church, mostly members of the Roman Curia, are Arcadio Cardinal Larrazola, a Spaniard; William Cardinal Heard, Scottish-born dean of the Sacred Roman Rota; Augustin Cardinal Bea, German-born Jesuit; and three Italians — Gustavo Cardinal Testa, Francesco Cardinal Morone and Paolo Cardinal Marella, Papal Nuncio to France.

Cardinal Marella will not receive his Red Hat from the Pope, but from President Charles de Gaulle at a special ceremony in Paris.

None of the new cardinals was present at the secret (private) consistory. The seven who were in Rome waited at various points in Vatican City or Rome for official notification from messengers dispatched by the Pope.

In his talk at the secret consistory which was delivered in Latin, Pope John made no mention of the controversy stirred up in the United States by the American hierarchy's recent statement opposing possible U. S. aid for birth prevention programs in other countries, especially in areas most seriously threatened by the "population explosion."

However, he clearly linked artificial birth control to the "problem of hunger," declaring that "to remedy this terrible calamity of hunger, one cannot in any way have recourse to erroneous doctrines and to the damaging and death-bearing methods of birth control."

"Indeed," the Pope continued, "it is necessary that the riches of the earth be placed at the disposal of all, as God's com-

mandment and justice demand. Let earthly goods be better distributed, let the barriers of egoism and self-interest be broken down. Let the best method be studied for helping the underdeveloped areas. Let men work to obtain from the earth itself the incalculable resources still hidden, which it can offer for the advantage of all."

Referring to the situation in Communist China and other Red-dominated countries, the Pope said his "thoughts and anxious affection" turn "to that part of our flock which is still denied the possibility of practicing its Faith freely and publicly."

He said "we embrace with the most ardent love all these peoples among whom God's laws are violated and the most elementary rights of human liberty and conscience are trampled upon. We pray the Lord urgently that He may shorten the hour of trial so that for all these people the dawn of more serene and tranquil days may soon break."

POPE JOHN said he was grieved also by the toll of human lives taken by disastrous floods and exhorted nations and individuals to help other victims left homeless and in need.

At the same time, the Pontiff added, "It is even a great cause of sorrow for us that not a few people, ignorant of or forgetting their origin and the eternal destiny which awaits them, abandon themselves to degrading pleasures and are wrapped up in the passions of pride and sensuality."

Expressing his gratitude over the visits from President Eisenhower and other chiefs of state whose names he did not mention, Pope John said:

Billy Graham's Accusation

New York — (RNS) — Dr. Billy Graham called birth control one of the answers to the "terrifying and tragic" problem of overpopulation, but said it should be handled by private foundations or agencies and not as a "political issue."

The evangelist, who stopped in New York enroute to address cadets at West Point, said he saw nothing morally wrong in birth control. He said most Americans practice it "whether they be Protestants or Roman Catholics."

Orange Blossom Diamond Rings. Terms: William S. Thorne-Jeweler, 518 Main St. East. — Adv.

Modern Medieval Jesters

Cleveland — (RNS) — Members of the Blessed Sacrament Clown Club provide holiday entertainment at orphanages, homes for aged, hospitals and parish parties. They have revived the role of medieval jesters who performed prior to "mystery plays" which enacted the scenes of the first Christmas. Here five year old Jack Noonan adds finishing touch to his dad's face as other jesters look on.