

Calendar

Sunday, September 25 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green). Gloria, Creed, Trinity Preface.

Monday, September 26 — Jesuit Martyrs (red). Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Ignace and St. Francis. 1900 — Rev. W. A. Morrison, 1931 — Rev. John Neill.

Tuesday, September 27 — St. Cosmas and St. Damian, martyrs (red). Gloria, VR.

Wednesday, September 28 — St. Wenceslaus, martyr (red). Gloria, VR.

Thursday, September 29 — St. Michael, archangel (white). Gloria, Creed, 1941 — Rev. John Schellhorn.

Friday, September 30 — St. Jerome (white). Gloria, Creed.

First Saturday, October 1 — Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary (white). Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Remigius, Preface of Our Lady. VR. 1913 — Rev. Frederick Rauber. 1924 — Rev. George Jones.

Priests listed above died on the date indicated. Please pray for them.

Lads Teach Catechism

Lima — (RNS) — Young Peruvian Catholic boys in their first year of high school are giving up their Saturday afternoons to serve as catechism "teachers" to some 300 children from one of the poorer districts of Lima.

Sacred Heart Year

Reparation

By REV. LOUIS J. NOHMAN

"In reparation for my sins." Occasions when we can sympathize with our fellow human beings are frequent in a world laden with sorrow. No one, however, is more worthy of sympathy than the lonely man, the forgotten man, the rejected man.

In his inmost heart he loves intensely and craves to be loved. Yet the cry of his soul goes unheeded. It remains empty, black, hopeless, like the small hours of a starless night. In return for love he finds only coldness and disdain.

Among the lonely and the rejected stands the greatest name in human history: Jesus Christ. He was the Son of God. He took a human nature from the Blessed Virgin Mary and came to earth. And that for a single purpose: "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son; and the Son so loved us that he gave himself for our salvation. Greater love than this no man hath."

Jesus Christ lived among men, walked among men. He assuaged their sorrows, cured their ills, bore their infirmities, forgave their sins. He spent most of his time in fact among the poor and sinners that the light of hope might once more shine in their lives. His kindness and meekness reached out to all, even to little children.

Every moment of Christ's life upon earth is a sym-

phony of kindness and understanding.

Where in human histories can we find the equal in tenderness to his tale of the Good Shepherd? "I am the Good Shepherd. I lay down my life for my sheep." And he describes how, when even the tiniest lamb wanders off, he must go into the wilderness, hungry and weary, until it is once more cradled in his loving arms.

For deepest paths, nothing could equal the picture of Christ with arms outstretched, saying to men, "Come to me." And the world hurries past, preoccupied with itself and its toys. While he walked the earth, some people hated him and wanted only his quick destruction. Others treated him with contempt. "Is not this the carpenter's son?"

Others came to him and followed as long as he gave them bread and miracles. But when he asked for a simple act of faith they walked away. The liturgy of Holy Week expresses it this way, "My people, what is there that I have not done for thee, or in what I grieved thee? Answer me."

Even if we aren't of those groups, we have certainly been sinful, neglected, scornful. We have grieved the heart of Christ.

Did you ever have the experience of having someone you loved very much strike you? The blow may have stung, but it was small, hurt, compared to the ache in your heart because of the love for the one who hurt you. When Christ revealed himself to St. Margaret Mary he showed her the representation of his Divine Heart. Around it was a crown of thorns, a symbol of the ache caused by us whom he loves.

When we come to understand this, we appreciate the real evil of sin. And we should appreciate the fact that saying we're sorry is not enough. We owe something to this God-man who loves us so much. What we owe him we call reparation.

How can we best repair for our sins and negligences? Where we have rebelled against God's will, we now try to conform, willingly and lovingly. Where we have neglected Christ, we become religious. That is why we offer our entire day to Christ, making it as lovingly perfect as human frailty allows.

Our effort to return love to Christ in this manner will not go unrewarded. Of one thing we can be sure: the love we can never outdo him in love.

Rome Names N.Y. Priest

Vatican City — (RNS) — Monsignor Joseph F. McGough of New York has been named Titular Archbishop of Emesa and appointed Apostolic Delegate to South Africa by Pope John XXIII.

At present serving as Papal Internuncio to Ethiopia, Archbishop-designate McGough was born in New York in 1903 and ordained in 1930. Prior to being appointed to the Ethiopian post by Pope Pius XII in 1957, he had been attached to the Vatican Secretariate of State since 1946. Before that he had been assigned to the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church in Rome.



Rochester Catholic Charities workers are ready to take a prominent part in their national convention in New York City. Miss Marie Weidman, Philip Powers, Miss Catherine Wobus and George Montgomery will be on panels discussing 20th century methods of doing the works of mercy.

Charities Staff Attend National Convention

Charities officials of the Rochester Diocese are in New York City today for the national convention of the National Association of Catholic Charities.

President Eisenhower will speak at the convention Monday evening.

Bishop Kearney and Auxiliary Bishop Casey will attend the convention. The President's Mass Sunday morning in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Spellman will offer the Mass.

Heading the Rochester Delegation will be Monsignor Arthur R. McGough, diocesan director of Catholic Charities.

Nigeria Strides To Peaceful Independence

Lagos — (NC) — Leaders of the Church in Nigeria are greeting with optimism the coming of independence on October 1 to Africa's most populous country.

There is no fear here that this former British colony will repeat the experience of the newly independent Congo, where hatred for whites and intertribal antagonisms have resulted in continuing strife, including attacks on the Church and missionaries.

No violence spurred the granting of independence here and none is expected to follow it. Unlike the Congo — freed without adequate preparation by Britain on June 30 following widespread riots — Nigeria has progressed gradually and peacefully toward freedom.

The past decade in particular has been a period of steady growth. During the past 10 years the country's Catholic population has more than doubled and mission efforts have expanded area, especially in education.

Church authorities, who earlier welcomed the coming of self-government, now view the achievement of complete freedom with hope. Archbishop Leo Taylor, S.M.A., of Lagos, the new national capital, has said that the Church can look forward to continued swift growth in a fully independent Nigeria.

Two years before the Archbishop had pointed out: "The Church has fared better since the country's self-government came. I do not believe it will be any worse under full independence."

His statement was echoed by another prelate, Archbishop Charles Heerey, C.S.S.P., of Onitsha, who said: "We are no worse off under the African government, perhaps better."

Nigeria, a country more than twice the size of California, is located on Africa's west coast and has some 35 million people, more than any other country on the continent.

The nation's approximately 15 million Moslems — most of whom live in the northern part of the country — are Nigeria's largest religious group.

Protestants number about five million. There are 1,500,781 Catholics and an estimated 546,118 persons are taking instruction in Catholicism prior to baptism. The rest of Nigeria's people are pagans.

The Church in Nigeria is organized into three archdioceses, nine dioceses and six apostolic prefectures. One diocese is headed by a Nigerian bishop, and three other Nigerian bishops serve as auxiliaries in other sees.

Catholics here are served by 708 priests, about 50 of whom are Nigerians. Over three-quarters of the missionary priests come from Ireland. There are 113 Brothers and 430 Sisters in the country.

He Kept Their Heads

Medal For Monk

Washington — (RNS) — A Benedictine brother received a government Meritorious Service Medal here for his action in 1954 of ferrying 14,000 civilians to safety when he was a merchant marine skipper during the Korean War.

Commerce Secretary Frederick H. Mueller presented the medal to Brother La Rue in ceremonies at the National Press Club.

President Eisenhower signed a bill introduced last year by Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.), to give the skipper's action public recognition. During the ceremonies, a Gallant Ship Plaque was awarded to his vessel, the Meredith Victory, and its officers and crew received citations and ribbons.

When the then-Captain Leonard P. La Rue of the Meredith Victory steamed into the beleaguered port of Hangzhou four days before Christmas in 1950, he delivered supplies to the UN troops, he learned that the North Korean and Communist Chinese had threatened to de-escalate the entire civilian population.

\$90 Million Sets Record In Church Construction

Washington — (RNS) — Church construction exceeded \$90,000,000 in a single month for the first time in history during August when it reached a record of \$94,000,000, the U.S. Census Bureau reported here.

This exceeded by \$4,000,000 the single-month record of \$90,000,000 set in August, 1959, and was \$8,000,000 above the new construction put in place during July.

Church construction for the first eight months of this year totaled \$659,000,000, slightly below the billion-dollar-a-year level that had been predicted for 1960, but eight per cent ahead of the same period a year ago.

CONSTRUCTION by the non-profit schools and colleges totaled \$51,000,000 during August, an increase of \$2,000,000 over July and \$4,000,000 over the same month a year ago. Thus far, construction by private educational institutions, many of which are church-related, is 13 per cent ahead of the 1959 mark.

Building activity by private hospitals and institutions was \$47,000,000, an increase of \$3,000,000 over July, but \$3,000,000 less than in August, 1959.

Social and recreational construction by churches and other private agencies continued to set new records, reaching \$87,000,000 in August, an increase of \$10,000,000 over the same month a year ago.

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