All Saints, All Souls

Tuesday, Nov. 1, is the feast of All Saints, a holy day on which Catholics are required to attend Mass. Parish bulletins should be consulted for time of Masses.

Wednesday, Nov. 2, is All Souls' Day. Although not required to attend Mass, devout Catholics endeavor to do so to pray for the faithful departed.

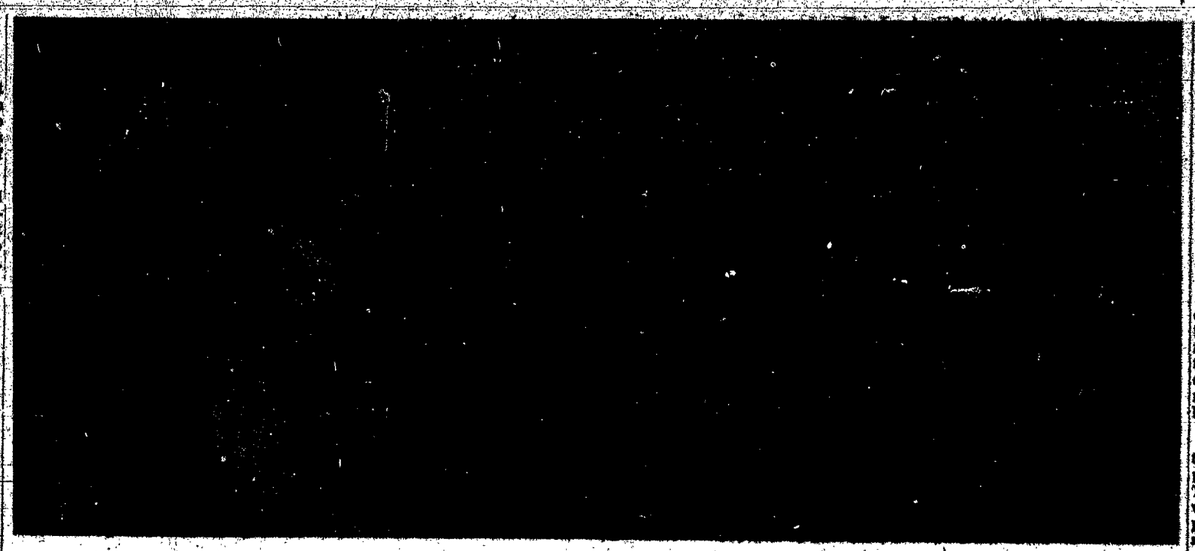
Monday, Hallowe'en, is no longer a fast day.

Pope's Second Anniversary

Washington — (RNS) — High government officials and members of the diplomatic corps will attend a Solemn Pontifical Mass here at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, marking the second anniversary of the coronation of Pope John XXIII.

The Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by Archbishop Egidi Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Archbishop William O. Brady of St. Paul, Minn., will deliver the sermon.



Gift For New Bishop Kearney High School

AQUINAS INSTITUTE faculty and students presented Bishop Kearney with a check for $1,000 on Oct. 21 for the new Bishop Kearney High School. Occasion was the Bishop's visit to Aquinas to celebrate the annual Mass of the Holy Ghost. Shown with the Bishop are officers of the student council: (from left) Sean Murray, John Toscano, Paul Reiter and Michael Reilly.

Sacred Heart Year

Christ Our King

By REV. LOUIS J. HOHMAN

On Sunday next, the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ King, the Year of the Sacred Heart reaches its climax in the solemn consecration of the people of the diocese to the Sacred Heart under the title of his Kingship.

At this particular moment we are all rather preoccupied with the idea of leadership and rule. In less than two weeks, we, the American people will go to the polls to determine our national leader for the next four critical years. The man in the street realizes the vital importance of that leadership not only to us but to the world at large.

Then too there was the recent advent of so many world rulers to New York City for the United Nations sessions. We begin to realize our state of dependence upon the acts and decisions of a few men in this chaotic world and tie up their actions with the cause of world peace itself.

Only the most violently proud and anarchical of men would assert their independence of all ruling authority. Such men are in jails or dangerously at large. Most of us have within us the instinct to depend on someone higher than ourselves for guidance and for leadership.

As little children we see the necessity of turning to our parents for so many of life's necessities. The classic picture of the little boy asserting his independence by running away from home and then returning within the hour has given us all a good laugh.

—EVEN AS WE grow older we cling to the idea of being led, because reason tells us that we can't know all the answers and we must turn to someone else to obtain them. We know that we came into this world not by any choice or doing of our own so we must turn to our Maker. God then is the King of all his creation. It is from him that we find our purpose in life and from him we find guidance in how to attain that purpose.

All lower creatures, minerals, plants, and animals, obey compulsively the law of their maker. Man alone has free will with which he is able to disobey the laws of his Creator.

The King of creation intended originally that all should be peace and order, goodness and beauty. Happiness was to mark his reign over creatures. Man alone disrupted that order by his rebellion against his King and brought chaos and unhappiness into God's beautiful kingdom. Man had failed in his one duty to his king — love.

In an effort of supreme love, the King came and visited his people. In a colossal struggle Jesus Christ the Son of God vanquished the powers of evil which had enslaved man in his sins. He fought not with the steel weapons of men but with the Divine weapon of love.

He came not as a conquering hero but as a humble artisan. He wore not a golden, jewel-studded crown but one of sharp and piercing thorns. His ruled not from a plush throne but from the gibbet of the cross.

JESUS CHRIST, Son of God, King of kings, taught us the way to peace and happiness: it was not the way of pride but of humility, not the way of selfishness but of sacrificial love of God and fellow men.

The constitution of his kingdom was the eight beatitudes. Blessed (which means happy) are the poor in spirit, the meek, those who mourn, those who hunger for justice, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, those who suffer persecution; theirs is the kingdom of truth and of life, the kingdom of grace and of holiness, the kingdom of justice, light and peace.

Lest we cynically regard these words as the high-sounding phrases of a "heavenly politician", let us reflect for a moment. In the effort to establish peace and happiness in our hearts, in our homes, in our nation and the world, how much love and loyalty have we given to the King of kings? Have we been willing to follow him into battle against sin and die a little on the battlefield of temptation?

The meaning of the consecration we will make to Christ the King of love is to be found in the renewal of our total Christianity. It means the sincere proposal of unswerving loyalty to Jesus Christ and to his ideals. Simply it means loving him as he has first loved us.

Americans Visit Pope

Vatican City—(RNS)—Large numbers of Americans attended the mid-week general audience given by Pope John XXIII in the Hall of Benedictions of the Vatican Palace.

They included employees of the General Electric Company and Eastern Air Lines and their families; and officers and men of the US armed forces in Europe, who were also accompanied by their wives and children.

In greeting the visitors, the Pope expressed his joy in seeing "so many from such distant parts of the world."

Mexico Prays For Russia

Jalapa — (RNS) — Prayers to Our Lady of Fatima for peace and the conversion of Russia were offered by 4,000 Roman Catholic pilgrims in this picturesque town, located in the midst of a rich coffee-growing and orchid-raising region.

Gathered at the request of Archbishop Manuel Pio Lopez of Veracruz, the pilgrims marched in silence to the church of Our Lady of Fatima, where they were led in their prayers by Canon Ignacio.

Children Aid Lepers

Vienna — (NC) — Austrian schoolchildren have given their second $5,000 check within two years for the relief of victims of Hansen's Disease (leprosy).

Representatives of the Austrian Catholic Youngsters' year-old French lawyer and Count Raoul Follereau, a 62-Groups handed the check to author who in the past 30 years has travelled half a million miles in the service of lepers.

Reformation Sunday

Baptist Deplores Anti-Catholicism

New York — (RNS)—American Baptists were called on by the denomination's general secretary here to resist any attempts to use Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30, for anti-Catholic rallies in connection with the Presidential election.

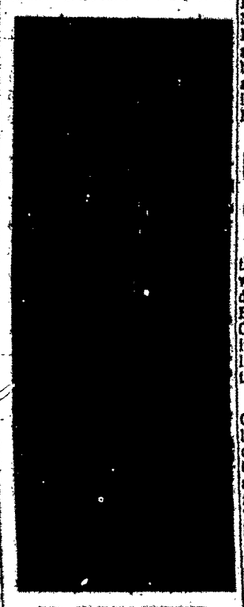
"The pulpit must not be turned into a partisan political platform," said Dr. Edwin H. Tuller in a statement, "or it will seriously violate its purpose. As American Baptists, we are in the forefront of those who insist upon the freedom of the pulpit, but we are equally concerned that it be used responsibly."

"Reformation Sunday," Dr. Tuller pointed out, "is dedicated to the quickening of a positive emphasis upon divine grace and human faith. In spite of the importance of the national election to follow shortly after Reformation Sunday, we cannot permit this day to be used in a manner that will do violence to its spiritual meaning."

Dr. Tuller issued the statement in response to many inquiries concerning the denomination's position regarding an anti-Kennedy drive announced by some conservative Protestant groups. Dr. Tuller said the American Baptist Convention is in no way officially connected with any such rallies.

(Dr. Tuller attended the Baptist convention in Rochester in June and was interviewed by Courier Journal editors. At that time he voiced hope for greater mutual respect among Christians of different denominations and less religious conflict.)

Meanwhile, other church leaders also were denouncing any political aims in connection with the Protestant festival. Among them were Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the National Council of Churches; Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S., and Dr. James E. Wagner, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.



DR. EDWIN TULLER
Pulpit Not Partisan

East Berlin Cathedral

Berlin — (RNS) — Resumption of reconstruction work on war-damaged St. Hedwig Cathedral in the Soviet sector of the Berlin diocese was started when Communist East Berlin authorities finally issued a building license for the second phase of the project.

For more than a year, Roman Catholic leaders, including Julius Cardinal Doepfner, Bishop of Berlin, had accused the East German Communists of deliberately withholding permission for continued reconstruction. The work was begun in 1952 but had to be interrupted several years ago because of lack of funds.

Later, when funds had been raised, the Communists refused to authorize the continuation of reconstruction work.

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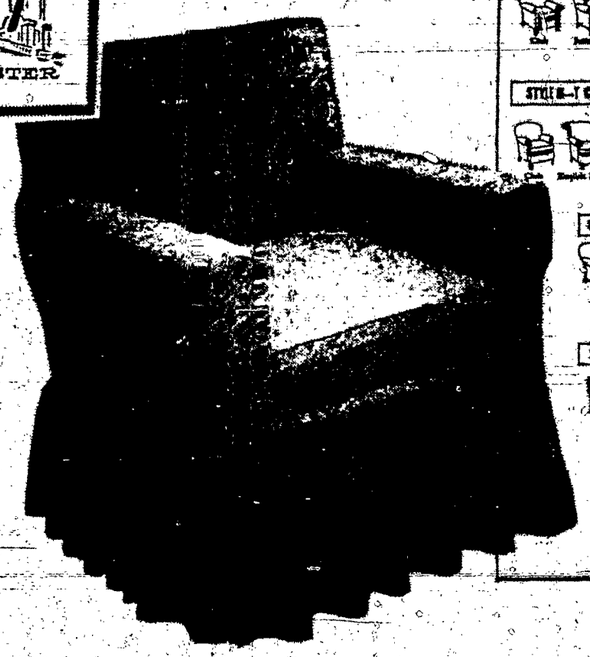

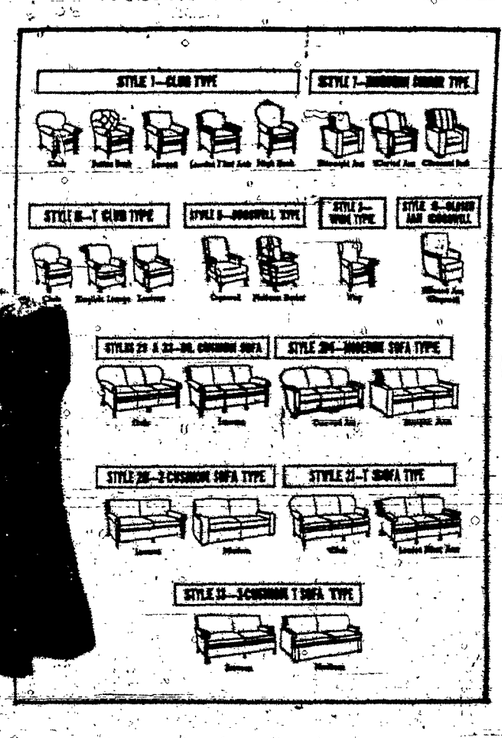

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