

Let Kennedy Alone In Church

New York — (RNS) — America, national Catholic review, has urged the press to give President-elect John F. Kennedy privacy when he attends church on Sundays.

The magazine noted in an editorial that Sen. Kennedy had requested such privacy some time ago but he has been swamped by newsmen and photographers every Sunday.

"True," America said, "the church-going of the U.S. President is a matter of some public interest. President Eisenhower's relatively frequent attendance at church was invariably reported in the press, together with snippets of the sermons preached in his presence."

"MR. KENNEDY'S church activities," the editorial added, "are even more tempting, as Catholics, with an obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and

holy days, he makes a succulent morsel on approximately 28 days out of the year."

The publication said Sen. Kennedy probably will not engage a chaplain to offer Mass privately for him and his household in some appropriate room of the White House. "Therefore, he will continue to go to Mass in a public place — either in his parish church in Washington or in other churches at chapel."

"If he regularly frequents the same church at the same hour, and if this fact is widely publicized," the editorial continues, "it will be unusual security problems for those charged with his protection."

"Why not just leave him alone on Sunday? Reporters might simply take the day off — and even go to church themselves."

November Building Record Set

Washington — (RNS) — Church construction set a new November record of \$44,000,000, the U.S. census bureau reported here.

This was a decline of only \$2,000,000 from October, much less than the usual seasonal decline that occurs at this time of year as cold weather spreads over the Northern states.

Church construction was \$9,000,000 above the mark for November, 1959.

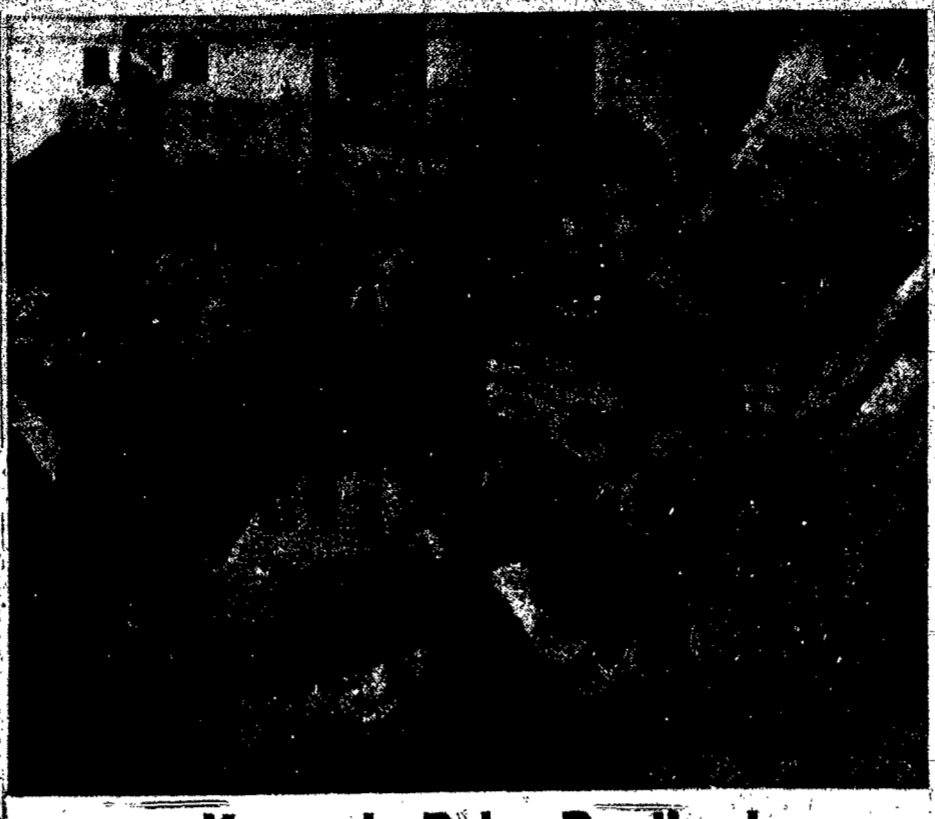
Construction for the first 11 months of 1960 was estimated at \$445,000,000, which already is a record for a single year.

Construction by nonpublic schools and colleges totaled \$34,000,000 during November, a drop of \$1,000,000 from October, but 40,000,000 above the same month a year ago. Construction in this field totals \$528,000,000 for the year thus far, assuring a new high for a single year.

Nuns To Staff Chile School

Chicago — (NC) — The Dominican Mission Sisters, a community founded in Chicago, will send four nuns to Chile to do missionary work there.

The Sisters will teach at a parish school in Lilo Lico, 80 miles west of the Chilean capital, Santiago. They will also do social and catechetical work among people of the area.



Kennedy Baby Baptized

Washington — (RNS) — John F. Kennedy, Jr., infant son of the President-elect, is baptized in the chapel of Georgetown University Hospital by Father Martin J. Casey, S.J., pastor of the Holy Trinity church which the Kennedy's attend. Mrs. Charles Bartlett, the godmother, holds the child. Her husband stands in for the godfather, Prince Stanislas Radziwill. Mrs. Kennedy's brother-in-law, the parents, in background, first met at the home of Mr. Bartlett, who is Washington correspondent for The Christian Science Times. The Kennedy baby is dressed in white christening gown his father had worn for his baptism in 1917. Planned to the gown was a religious medal sent by Prince Radziwill.

Boston

Seminary For Older Men

Boston — (RNS) — A society, they will "bring to the attention of the United States the need for a seminary for older men wishing to enter the priesthood — the first in the United States — will be constructed here next summer."

Cardinal Cushing of Boston told a convention of some 2,000 Holy Name Society members that present seminaries, with the exception of one in Rome, are not equipped to meet the educational needs of older men who have successfully pursued lay careers.

Cardinal Cushing said the new seminary will accept applicants from all over the country.

The priests also declared that the "time will come when we will have full-time trained lay teachers for instructing others in the faith, and we will pay them."

Cardinal Cushing urged a greater lay apostolate to extend Catholicism. He noted that 90 million Americans were affiliated with no faith.

The lack of knowledge pertaining to the Church on the part of our own people is appalling," he added. "We don't have to look to non-Catholics for evidence of the lack of adequate religious instruction in this country."

Award To Bishop's Brother

Bishop Kearney's brother, Dr. Leo Kearney, received Fordham University's Bene Merenti medal at a faculty convocation Sunday, Dec. 11, to mark 40 years as professor at the Jesuit school.



DR. LEO KEARNEY honored at Fordham

The 700-member faculty heard the university's president, Very Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., describe Dr. Kearney as a man of "unwavering zeal, unflinching good cheer" in the Fordham family of faculty and students.

TEXT OF the citation follows: "A teacher for 37 years and first Bene Merenti medalist of the School of Education, Leo Ignatius Kearney, today celebrates the completion of 40 years of service to Fordham University and its students in teacher education. His activities have been as varied as the facets of his abundant fraternal charity."

"Dr. Kearney has devoted 46 years of his life as an elementary school teacher, assistant principal, principal and assistant director of the Bureau of Reference and Research of the New York City public school system. He was also principal of the Knights of Columbus of the evening high school for veterans and his love for his

neighbor has been manifested by over 50 years of active work in the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"Having spent himself so largely in the apostolic task of Christian charity and teaching, he was honored in 1953 when his Church made him a Knight of Malta and Fordham University made him a Doctor of Humane Letters.

"Today his colleagues hail him in deep friendship for his unwearied zeal, his unflinching good cheer and above all for his many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness extended so warmly and generously over the years to the members of the Fordham University faculty privileged to know him or to be taught by him.

"Fordham University is also honored in being able to share with Leo Ignatius Kearney through the token of this diamond-studded Bene Merenti medal this observance of 40 years of dedication to God and man at Fordham University."

Dr. Charles Donahue, Fordham faculty member, spoke at the convocation ceremony. Bishop Kearney attended the site of the first World War activities and his love for his

Experts Study Unity Hopes

Collegeville — (RNS) — Ten Federated Theological Faculty, Roman Catholic and Protestant religious leaders engaged in an important theological dialogue at St. John's, abbey here, Dec. 14-15.

Participants in a common recitation of the "Our Father." Organized by the American Benedictine Academy, the ecumenical meeting was sponsored by Catholic Bishop Peter W. Bartholome of St. Cloud, Minn.

This was in accordance with a 1948 decree of the Holy Office which said that a theological colloquy of this kind must be supervised by the bishop with the previous consent of the Holy See.

Both the Protestant and Catholic participants attended only in individual capacities and not as representatives of their respective institutions.

PROTESTANTS participating were Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, professor of historical theology,

Union Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

During the three-day meeting four papers were delivered. Two, prepared by Dr. Pelikan and Father Bosler, concerned "The Issues That Divide Us." The other two looked at the opposite aspect — "The Factors that Unite Us."

Occupying a conspicuous place during the discussions was the Church Unity Candle. This candle has been used for several years at Benedictine houses in Europe. The order presented a Church-Unity Candle last May to Pope John XXIII, who lights it each Thursday in his private chapel and prays for Christian unity.

The candle is a visible symbol, the Benedictines say, of the concern for the reunification of Christian bodies throughout the world.

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