

Tuesday August 15, is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. It is a holiday on which Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. Parish bulletins should be consulted for time of Masses.

In medieval times, people brought first fruits of harvest time to be blessed on this feast.

Many European churches still have statues of "Our Lady of the Fields" showing the Blessed Virgin holding a sheaf of grain and with baskets of produce at her feet.

American Catholics especially owe our Lady, patroness of our country, a prayer of thanks on her feast day for the abundance in natural resources we here enjoy.

Following is the ritual prayer of blessing which may appropriately be used as a table prayer on the feast day:

Almighty, everlasting God, by Thy Word alone Thou hast made heaven, earth and sea, all things visible and invisible and hast adorned the earth with plants and trees for the benefit of men and beasts; Thou has appointed each species to bring forth fruit

in its own kind not only to be food for living creatures but also to be medicine for sick bodies. With our hearts and lips we earnestly implore Thee in Thy great goodness to bless these many fruits and vegetables and add to their natural powers the grace of Thy new blessing. May they ward off disease and adversity from men and beasts who use them according to Thy will, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Benedictine monks at Mount Saviour monastery, Elmira, began work this week on a new building near their chapel following ground-breaking rites by Bishop Kearney Sunday afternoon. With him at the hill top ceremony were Monsignor Leo Schwab, Mt. Saviour prior Father Damasus Winzen, Abbot Leo Rudloff of Jerusalem and Abbot Walter Helmstetter of Piffard.

Bigger Monastery Soon



Visitors at the Elmira monastery during the ground-breaking rite were Michael, 3, Mary Joanne, 7, and Cynthia, 4, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Garfield of 268 Paddy Hill Drive, Rochester. The Bishop told them about St. Benedict, patron of the monks.

Life of Charity Characterizes Monsignor Azzi

The shepherd who guided his spiritual flock through war, fire and poverty and sealed his work in his own suffering has been given the crown of an everlasting reward by the Eternal Judge.

A priest characterized by charity, Monsignor Charles J. Azzi, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Rochester, died August 4, 1961.

He had been in failing health for the past few years and hospitalized the past month.

Bishop Kearney offered solemn funeral Mass for the 60-year-old prelate Monday morning in the parish church.

Auxiliary Bishop Casey was present in the sanctuary.

FUNERAL SERMON WAS PREACHED BY THE REV. ALBERT J. SIMONETTI.

A priest for thirty-five years, Monsignor Azzi will be remembered by parishioners and those who knew him for his wholehearted charity.

"Charity was manifested in all that Monsignor Azzi did," Father Simonetti said. In his daily Mass, praying for the living and the dead, in his preaching and teaching the Word of God, in the administration of the Sacraments to young and old, in his care and concern for the sick, in his comforting and preparing the dying—all was prompted by the love of God.

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In extolling the kindness and generosity of Monsignor Azzi, the speaker told how Mount Carmel had become, since the war, a haven for refugees from other nations. Because of Monsignor Azzi's charity "the poor, the distressed, the lonely, the heart-sick could always find comfort and counsel here," Father Simonetti stated.

ASSISTING Bishop Kearney at the funeral Mass were: the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, deacon, the Rev. Leo Jones, subdeacon, and the Rt. Rev. James C. McAniff, assistant priest.

Also assisting were: Monsignors Leslie G. Whalen and John E. McCafferty, deacons of honor; the Very Rev. Edward J. McAniff, master of ceremonies; the Rev. Paul J. Wohlrab, second master; the Rev.

New Bishop In St. Louis

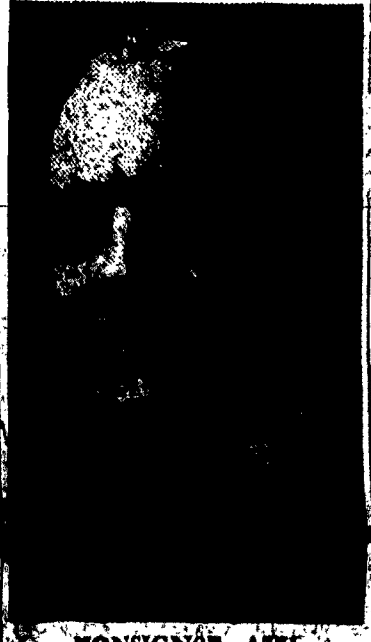
St. Louis — (NC) — A "country pastor" became a bishop here on the feast day of another pastor, St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests.

The new member of the hierarchy is Bishop George Joseph Gottwald, 47, who was chosen in June by Pope John XXIII to be Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis.

The new bishop and Monsignor Charles V. Boyle of St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester, were classmates at Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis. Monsignor Boyle attended the ceremony Tuesday.

Bishop Gottwald, until last year pastor of a small rural parish in the east-central Missouri town of Desloge and now administrator of the St. Louis cathedral, expressed his gratitude that he could be consecrated on the feastday of the patron saint of parish priests.

Bishop Charles H. Helmsing of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Mo., who gave the sermon, based his remarks on the career of St. John, the Curator of the Mount Carmel Men's Club.



MONSIGNOR AZZI

Present at the funeral Mass were Monsignors William J. Naughton, Frank J. Hoefen, Charles F. Shay, Wilfred T. Craugh, George W. Eckl, Arthur E. Radigan, Patrick Mofatt, Lawrence W. Gannon, Emmett Murphy, Osmonds A. Callip (Philippines), Joseph J. Sullivan, Richard K. Burns, Gerald C. Lambert, John M. Duffy.

More than 100 other priests from the Diocese were in attendance.

MONSIGNOR AZZI was born in Gorga, near Rome, Italy. He came to this country at the age of eight and attended Sacred Heart Grammar School, Perkinsville. A graduate of St. Andrew and St. Bernard Seminaries, he was ordained on June 12, 1926 by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey in old St. Patrick's Cathedral.

He served as assistant pastor at St. John's Church, Clyde, St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester. Monsignor Azzi was named pastor of St. Anthony, Elmira in 1935 and two years later was given the Mount Carmel pastorate.

In 1955, he was named to the Board of Diocesan Consultants, an advisor to the Bishop in the administration of the Diocese.

Monsignor Azzi was elevated by Pope Pius XII to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor on Jan. 26, 1956.

Following World War II, Monsignor Azzi was active in Italian relief programs and was instrumental in helping many refugees come to this country. He was a member of the American Committee on Italian Migration.

In 1946, Monsignor Azzi saw Mount Carmel parish free of debt and inaugurated a building program which included complete renovation of the church and erection of a new convent.

The newly remodeled parish school burned in 1953 but, because of an all-out response by parishioners, was rebuilt again in five months.

Before his illness, Monsignor Azzi was active in civic affairs, representing people of Italian descent, and in the activities of the Knights of St. John and the Mount Carmel Men's Club.



Monroe County Civil Defense chief Robert N. Abbott demonstrates how he'll be told by phone and then warn area residents by radio of atomic strike against America. He estimates people in 12 county areas Rochester Diocese will have about two hours to get to shelters if enemy attack hits expected targets.

Moral Duties In Atomic Era

What have you done for the survival of your family if nuclear bombs strike America?

If you haven't done anything, you expose your wife and children — as well as yourself — to an appalling cancer-like death after prolonged anguish.

And experts say it would take only \$100 and a few hours work to prevent such a tragedy.

When the warning sirens scream for real and wistful little eyes look at you and ask, "Daddy, what should we do?" what are you going to tell them?

The mounting tension over Berlin and the repeated threats of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev that Kremlin weapons will "strike a crushing blow at the strike of the United States" raised a question, "Do we have a moral obligation to provide for our survival?"

To get an answer to that question, we interviewed the two we thought best qualified locally to know the facts and moral implications of living — or dying — in this atomic age.

The two men are Robert N. Abbott, director of Civil Defense, Monroe County, and Monsignor Emmett Murphy, just recently named pastor of Holy Apostles Church after 15 years as professor of moral theology at St. Bernard's Seminary and a World War II record as chaplain during which he won the rank of major.

We learned a lot from both. Abbott scotched the widespread notion "When they start dropping those bombs, I don't intend to go running. I'd just as soon die and have it over with all at once."

"Most Americans won't have that choice," he said.

He explained — an initial attack on America will be aimed at military bases and retaliatory installations, missile pads and Strategic Air Command posts.

An enemy is more interested in making sure we won't hit back rather than just terrorizing people and in turn having its own people wiped out, Abbott said.

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Abbott said. Even at that, any assault on this country, is expected to be so massive that as many as 50,000,000 Americans will be atomized in an instant.

But what about the rest of us — most of us who don't happen to live in those primary target areas?

We would have up to two hours to get under cover before the deadly fallout — lethal rays we won't be able to see, hear or feel — settles back to earth.

Shelters— How, Why?

Detailed information on how to build a fallout shelter, what supplies to put in it and how to develop a program for the two weeks you might be in one — all this is available at your county's Civil Defense Office or from the national headquarters of the agency at Battle Creek, Michigan.

Congress is currently studying President Kennedy's request to spend \$207,000,000 for group fallout shelters and to launch a nationwide education program to spur families to build their own basement shelters.

New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller has waged a two-year uphill battle to convince people to provide protection for themselves by building such shelters.

The evidence to fir is that Americans think survival is either impossible or undesirable notions which encourage our nation's enemies to continue their aggressive action.

earth hundreds of miles downwind from the blasted area.

What kind of "cover" does Abbott recommend?

An easily built fallout shelter — one that's probably already half-built for you. Just construct a concrete-block enclosed room and roofed over with concrete blocks in the corner of your basement.

Stock it with food and other supplies for a two week stay. Total cost for adequate protection for yourself and your family will be less than \$350 and if you do the work yourself the cost will be as low as \$100.

President Kennedy in his May 25 talk to Congress said, "Every American citizen must decide whether this form of survival insurance justifies the expenditure of effort, time and money. For myself, I am convinced that it does."

Monsignor Murphy considers this "insurance" a duty in conscience.

He said fathers are "under a moral obligation" to provide "the most feasible protection" for their families and that means construction of a fallout shelter.

Monsignor Murphy, in the precise terminology characteristic of the Church's moral theologians, spelled out his reasons and practical conclusions as follows:

"Responsible officials of our national, state and local governments have warned us that a thermo-nuclear attack, however remote it might be, is still a real possibility. In view of the brief warning period, all parents have a clear obligation at this time to take all reasonable measures for the protection of their children.

"Scientists assure us that a family fallout shelter such as that advocated by the Office of Civil Defense will provide, the most feasible protection from the lethal effects of atomic radiation.

"The Office of Civil Defense, furthermore, informs us that, due to the impossibility of erecting a sufficient number of easily accessible public facilities.

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Bishop Kearney, at a familiar task, turns aside full of earth to signal start of new construction at monastery.

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