

New Link
In Devotion

John Fisher, Diocesan Patron Saint

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Prayer, Pressure Soften Kremlin

Prayer and political pressure played mutual role to ease world tension this week.

Pope John, following a Mass for peace Sunday afternoon, made a plea to the leaders of nations to begin "free and sincere negotiations" to banish the terrors of war.

Despite continued testing of atomic war-heads, Kremlin chief Nikita Khrushchev switched his blunt statement about "no use" to talk to President Kennedy to a softer he'd "always be glad to meet with the United States President."

The President still abides by his inaugural position. "Let both sides explore what problems unite us instead of belaboring those problems which divide us."

New's analysts credit the visit to Moscow of neutralist Prime Minister Nehru of India and panic-buying in Communist controlled Poland as factors shaping the Kremlin strategy change.

The Pope in his appeal said, "The world has no need of victorious wars and defeated peoples." He asked for continued prayers "with one another and for one another."

Warning that "every war brings upheaval and destruction to persons, regions and the entire world," he stressed especially the unlimited havoc that would result from "modern implements of war derived from the secrets of nature and capable of unleashing unheard of energy."

The Pope's appeal was made at a general audience for about 15,000 persons, including 12 cardinals, gathered in the square facing the papal summer residence. His message was immediately broadcast by the Vatican Radio in 30 languages, including those of Iron Curtain countries.

In solemn and weighty tones, the pontiff urged "the rulers of all nations to face squarely the tremendous responsibility they bear before the tribunal of history, and what is more, before the judgment seat of God, and to treat them not as fall victims to false and deceiving provocations."

"It is truly upon wise men," he said, "that the issue depends, that force shall not prevail, but right, through free and sincere negotiations, that truth and justice shall be vindicated by safeguarding the essential liberties and the unexpressable values of every nation and of every human being."

Pointing to "the frightful effects of new weapons of destruction and ruin which human ingenuity continue to multiply to everybody's loss," Pope John said that "by the mercy of God, we are persuaded that up until the present time there is no se-

rious threat of either immediate or remote war."

Prior to making his peace appeal, the Pope celebrated a Mass for peace in the large audience hall of the papal residence. The Mass was broadcast by radio networks, including Radio Free Europe, in seven West European countries and by a number of stations in the United States and Canada. Meanwhile Catholics around the world joined with the Pope in offering special prayers for peace.

'Don't Know What To Do'

Catholics Lag In Racial Role

Dayton — (NC) — Catholics are becoming increasingly active in promoting interracial justice, but many are still on the sidelines because they "don't know exactly what to do," an interracial movement leader said here.

Guichard Parris, a Negro who served as secretary of the conference here of the National Urban League, said the present favorable trend in achieving racial justice is largely the result of work done by such men as Father John LaFarge, S.J., a founder of the Catholic Interracial Movement.

Parris pointed out, however, that there is still a gap between the unequivocal teaching of the Church on the subject of racial justice and the indifference of many lay people.

He said that many Catholics are "ready to take the first step to eradicate racial injustice in their environment, but just don't know exactly what to do."

"TO SUCH persons he offered this advice: "Begin right where you are, in your own position in life, by your example. Show that your heart is in the right place. You'll probably get bounced around a bit in the process, but you will have begun to assume your obligation as a Catholic layman."

Parris said the layman is bound to be confronted with the problem of racial discrimination as an employer, as a working man, as a member of civic organizations and as a member of a parish and neighborhood.

"In any situation, without being offensive," Parris stated, the Catholic laymen must make it clear that he has a moral responsibility, not only to others, but to himself and his children.

On the question of integrated

Radio To Aid Catechism

Mexico City — (RNS) — Mexican Catholic Action has turned to the radio to reach Indians in the remote sections of the republic with catechism instruction.

The problem of providing religious instruction to the Indians is made more difficult because many of them do not yet speak Spanish and are not integrated into Mexican life in any way.

In addition they will be equipped with radio sending facilities which will transmit religious instruction to Indians gathered in villages under direction of an itinerant catechist or rural teacher who has been provided with a receiver.

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English Martyr-Bishop Designated by Vatican

A new and a major link in diocesan devotion to St. John Fisher has been forged by a Vatican decree, Bishop Kearney announced today.

Pope John has designated the martyr-bishop of Rochester, England, to be the patron saint of the American Diocese of Rochester.

The decree issued in the form of a "perpetual memorial" bears the date of June 9th and is signed by Cardinal Domenico Tardini, Vatican secretary of state, who visited Rochester in the early 1930s and died July 30 this year.

Devotion to St. John Fisher in this Diocese has a long tradition, rooted in more than the mere coincidence of two cities with the same name.

The 16th century martyr was canonized in 1935, two years before Bishop Kearney came to Rochester. When the new Bishop of Rochester looked for a saint to inspire his own life here, he found the just canonized scholar-martyr an ideal model.

But seventy years and four bishops earlier, roots of the devotion were already evident.

When Pope Pius IX established this new diocese with its ancient title — Diocese of Rochester — he revived a heritage of faith and heroism which traced itself back to the seventh century.

In the year 604, Canterbury's first archbishop, St. Austin, consecrated his companion, St. Justus, to be bishop of Rochester, a village on the Medway about 30 miles east of London.

Austin and Justus were Benedictine monks from St. Andrew's monastery in Rome so they chose this title for Rochester's cathedral. The diocese of 97 parishes at the time of St. John Fisher had the reputation as the oldest, the smallest and the poorest in all of England.

The cathedral with its episcopal throne and marble altar where St. John Fisher presided and prayed over his diocese from 1504 to 1535 still stands in quiet splendor now used for services of the Church of England.

To keep alive the ancient cathedral devotion of St. Andrew, the first bishop of Rochester, St. Andrew's was dedicated in 1841 to St. John Fisher, the first bishop of the diocese.

But the link with England's Rochester was left at that until 1935 when Pope Pius XI focused world attention on the Kentish town by canonizing its martyr-bishop and the layman St. Thomas More, chancellor to King Henry VIII.

John Fisher, also a companion of kings, brightened a sad page in English history — the time when a Catholic nation surrendered its faith to satisfy the whims of a monarch.

The saint's death climaxed a life of prayer, scholarship and monkish austerity. Because he refused to recognize the king's right to marry Anne Boleyn after divorcing Catherine of Aragon, Fisher was imprisoned in London Tower.

Pope Paul III named him a Cardinal but King Henry forbade the symbolic red hat to be sent to England, declaring he would send the head to Rome instead.

Most dramatic evidence of the bonds which span centuries and an ocean was the response of people throughout this Diocese to Bishop Kearney's appeal to build a Catholic Church in Rochester, England.

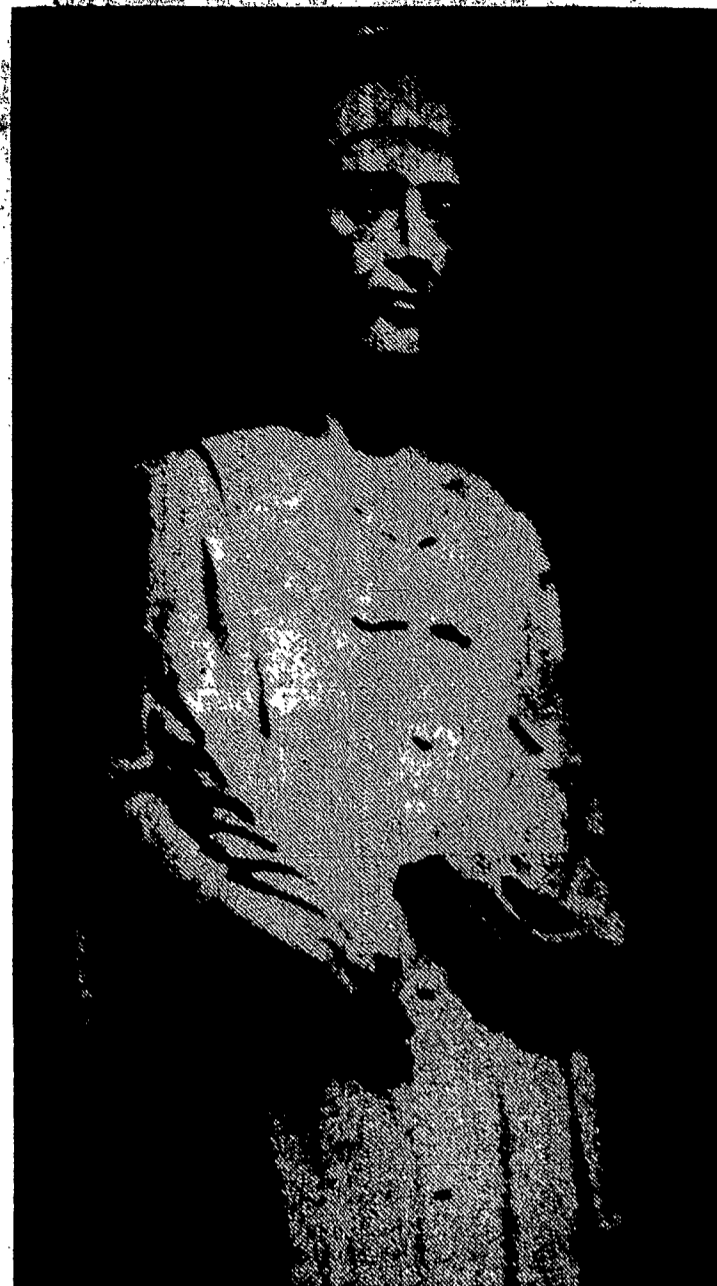
Asking them "to bring the Blessed Sacrament back to the tabernacle in the old parish of St. John Fisher," Bishop Kearney appealed on June 1, 1952 to restore Christ to a village sanctified by the martyrdom of England's greatest bishop.

A check for \$30,000 was soon sent to help the Catholics of Rochester, England, to build a red brick church on a knoll overlooking the old cathedral. A statue of the saint now looks down from a niche over the main entrance, down to the sanctuary where he prayed for 31 years.

Naming St. John Fisher diocesan patron does not mean God will increase His attention to us — His mercy is always infinite. The new patron becomes an official challenge to clergy and laity to imitate virtues as urgently needed in the 20th century as in the 16th — confidence in God, constancy in prayer, fidelity in daily duties, development of natural talents and courageous loyalty to the Church.

If these are done, then the Vatican decree will achieve its purpose.

—This article by Father Henry Aiwall



A new statue of St. John Fisher, carved in Italy and donated by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey in memory of his mother, now stands on the right side altar at Sacred Heart Cathedral, symbol of diocesan dedication to the 16th century martyr of Rochester, England. Bishop Kearney will bless the statue during jubilee rites at the Cathedral on October 25.

Patron Saints An Ancient Devotion

Naming of patron saints is a Christian practice dating back to apostolic times and based on the teachings of our Lord.

The Apostles Creed includes an affirmation of belief in the "communion of saints" — a solid unity which links in mutual aid and reverence the members of the Church on earth, in purgatory and in heaven.

During the first three centuries of Christianity, the period of the Roman persecutions, towns and parishes felt themselves under special obligation to perpetuate the memory of a local martyr or hero of the faith.

Ordinarily, the cathedral of a diocese is dedicated to the saint most frequently honored by people in that area. First Catholics in the Rochester area were Irish immigrants so they dedicated their church, later the cathedral, to St. Patrick.

When the old cathedral could no longer be maintained, Sacred Heart parish became the cathedral — but Christ is not a patron saint of one diocese only. He is the Good Shepherd of a universal flock. The Diocese of Rochester, technically, had no patron saint from 1937 until this present Vatican decree.

Designation of the new patron saint will not, however, change the title of the Cathedral and should be clarified.

Riders OK'd By Students

Pittsburgh — (NC) — The National Federation of Catholic College Students has praised the courage of the Freedom Riders and affirmed the principle that "compulsory racial segregation in any form is morally unjust."

The NFCCS 18th national congress also went on record as suggesting that the aims of the House Un-American Activities Committee are "too nebulous" and should be clarified.



They shall say "In that day, to this is our God, we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord, we have patiently waited for Him." — Isaiah 24:15

Eternal Rest . . .

Annual blessing of graves at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester, will be held this Sunday, Sept. 17, at 3:30 p.m.

Auxiliary Bishop Casey will preside and preach. The ceremony will begin at the All Souls Chapel where those attending the rite are asked to assemble.

During the procession of clergy, seminarians and members of the Knights of St. John, prayers and hymns for the faithful departed will be offered.

Governor's Son At St. Bernard's

Edward M. Dempsey, 20 year old son of Connecticut's Governor John N. Dempsey, began his studies for the priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary this week.

He is enrolled with 242 other students from 14 dioceses in the six year course which climaxes with ordination as a priest.

Governor Dempsey of Norwich, Conn., was elected vice governor as running mate with Abraham Ribicoff who later became President Kennedy's Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Young Dempsey graduated this past June from St. Thomas archdiocesan preparatory seminary in Hartford.

Blessing of the graves Sunday, Sept. 17, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. BLANCHARD offers many specials. Stop on the way, 58 Lake Ave. Open Sunday 'til 2 p.m. Free Parking.—Adv.

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Congress Kills Hopes For Parochial Aid

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The Senate voted here to extend the present National Defense Education Act for two years. Its action killed any federal loans for private and parochial schools or equalization of benefits for teachers in parochial schools.

Identical legislation passed by the House — except for the technicality that the Senate passed its own bill which the House must now accept — the measure will go to President Kennedy who is expected to sign it.

Inequities in the National Defense Education Act of which Catholic education leaders have complained will remain unchanged until the legislation is again reviewed by Congress in 1963, although the Senate Subcommittee on Education and the House Education and Labor Committee had approved amendments, later sidetracked, that would have equalized benefits for parochial school teachers.

Not only was the program for federal loans to parochial schools — for construction of classrooms to teach science, mathematics, foreign languages, and physical education — lost, but so were two other amendments to the NDEA which would have equalized benefits for parochial and public school teachers.

Loans made to college students preparing to enter the teaching profession will continue to be forgiven up to 50 per cent for those entering public schools, but not for teachers in private schools. Committees in both houses of Congress had agreed this should be changed but action is now stalled on the issue until 1963.



Bishop Casey blesses cornerstone at new Cardinal Mooney High School under construction in Town of Greece. Another picture and text of talks, page 4.

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