

# Trans - Atlantic Thank You

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Rochester, New York, I am told, is named after the American Colonel, John Rochester, and has no historical connections with Rochester, England. If the second part of that statement once were true, it is no longer so.

I have just completed the past three weeks endeavoring to express my gratitude, on behalf of the Catholics of Rochester, England, to their brethren in the Faith of the New York Diocese of Rochester — a gratitude made necessary from the fact that it was, precisely, an historical connection between the two cities which brought about the erection of the church in honor of St. John Fisher in the English City which saw that martyred Bishop's pastoral ministrations for more than thirty years.

The roots are deep. Indeed, going back to the days of Bishop McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester, that stone of the new Church of St. John Fisher, dedicated in honor of the English to the Martyred Bishop in his own city of Rochester, honor of St. Andrew.

St. Andrew was the first patron of the first church built in Rochester by St. Augustine, Apostle of England, in A.D. 604.

This title remained Rochester's till the Reformation and the Cross of St. Andrew still remains part of the coat of arms of the Cathedral City of Rochester and of the Bishops of Rochester, even of the Non-Catholic Bishops of the post-Reformation period.

When St. Andrew's Seminary was being rebuilt in 1949, the then rector, Monsignor Edward Lyons, had the happy idea of seeking a portion of the stone from the original medieval priory of St. Andrew, Rochester, England, to be set along side the foundation stone of the new building in Rochester, New York.

Father Thomas O'Riordan, Pastor of Chatham, in whose parish the ancient Cathedral City of St. Andrew was situated, sought and easily obtained from the Protestant Dean of Rochester, part of the stone of the now ruined Monastery.

Part of that venerable stone is embedded in St. Andrew's Seminary, part of it is in St. John Fisher College, and part of it rests alongside the foundation stone of the new Church of St. John Fisher, dedicated in honor of the English to the Martyred Bishop in his own city of Rochester.

It was the abiding interest of the late Monsignor Lyons in the ancient title which sent him to England in 1950 in company with Monsignor John Maney, Chancellor of the Diocese, to see for himself the ancient city

on the Medway River in Kent, on the banks of which the Cathedral Priory of St. Andrew was built which, for a thousand years witnessed the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the chanting of the Divine Office by the Benedictine monks who dwelt there.

When Monsignor Lyons came to Rochester there was no Catholic church.

The last four secular priests of Rochester apostatized during the reign of Henry VIII and this city, scene of the ministrations of St. Augustine, Apostle of England, of St. Justus, first Bishop of Rochester and of 64 other bishops till the martyrdom of the holy and learned St. John Fisher, had no place where the Mass might be offered.

Other pre-Reformation cities, even though their ancient cathedrals and abbeys were in the hands of the Protestant Church of England, had taken advantage of the Emancipation Act of 1829 and the Restoration of the Hierarchy in 1851 to build new churches for the gradually increasing Catholic population.

Unhappily, North Kent remained and still remains one of the least Catholic parts of the country. The present figures give us only two per cent of the population. So, though there was a flourishing parish in neighboring Chatham and the devoted pastor, Father O'Riordan dearly longed to see a Catholic church again in Rochester, there was little hope of that desire being realized.

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Father Burke of Rochester, England, shows St. John Fisher College president Father Charles Lavery (left) signature of Bishop Cowdery in parish book, first built in Rochester by St. Augustine, Apostle of England, in 17th century.

## Clergy Assigned In Clothing Drive

Appointment of nine area directors of the Catholic Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Collection, to be held in the parishes of the Diocese during the week of November 19, was announced this week by Rev. E. Leo McMannus, diocesan director of the thirteenth annual clothing campaign.

Appointed were Rev. Robert J. Kanka, Monroe county; Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, Chemung and

## Ribicoff Aid Stand Disputed

Birmingham — (NC) — A Catholic college educator took issue here with Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Abraham Ribicoff on the Federal aid to education issue.

Father Brian J. Egan, O.S.B., president of St. Bernard College, Cullman, Ala., said Ribicoff criticized schoolmen in a recent address to the American Council on Education for failing to stir up community support for the administration's school aid program.

Father Egan commented that "it apparently did not occur to Secretary Ribicoff that neither the educators nor the public were sold completely on the administration's proposals."

The priest said the administration plan was "blatantly unfair and obviously discriminatory" in that it did not include private schools in the general aid to education program.

He said that "numerically alone, with five million students, whose parents are paying their share of Federal taxes, Catholic education is just something that secular educators and politicians must reckon with whether they like it or not."

## Vatican State Chief To Visit U.S.

Washington — (NC) — Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, Papal Secretary of State, will be welcomed back to this country in New York Monday, Nov. 27.

The former Apostolic Delegate to the United States will represent Pope John as Papal Legate at the 11th national and Inter-American Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in Dallas from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1.

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MUCHAS GRACIAS — Whatever you give to the Thanksgiving Clothing Collection at your parish this month will be very welcome. These tiny señoritas at the Maryknoll Sisters Social Center in Peru are among thousands of children throughout Latin America in need of clothing. Sometimes the children have to stay home from school because their mothers are washing their one and only dress or shirt.

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# Pope Repeats Hopes For World Peace

Vatican City — (RNS) — "Here is serenity, peace and trust. What a wonderful example for the world, always so agitated, restless and threatened by some catastrophe!"

Greeted by a wave of applause, these words were spoken by Pope John XXIII when he addressed almost 20,000 Catholics from Italy and representatives of 68 nations gathered in St. Peter's Basilica to honor him on the occasion of his 80th birthday and the third anniversary of his coronation.

In the brilliantly lighted, scarlet and gold-decorated Basilica were also members of the Pope's family, three brothers and his sister, Assunta, as well as the mayor of his native town of Concesio, near Bergamo.

(Hundreds of Catholics in the Rochester Diocese attended pontifical Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral or in parish churches to pray for the Pope on his birthday.)

In Rome, 52 cardinals attended the solemn pontifical Mass celebrated by Giovanni Battista Cardinal Montini, Archbishop of Milan, first member of the Sacred College named by the reigning pontiff.

Surrounding the Pope as he was borne to the pontifical throne were ecclesiastics in distinctive robes, Swiss Guards in their red, orange and blue uniforms, and officials of the papal court. The Pope himself was enveloped in a white silted, gold-embroidered cape, and wore the triple crown, symbol of the papal authority. His face was wreathed in smiles as he leaned from left to right to raise his hand in benediction.

In a sermon delivered in French during the Mass, the Pope—in an obvious allusion to the Soviet Union's nuclear bomb tests—declared that all nations were "concerned over the threats weighing on them and demand insistently to be spared."

"We join this anguished appeal with a father's heart," he said, "and we fervently implore the Most High that He may enlighten men's minds and protect your nations and all mankind, uniting it more and more in concord and peace."

Among those who heard the Pope were Ambassador Extraordinary Thomas K. Finletter, personal representative of President John F. Kennedy; Premier Amintore Fanfani and Foreign Minister Antonio Segni of Italy; Paul Struys, president of the Belgian Senate; Austrian Foreign Minister Bruno Kreisky; and Ambassador Loliki, representing the Leopoldville government in the Congo.

Thanking the governments which had sent representatives to the rites in his honor, he said "your presence on this day is highly significant."

"Around Our modest person," he said, "we see reunited the Old and the New World, the East and the West, the peoples of ancient Christianity and the new nations which have achieved independence. They have gathered in Rome without any selfish interests, not for one second moved by any need to dominate, or inspired by political rivalry."

"Let me repeat, joyfully: this is a peaceful encounter" dictated by the highest and noblest sentiments such as esteem, respect, desire of mutual understanding, loyal and cordial collaboration. Here all is peace, serenity, and trust. What a wonderful example for the world. All are concerned over the



## Vatican Medal to Harvard Don

Cambridge — (RNS) — Robert Burns Woodward, Harvard University science professor, who was named the first recipient of the Gold Medal of Plus XI by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, is shown here in a classroom session in Cambridge, Mass. The 44 year old scientist was named as medalist during the academy's silver jubilee study week at the Vatican "for original research in the field of chemistry." Prof. Woodward is widely known for his laboratory synthesis of complex molecules.

always so agitated, restless and threatened by some catastrophe!"

The pontiff went on to pray that "may it please the Lord that no questions of material interest may ever divide them (the nations represented) and that they may rise ever higher to the supreme values of the spirit which alone can lead them to solid and durable peace."

"To this peace," he declared, "the people you represent—and people of the earth—aspire. All are concerned over the

## Peace Corps Nun: 'Ike Missed By A Mile'

(This is the first of two articles dealing with the Peace Corps. Next week Dr. Meder and Sister Magdalen will discuss the type of people joining the Peace Corps and what they must do to become members.)

BY JIMMY RYAN

"The Peace Corps," said former President Eisenhower recently, "is a juvenile experiment. If you want to take a trip to the moon, why not send a Peace Corps up there? It is an underdeveloped country."

The President's comment was triggered by an unfortunate incident involving Margery Michelmore, an attractive 23-year-old Peace Corps member whose postcard report on the "squalid" living conditions in Nigeria embroiled the new organization in its first major controversy.

Was the comment justified? Is it true that the Peace Corps is a glorified "children's crusade."

At least two local educators think the former President missed the target by an international mile.

"Personally," says Dr. Charles J. Meder, head of the Education Department of St. John Fisher College, "I am one hundred per cent in favor of the Peace Corps. I feel that the youth of today possesses a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and dedication. We often fail to realize the true potential of our youth because we do not seek its assistance in solving the problems that beset us. The purpose of the Peace Corps is not to 'promote America' but to help less developed people attain a suitable level of economic stability."

"He referred obliquely to the incident by discussing his recent trip to Disneyland where he viewed Disney's re-creation of Africa. The crocodiles and lions and elephants and savages with spears terrified him, he said, 'particularly since he had never seen any in Africa and did not know what to expect. He warned against developing pre-conceived images of a country, for people tend to see only what they expect.'"

"We hear about the Miss Michelmore," says Sister Magdalen, chairman of Nazareth College's art department, "but we do not hear about the hundreds of friends being made every day by Peace Corps members in Columbia, Chile, Ghana, Tanganyika, Santa Lucia—and Nigeria. The people who represent us in the Peace Corps are far above average in intelligence."

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## Blame Nobody But Self

Catholics of New York State will have nobody to blame but themselves when school taxes climb to pay for more public education at the college level.

Catholic voters manifested massive ignorance and apathy in failing to push through Amendment 6 in this week's balloting. The Amendment would have allowed private colleges to borrow more money to expand their facilities. Both Democrats and Republicans were in favor of the plan.

Opposition came not from political groups but from religious groups who claimed the plan would benefit Catholic colleges.

A tally of the vote indicates Catholic voters were either ignorant or apathetic to the outcome. Many didn't even bother to vote on the issue so the opposition, well organized and spurred on by such organizations as "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State," sank the Amendment.

It will be a long time before legislators at the state or national level will put such a proposal to voters again.