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Installation Banquet At St. Michael's

DAUGHTERS OF MARY of St. Michael's Church, Rochester, held their Installation Banquet for new officers on Tuesday, Jan. 22. One hundred six members attended. After the dinner all members went to the Choir of Unity Octave at the church, then returned to the hall for cards. Front row: Rita Tschong, secretary; Gladys Hecks, vice president; Kay Ruff, president; Rosemary Hiller, Father Benedict Eumann, Rita Wunch, treasurer; Father Daniel V. Hogan, (second row) Mary Speciano, Cecelia Hattenauer, Ellen Schultz and Mary Donadio.

Lent's Penance Door to Life

By **REV. LEO DUNN, C.S.S.R.**
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This is Father Dunn's first Friday article and points to the coming season of Lent. Father Dunn, besides his work at the school's office, is director of novena services of Our Lady of Perpetual Help held Wednesday at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester.

The most misunderstood person ever to walk the face of the earth was Jesus Christ. Even those who know Him best and loved Him were slow to grasp His message. A few short years after His ascension, the Churches of Antioch and Jerusalem were divided on precisely what was the more perfect way to follow Christ. We learn this from the Epistles of St. Paul. No other religious leader in the history of mankind has so many followers being faithful in so many contrary ways. And yet, all claim that they possess Christ's true message.

Today there are Catholics who feel that they understand Christ "better" than His Church does. "The Church is out of contact," is about how they express it. The emotional-charged problems of divorce and birth control come immediately to mind in this regard. "If Christ were on earth today," they say, "things would be easier. He would understand." Unfortunately, they

Pope Cites St. Paul Model for Athletes

Vatican City — (EUS) — Pope John XXIII stressed the importance of the maxim "a sound mind in a healthy body" in speaking to participants of Italy's first National Sports Convention.

The pontiff referred to the figure of the Apostle Paul as an example of physical strength and spiritual ardor, particularly for young people. He also praised the "exemplary sobriety" of athletes.

Today the Pope said, distances have shrunk, allowing people to come close together. "In this providential meeting," he said, "sports can claim a position of high merit."

Sports, he added, are a major approach to charity because they bring the young of all countries closer together.

UN Promises Atrocities Inquiry

Atlanta — (NC) — U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Adlai E. Stevenson has promised to press for a full investigation concerning reports of alleged excesses by U.N. troops in Katanga.

Stevenson said the United States "is not a party to any military operations in the Katanga region of the Congo."

Reports have accused U.N. troops of various excesses in the Katanga capital of Elisabethville and surrounding areas. These included looting of churches, profanation of the graves of the dead and

New Book On Hong Kong

New York — The work of a New Rochelle, N.Y., priest, Monsignor John Romanelli, is described in a new book published this month, entitled "Hong Kong." It was written by Gene Gleason, a staff correspondent for the New York Herald-Tribune.



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By Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen

This is the third in the series, "What I Saw at the Council." The first was "I Saw Poverty," the second, "I Saw Holiness." This column is called "I Saw Martyrdom."

There has never been a Council in the history of the Church that was more martyred than the Council of Nicaea. The only one which could compare with it was the Council of Nice, which took place after the Roman persecutions, but the total of bishops at that Council did not equal the number of martyrs at this one. When we speak of martyrs, we do not mean "wet martyrs" but "dry martyrs." "Wet martyrs" shed their blood and die once; "dry martyrs" are brought to the point of death through brain-washing, torture and imprisonment and "die" a thousand deaths without dying. The Romans during the persecutions wanted the blood of Christians. The Communists know that "the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians"; they seek their souls, not their blood.

If we added up the number of years served in prison by the bishops at this Council, they would amount to at least 500 years. Two of the bishops whom I saw walk to their seats every morning had taken part in death marches. An American Officer wrote of one of them: "Every time I saw him, exhausted though he was, he was carrying a man on his back." Another bishop, from Yugoslavia, was imprisoned at the same time as Archbishop Stepinac. Witnesses state that whenever he went out for a walk in the prison yard doves would fly down and rest on his shoulders. The Communists killed the doves because they said they were "carrying messages."

Who are these men? They are, as Scripture calls them, "Witnesses to Christ," for that is the meaning of martyrs. And there were, American bishops from our prosperous land, privileged to walk, talk, sit and eat with those who could say with Paul: "I am glad of my sufferings on your behalf, as in this mortal frame of mind, I help pay off the debt which the afflictions of Christ still leave to be paid, for the sake of His Body, the Church."

The Divine guarantee of the success of the Council is the Holy Spirit; the human guarantee of success is the martyr-bishops who help redeem the rest of us. The God in heaven knows that we in the United States have to become martyrs too — not blood martyrs, not brain-washed-martyrs, but prayer-martyrs and money martyrs for the sake of the Church. We American bishops, priests, religious and lay are part of the same Mystical Body as they are. They are saving the world; we must save them. To say to those martyrs, "There are no more Mass stipends" or "Remember that we only get an average per-capita contribution of 27 cents from United States Catholics each year to aid you" is to break one's heart. In the name of the Lord, lawyers, doctors, nurses, students, housewives, everyone... pray, sacrifice, do something for our martyr church. When you send an offering to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it goes directly to the Holy Father for those suffering in mission lands.

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Like an unbroken thread in a tapestry, the theme of penance and self-denial is repeated again and again in the life of Christ.

It is true to say that the season of Lent is an historical development. But this fact does not minimize its importance. Lent has gradually become an essential part of the Church year and an integral part of the official (liturgical) worship of the Church. In ancient times the Church always used the liturgy to teach the faithful. There were no schools at that time. The teaching was done by introducing and developing the Lenten season, and also by using appropriate prayers and Scripture texts during this time. Holy Mother the Church instructed the faithful.

On Tuesday of the first week of Lent, we say this prayer at Mass: "Look down upon your family, Lord, and grant that our souls, chastened by the mortification of the flesh, may glow in your sight with the desire of possessing you."

What is important to understand is that we do not do penance and fast because the Church invented Lent. But rather the contrary is true. The necessity of self-restraint and mortification is a basic teaching of Christ, and this led to the development of the Lenten Season. To ignore this would be to distort completely even the purpose of Christ's becoming man.

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Religion Classes OK'd In U.S. Built Schools

Providence (NC) — Moral and religious instruction may be given in North Haverock Township public schools in non-school hours, the New Jersey Commissioner of Education ruled here.

His ruling comes in response to the practice instituted by the Township Board of Education and affecting three schools built with federal funds at McGuire Air Force Base.

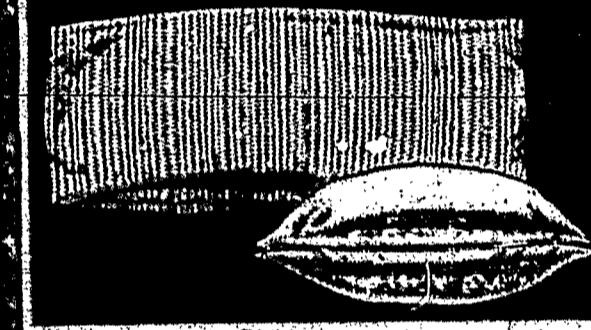
There is only one locally built elementary school in the school district. The four schools have a total enrollment of 2,300 children, 2,000 of whom are children of military personnel at McGuire.

Air Force officials had asked the town's school board for permission to use the schools on Sundays and after school hours to give religious and moral instruction. New Jersey law allows school districts to permit non-school use for a wide variety of purposes, although religious training is not mentioned specifically.

The Board of Education turned down the Air Force request because of its own policy forbidding use of school buildings on Sundays and holidays except under unusual circumstances.

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