

# Tabulations of Laymen's Retreats by Parishes

Report made available to the public in highest number of retreats since a study was made in 1954 by the National Council on Religion and Public Affairs. One hundred thirty-two parishes reported retreats for 1963, an increase of 10 over the 1962 total.

The report made by the Very Rev. Michael Downing, C.S.B., Bishop Kearney's chief of staff, shows that additional parishes participated in 1963 for the first time.

Bishop Kearney officially opened the retreat year with Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, on Jan. 12. Retreatants also attended Mass the same evening at St. Joseph's Church, Waynesville and St. Francis Church, Avon.

The following tabulation of parishes shows 1963 totals with gain or loss from the previous year.

CITY PARISHES	1963	G	L
Sacred Heart	139	10	
Bliss Sacrament	89	0	0
Christ the King	41	1	0
Assumption	19	2	1
Corpus Christi	34	3	1
Guardian Angels	6	1	0
Holy Spirit	47	10	0
Holy Family	31	5	1
Holy Ghost	34	9	0
Holy Redeemer	16	2	0
Holy Trinity	58	27	0
Immaculate Conception	12	27	0
Most Precious Blood	4	0	0
Our Lady of Good Counsel	48	8	0
Our Lady of Lourdes	50	17	0
Our Lady of Mercy	55	1	0
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	32	4	0
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	30	1	0
Our Lady Queen of Peace	6	0	0
Our Lady of Victory	28	0	0
Our Mother of Sorrows	28	0	0
St. Ambrose	68	17	0
St. Andrew	51	10	0
St. Ann	51	0	0
St. Anthony of Padua	11	0	0
St. Augustine	29	17	0
St. Boniface	17	0	0
St. Bridget	7	2	0
St. Cecilia	10	3	0
St. Charles Borromeo	38	7	0
St. Francis of Assisi	21	0	0
St. Francis Xavier	35	6	0
St. George (M.H.)	18	4	0
St. Hilary	68	17	0
St. James	68	17	0
St. John the Evangelist	65	3	0
St. John the Evangelist (Greece)	31	2	0

PARISHES - Outside the City	1963	G	L
Addison-St. Catherine	0	0	0
Appleton-St. Margaret Mary	1	0	0
Atlanta-St. Matthias	2	1	0
Aurora			
Holy Family	27	4	0
Sacred Heart	12	0	0
St. Anthony	5	0	0
St. Alphonsus	18	10	0
St. Francis of Assisi	23	7	0
St. Hyacinth	11	1	0
St. Mary	11	11	0
Aurora-St. Patrick	0	0	0
St. Agnes	12	0	0
St. Mary	23	8	0
Bradford-St. Stanislaus	1	0	0
Brookport-Nativity of BVM	14	23	0
Bushnell's Basin			
Immaculate Heart of Mary	0	0	0
Caladonia-St. Columba	19	0	0
Campbell-St. Joseph	4	4	0
Canandaigua-St. Mary	65	0	0
Cantwell-St. Joachim	1	1	0
Cattaraugus-St. Francis	1	1	0
Cattaraugus-St. Patrick	3	1	0
Cayuga-St. Joseph	0	0	0
Churchville-St. Vincent de Paul	1	0	0
Clifton-Catholics-St. Felix	11	6	0
Clyde-St. John the Evangelist	18	8	0
Coeburn-St. Paul	4	0	0
Conesus-St. William	4	2	0
Cornwall			
St. Mary	15	4	0
St. Patrick	10	7	0
St. Vincent de Paul	29	8	0
Danville-St. Mary	8	7	0
Dryden-Holy Cross	0	0	0
Dundee-St. Andrew	0	0	0
East Bay-St. John Fisher	0	0	0
East Bloomfield-St. Bridget's	14	4	0
East Rochester-St. Jerome's	56	1	0

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Adrian-St. Anthony	24	0	0
Albion-St. Anthony	24	0	0
Albion-St. Joseph	12	0	0
Albion-St. Michael	19	4	0
Albion-St. Patrick	23	0	0
Albion-St. Peter and Paul	24	0	0
Albion-St. Philip Neri	7	0	0
Albion-St. Pius X	22	1	0
Albion-St. Salome	24	10	0
Albion-St. Stanislaus	40	3	0
Albion-St. Theodore	23	7	0
Albion-St. Theresa	1	1	0
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Brooklyn (NY) - Bella V. Dodd, former Hunter College professor who left the Communist party in 1948 and became a chief U.S. witness against the Red conspiracy in education, was reported to be destitute by the Tablet, Brooklyn diocesan newspaper.

Miss Dodd is burdened and some \$3,000 in debt as a result of an illness, the Tablet said. At the time she left the Communist party she was brought back to the Catholic faith by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. The Tablet has established a fund to aid her.

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## God's World

### Problem of Evil

BY REV. LEO J. THESE

Many persons find themselves troubled in mind by the so-called "Problems of Evil." The problem usually is phrased in the question, "How can we reconcile all the evil and suffering which exists in the world, with the idea of good and loving God?"

We who have suffered the least are the ones most likely to be plagued by this question. Ourselves comparatively free from physical and mental pain, we find it hard to understand why others, so much more innocent than we, should have so much agony to bear.

Why, especially, should little children be permitted to suffer?

The basic answer to the problem of evil is that God had the choice of making us the creatures we are, capable of feeling pain and of inflicting pain, or of not making us at all. The ability to possess God in heaven is predicated, for us as for the angels, upon a preliminary act of love for God - a freely made choice of God.

Yet, in this freedom there lies a great danger. We have the power not to love as well as to love. We have the power to choose evil over good. There, if we may express it in human terms, lay God's dilemma: to create the human race, I can't see that I have improved very noticeably in my behavior and my habits. If frequent Holy Communion is supposed to make such a change in a person, why hasn't it made the change in me?"

IN ANSWERING that question, we must assume first of all that your Holy Communion has been fruitful as well as worthy. To receive Holy Communion worthily we need only to be in the state of grace. To receive fruitfully, however, we must receive with a conscious faith in the presence of our Lord, with a genuine desire for the graces which He will bring to us and, above all with love for Him. It is expressions of love, especially, which should be uppermost in our minds as we swallow the Sacred Host.

This love will not be a merely sentimental love. Indeed, it may not reflect itself in such emotions at all. It will be rather a surrendering love.

In Holy Communion our state of mind, ideally, is this: "Take me, beloved Lord, and do what you want with me. Take what you will, I really haven't very much to offer You. Help me to love You as I should. Make me to be Your work. Whether I know that I am doing Your will, or not, is unimportant, just so that Your will is done in me. Take possession of me. Use me in any way You wish."

If, with complete sincerity, we can speak in this fashion to our Lord, then we can be very sure that Holy Communion will work its change in us. Here and here we shall be absorbed into Christ.

"We may not feel" the change at all. The soul is a spirit, and what happens in the soul does not necessarily penetrate to the emotions, which are so largely physical. The effects of the change also may be outwardly imperceptible. Spiritual growth, like physical growth, is a gradual process which cannot be measured from day to day. Nevertheless, the change and growth will be there.

Jesus will be using us, for His purpose. We may see no change in our daily routine. We may continue to go about our duties much as always. Yet, faith assures us that Jesus has taken possession of us and is doing His work through us. He is doing His

## Christmas Week in Cuba

Miami (NY) - Scant food rations and a ban on the holidays following a 15-day highlighted Christmas holidays period during which meat in Fidel Castro controlled Cuba, according to a group of 51 refugees said. There were no Christmas trees, but Castro's Marxist followers played maracas and tamboras in the streets, they said.

One pound of pork was allotted to each person in Cuba for the holidays following a 15-day period during which meat rations were suspended, the refugees said. There was no Christmas trees, but Castro's Marxist followers played maracas and tamboras in the streets, they said.

## New York - (NS) - The head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America looks on as Cardinal Spellman, Catholic Archbishop of New York, honors a Russian Orthodox scholar, Archbishop Iakovos smiling as Dr. Nicholas S. Timasheff accepts the citation of the New York Chapter of the American Catholic Sociological Society. The award marked Dr. Timasheff's 50-year career as teacher and theoretician. He recently retired from the Fordham University department of sociology. Archbishop Iakovos and Cardinal Spellman later conferred on the Greek Orthodox prelate's proposal for joint discussions of theological problems.

## N.Y. Cardinal, Orthodox Prelate Confer on Unity

New York (NY) - Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York and Orthodox Archbishop Iakovos held a brief conference here on a proposal aimed at settling religious differences between the Roman Catholic and the Greek Orthodox Churches.

Archbishop Iakovos, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America, said he and the Catholic prelate discussed a proposal to establish a U.S. commission of representatives of the two faiths for joint discussions of theological, liturgical and other problems.

The U.S. commission, under the plan, would work in conjunction with top-level commissions of the two churches to study the differences. The proposal, Archbishop Iakovos said, stemmed from the Holy Land meeting between Pope Paul VI and Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras.

The two prelates met at the Cardinal's residence after Cardinal Spellman had previously met with Archbishop Iakovos, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America, said the Cardinal.

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## Cardinal Prefers Gs 'Over NY'

New York (NY) - Cardinal Spellman disclosed here he would rather serve as the Catholic spiritual leader for the U.S. armed forces than as Archbishop of New York.

The Cardinal was named Military Vicar of the U.S. armed forces in 1950. While detailing experiences on his trip to the South Pole during his 18th annual Christmas visit to U.S. servicemen overseas recently, Cardinal Spellman said:

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## Mozart Mass For Kennedy

Boston (NS) - The nearly century-old Cathedral of the Holy Cross here was the scene of an unprecedented religious and civic memorial which had rich musical and cultural overtones in honoring the late President John F. Kennedy.

Cardinal Cushing of Boston offered a solemn Requiem Mass before 1,500 invited guests including Protestant, Jewish and Jewish clergymen, federal officials, and state and civic dignitaries. Millions were watched the memorial over network television.

Erich Leinsdorf conducted the Boston Symphony Orchestra and a 100-voice choir in the performance of Mozart's Requiem in D Minor. The choir was composed of singers from the New England Conservatory of Music, the Pro Musica Chorus and the Harvard and Radcliffe choirs.

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