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— Two billion people around the world are hungry.

Two out of every three people, on world average, will never in their whole lives have as good a meal as you will have this Sunday.

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Catholics in the United States will contribute this Sunday to bring some small relief to these starving millions.

Collections will be taken in all parish churches to replenish funds for Catholic Relief Services — the world's largest agency to aid the needy.

Bishop Kearney, in a letter read at Masses in the Rochester Diocese last Sunday, said, "We all know that there is vast poverty and need all over the world. The Church in America has been the Good Samaritan to

Milk for Babies

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Church's Mission Target

'At Your Elbow, in Your City'

The much-talked-about ecumenical mood of the present time has its roots in the mission lands of a generation ago — according to the nation's mission activities director for youngsters.

Monsignor Henry J. Klocker — who calls himself "an armchair missionary" — was in Rochester last week to visit CSMC (Catholic Students Mission Crusade) units in local high schools.

He said tension and competition characterized the different denominations in their pioneer efforts to convert people in today's emerging nations.

"There certainly is a better feeling between these groups today . . . but none of us can accept 'pluralism' as a final solution.

"We can work together as neighbors with other religious groups but the 'one flock, one shepherd' idea is still the goal we have to work toward."

Monsignor Klocker said the old idea of "sending missionaries out to pagan lands" is now obsolete.

"The Church is now geographically universal — Pope Pius XII said this in his mission encyclical Fidei Donum — even if the Church's presence in some areas is quite tenuous, at least it's there.

"One third of the bishops at the Vatican Council were from what even ten years ago were called mission lands.

"The Church's target now is the unbeliever wherever he is, right at your elbow, here in your city, in the heart of a supposedly Catholic country, or in some mountain or jungle village in Asia or Africa."

Monsignor Klocker said the Church's presence was "most tenuous" in China — "we had a good start, but that's a special situation now. Also in Japan, Catholics are a minute fraction of the total population, India, Indonesia, Africa — "but each of these vast areas has pockets of strength in the faith, as in Tanganyika."

Latin America — that's "90 per cent discouraging" — but the "rainbow in this almost hopeless scene" is the 10 per cent of the Latin Americans themselves who are trying to cope with the massive poverty and illiteracy there.

There is a discouraging aspect to the Catholic faith in the United States too, Monsignor Klocker said. "We stir up so much mission spirit in the minds and hearts of pupils in our Catholic schools — but it all winds up as a great big dead-end at graduation.

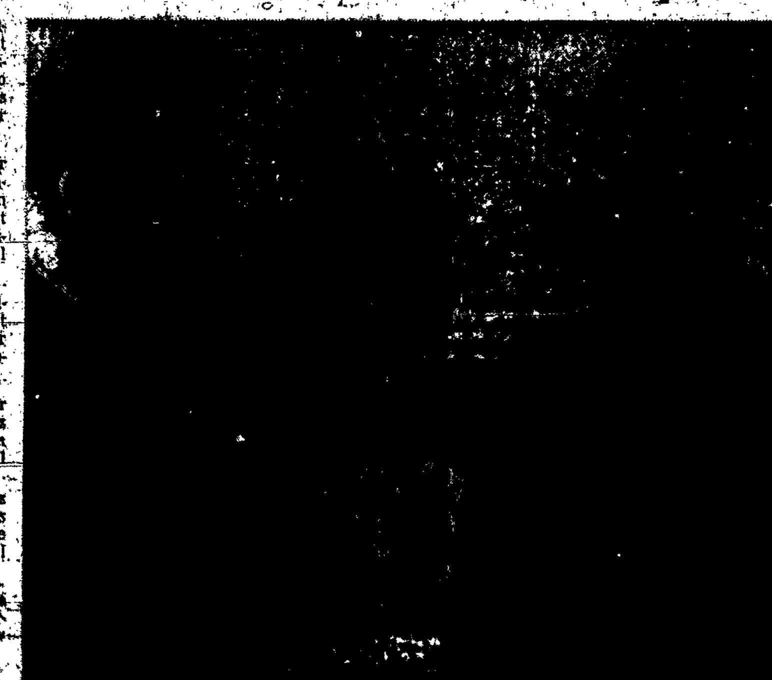
"Mission spirit and Catholic spirit are identical. We can't just keep the faith and still claim we are true to our Lord's command to 'go into the whole world' with the faith He died to give us."

Monsignor Klocker is a priest of the Cincinnati archdiocese and has been in CSMC work since 1951. He helps edit the Shield magazine.

He began his mission job three years ago by visiting Latin American mission projects for six months and was told, "You can't learn about the missions by travelling from one to another. You have to stay here a few years, and struggle against all the odds day in and day out, get hepatitis and sick from the food and loneliness and then have a fire or a flood or a landslide wreck what it's taken you years to build."

How does Monsignor Klocker get his information then?

Chiefly by the parade of missionaries who tell him their personal accounts of mission work — a challenge that is worldwide in extent, "eternal in its reward."



[illegible] Monsignor Henry Klocker describe Catholic Church's worldwide apostolate for souls.

Papal Envoy Advocates Tax Aid

Phoenix — (RNS) — Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, said here that a tax measure similar to that sponsored by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) would relieve the burden upon parents who send their children to private schools.

[illegible] dren was proposed by Sen. Ribicoff during the current Congress; it did not win the approval of the Senate.

He said a great burden would be lifted from U.S. Catholic parents of children in private schools if a tax relief plan was devised for them.

The Apostolic Delegate said such relief was not sought for the Roman Catholic Church, but rather for the Catholic families who are finding the cost of education a growing problem.

During the interview he noted that "it is possible for Catholic-supported colleges to qualify for federal aid provided that these funds are not used for religious purposes, such as chapels." The prelate also cited the fact that government loans for dormitories and dining rooms have long been available to church-related colleges.

Moral Experts Divide on "Pill"

By FATHER EDWARD DUFF, S.J.

New York — (RNS) — Against the consensus of Catholic moral theologians and the clear condemnation of Pope Pius XII, a professor at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium has given qualified endorsement of the use of the oral contraceptive pill as a morally legitimate means of spacing children.

Writing in the current issue of "Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses," Father Louis Janssens equated the use of the progestational steroid, an ovulant pill, developed and promoted by Dr. John Rock of Harvard, with the practice of periodic continence in marriage and argues that each is equally acceptable morally to Catholics.

Indeed, at one point the Louvain professor indicates his preference for the pill, a judgment he subsequently seriously conditions.

Canon Janssens' position is singular both in its elaboration and its uniqueness.

No established Catholic theologian is on record as agreeing with him. Moreover, there has been no change in the condemnation by Pope Pius XII on September 12, 1958 of the use of the birth control pill when its purpose is "the prevention of conception by preventing ovulation."

Such a use the pontiff termed "direct sterilization" and seriously sinful as a practice. Curiously, Father Janssens makes no reference to this capital and considered comment of the Pope, for Catholics the de-

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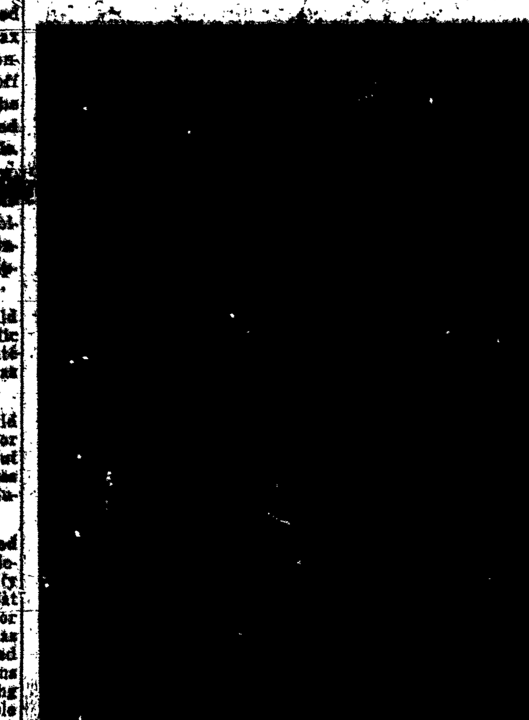

Christmas Art Competition

Tarrytown — (RNS) — Sculptor at work. Sister Marie de Monfort, R.S.H.M., director of a nationwide art contest sponsored by the Catholic Fine Arts Society, works at her studio at Marymount College, Tarrytown, N.Y. Her national Christmas Competition drew 1,500 entries from 44 states and Puerto Rico. The art instructor says the competition was held "to stimulate bold and original work and to dispel the attitude that art dealing with religious themes had to be pale, effeminate and sentimental." All entries dealt with the birth of Christ. Outstanding examples will be chosen for use on 1964 Christmas cards.

Latin America's Decisive Hour

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI again stressed the need for more priests for Latin America where the Church is facing "a decisive hour in its existence."

Speaking at an audience to members of the Italian Bishops' Committee for Latin America, he praised the work which Italian and other Sees are doing to give Latin America "what it needs most — good priests in growing numbers, all armed with a zeal and faith capable of mobilizing the latent spiritual energies of the Latin American populations."

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Stories Our Lord Told

The Wicked Rich Man and Lazarus

Our divine Lord explained the mysteries of the Kingdom of God in dramatic, picturesque parables. This is the fourth in a series of Lenten articles on the best known of His parables.

Men have long been divided by cruel walls — long before the Berlin Wall or the Iron Curtain.

Perhaps the oldest chasm is the revolting inequality between the few who are rich and the throngs who are poor.

Our Lord described the hazards of wealth and the hopes of the poor in his parable about "a certain rich man" and a "poor man, named Lazarus."

The rich man, our Lord said, enjoyed all of life's luxuries — fine clothes imported from Egypt, a daily banquet with reveling guests, exquisite delicacies, dancing girls and jesters.

Lazarus, a ragged beggar, sat at the palace gate "longing to be filled with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table."

The rich man wasn't cruel or miserly. He didn't mistreat the hungry beggar — he just ignored him. His chief concern was his own pleasure and amusement. A mere pittance from his treasury would have relieved most of Lazarus' misery. That is where the rich man's wickedness lies — not in the fact that he had great wealth, but that he used it only for his own selfish purposes.

Lazarus, forgotten, neglected, has no word of complaint or blame — his virtue is not his poverty but his patience.

"And it came to pass," Jesus said, "that the poor man died and was borne away by the angels into Abraham's bosom" — that was an old Jewish name for heaven — "but the rich man also died and was buried in hell.

"And lifting up his eyes, being in torments, he saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom.

Death brought sudden reversal for the two — the poor man goes from extreme want to supreme happiness, the rich man sees his pomp and comforts turn to ashes in the tomb and, he faces endless retribution for his callous disdain for others.

Our Lord said the rich man "cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime hast received good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now here he is comforted whereas thou art tormented.

"'And besides all that, between us and you a great gulf is fixed, so that they who wish to pass over from this side to you cannot, and they cannot cross from your side to us.'"

Now, when it's too late, the tormented rich man begins to think of others —

"And he said, 'Then, father, I beseech thee to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they too come into this place of torments.'

"And Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the Prophets, let them hearken to them.'

"But he answered, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

"But he said to him, 'If they do not hearken to Moses and the Prophets, they will not believe even if someone rises from the dead.'"

When "someone" soon after did rise from the dead, the self-complacent people still kept to their old selfish way of life — and that's why the world is still so pitilessly divided — but the hazards and the hopes also remain the same.

—*Father Henry Atwell*

Belgium Gets New Liturgy Two Days After Rome OK

Brussels — (NC) — The Belgian bishops' plan for substitution of the vernacular for Latin in the Scripture readings at Mass received Vatican approval only two days before it went into effect, it was revealed here.

Following the enactment of the Vatican Council's Constitution on the Liturgy, the bishops of Belgium met here under the presidency of Leo Cardinal Suenens of Malines-Brussels and adopted a program of initial liturgical revision.

The bishops ordered the changes — affecting both low and sung Masses — put into effect on Feb. 16, the first Sunday of Lent.

The heads of all seven Belgian dioceses devoted their Lenten pastoral letters to the topic of liturgical renewal.

Bishop Jules Daem of Antwerp told his people that the rejuvenation of the liturgical life of the Church will be one of the greatest benefits to come out the ecumenical Council. He stressed, however, that laity and clergy alike must give their wholehearted cooperation for these benefits to have their full impact.

Bishop Emile De Smedt of Bruges, addressing himself to those who are uneasy about the changes, assured them that the Catholic faith is not tottering — that the Apostles' Creed remains and always will be the cornerstone of Catholic doctrine.

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Rota Reports On 153 Cases

Vatican City — (RNS) — Seventy-six Roman Catholic marriages were annulled in 1963 by the Sacred Roman Rota, it was announced here. (One such case just recently announced was that of Princess Lee Radziwill, sister of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy.)

In 77 other cases, requests for annulments were denied.

The Rota is primarily a court of appeal from diocesan courts in matrimonial cases. Since 1929, it also has been a court of appeal from the civil and criminal tribunals of Vatican City.

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