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### Pathos Between Victories

The story of Holy Week begins and ends in victory.

But how deep is the pathos between the two Sundays!

Jesus told the whole story to the apostles just before it all happened.

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and scourge him, and spit upon him, and kill him. And the third day he will rise again."

The six acts of the great drama are all enumerated clearly and in order — the treason of Judas, the death sentence from the Sanhedrin, the turning to the Romans, the insults and cruelty of the soldiers, the crucifixion and finally, the resurrection.

A child could have grasped the significance of what Jesus said. But the apostles "understood none of these things" because they still were warped with ambition to sit as judges over their fellowmen in the kingdom their dreams had built for them.

Jerusalem is still today a city on a hill, ringed with walls, yellow-orange from centuries in the scorching sun.

When that first Holy Week dawned, devout Jews were trudging along the dusty roads from the far corners of Palestine headed for their Holy City for the great feast of the Passover.

Jesus must have been a topic on many tongues as the crowds sat in the long colonnades of the Temple. The chief priests and other leaders of the nation were not content with mere conversations, however. Their decision had been made — "He had to die — and they waited the opportunity to capture him."

His triumphant entry into the city on Palm Sunday was, therefore, also the trap His enemies hoped for.

As Jesus began the two-mile journey from Bethany to Jerusalem, word of His coming spread quickly ahead of Him.

He poured out of the city's gates to meet Him. They cut fronds from the palm trees and spread them as a carpet for Him and shouted the ancient Jewish greeting for the Messiah, "Hosanna, to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

The apostles, elated at the acclaim given their Master, little suspected the relentless chain of events that was forged with each passing moment.

Jesus found the Temple a welter of noise and marketing and only heightened the anger of His foes by whipping out the money-changers and peddlers. Then in a series of parables He indicted the religious and political leaders of the nation for their hypocrisy.

Wednesday morning — His public ministry was done. It closed, humanly speaking, in failure. "Now though he had worked so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him," admitted St. John in puzzlement.

How much more puzzled was he when he learned the next day that one of the twelve was even then in league with the enemies in their conspiracy against Jesus.

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So on the night before He died — "having loved his own who loved him to the end" — He sat at table with them for His Last Supper, for the symbolic Passover lamb He so desired to eat with them because

of the next day He would be the Lamb of God to die to take away the sins of the world.

The full moon washed Jerusalem that night in silver. Every window glittered with the golden glimmer of oil lamps as the hundreds of thousands of pious Jews chanted the ancient psalms, which told of the still more ancient Exodus, the passover of their ancestors from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the Promised Land.

In this historic setting, Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take and eat; this is my body." And taking a cup, he gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "All of you drink of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is being shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins."

Before the night was done, the bloodshed had begun — after the victim's kiss in Gethsemane, there was the mockery and beating at the house of Caiaphas and then early in the morning the trial before Pilate, the contempt of Herod, the scourging and crowning with thorns by the Roman soldiers "and so they took Jesus and led him away and bearing the cross for himself, he went forth to the place called the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified him."

The telling of the details is too painful for the gospel writers to record. They state the central fact of history in a phrase, not even a full sentence.

Even the earth shuddered at the thought.

And after He died, His friends placed him in "a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid," the cave that could not keep its prize for more than three days.

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# Rosary To Link Diocese Nightly

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### Nuns View Mission Outpost in Brazil



Brazil Bishop Benedito Coella shows Mother Agnes Cecilia and Sister Florentine area where Sisters of St. Joseph from Rochester Diocese will staff schools in area northwest of Rio de Janeiro.

Two nuns from Rochester have just returned from Brazil where they visited the site of a new mission venture for the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Mother Agnes Cecilia, who heads the diocesan community of nuns, and Sister M. Florentine described their two week visit to the diocese of Jatal in the Brazilian state of Goias as follows:

The Sisters will open the new South American mission in the town of Mateira, population 5,000, located on the border of the states of Goias and Minas Gerais. They will direct the schools in Mateira and the neighboring town of Canal Sao Simao and teach English and religion.

They are going to the Brazilian mission at the invitation of Dom Benedito Coella, Archbishop-bishop of the diocese. The decision to open the Brazilian mission was reached following a five day visit this month to the diocese by Mother Agnes Cecilia and Sister Florentine, Mother Assistant.

They made a trip from Jatal by car to the twin cities of Mateira and Canal Sao Simao and returned to spend three days in Jatal, the geo city of the diocese, observing work in progress there, and discussing the potential of the mission with Bishop Coella.

Bishop Coella, a member of the Franciscan Holy Name province, has been in Brazil for fifteen years. The 41 year old bishop was ordained a priest in 1949, and consecrated a bishop in 1961.

SISTER ROSE ALMA, former director of St. Agnes High School in Rochester, and former language instructor at Nazareth College of Rochester is now taking the Portuguese language course at the Center of Intercultural Formation in Petropolis, Brazil. Four more Sisters, to be announced later, will go to the school in August to take the four-month course, Mother Agnes Cecilia reports.

The Sisters of St. Joseph will be going into a fast-growing diocese located in the same state as the new federal capital, Brasilia.

The Sisters will assume direction of all the schools in Mateira and Canal Sao Simao, with total enrollment of about 1,200 students. The schools are now under direction of the Irish Oblate Fathers (Irish Province of Oblates of Mary

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### LBJ's War on Poverty

## Nation's Forces Mobilized

Washington — (NC) — President Johnson's marching orders for his war on poverty combine the resources of public and private agencies in the attack.

Joint efforts by public and private groups, assisted by the federal government, are central to his major proposals — aiding unemployed youths and school dropouts between 16 and 20 years of age.

The President this week asked Congress for "immediate action" on his election-year program with its emphasis on help for young Americans who lack skills, who have not completed their education and who cannot complete it because they are too poor.

Poverty, he said in his message, cannot be conquered by government alone.

"For decades, American labor and American business, private institutions and private individuals have been engaged in strengthening our economy and offering new opportunity to those in need."

"We need their help, their support and their full participation," he said.

The President's proposed \$625 million program, which would be given "useful work experience opportunities," including employment on public service projects sponsored by private groups. Playgrounds, settlement houses and libraries were mentioned by the President.

A "Job Corps" for 100,000 selected boys between 16 and 21 who would live up to two years in more than 100 camps or centers. Half would be engaged in conservation of natural resources and half put in centers

to get a blend of basic education, vocational training and work experience.

The corps could contract with public or private organizations for the use of facilities or services, although it reportedly will depend mostly on existing federal installations.

Work-training programs for 200,000 unemployed boys and girls between 16 and 22. They would be given "useful work experience opportunities," including employment on public service projects sponsored by private groups. Playgrounds, settlement houses and libraries were mentioned by the President.

The federal government would pay up to 90 per cent of the cost of this program for

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## Auburn Radio to Air Family Rosary Program

The nightly radio broadcast of the Family Rosary for Peace will reach all areas of the twelve county Rochester Diocese beginning tonight at 7 p.m.

Auburn's new WMOB-FM station will join Rochester's WSAJ to carry the devotion to an estimated 60,000 listeners each evening.

Prior to the Rosary broadcast and Mass this evening Bishop Kearney will inaugurate the new Rosary chapel.

The Rosary program, now in its fifteenth year of continuous broadcasting has had diocesan-wide hook-ups on some feast days or for special devotions but tonight's broadcast will be the first time the program will be aired on a permanent basis for the whole Diocese.

AUBURN AREA residents have contributed to the furnishings of the new Rosary chapel at the St. Francis of Assisi parish, Rochester. Donors include Harold J. Weaver, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Stapleton, Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Althouse, Mr. and Mrs. William Bouley, Harold C. Signor and Mrs. Ruth E. Nolan as also the Carmelite nuns and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blen of Rochester.

Bishop Kearney designed the chapel altar and donated the antependium (the altar's frontal drape).

Father Joseph Cirincione, pastor at St. Francis and program director, said Holy Communion will be given each evening following the Rosary broadcast.

The public is invited to attend a broadcast any evening, he said — except tonight when the chapel's capacity will be filled by participants long associated with the program.

Because the Blessed Sacrament will now be kept in the Rosary chapel, all who attend Rosary broadcasts may gain a plenary indulgence.

Father Cirincione estimates the program has accounted for a total of 175 million Rosaries said to date with an audience of 20,000 nightly. He aims for a doubled audience as a result of the link with WMOB-FM and a 200 million total Rosaries recited by the program's fifteenth anniversary next March 4.

The Auburn station, owned by the Auburn Publishing Co. and its daily newspaper the Citizen Advertiser, will also broadcast the Angelus three times daily. Frederick L. Keese is station manager.



Father Joseph Cirincione and Frank E. Wolfe in newly decorated Rosary chapel at St. Francis of Assisi parish, Rochester, where Rosary broadcast originates nightly at 7 p.m.

### Amendment On Prayer Considered

Washington — (NC) — The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee says the unit is closer to hearings on proposed constitutional amendments to permit prayer and Bible reading in public schools.

But no date has yet been set for hearings, according to Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York. Staff studies of the proposals recently have been completed, he said, and sent to committee members.

Celler's announcement was made in a letter to Rep. Frank Becker, a leading advocate of the prayer amendment, put Celler's letter in the Congressional Record (Feb. 26).

Becker added, however, that he remained convinced that the only way to get a prayer amendment out of the Judiciary Committee is by a discharge petition.

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