



Inca Crucifix

Albany — (RNS) — This striking Crucifix is one of 16, made of silver and bronze by the Inca Indians of Peru some 300 years ago, which were presented to a Catholic college at Albany, N.Y. The valuable and unusual collection was given to the school by a Presbyterian layman, Elmer C. Schacht of Troy, N.Y. In the Crucifix shown in photo, Christ wears the headdress of an Incan chief with the symbols of the Incan sun around His head. Some of the crosses in the collection illustrate the fact that the Indians, in becoming Christians, retained some of their pagan traditions.

Earlier Courier, Earlier Deadline

Your Courier Journal will arrive a day earlier beginning April 9. Delivery date will be Thursday each week, instead of Friday.

Deadline for all news items will also move up a day, to Monday noon.

Pictures of organizations planning an event should be taken ten days prior to publication date. Arrangements, therefore, should be made about two weeks before the picture is to appear.

Pope, LBJ Ask Teachers Join War on Poverty

Atlantic City — (NS) — Pope Paul VI and President Johnson both appealed to Catholic educators here to increase their efforts to overcome ignorance, poverty and disease.

The Pope, in a message sent on his behalf to the 61st annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, spoke of the Church's work to overcome poverty and "other ills of our wounded nature" so that men can devote themselves more completely to "the all important duty of caring for their souls."

PRESIDENT JOHNSON, in his address to the convention of 12,000 Catholic educators, said that "the plagues of our contemporary society" can be made to yield through determination and persistence.

The Pontiff, in a message sent by Amleto Cardinal Ceroni, Papal Secretary of State, was described as following with "deep interest the dedicated efforts of those engaged in the noble work of Catholic education."

"The Catholic Church, through the centuries, has endeavored to diffuse the light of education in order that ignorance, poverty and disease and the many other ills of our wounded human nature might be conquered, because in her wisdom she knows that men who are relieved of the anxiety of these things, the body and mind can devote themselves the more to the all important duty of caring for their souls," said the papal message.

President Johnson noted the convention theme was "Catholic Education and National Needs."

Bake Sale Set At St. Casimir

Mrs. Joseph Barnoski and Miss Bilick are co-chairmen of the bazaar booth and bake sale planned Sunday April 5, following each Mass at St. Casimir Church, Elmira. The bazaar and bake sale will be in the school hall.

The Rosary and Sacred Heart Society are sponsors of the sale and Miss Marlene Samesky, Mrs. George Wodnick, Mrs. Charles Gantert and Mrs. Stanley Augustine will assist.

"We are faced today," said the President, "with a modern counterpart of the Biblical Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. But the plagues of our contemporary society — ignorance, disease, poverty and unemployment — can be made to yield like those of centuries ago if we apply our knowledge of science and arts with determination and persistence.

"This is the major challenge of our day. It will require the best of our joint efforts."

Spain Student To Address HNS

Owego — Rodrigo Molina, a Spanish exchange student from the Owego High School, will be the guest speaker at the April 8th meeting of the Holy Name Society in St. Patrick's School hall.

Molina will be accompanied by Christy Valvo, a member of the faculty of the High School, and a member of the American Field Service Society. The business session will be conducted by W. Stephen Leighton, president.

Smoking, Topic

Dr. Robert H. Huddle of the Elmira Unit of the American Cancer Society will speak at the April 6 meeting of the Immaculate Heart Society of St. Peter and Paul's church, Elmira.

He has chosen for his topic, "Smoking." The meeting will be held in the school hall at 7:30 p.m.

Norfolk Post For Fr. Widman

Change of a Chaplain's address received this week, follows:

Chaplain John A. Widman, CDR, CHC, USN, Catholic Chaplain's Office, U. S. Naval Station, Norfolk, Va., 23511.

Father Widman, a priest of the Diocese of Rochester, will be leaving his present Bermuda post to report at Norfolk about June 3.

25 Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier Files) (April 6, 1939)

A diocesan-wide campaign against indecent literature was launched in the Diocese of Rochester by Bishop Kearney who gave the project to the Holy Name Society of this diocese.

The two-fold purpose of the Diocesan Holy Name Union campaign against indecent literature as announced by Rev. F. William Stauffer, spiritual director, was: "The dealer must be persuaded not to sell the objectionable type of reading matter and the reader must be persuaded against tolerating that type of literature in the home."

Investiture of B. Emmett Finucane with the Maltese Cross symbolic of his membership in the Knights of Malta by Bishop Kearney took place at the Bishop's residence 947 East Ave. Award was made for Mr. Finucane's "splendid life and activity in behalf of his fellowmen."

Good Nun' Image Balks Vocations



MISS CICCHINELLI Owego Student To Attend S.A. School

San Francisco — (RNS) — The stereotype of a "good nun" is discouraging many girls from religious vocations, a guidance conference was told here. Sister M. Paula, O.S.F. of Rosary Hill College, Buffalo, N.Y., gave a more honest appeal to the young-girl of today," said Sister Paula. "It is a respect for the nun person, in effect, views a Sister as a dull little woman in black and secondly, as a professional who is tensely reserved; afraid to ask questions, rarely thinks an original thought and always is satisfied with the status quo. The image does not represent reality," said Sister Paula.

"The image of the good nun must be changed, if not completely destroyed," she added, or Catholic schools will not be able to produce vocations.

Sister Paula held that Sisters go outside their convent walls more often. She suggested that they serve on library boards, Red Cross groups and in posts for which they are qualified as professional women.

THE ADVERSE nun-image extends to embarrassing social circumstances, Sister Paula told the 700 counselors of the National Catholic Guidance Conference. Hotels where nuns attend meetings often insist on segregating them," she pointed out.

"This highly underlined grouping and protecting is an indication that nuns are still removed from the society of everyday life," Sister Paula said.

She added that while "it is almost universally accepted that nuns like to . . . should . . . and must move together," they should get out and mix with others in U.S. society.

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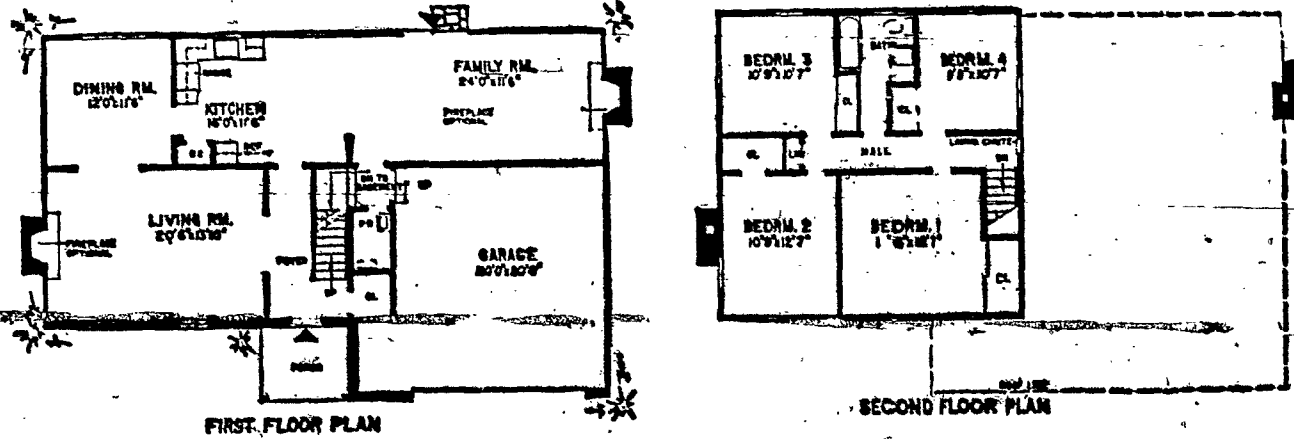
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