

## Roman Temple Uncovered Inside Cathedral Wall

Positano, Italy — (AP) — This suburb of Naples has lost by fire a 17th-century cathedral but gained a first-century pagan Roman temple.

The temple, built during the reign of Caesar Augustus, came to light after fire swept the cathedral of St. Proculus in May. The temple had been embedded in the walls of the cathedral when it was rebuilt in 1631 by Bishop Martino de Leon y Cardenas.

The fact that there was a temple inside the church walls was a well-known fact and several proposals had been made to recover the ancient building. The present bishop of Positano, Alfonso Cardinal Castaldo, who is also the Archbishop of

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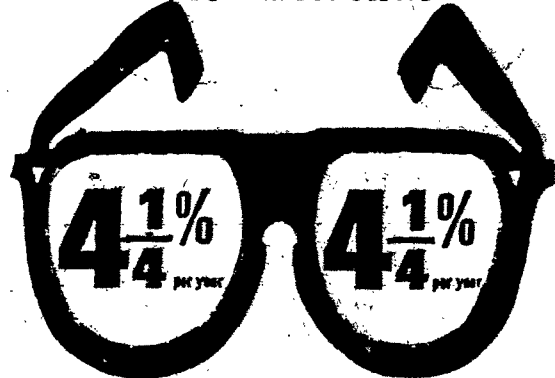
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He's Father Frederick W. Straub, an airborne captain of

the U.S. Army now at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

He has piled up a record total of 211 parachute jumps, 146 more than the required number to attain his master paratrooper badge—the Army's highest paratrooper award. He had to wait until he reached the three year minimum in the paratroopers before the badge was given him.

Captains have to meet the same rugged requirements as the regular paratroopers — including jumps with full combat equipment.

Sergeant Major Curtis Dutes of the 227th Airborne Division, right in photo, congratulates Father Straub who is a member of the Army's 101st Airborne Division.

## Millions Visit Montreal Shrine

By DENIS O'BRIEN

Montreal — (AP) — He was a humble lay brother who could hardly read or write, yet when he died 27 years ago, 25,000 persons filed by his coffin in a final act of reverence.

Today Brother Andre is being considered in Rome as a possible candidate for sainthood. The shrine to St. Joseph he founded in this city 50 years ago now has an estimated three million visitors each year, guaranteeing

that whether or not he ever becomes a saint, Brother Andre will not be forgotten.

WHO WAS this man, called a miracle worker—even in his own day, who today has been credited unofficially with thousands of unexplained cures?

He was born Alfred Bessette, one of 10 children to a poor family in the tiny Quebec village of St. Gregoire in 1845. His mother died when he was six, and his father, a wheel-

wright, died when Alfred was 12.

As an adolescent, Alfred decided he wanted to be a religious, and at the age of 21 he entered the novitiate of the Holy Cross Brothers. For 40 years he served as doorkeeper at a boy's school.

But Brother Andre had a burning desire to promote devotion to St. Joseph, the patron saint of Canada. In 1904 he built a small 18 by 15-foot chapel with his own hands. Pilgrims began to go there in droves, and for all of them his only advice was: "Go to Joseph."

Today a huge basilica, the Oratory of Mount Royal, crowns the place where Brother Andre built his chapel. Towering 800 feet above the St. Lawrence River, the basilica is capped by a dome that is nearly as large as that of St. Peter's in Rome. The main church is so large that last November 10,000 persons assembled there for a memorial Mass for John F. Kennedy.

In the votive chapel, where thousands of candles burn endlessly to St. Joseph, is the tomb of Brother Andre. Opened last year as part of the canonical investigation prior to beatification, the coffin was said to have contained a mummified corpse, but with hands preserved almost as in life.

Hanging in the votive chapel are hundreds of crutches and braces, left there by persons who have claimed miraculous cures. The Holy Cross Fathers who tend the shrine do not attempt to evaluate these claims, but there is a medical research center which has investigated many of them. Any final attesting of "miracles" must come from Rome.

Sixty years after the first chapel was built, the huge shrine to St. Joseph represents a \$10.5 million expenditure, all of it raised through private donations. There is a hostel for pilgrims, an 800-car parking lot, spacious gardens, lawns and outdoor stations of the cross that wind their way up the mountainside.

The oratory is more than a mere place for pilgrimage. About 30 priests engage in pastoral and counselling work. It has become in recent years the world's greatest center for studies on St. Joseph.

Yet, for all the work that is done there, the oratory of Mount Royal will remain a symbol of one man's faith, reflected in the faith of millions of persons who have come after him.



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## GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

A photograph of a starving child holding a bowl as he begged for food appeared in the July-August issue of MISSION. This copy of MISSION fell into the hands of a little girl whose mother wrote as follows:

"Page 26 of your July-August MISSION magazine had quite an effect on our Peggy, who is seven years old. She picked up the magazine after she had prepared for bed. I came into her room to say good-night, and she said: 'Mother, look at that!'

"Most evenings I have a hard time getting PEGGY to finish her dinner and I usually end up saying: 'How some poor children would love to have your meal!' Peggy's usual comment is: 'I'll bet!' But I think that she now realizes that there are many hungry children throughout the world. She was so deeply impressed by all this that I promised a contribution to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith from Peggy and me. Your MISSION magazine is most appealing and I only wish I could contribute more, but you can count on hearing from us as often as possible."

This is one of several instances of children being deeply touched by the poverty and hunger of other children in the world. Not long ago, we spoke of a nine-year-old girl who wore braces because of a back affliction, but she sent \$1.30 for children who suffer more than she because of hunger. Perhaps we should address our pleas to children. They have souls that are receptive to God's grace. Did not Our Lord say it was only such who would enter the Kingdom of Heaven? They also are more readily moved to action on hearing of grave need.

We therefore address this God Love You column to all the children of the world—to those who wear braces and to those who do not—in the fond hope that they may fulfill for their elders the words of Scripture: "A little child shall lead them." How many children are there who will answer this appeal and inspire their parents to be mindful of the hungry of the world?

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