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Our Lady's Feast December 8th

Catholics around the world will mark Tuesday, Dec. 8, as the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For Catholics of the United States it will be their national feast day because the American bishops chose our Lady under this title to be our country's patron saint. In war-torn Vietnam, Catholics will honor our Lady on her feast day as Queen of Peace, as depicted in the painting by a Vietnamese artist above. Parish bulletins should be consulted for exact time of the holy day Masses.

Jordan Rankles On Alleged Insult

Catholic authorities in Jordan have turned directly to the people to answer press charges that the Vatican Council insulted the Moslems.

The Jordan press said a Council statement given approval on its last day of business asserted Moslems are only "searching for" God — with the implication they aren't getting all the way through to Him.

The Council document in question is the controversial declaration on the Catholic Church's relationships with people who are not Christians — Jews, Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists and members of "other religions."

Jordan, its 1,500,000 people massvely Moslem, with less than 90,000 Christians and these fragmented into numerous rites and sects, and like other Arab nations, was originally ranked by Council proposals to develop "mutual knowledge and respect" with Jews.

Arab nations consider the Jewish nation of Israel as an intruder — they call Israel "occupied Jordan" — and aren't interested in developing friendly bonds with what they consider their enemies.

Catholic officials in Jordan tried to clarify the Council's statement, still not finalized anyway, as a religious document, not a political device. They wanted the Council's statement published in full and offered to pay for it as an advertisement but Jordan papers refused to print it.

They then had it distributed at all Catholic churches in Jordan after giving a copy to Jerusalem's Governor, Bahaud Abou Ghazleh, who expressed "great satisfaction" at the attempt to clear up the controversy which has clouded the otherwise friendly relationship of Moslems and Christians in Jordan.

THE COUNCIL statement, which has been released only in summary form by the Vatican, is made public by the Jordan Catholic authorities as follows:

"The Church is filled with esteem for the Moslems. They adore the one God who lives, exists in himself and wields all power. They strive to obey wholeheartedly even His incomprehensible decrees as just as

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Abraham did to whose faith they like to link their own.

"Though Moslems do not acknowledge Jesus as God, they revere Him as a prophet. They also honor Mary, His Virgin Mother. At times they even call on her with devotion.

"Again, they await the day of judgment when God will reward all who have risen. Furthermore, as they worship God through prayer, almsgiving and fasting, they seek to make the moral life — be it that of an individual or that of the family and society — conform to His will.

"In the course of centuries, however, not a few quarrels and hostilities have arisen between the Christians and Moslems. Hence, this sacred synod urges all not only to forget the past but also to work honestly for mutual understanding and to further, as well as guard together, social justice, all moral good, especially peace and freedom, so that the whole of mankind may benefit from their endeavor."

Island South of Java

It's Christmas All Year Long

Singapore — (NC) — There may not be Mass on Christmas Island, but there will certainly be a Christmas service.

The Christmas Island in question is not the Pacific island way down south of Hawaii, which has become famous for atomic work, but a much more humble Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean, about 200 miles south of the western tip of Java.

This Christmas Island is an Australian possession but completely owned by the Christmas Island Phosphate Company. Its deposits of phosphate of lime, produced by thick layers of seaweed dung, are most valuable and are shipped in large quantities to Australia and southeast Asia.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND, although 700 miles from Singapore and at the other side of Indonesia, is considered to be part of the diocese of Malacca-Singapore.

Priests from this diocese go there at rare intervals to say Mass.

But the infrequency of the visits of the priest does not damp the religious fervor of the Catholics of the island thanks in great part to the island's governor.

This Christian gentleman calls his household together at 6 a. m. each day and reads to them the day's epistle and gospel. This is followed by the Rosary. On Sundays he gathers together the 100 Catholics (50% Chinese) on the island in the Asia School and leads them in a service of his own invention.

After a hymn there is a reading of the whole Sunday Mass. This is followed by a sermon from Singapore. What the ingenious governor of Christmas Island has done is to have sermons by the "Venerable" dempstr. st. Fathers in Singapore



A sea of faces looked up to the gleaming white altar where Pope Paul presided at the 38th International Eucharistic Congress in Bombay this week. He is the first Pontiff to go to Asia.

Legion of Decency Report

Film Fare Skids To Record Low

Washington — (RNS) — The Legion of Decency announced here that in the past year Hollywood has produced the smallest number of "family films" in the history of the Roman Catholic reviewing agency.

Its annual report said that the period (August 1963 through August 1964) saw Hollywood (and distributors who import foreign films) reflect an attitude for mass audiences and high profits and a disregard for the spiritual and moral requirements of the spectators.

Of the 209 American-produced films reviewed by the Legion of Decency, only 42 — or 20 per cent — could be considered "family films," the agency said.

During the period, the Legion reviewed 270 films, 60 of foreign origin. Of this amount, it said:

- Sixteen (or 5.93 per cent)

received "condemned" ratings, the greatest number and highest percentage in the Legion's history of the reviewing agency.

Three of the films were U.S. productions.

Domestic films rated "for adults only" rose sharply in the year — 21 films, or 25.4 per cent of all productions. Foreign films for the period were 33 films, or 12.6 per cent.

So-called "R-rated" foreign films, as in case of the Legion, are morally objectionable in part for as represented 29.6 per cent of the U.S. output (up 17 films, 7 per cent).

The "deplorable trend" of substantial decrease in family films and the increase in objectionable fare" is well described as "moral brinkmanship."

The report was submitted to the U.S. hierarchy at its annual meeting held in Rome on Dec. 13. The bishops will in a few days to renew their pledges of support to the Legion's program for better films.

Each Sunday he turns on the tape recorder and there is a fresh sermon.

A Chinese sometimes explains the main points in Chinese for a few old people who do not know English. After the sermon the congregation goes through the Ten Commandments and finishes off the service with a fervent act of contrition.

Christmas, even if they have no priest will be a real festival for the Christmas Islanders. They feel that their name obliges them to do better than others about the crib, the decoration of the little chapel, and singing and prayer. The governor will act as Santa Claus as he has been doing a long time. He has been doing a long time. He has been doing a long time.

Pope Jets To India For Unity Of All Peoples

Pope Paul, self-styled "missionary on the move" jetted to India's Eucharistic Congress in Bombay this week to promote the unity and human brotherhood of all peoples.

He is the first pope to visit Asia.

He is a member of the Roman Pontifical Commission for the Promotion of the Christian Faith.

He made his trip with a prayer that India and all those countries of the East where the Church is still few in numbers may receive from the Eucharistic Christ an abundance of grace.

Paul's trip is a sign of the unity around the Pontiff to protest him from fanatic Hindu sectarians who headed the Congress and the Pope's visit as a propaganda trick.

Father John M. Deane, R.C.M., of the Department of the Holy Scriptures, said the Pope's visit would be a propaganda trick for the Congress from the United States and other countries.

India's world population of 400 million is the largest of any nation. Its population of 400 million.

Bombay's Madan Lal stadium was packed with 100,000 people for the opening of the Congress. Saturday's papal legate's cardinal ceremony.

Arabic-speaking Moslems who attended the Pope's visit to the city of Bombay, the Pope's visit to the city of Bombay.

Monastery At Dachau

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Seton Ball, a Colorful Spectacle

Bishop Kearney and Seton Ball chairman Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Maurer presided at the colorful highlight of the autumn social calendar at the Manger Hotel Saturday evening. The annual benefit ball for St. Mary's Hospital drew a capacity throng who heard the Bishop pay tribute to the "three mothers" who gave him life — his own mother, Rosina O'Doherty Kearney, his spiritual mother, the Catholic Church, and St. Mary's Hospital where he gained "a new lease on life" following a serious illness seven years ago.

Priests' Evening Of Recollection Sunday, Dec. 6 at 6:15 p.m. St. Patrick's Church, Victor Meditations by Rev. John Murphy

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Christmas Midnight Mass English Text Set To Music

The texts of the Christmas midnight Mass to be sung in English have been set to music by Mrs. Karoly (Virginia Bogdani) Pados of Fairport.

The arrangement has received Bishop Kearney's authorization with his imprimatur.

The texts are set to faux bourdon melodies for unison or three equal voices.

The six page composition may be purchased at 60 cents per complete text from the Penfield Copy Center, 1867 Penfield Road. Orders may be placed by phone LU 6-2826.