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## I Send You A Rosary For Christmas

Bishop Kearney has suggested that an ideal Christmas gift for your friends this year will be a Rosary.

Pope Paul closed the 1964 session of the Vatican Council by declaring the Blessed Virgin Mary as "Mother of the Church, Mother of the People of God."

The Bishop wrote this poem to spur Catholics to intensify their devotion to our Lady as their response to the papal honor given her.

I SEND YOU A ROSARY FOR CHRISTMAS
By BISHOP KEARNEY

The Joy

I send you a Rosary for Christmas,
And Gabriel's words you'll repeat.
And you'll weave her a garland of roses
To place, as a prayer, at her feet.
You'll travel with her to a stable
The Choir of the Angels you'll hear,
And the glory of Nazareth's story,
Will be in your heart, through the year.

The Sorrow

I send you a Rosary for Christmas,
To tell the redemption of man;
You'll watch in the Garden of Olives
For, there, the sad vigil began.
You'll grieve by her side, through the Passion,
With her you will climb the last hill,
You'll breathe her an "Ave" of comfort
When He comes to her, silent and still.

The Glory

I send you a Rosary for Christmas
The glories of Mary to tell
From that glorious first Easter Morning
'Til she bids our poor world her farewell.
You will come to the end of the story
When her throne in the Heavens is seen
And there with her Son, in her glory
You will sing to her, "Hail, holy Queen."

## The Legion of Decency Pledge

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I PROMISE to support what is morally and artistically good in motion picture entertainment.

I PROMISE to discourage indecent, immoral and unwholesome motion pictures.

I PROMISE to guide those under my care in their choice of motion pictures that are morally and culturally inspiring.

I PROMISE not to patronize theatres which regularly show objectionable films.

I PROMISE as a member of the Legion of Decency to acquaint myself with its aims, to consult with its classifications and to unite with all men of good will in promoting higher standards in motion picture entertainment.

I FREELY MAKE these promises to the honor of God, for the good of my soul, and for the welfare of my country. Amen.

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Bishop Casey reports on Rome Council See Page 5

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## Dispensation On Ember Days

Bishop Kearney has dispensed Catholics in the Rochester Diocese from the Church's laws of fast and abstinence on the winter Ember Days, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16, 18 and 19.

Catholics are reminded of the choice they have to observe either Wednesday or Thursday Dec. 23 or 24, as a day of fast and abstinence in preparation for the feast of Christmas.

## Pledge for Decency On Sunday

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will renew their pledge as members of the Legion of Decency at Masses in parish churches this Sunday.

Bishop Kearney, in a letter to be read prior to the pledge, asks Catholics to expand their Legion pledge to include concern for "the increased supply of indecent publications flooding the market."

**The Legion of Decency organized by the American bishops over 25 years ago to improve the film fare served in the nation's theatres, recently reported a skid in the moral tone of last year's productions.**

A Cincinnati municipal court judge, John W. Keefe, in a talk to a Masonic Club in that city this week said newsstand pornography "seems to be growing more serious, and the morals of youth are deeply involved in it."

Bishop Kearney states in his letter, "Parents must scrupulously watch the neighborhood output."

The Legion pledge does not create "a new obligation," the Bishop explains, but simply alerts Catholics to their conscientious duty to shun movies, TV shows, books or magazines which can damage their moral life.

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The cheers of millions were forgotten for the moment when Pope Paul had breakfast at an India orphanage. The Pontiff spent a major part of his time on his historic trip visiting the poverty stricken people of that nation.

# Pope Paul, Missionary to India's Poor

Teeming India gave an unprecedented welcome to Pope Paul and his impact on that nation was described by a left-wing newspaper in Bombay as "stupendous . . . tremendous . . . prodigious."

But the cheers of the crowds and the worldwide fame he gained from his trip are secondary to the Pontiff.

He went to India to attend the International Eucharistic Congress in Bombay to be "a missionary on the move." And for four days in a nation that's hardly one per cent Catholic he experienced the joys and sorrows of the simplest mission priest.

**He gave First Holy Communion to 20 little orphan boys—some so tiny he dropped to his knees to place the Host on the tongue of each—and then had breakfast with 200 of their companions at the orphanage. He ate what they ate, some weak coffee, a piece of bread and an orange.**

Tears flooded his eyes when ragged, poverty-wracked urchins surrounded him on the streets of Bombay appealing for food. He ordered his white limousine, a gift from Notre Dame University, to be auctioned off to aid India's poor.

He walked through hospital wards to cheer the sick and winced as he saw children so lethargic with malnutrition that they lay listless like aged men and women near death.

The Pope halted briefly to address a group of doctors and nurses, stressing particularly the significance to brotherhood of the hospital's bloodbank. "We have visited your bloodbank," he said, "and in this we see an example of true brotherhood whereby men, regardless of race, caste or creed, give of their own life substance to succor the needs of those less fortunate. We cannot but encourage this wonderful work and invoke upon it the blessing of Almighty God . . ."

**At that point Pope Paul stressed his concern for the children. "It grieves us to see the young suffering, and our heart goes out to them and their families.**

"In their name and in the name of all suffering children the world over we express appreciative thanks for all the work being done on their behalf."

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To some patients he passed out small rosaries to others medals commemorating his visit to India. During a tour of therapy sections, he stopped to talk to a young Hindu child who had lost both legs. As he turned to leave, a badly crippled boy, about 10, rose to salute the Pope. The Pope went to him, put his arms around him and gave him a medal as a keepsake of their meeting.

The Pope's tour continued. In a well-to-do section of Bombay he spoke at a high school to thousands of students, many of them attending state universities. "You are the hope of the future," he told them, "you are full of life and energy."

"I love India. I love her youth," he added, but he could no longer speak. The cheering drowned out his words and he could only wave.

He met India's Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox leaders and hailed the many initiatives which are being taken to repair the divisions which exist among Christians.

Before addressing his visitors at the residence of Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, the Pontiff led them in reciting the Lord's Prayer. The Pope prayed in Latin, the others in their own languages.

Pope Paul also gave a separate audience to 81 year old Mar Baselios Ougen I, Catholicos of the East of the Malankara Jacobite Syrian Church which claims direct descent from St. Thomas the Apostle, whose headquarters is at Kottayam in Kerala State, one of India's largest Christian centers.

In addition he gave an audience to a group of Hindu, Moslem, Sikh, Parsee, Jain and Jewish religious leaders in which he said "we must come together with our hearts in mutual understanding, esteem and love." On this occasion after making the Sign of the Cross over his visitors, the Pope smiled and then moved among them shaking hands.

**Pope Paul with the haunting vision of a hungry nation etched indelibly in his memory, urged creation by the developed nations of a "great world fund" to combat hunger and poverty throughout the world.**

The occasion was the first formal papal press conference in history in which the Pope made an anguished plea to the nations to spend less on armaments and more on assistance to developing countries.

## A Double Sadness On a Day of Joy

Christmas, a time of joy and happiness for most of us, is a time of deep sorrow for the poor.

Such people bear a double burden on that day — their continuing poverty and the helpless anguish of being unable to give their children a toy or a bit of candy.

You can turn this sorrow to at least a moment's joy by aiding the poor at Christmas through a contribution to the Catholic Charities Christmas Fund, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester.

## Rochester Nuns in Brazil Mission

Franciscan Bishop Benedict Coscia described his Brazil diocese to Mother Agnes Cecilia of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Rochester Diocese during a visit here on his way home from the Vatican Council. Five nuns from here are about to begin work in his mission territory. Story is on page four.

# End Bias In Housing

## Interracial Council Urges 'Open Occupancy'

To make "open occupancy a living reality" is the goal of a housing pledge campaign underway in Monroe County.

The Rochester Catholic Interracial Council this week awaited return of more than 25,000 pledges circulated in 29 parishes asking homeowners to end bias in housing because of "race, religion or national origin."

**The pledge, which carries no legal obligation with it, states:**

**"I recognize that a person's freedom in choice of residence ought not to be denied because of race, religion, or national origin. I will uphold this freedom in my neighborhood."**

Dr. Albert V. B[illegible] chairman of the Catholic Interracial Council Open [illegible] committee in a letter to pastors [illegible] churches in Monroe [illegible] outlined the goals of the pledge campaign.

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He said [illegible] nation as applied [illegible] issue of housing.

He quoted the U.S. [illegible] statement of last year [illegible] crimination based on the accidental fact of race [illegible] cannot be reconciled [illegible] truth that God has [illegible] men with equal rights and dignity."

**He also cited Bishop Kearney's statement of this past spring, "Slow justice is no justice." In answer to those who claim present efforts for open occupancy are "pushing this thing too fast."**

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[illegible] and moral problems [illegible] ner stated.

The open [illegible] may be obtained from [illegible] priests or from the [illegible] terracial Council, 445 [illegible] Avenue South and [illegible] mailed to the [illegible] Human Relations Commission.

Members of other [illegible] denominations are also [illegible] asked by [illegible] to sign the pledge this month.

## Clergy Battle Drug Trade In Hong Kong

Hong Kong—(NC)—An Irish Jesuit priest is a director of an interfaith committee here which is pressing the Hong Kong government to make an all-out attack on this colony's prosperous narcotics trade.

Father Herbert Dargan, S.J., joined with a Lutheran and two Anglican clergymen to form the working committee of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society. Following a five-day closed seminar they urged government officials to impose stiffer fines on persons engaged in the drug trade and to treat addicts as sick persons rather than criminals.

It is estimated that one person in 36 is a drug addict in Hong Kong where the annual illegal traffic in drugs amounts to about $4.2 million.

## 'Blind' Learn To Lead Blind

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## No Agreement On Law Revision

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