

Sudan Faith Still Strong

MALAKAL, Uganda—(AP)—Although wounded by five years of persecution, the Catholic Church in the troubled south of the Sudan remains strong, visitors from that region reported here.

They said the overall pace of Church life is vigorous because of the extra efforts being made by the 32 native priests, 40 nuns and about 800 catechists left in the region.

All foreign missionaries were expelled earlier this year. They totaled about 300 priests, 100 Brothers and 200 nuns. Expul-

sion was ordered by the former Arab-dominated military government in the north, replaced two months ago by a civilian government, one also controlled by Muslims but now including Negro Catholics from the South.

Catholic missionary work continues among the people of the south Sudan, largely Negroes, but it is hampered by lack of transportation and the necessity for double-duty by priests.

The native clergy have closed some mission stations near each other or entrusted them to native Christian caretakers, but

nevertheless, the visitors said, the rate of baptisms this year will be about 25,000 persons, about the same rate of the past few years.

Stories abound of efforts by priests to get the Mass and sacraments to as many Catholics as possible. In Malakal, the visitors said, one of the three priests left there has moved the altar of a church to the front entrance to enable crowds to see the celebrant during the Mass.

One part of the congregation is in the church itself, another part stands in the courtyard and a third group stands on the porch of the priest's residence, participating in the Mass through a big hole knocked in the church's wall for them.



Sewing Machine Donated to Nuns

HOLY CROSS Convent will soon have a sewing machine for mending and making new habits. A check for the sewing machine was presented by members of the Rosary Society of the parish. From left are Mrs. Gerald Curtin, Sister Ambrose, principal; Mrs. Louis Mrzywka, Mrs. John Sadler, president; and Mrs. James Mosher.



This will be the new rectory of St. Patrick's parish at 46 Stanley St., Mt. Morris. The former D. F. Russell home, recently purchased, is being enlarged and remodeled.

New Rectory Planned For Mt. Morris Parish

Mt. Morris—Work on the addition and remodeling of St. Patrick's new rectory was started this past week.

This summer the parish purchased the former Daniel F. Russell home at 46 Stanley Street.

The interior of the home is to be remodeled and a two-story addition will be built at the rear of the building.

The architects are Ribson and Roberts of Rochester and the contractor is Raymond Brock of Greenvale. The work is expected to be completed in the Spring.

The plans are to raise the present rectory on Chapel Street to provide more parking space and make another driveway to the present parking lot. The parish in July 1961.

Church Renewal Embraces All, Monsignor Says

Purpose of the liturgical renewal and program of the late Pope John XXIII are to make every baptized man, woman and child aware of being an integral part of the Church founded by Christ.

This was explained by Monsignor George A. Cocuzzi, Chancellor of the diocese in a talk to Sacred Heart Men's Club where he was presented by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, Thursday of last week.

The newly named Chancellor who attended the Council proceedings in Rome made it clear that all the changes at Mass are designed to bring the faithful closer by participation.

The Church, Monsignor Cocuzzi said, is not alone the Pope, the Bishops, the clergy nor the religious but each one baptized. With participation, the laity can go out in their communities imbued with the spirit of the Mystical Body of which they are members.

He explained that in a small community it was always the priest alone who was considered by the separated brethren as representing the Church. The carrying out of Pope John's program will bring the community to a realization of the role the laity plays in the life of the Church.

Progress made by the Council in establishing the Collegiality of the Bishops, the use of the vernacular in the Mass and programs still to be completed assure the Church of a renewed life that the laity will appreciate more and more as the changes become effective, he said.

Cubs Hold Yule Party

Park No. 212, of Holy Family Church, will hold its annual Christmas Party on December 18th, 1964 in the Pine Room, at 7:30. Charities of the affair will be Mrs. Carm Vaudo. The program for the evening will be door prizes, favors, and Santa Claus.

The entire family is invited to attend, and parents are asked to bring a 30¢ gift for their scout. This should be wrapped and have the boy's name on it. The same should be done for any other child that is to receive a gift. Admission will be \$1.00 per family.

The Date Book

Alumnae Party

Mrs. William D. Cooke of Elmwood Avenue, secretary, Rochester Chapter of Trinity College Alumnae, Sunday, Dec. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. Rochester students at the Washington, D.C. college, their parents and husbands of the chapter members to attend. Serving on Mrs. Cooke's committee are: Mrs. Anthony R. Palermo and Mrs. John D. O'Brien. Their co-hostesses to be the chapter's officers: Mrs. Eugene W. Bergin, Miss Mary Elizabeth Statt and Miss Patricia McGuire.

Nazareth Grads

Nazareth College Alumnae Christmas Dinner Dance at Ridgeway Country Club, Saturday, Dec. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Chairmen are Mrs. Gene Tortora and Mrs. Richard LaDonna. Reservations are being made with Mrs. Warren Urlaub and Mrs. Nicholas Mendola.

Adults' Party

Rochester Catholic Adult Club Christmas Party at Lorenzo's Banquet Hall, Sunday, Dec. 20 Reception at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Entertainment after dinner. Dancing to music of Florian Cerniak's Orchestra to begin about 8:30 p.m. Father George S. Wood, moderator and Father John P. Norris, Catholic chaplain of State School at Industry to be guests. Members are asked to bring a small gift to Christmas party to be given to Father Norris for the boy at Industry. Reservations are being made with Carmelita Petote, GL 8-5236.

Fete Girls

Margaret Danford Guild to entertain girls of St. Joseph's Villa at Christmas Party Friday, Dec. 18, 8 p.m. Santa Claus to distribute toys and goodies. Mrs. Paul McGuire, chairman.

25 Years Ago

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Rev. John W. Meyer, C.S.B., Aquinas Institute librarian and English department head, now at University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas was ordained in St. Basil Church, Toronto. Father Meyer is a former public school teacher and a convert from Lutheranism in 1938.

Formation of Rochester Chapter of Knights of Columbus with Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Pappas due to take place in the Parish Library of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral.

Elevation of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alexander Vashon, internationally known chemist and biologist to Coadjutor Archbishop of Ottawa was acclaimed by friends in the Rochester area. Among them was Rev. Thurston Haffner, C.S.B., of Aquinas faculty who studied under and worked with the new Archbishop.

assisted by Mesdames Harold Coleman, Owen Keenan, Raymond Whitley and George Conway.

Widowed Parents

Gifts, Santa Claus, movies fun and singing will be program for the Catholic Widowed Parents Club's Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. at St. Monica's Rectory. A fifty cent gift marked for each of the children, two dozen Christmas cookies and fifty cents to be admission per family.

College Guild

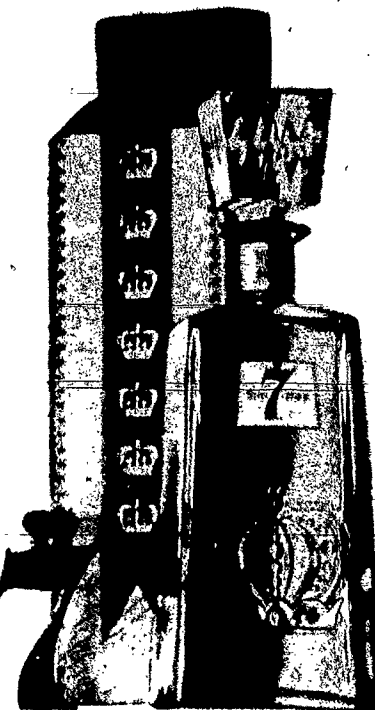
Nazareth College Guild Council Christmas luncheon in Meadville Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 1 p.m. Mrs. John S. Luciano, president, to preside. Guest of honor to be Sister Helen Daniel, president of Nazareth College.

Parents' Party

Executive committee of Nazareth College Parents Association Christmas Dinner party at Laurent Hill Country Club Thursday, Dec. 17 (Sunday) 7 p.m. Association officers are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Neary, presidents, Mr. and Mrs. M.

their Knaut, vice presidents, Mrs. Joseph McLaughlin, secretary, and Mr. and Mrs. Attilio Iacelli, treasurers.

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Pope Paul Asks Help For Stricken Congo

Vatican City—(RNS)—Pope Paul VI, at a private audience to Prime Minister Moise Tshombe of the Congo, appealed to "all responsible persons" to help restore peace and bring an end to the "bloody disorders" which afflict that country. He said "our thoughts go out to the whole Congolese people and especially to all the unfortunate victims of the recent events, to all without distinction, who have suffered under such tragic circumstances."

Tshombe, who stopped in Rome while enroute to other European capitals, spent about 20 minutes with the Pope in the pontiff's private library and later called on Amleto Giovanni Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State, with whom he conferred for 15 minutes.

In his talk, intended as a message to be relayed to the Congolese people through Tshombe, the Pope made special reference to "the many missionaries and members of the religious who had given testimony with their blood of their loyalty to the Gospel and to their love for the Congolese nation."

He said these victims had gone to the Congo "to place their best efforts in the service of the new nation and they were only wishing well for the nation's prosperity and peaceful development."

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