# Tabernacle of Martyrs Given Nuns' Motherhouse

**Madrid**—(NC)—A Spanish journalist has brought here the tabernacle from the chapel of the Dominican nuns of the Most Holy Rosary in Stanleyville, the Congo. Most of the nuns were slain by the rebels in November.

Miguel de la Cuadra Salcedo gave the tabernacle to the nuns' motherhouse here. He said that when he arrived at the Stanleyville convent he found four bodies in the central patio, one of them completely mutilated. The tabernacle lay alongside a decapitated body that could not be identified. The newsman also brought to Spain missals, clothing, books and other personal effects of the nuns.

Asked about the fate of 23 Spanish nuns in the Congo from whom no news has been received, Cuadra said he had heard a nun liberated from Paulis say that a rebel colonel had given orders that beginning Dec. 7 no more whites would be killed. Thus there is hope, he said, that these Sisters may be alive and may have been taken to an unknown place.

# Diplomats, Poor Greet Pope Paul On Christmas

**Vatican City** — (NC) — The backdrop for Pope Paul VI's second Christmas as head of the Church varied from the splendor of the Sistine Chapel to a tiny room in a working-class suburb of Rome.

A drizzling rain was also a part of the observance, forcing a scheduled outdoor Mass in St. Peter's square to be celebrated inside the basilica and cutting attendance for the Christmas blessing from the usual hundreds of thousands to less than 20,000.

The Pope celebrated his first Mass of the day at midnight for the diplomats accredited to the Holy See and their families in the hushed splendor of the Sistine Chapel at an altar facing Michelangelo's masterpiece, "The Last Judgment."

**"On this night you are for us the world," the Pope told the congregation Speaking of his role as head of the Church, the Pope said: "Our only reason for existing and our sole desire consists in spreading in the world love and peace."**

Early on Christmas day the Pope celebrated a second Mass and spoke briefly again, but to a very different group of people.

At 8 a.m. he arrived at the working-class parish of St Raphael the Archangel in the Trullo district of Rome. He was greeted by damp crowds and slightly soggy bunting and carpets which had been used to ornament balconies overlooking the street in front of the church

**The Pope told his listeners that they must heed the voice of heaven when it tells them of their Faith and then they must put it into practice, and particularly they must practice their faith so that they can trust in Christ to help them.**

The poor were the first to come into contact with Christ, he said.

The Pope distributed Holy Communion to the parish's children and its youth groups and at the end of Mass he presented the church with the chalice and chasuble he had used. He also gave an unspecified amount of money to help the poor and left many packs of gifts. In return the Pope was given flowers, a lamb, two doves and an album of pictures prepared by the school children.

Before he left the area the Pope was driven in an open car, despite the rain, to visit two bedridden persons. First he talked with 26-year-old Loreta Del Vecchio, who has been paralyzed for 17 years.

Through her tears she managed to say "This Christmas, Your Holiness, is the most beautiful day of my life." He spoke words of comfort and presented her with a statue of the Christ Child and a personal gift of money.

At a second visit nearby, the Pope talked with 62-year-old Alcide Serenti, a former employe of the Vatican's printing facility, the Polyglot Press. He had lost the use of his legs 12 years ago after an auto accident.

**At 11 a.m. the Pope celebrated a low Mass in St. Peter's after being carried there on his portable throne. After the Gospel he spoke briefly, urging the more than 10,000 people attending to make their Christmas truly good by "giving it its authentic spiritual value and recognizing its deep human meaning."**

After the Mass he went up to the main balcony in the facade of St. Peter's which was hung with a huge banner of red and white bearing his coat of arms. He was saluted by the band of the national police and by details from the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force.

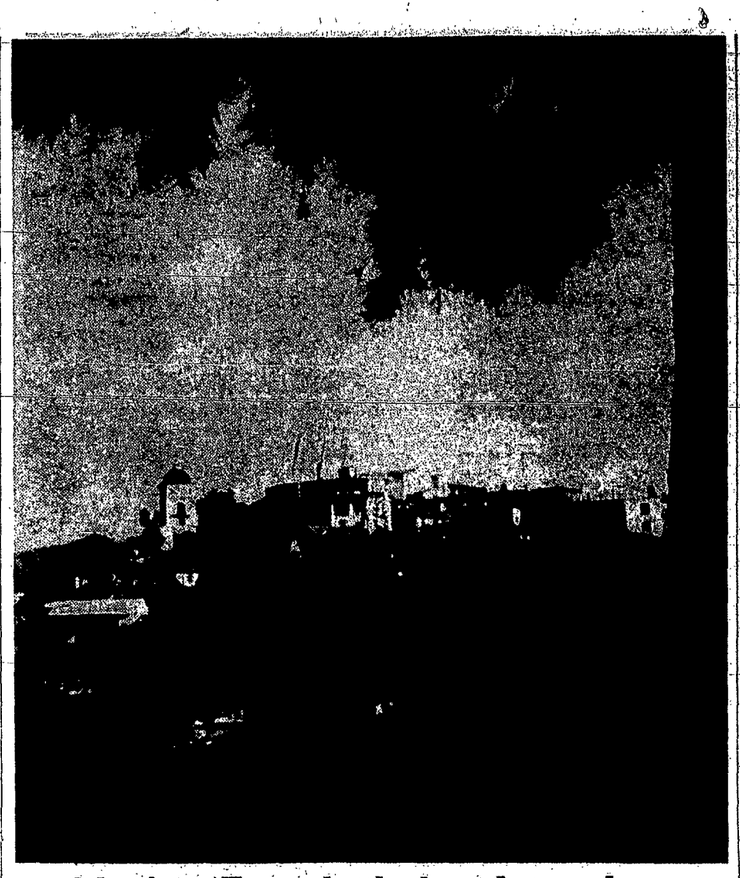
The Pope took his place on a throne. Unlike last year's Christmas, he did not wear the triple crown of his office. This time he wore a gold-embroidered miter.

## U.S. Lutheran Schools Gain

**Washington** — (RNS) — Enrollment in all Lutheran schools in the U.S. has increased this year by 6.2 per cent over 1963 with a current total of 88,122 students, it was reported here by the National Lutheran Educational Conference.

At the same time, attendance at the denomination's 18 theological seminaries declined for the third consecutive year.

Dr. Gould Wickey, NLEC executive director, announced that at the end of October there were 63,814 students at 37 Lutheran colleges and universities, 3,964 in theological schools, 4,381 at 18 junior colleges and 15,963 in 46 high schools.



# Mexico Tour Includes Acapulco

**A pilgrimage from Jan. 22 to Feb. 5 to the shrines and churches of Mexico, under the spiritual direction of Father Henry Atwell, Courier editor, will include a stay at Acapulco, resort city first made famous by its silver mines. Tour information may be obtained from Sargent Travel Agency, Manger Hotel Arcade, Rochester, or from the Courier, 35 Scio St.**

## Sick Society To be Studied

**Boston** — (RNS) — An Institute of Human Sciences to conduct a wide study of the causes and effects of social ills in an ever complex society has been launched by Boston College, a Jesuit school here.

The broad program — which seeks a deeper and more extensive understanding of social ills — will involve the college's Departments of Sociology and Psychology and its Schools of Social Work, Education, Law, Nursing and Business.

The institute will study the implications of social change for individuals, emphasizing technological deprivations, and therapeutic change in relation to social processes. Training programs also will be part of the institute's work in order to apply its research findings in service areas.

## TV Series On Marriage

**New York** — (RNS) — The Roman Catholic Church's teachings on marriage and family planning are being examined in four weekly telecasts during January on the NBC-TV "Catholic Hour" series produced in cooperation with the National Council of Catholic Men.

Scheduled to start Jan. 3, the Sunday broadcasts were written by John Leo, associate editor of The Commonweal national weekly edited by Catholic laymen. Host is Philip Scharper editor in chief of Sheed and Ward, noted Catholic publishing house.

The first program was to outline the development of the Church's position on sex and marriage from apostolic times to the present. On Jan. 10 and 17, the telecasts will report on the current dialogue of bishops and theologians on Catholic teachings on artificial contraception. The series ends Jan. 24 with a wrap-up discussion featuring Father Gregory Baum, O.S.A., of the theological faculty of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto.

# Pope at Work On Curia Reform

**Rome**—(RNS)—Pope Paul VI is in the process of drafting a document outlining measures for reform and modernization of the Roman Curia, the central administration of the Roman Catholic Church, according to the Rome Radio.

Although the Vatican Radio has so far remained silent on the matter, the Rome station said the Pope is being assisted in preparing the document by Francesco Cardinal Roberti, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signature, the Holy See's court of appeals.

It was recalled here that early this year the Pope named Cardinal Roberti to head a committee on Curia reorganization. At the same time, in a letter sent in his name by Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State, he invited the heads of the eleven Curial congregations and many lesser secretariats and offices to submit suggestions for reorganizing their various bodies in the spirit of "aggiornamento" (up dating).

**THE ROME RADIO** said that Cardinal Roberti meanwhile had had numerous consultations with almost all the other cardinals of the Curia.

The station claimed that the papal draft now in preparation would stipulate, among other things, that the heads of the various congregations must be under the age of 65, and that more posts of high responsibility in the Curial set-up be assigned to non-Italians.

On Sept. 23, 1963 Pope Paul announced his intention to modernize the Curia and change its almost entirely Italian composition by the appointment of more non-Italian prelates.

This was in a talk to the Curia cardinals in which the pontiff spoke of the administration as having grown ponderous. He said it needed to be simplified, decentralized and broadened to include new functions.

# Giant Statue of Christ To be Lighted at Rio

**Vatican City** — (RNS) — On New Year's Eve, Pope Paul VI will press a button in his Vatican Palace library that will set off an electronic impulse illuminating the gigantic statue of Christ the Redeemer overlooking the city and harbor of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Other Vatican sources hinted that the Pope's gesture might be followed later by the announcement of yet another papal journey overseas — this time to North and South America.

"This will symbolize the dynamic, living Church that covers the world," a Vatican spokesman said. "It will be a gesture of peace reaching out beyond the oceans."

The statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio stands atop the 2,300-foot Corcovado (Hunchback) Mountain. The statue itself is 125 feet tall and weighs 1,145 tons. Seven years in construction, it was inaugurated on Oct. 12, 1931 as a symbol of peace and democracy. Cost of the statue was $250,000 raised by public subscription.

## One Church, Three Faiths

**Arusha, Tanzania** — (NC) — A new church has been opened in nearby Tengeru for the use of the Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran congregations there.

Clergymen of the three churches officiated at the dedication ceremonies (Dec. 6). Father Edward Kelly, C.S.Sp., served as vicar of Catholic Bishop Dennis V. Durning, C.S.Sp., of Arusha at the service. He blessed the exterior and led the procession of worshipers into the church building. Lutheran Bishop Moshi consecrated the interior.

The church was built with volunteer labor and financial contributions of the local people of various denominations and races. It was agreed that the Catholics would have a Mass there every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. For other Christians, there is a service in Swahili every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

## Pope to be Godfather

**Vatican City** — (NC) — Pope Paul VI will be godfather of the second son of Austrian Archduke Otto of Habsburg-Lorraine, only son of the last Austrian emperor.

**Prelate on Radio**

**West Springfield** — (NC) — Archbishop John Kodwo Amissah of Cape Coast, Guana, West Africa, will be interviewed about conditions in his country on the Hour of the Crucified radio program for Jan. 3.

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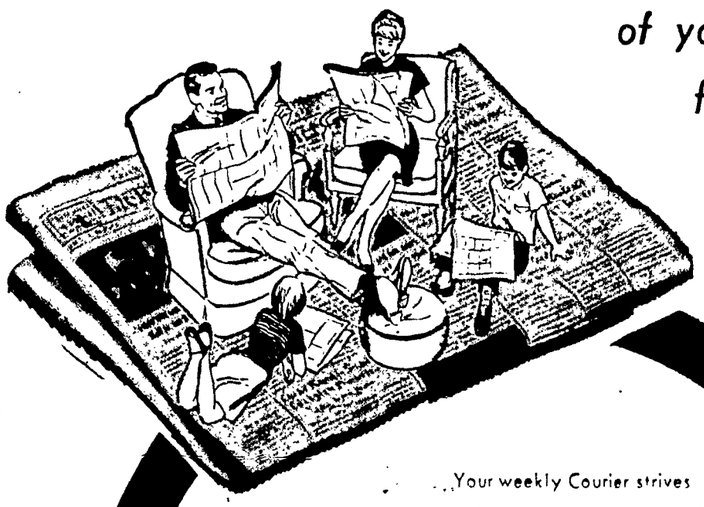

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