



'A Time to Plant ...'

The Bible's book of Ecclesiastes says, "All things have their season... a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant..." and the Owasco-Fleming Kiwanis Club decided now's the time to plant—50 evergreen trees at St. Isaac Jogues Church, Fleming. Green-thumb Kiwanis members are John Buchko, Richard Wychoff, William Halpin and Dr. Harvey Barrett.

Nearly \$2 Million to Go

Pledges to the Joint College Fund passed the \$7 million mark this week as parish committees prepared for the second and final round of parishioner visits this Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14, in the effort to top the nine million dollar goal.

With nearly half the parishioners in the 12-county Diocese yet to be visited, parish committees are aiming to obtain at least \$1,900,000 to hit the \$5,750,000 parish division campaign objective.

Two-year pledges are being sought for expansion of Catholic higher education facilities — including new buildings at St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges and the construction of Becket Hall adjacent to the St. John Fisher campus — a residence for seminarians taking their four years of college courses there before pursuing theology studies at St. Bernard's Seminary.

In making their visits Sunday, thousands of committeemen face a double challenge — not only to surpass parish quotas but also to fulfill a "birthday gift" commitment to Bishop Kearney.

At four campaign rallies a fortnight ago, committee spokesmen pledged to the Bishop, who marked his 81st birthday on Oct. 28, a "9 million birthday gift" in the form of a successful drive.

In his plea for support, the Bishop termed the campaign "one of the most important appeals I have made in my years as your bishop."

"We are deeply conscious," His Excellency declared, of the responsibility we have for the proper training of today's youth—of priests, nuns and lay leaders of tomorrow.

"Their preparation for life must involve not only academic excellence but also the development of a sound conscience and a deep devotion to God."

"We therefore must keep pace with the educational requirements necessary for the young people entrusted to our care. In this crusade we have solicited your help — and for that help we are deeply grateful."

"Your generosity has blessed all my efforts with success. God has blessed you for your help in the past. His Blessed Mother will, I am sure, speak to Him for us. I commit this cause, now, to her care."

Parish Chairman Paul McGuire expressed confidence that "the people of his Diocese will meet this challenge and fulfill this commitment to our Bishop."

"It will be done," he concluded, "through volume participation — every parishioner doing his or her part to meet the parish quota and to put this campaign over the top."

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Pope Paul Asks Prayers For Council Conclusion

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has ordered that every parish and religious community in the Catholic Church hold a triduum of solemn prayer prior to the Dec. 8 feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so that the entire Catholic world will be united in prayer at the conclusion of the Vatican Council.

The Holy Father made his call for the triduum in an apostolic exhortation on the Council, urging all the faithful "to beg for a new Pentecost that will renew, through the Holy Spirit, the face of the spouse of Christ and of the times."

Patriotism Best Revealed In Deeds, Not Words

Parris Island, S.C. — (NC) — A Catholic naval chaplain said that "one of the evils of our day is the tendency to discredit patriotism and represent it as a vice almost in place of a virtue."

Rear Admiral Henry J. Rotrigo, was the principal speaker at a Memorial Field Mass at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Marine Corps.

"Patriotism does not label itself," Admiral Rotrigo said. "Like true piety, it reveals itself in works not in words; in deeds not in loud declarations. It has revealed itself in the lives and deeds of the men to whom we pay tribute today."



Clothes for us?

Children like these are the victims of war in Vietnam. You can give them a bit of comfort by the clothes you give in this week's annual clothing collection in your parish church.

Final plans have been completed in nearly 150 parishes of the Diocese of Rochester for several thousand volunteers to sort and pack clothing to be received in next week's Thanksgiving Clothing Collection.

A special appeal from Bishop Kearney was read in all parish churches last Sunday, in preparation for this 17th annual clothing drive. The Bishop cited the United Nations' address of Pope Paul VI in October, promising that the Catholic Church "would intensify its charitable efforts" as a concrete step toward world peace.

The Bishop appealed to Catholics to continue their generous response to this annual campaign, "because Christ in His poor still pleads with us for help."

Pastors will announce this Sunday the location and hours of their own centers to which clothing donations should be taken. Volunteers from parish organizations will prepare the

clothing for shipment to the Brooklyn warehouse of Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief agency of the U.S. bishops. Distribution in more than 56 countries will be made regardless of race, color or creed.

Assisting in the promotion of the campaign are nine priests as area directors, together with Miss Sophie Cudjilo, Mrs. Peter Zacharilla and Mrs. J. Raymond Hensler of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

No 'Salt' in Scripture, Monk's Comment on Scrolls

Midland, Mich. — (NC) — Is the New Testament seasoned with "Dead Sea salt?"

Benedictine Father James K. Solari of Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina, answered an emphatic "No" to the question in an address to 800 persons at Central Intermediate school here.

Father Solari conceded that many similarities exist between the Qumran literature and the New Testament, but said "there is no foundation for the exaggerated influence alleged by some modern writers."

Noting speculation that John the Baptist might have lived with the Qumran sect which drew up the Dead Sea Scrolls, Father Solari said that "if the Baptist actually did live at Pumran, he must have broken with the sect before he undertook his mission of baptizing in the river Jordan," since his universal call to sinners was not consistent with the group's exclusive views.

He declared that the Dead Sea Scrolls, the first of which were found in 1947, "shed precious light on the milieu and ambit in which the Gospel was first announced, in which the Christian church was born, in which the New Testament was written."

"These literary parallels tell us that we must look to the Old Testament before all else as the common source for both the Qumran and New Testament ideas and expressions," he said.

Churches to Help Cuban Refugees

Washington — (RNS) — A major portion of the work of resettling the 3,000 to 4,000 Cuban refugees expected to enter this country each month will be handled by at least three church agencies and one non-sectarian humanitarian group.

This was announced almost simultaneously with the report from the State Department that, after about a month of negotiations, the U.S. and Cuba had come to agreement on a plan to evacuate what eventually may turn out to be as many as 400,000 Cubans.

Announcement was made here and in New York that the National Council of Churches' Service; the Hebrew Immigrant Society; the Catholic Cuban Center, operating under the National Catholic Welfare Con-

ference; and the non-sectarian International Rescue Committee would shoulder the responsibility in cooperation with federal, state and local authorities in the "transition" stages.

Besides looking to their general welfare, for which the U.S. government has allotted \$42.5 million for fiscal 1966, the church groups will be faced with the monumental task of seeing that families are reunited.

Top priority, according to the U.S.-Cuba agreement, is given to reuniting those who have been separated from their families. So far, a list of 140,000 relatives of those now living in the U.S. seeking to be reunited has been compiled. Up to 100,000 persons are expected to be brought to the U.S. within the first two years.

While the initial impact will be felt in Miami, Greater New York City is expected to absorb, as it has with previous waves of Cuban refugees, at least half of the total number. There at

ready are some 92,000 Cuban exiles living in metropolitan New York City.

Other places, besides New York and Florida, where large numbers are expected to settle, are Texas and Louisiana in the South; California in the Far West; Ohio and Illinois in the Midwest; and Pennsylvania and Connecticut in the East.

The first group of about 1,000 was expected to arrive by ship, with the regular exodus getting underway in December, largely by airlift. Commercial airliners, chartered by the U.S. government at an estimated cost of \$400,000 annually, will transport 200 or more approved refugees from Varadero, about 60 miles east of Havana, each day.

President Johnson first made

the offer to open the gates to the Cubans on Oct. 3 when he signed the new immigration law in New York. He was acting on overtures sounded just a couple of days earlier by Premier Fidel Castro, who heads the Communist regime.

With the concentrated efforts of the church groups in the resettlement program, strong appeals are expected to be made to church leaders and the laity for helping to implement the program. Numerous sociological problems will face the groups working with the refugees, particularly in housing, food, clothing and employment.

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More English At Mass

You'll hear the last of Latin at Mass two weeks from now. All the "loud" parts of the Mass will be said in English beginning the first Sunday in Advent, Nov. 28.

Bishop Kearney set the date following a decision of the U.S. bishops to eliminate the confusing half-Latin, half-English arrangement introduced a year ago, also at the start of Advent.

The Collect, the prayer at the end of the Offertory (the Secret), the Preface, the prayer after the Our Father and the Postcommunion will be said in English.

All these are said only by the priest. There will be no change in the texts now said at Mass by the people—except the responses at the Preface.

Prayers at the start of the Mass and the "Orate, fratres" also will be changed to English but these portions of the Mass are said by the priest and the servers, not by the congregation.

Latin will not be totally dead, however. The silent prayers of the Mass will remain in that language.

Rhodesia, Test For Conscience

Africa is again a stage for a conflict of Christian consciences.

Rhodesia's few hundred thousand white citizens want independence from Britain rather than give a voice in their government to four million black citizens.

The Anglican Archbishop Arthur M. Ramsey of Canterbury said Britain has the moral right to use force—war—to prevent the white Rhodesians from such a course of action.

Editorial comment in British newspapers has ranged from "shocking" and "outrageous" as a daily paper termed the prelate's statement to the Catholic Herald's endorsement of his position, calling it "courageous" and "valid."

The archbishop, in a television interview, said it is the duty of the Church to speak plainly on matters of Christian conscience and "to say in what circumstances it might be necessary to use certain kinds of force, unless of course we're just merely pacifists."

Many newspaper comments voiced a strong objection to any churchman's "meddling" in political affairs. Others objected to the prelate's willingness to use force—a seeming violation of the Church's assumed stance of peace at any price.

Britain's religious journals of all denominational shades took up the discussion from that point—and the discussion came at the same time that Americans were questioning the right or the wisdom of those who said they'd rather "burn a draft card than a Vietnamese baby."

The Catholic Herald referred to the "enduring validity and relevancy" of Dr. Ramsey's "courageous statement" and says "all the huffing and puffing of the archbishop's outraged critics will not change" the fact that Rhodesia is a Christian responsibility. It added:

"The actual terms of the

archbishop's speech have been widely—and perhaps deliberately—misinterpreted. Quite clearly, he was not advocating force. He was saying that if it came to police action by British troops to uphold the constitution, Christians would accept that as the lesser evil—the alternatives being continued injustice to the Africans or the risk of a major race war in Africa.

"To attack the archbishop on the grounds that it is not the task of Christian leaders to speak out on problems such as Rhodesia is ludicrous... It is only right to point out that the Catholic bishops in Rhodesia spoke in even more forcible terms on this whole issue some years ago. Unfortunately, their intervention seems to have made little difference to Rhodesian Catholics themselves... Catholics here and in Rhodesia must ask themselves if their non-Catholic brethren are, in this matter, showing the real Christian witness."

The new ecumenical journal, New Christian, declared: "The suggestion that Christian leaders should not make pronouncements on political issues is, of course, a pernicious heresy, the acceptance of which would spell the death of the church. Better that Christian councils and archbishops should make mistaken pronouncements than that they should remain silent in the face of injustice and hatred."

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