

A Muddy Start for New Holy Name Church



THEY ALL CONTRIBUTED. These three pastors, shown at last Sunday's groundbreaking for the new Holy Name Church in Greece, all gave part of their parishes to make the new one possible. Parent-pastors are, from left, Monsignor Robert A. Keleher of St. Charles, Father Donald E. Lux of St. John the Evangelist, and the principal speaker, Bishop Casey of Sacred Heart Cathedral parish.

STICKY GOING: Clay-like ground on a damp day made Bishop Casey's groundbreaking job heavy going. He smiles as his spade digs the turf. Beside him, mostly hidden from the camera, is Father Thomas M. Redding, pastor of the new parish.

Pope Appeals To U.S. Catholics

New York—(NC)—Pope Paul VI has appealed to U.S. Catholics "to continue and increase your liberal donations towards this worthy cause"—the U.S. Bishops Relief Fund Appeal which sustains millions of needy in all parts of the world.

The Pope's plea was made in a letter to the American bishops and was released here by Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, overseas relief agency of U.S. Catholics.

The bishops' fund appeal with a minimum goal of five million dollars has been scheduled for March 13 to 20. The campaign culminates on Laetare Sunday, March 20, when a collection will be taken up in all parishes in the nation.

The fund is the chief support of CRS-NCWC, largest private relief agency in the world, which last year assisted more than 40 million needy persons in 80 countries with food, clothing, medicines, other supplies and services, in a program valued in excess of \$131 million. The Catholic agency carries out the program solely on the basis of need, without regard to religion, race, creed or national origin.

In his message, Pope Paul paid glowing tribute to "the constant generosity manifested by the Catholics of America, who untiringly, and at the cost of no little sacrifice, support the annual campaign for the world's needy. He expressed confidence that this year's campaign also will be crowned with success.

Tourist Boom in Holy Land

Jerusalem—(NC)—The pilgrimage of Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land early in 1964 was apparently the spark of a new influx of tourists into Jordan, creating a minor economic boom.

Every day new groups of tourists fly here from Europe, the United States and elsewhere, even in the off season. Tourist guides have more than enough work. Many of those

who arrive declare they were prompted to visit the ancient Christian shrines here as a result of the Pope's trip.

The tourist influx has not only provided jobs, it has provided new funds for repair and modernizing the Jordanian city. Tourist facilities have been greatly expanded. Barren hillsides are blooming with houses, hotels and places of business. Newly paved roads are carrying a heavier burden of traffic.

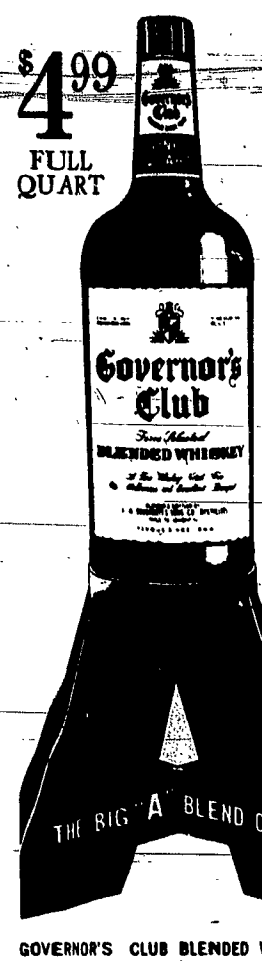
Dialogue With Jews

Washington—(NC)—The body of Catholics officially charged with exploration of U.S. Catholic-Jewish relations has announced it will recommend guidelines for these relations.

Announcement was made after the first full meeting of the Subcommission on Catholic-Jewish Relations of the U.S. Bishops Commission on Ecumenical Affairs.

Bishop Francis P. Leipzig of Baker, Ore., chairman of the subcommission, presided at the March 1 meeting held in the headquarters building of the National Catholic-Welfare Conference.

A spokesman said the subcommission reviewed the range of present Jewish-Catholic dialogues, pledged itself to fulfill the spirit of the Vatican Council's statement on relation with Jews and agreed to begin work on recommended guidelines.



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Devotion to Mary Reported Waning

Milwaukee—(NC)—Changes in the Church brought about by the Vatican Council have led to a decline in devotions honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, the president of the Mariological Society of America said here.

Father William G. Most, professor of Latin at Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, said devotions and novenas to the Blessed Mother were on the rise under Pius XII and during the Marian year of 1954.

"What brought about the decline," he explained, "was the upheaval occasioned by the Council. People were forecasting what changes would take place and this provided a field day for all the bugs to propagate their stuff," he said.

Father Most addressed the Milwaukee Serra Club. He later spoke to students at Dominican College, Racine, and to the Dominican Sisters of Racine.

He said at least two instances are reported in which a priest, in the pulpit, held up a rosary and tore it apart before the eyes of parishioners.

He said in some places statues of Mary have been removed from churches on the grounds that the Council said: "The authentic cult of the saints consists not so much in multiplying external acts but

rather in the greater intensity of our active love."

Father Most believes evening Mass and the new liturgy are the main reasons for the devotional decline.

"Novenas were popular because there was participation," the priest said. "Now that the Mass situation has changed it leaves novenas a little bit out."

Citing material prosperity as another reason for the decline, he said Marian devotions, eucharistic devotions and nocturnal adoration are "going down together."

Papal Gift To UNICEF

United Nations—(NC)—Pope Paul VI has sent a "token contribution" of \$1,000 to UNICEF—the United Nations Children's Fund—as well as a promise of prayers that the organization will continue to "help in bringing to every land the peace for which we are all working."

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