

### Mass Returns To Glastonbury

London — (NC) — Glastonbury Abbey near Bath in western England, legendary birthplace of Christianity in Britain, has been thrown open by its present Anglican owners for Masses by Roman Catholics priests and services by all denominations.



### Young Priests Say Mass Together

The sixteen recently ordained priests of the Rochester Diocese celebrated Mass together at St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, Thursday, June 23. Parents and friends attended the Mass. Earlier that day they received their first assignments from Bishop Kearney which were effective this Tuesday.

Bishop Henderson made history last year by inviting the Apostolic Delegates to Britain, Archbishop Igino Cardinal, to crown a statue of Our Lady in the grounds and offer Mass there for the first time since the suppression of the monasteries 400 years ago. The bishop himself attended.

Glastonbury Abbey now largely a ruin, is reputedly the holiest place in Britain. According to legend, Joseph of Arimathea founded the first Christian church in this country and planted in the ground his staff. A thorn tree on the site, supposed to be his staff, still blossoms exceptionally every Christmas.

### 'We Asked the Wrong Questions'

## New Way To Instruct Converts

By WILLIAM J. LADYKA  
Detroit — (NC) — A new type of instruction tailored to the post-conciliar era and aimed at prospective adult converts has been developed here.

with interest but has not taken any official action at this time. Father Humitz calls the program "a scriptural catechesis for adult Christian formation."

WHY A NEW approach to the instruction of future Catholics? "The kind of texts we have now can be classified generally as the question-answer type," he explained.

He stated that within the general pattern outlined in the New Testament, the full gamut of Christianity can be covered — the liturgy, morality, prayer, profession of faith and social life.

### God's World

## On Praying Better

By FATHER LEO J. TRESE

For most of us, distraction in prayer is a perennial problem. Morning prayers, night prayer, Mass prayers or Rosary — again and again we end up with a dissatisfied and even guilty feeling. We have spent anywhere from five to thirty minutes in prayer and cannot honestly say that our mind was on what we were saying for more than one-tenth of the time.

We remind ourselves that involuntary distractions do not destroy the effectiveness of our prayers. If we begin our prayers with the intention of honoring God and with the determination to pray well, then our prayers are pleasing to God even though our mind, despite good intent, wanders all over the universe.

We know this, but we still are dubious as to whether our distractions really are voluntary. We ask ourselves, "Isn't there something I can do to better the quality of my prayers?"

One answer to the difficulty would be to pray often but more briefly. There are mystics who have a special gift for prayer, but very few of us are mystics. For us average persons it is extremely difficult to keep the mind concentrated on any one point for an extended period of time. Our brain resists the tension generated by close application.

Still a third objective to the traditional catechism is that people have been taught all about Christ but are seldom instructed on how to get to know Christ "as a Person."

Basically, Father Humitz said, the problem is that there is nothing available as a guide or a text to the Bible that will effectively help bring about the desired results.

THE NEW catechesis is divided into five basic study units: the Sinai covenant, the prophets, the Pentecost, the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles.

"What the covenant is for the Israelites, the Pentecost is for the Apostles," he said. Each gives meaning and purpose to the respective peoples.

### 'Freedom' Graduation Held in Parish Hall

Boston — (RNS) — Cardinal Cushing sent a message of "blessings and affection" to public school pupils participating in a "Freedom Graduation" ceremony at St. Hugh's Roman Catholic church in the city's predominantly Negro district.

## Clergy 'Union' in Chicago

Chicago — (RNS) — More than half the secular priests of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago formed a new Coordinating Committee of the Clergy (CCC).

Major tasks of the committee will be to improve communications with Archbishop John P. Cody and to establish working groups to deal in depth with other problems which the priests feel are important to the work of the Church.

The 22 priests elected to the CCC included nine members of an earlier Ad Hoc Committee that voiced "apprehension . . . due to lack of communication . . . in a report sent to the archbishop in May. Among new members of the committee are several well-known and respected

pastorate at St. Andrew's church. The Rev. Francis J. Slobig, assistant pastor of Annunciation parish, and one of the nine priests on the original committee, said the CCC hopes to "provide a direct pipe-line between the priests and Archbishop Cody."

leaders of the Chicago clergy. They include Msgr. Daniel M. Cantwell, chaplain of the Catholic Adult Education Center, Catholic Council on Working Life, Catholic Interracial Council, and other lay groups, and pastor of St. Clotilde church; Msgr. John J. Egan, director of the archdiocesan Office of Urban Affairs, member of the

### Paulists Print Rabbi's Book

New York — (RNS) — The Paulist Fathers — Catholic religious order dedicated to the use of modern communication techniques — published a pocket-book on Judaism written by Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Toronto, Ont.

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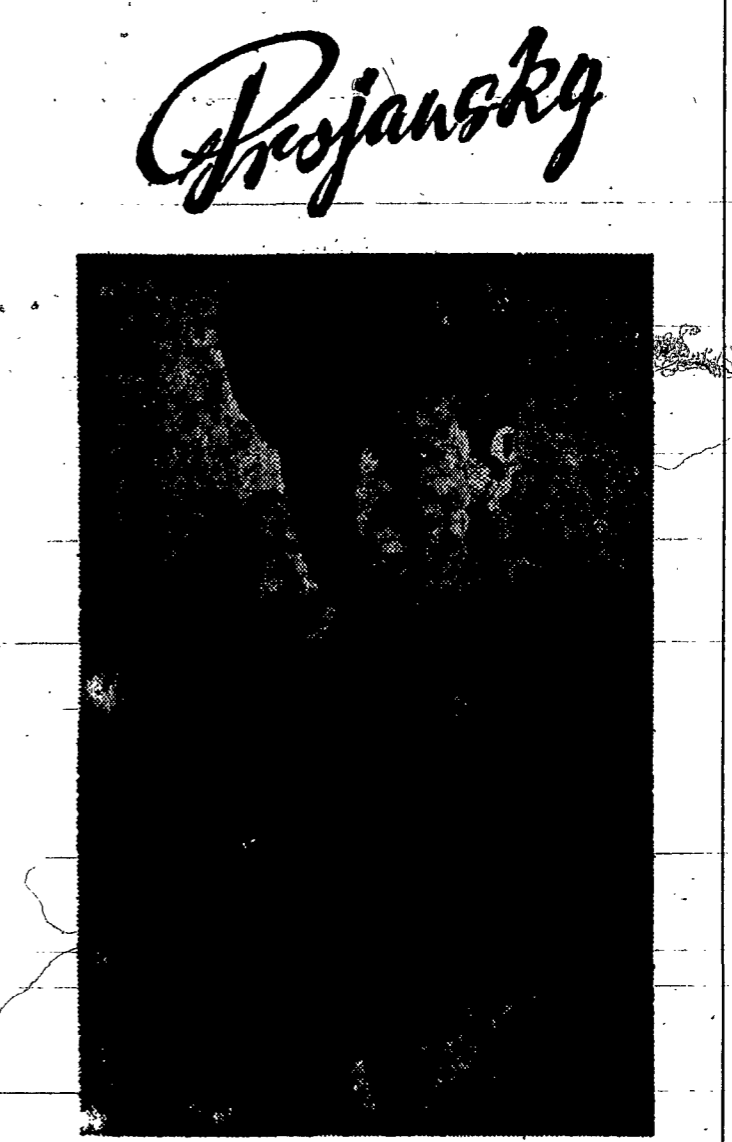
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I am sure everyone of us is concerned to preserve the reputation of our diocese for devotion and loyalty to the Holy See, so generously expressed each year at the close of June. May God bless you for your concern for the welfare of His Vicar upon earth.

Thanking you sincerely, I am  
Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,  
James J. Kearney  
Bishop of Rochester

P. S. This letter is to be read, and the collection taken up, on Sunday, June 26. Receipts from this special collection are to be sent to the Chancery at the end of three weeks.



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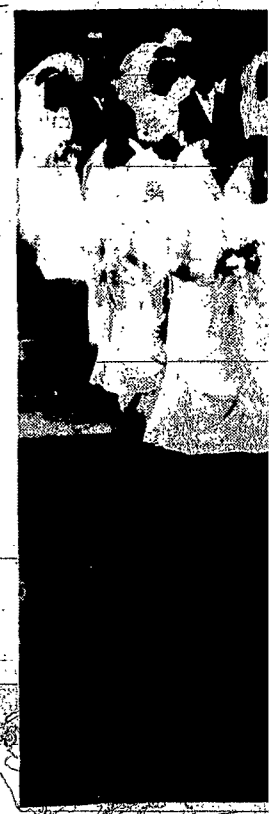
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### Six Lisbon — (RNS) Lisbon Cathedral

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### N.Y. Cardinal

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Washington — (RNS) solid show of eccumenicaderie more than 700 watched as Cardinal of New York was the Religious Heritage of as Churchman of the was the first time organization was formed that a Catholic clergy received the honor.

The Heritage or also presented award Walter H. Judd, former representative from Minnesota (1962) who had been missionary in China, Churchman of the Year, Marian Anderson, now Negro contractor, Churchwoman of the

Dr. Norman Vincent Peace who had won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1954, Spellman for his "patience and boundless charity" which have not only Catholic Church well-known, but also in every land and in every age.

Terrence, the "Primate of the West" and a "friend of the poor" and the great and

### Parochial Schools Integration

Brooklyn — (RNS) York State Senator that in some areas schools were used "to avoid integrated was condemned here educator of the Bro case.

The charge lodged Jerome L. Wilson, an unaffiliated, southerner, Eugene Molloy, superintendent of diocesan schools case.

In Albany, during of debate on the "bill which would be public, private and parochial students of the 7th grades, Sen Wilson as saying:

1. That parochial were being used "to evade integration"

2. That "in some we have not segregated the public cause the white ch parochial schools."

The textbook bill imposing local school for \$25 per child year of the program per year in the following — won overwhelming both houses of the Legislature. The bill for Governor Rockefeller action.

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