

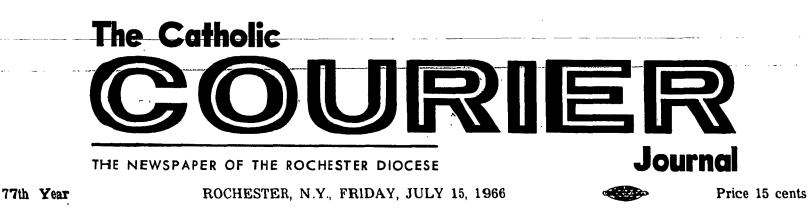
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San Antonio-(RNS)-Helicopter service for critically ill or injured patients from fringe city areas has been inaugurated by the Santa Rosa Medical Center in San Antonio. Here a "chopper" lands on the 11th floor of the Catholic center's hospital for children in a trial run made by Paul A. Boskind of Heli-Cab of Texas. With him is Sister Mary Brian of the hospital and another passenger.



Two More Steps Into the World

Pope Paul this week pushed the Catholic Church at least two steps further into the world-and added a word of caution as he did so.

He announced at Rome he was establishing a provisional committee to mobilize the Church's laity for a more effective impact in solving the world's pressing problems.

He also authorized Catholics to_work_in_closer_collaborationwith the World Council of Protestant and Orthodox Churches which met this week in Geneva, Switzerland, to speak "a relevant word" on the "urgent social questions of our era."

His word of caution was given to theologians in Rome, warning them there are limits "beyond, which it is most imprudent to go.

The Pope pinpointed Adam's original sin as the source whence comes the great number of mankind's troubles." He told the theologians they must not take "into serious consideration" the evolution hypothesis of polygenism — the idea that there were multiple "first" men, nor should they question "the immediate creation of all and every human soul by God."

Whatever the source of "mankind's troubles," however, the Pope was obviously more interested in present efforts of churchmen to solve these prob-

His delegates to the Geneva meeting heard the distinguished ecumenical leader, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, retiring secretary of the World Council of Churches, describe the world's basic trouble as "the gap be

tween affluent and non-affluent socities."

"We know," he said, "that unless a profound change takes place in the thought and action of the developed nations the world will become increasingly divided between a Northern part getting richer than is good for its soul and a Southern part which will continue to be plagued by poverty and probably even by widespread and acute Eamine.

"And we know," Dr. Visser 't Hooft-continued, "that- thismust lead not only to increasing bitterness but sharp conflict of international dimensions.

He pointed out that people have been unwilling to face the fact that the "present forms of governmental aid and of giving by the churches . . . are not really coming nearer to a solution of the problem."

"What is tacking," he said, "is a dynamic moral conviction about our inescapeable duty. We need to proclaim that in this world of our time we are our brothers' keeper and keeping does not mean keeping our

wealth in our pockets or under our thumbs.

The papal committee for the laity established this week was called for by the Vatican Council and reflects the concern voiced by Dr. Visser 't Hooft.

The Council stated, "In view of the immense hardships which still afflict the majority of men today, the Council regards it as most opportune that some agency of the universal Church be set up for the worldwide promotion of justice for the poor and of Christ's love for them. The role of such an organization will be to stimulate the Catholic community to foster progress in needy regions, and social justice on the international scene.

Named to the new committee were Cardinal Maurice Roy Quebec as president, and among others. Professor August Vanistendael of the International Federation of Christian Trade Unions, Dr. Johannes Schauf of Germany, Dr. Vit-prino Veronese of UNESCO and Miss Rosemary Goldie of Australia, secretary of the Permanent Committee for International Congresses of the Lay Apostolate.

U.S. Catholics Tops

Vatican City-(RNS)-Catholics throughout the world contributed \$27,152,365 last year to the International Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Vatican Radio reported. It said this was an increase of \$2,273,685 over 1964.

The United States, with offerings totaling \$15,-946, 635, topped all contributing countries, the next highnest sum coming from West Germany, Italy, Spain, France and Canada. Funds of the Propagation of the Faith are distributed to Catholic missions everywhere in the form of "ordinary" and "extraordinary" gramis.

Monsignor Connors



The priest who said he

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"couldn't stand to be inactive" will be laid to rest this morning.

Monsignor Thomas F. Connors, venerable pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, died the morning of his 96th birthday, Tuesday, July 12.

Bishop Kearney will offer the Mass and speak at the funeral rites to be held today in Blessed Sacrament Church at 10:30 a.m.

Monsignor Connors, who resigned in 1963 his administra-

founded in 1901, continued an -active pastoral ministry until he was stricken by a heart failure Monday, July 4.

He remarked recently, "God has been very good to me. He has let me say Mass every day of my more than 65 years in the priesthood except for two occasions when I was hospitalized some years back."

He was long a familiar sight as he visited the sick in Rochester's hospitals, particularly at Park Avenue Hospital. Parishioners testify that he was invariably also the first to arrive to console them when a member of the family had died.

> Hundreds of Catholics who visited him in death the past two days readily admit the success of his efforts.

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He once said he had been

talked into taking a vacation in

San Francisco but "after one

day, Isjust had to come back" and this Inability to he away

from the people for whom he

was ordaimed characterized him

When he retired from administering the parish three

years ago he let it be known

that this didn't means retire-

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His greatest monument is, therefore, the faith and devotion of three generations he has served as pastor at Blessed acrament parish.

And the parish buildings are monuments in carved wood and stone to his exquisite good taste as well as his vibrant faith-a magnificent Gothic church, a school with nearly 800 pupils, a new convent and a new rectory. Monsignor Connors also had hopes of someday building a recreation center for the young people of the area.

He was also alert to the changes called for by the Vatican Council and, after careful practice and memorizing of texts, recently began to celebrate his Mass facing the people and in English-despite more than six decades of contrary habit

And although he was ordained in 1898, he invariably remarked it would have been sooner had it not been for obligations to his family.

He said he long wanted to be priest but as one of ten children he decided he better help support the family. (Continued on Page 14)



A Time "Life's race well run, life's work well don c, life's victory won!" said a poet. Summer, vacation time for some, means bone-wearyin g work for others, as for this French farmer. To Work Photo is from Hallmark Gallery in New York City.

Bibles Bulge From VW

Moscow - (RNS) - Three British tourists and a Dutch citizen were expelled from the Soviet Union for attempting to smuggle religious literature into the country, Moscow Radio reported.

It said Anthony Richard Hip-pisley and his wife, Anne Marie, tried to smuggle through a border checkpoint 400 Bibles and other books which they had received from the British and Foreign Bible Society for "illegal" circulation in the U.S.S.R.

The books, the station said, were concealed in eight secret compartments in a specially adapted Volkswagen.

Courier Summer Specials

This week a quiz to find out how your like the changes in the Church as a result of the Vatican Council. Turn to page five, fill in your replies and send the survey to the Courier.

Also this week . . . two years in Brazil, a report from the Sisters of St. Joseph in their mission work in the heart of South America's biggest nation, also on page five.

Then next week ... a trip to Moscow. Father William Amann of Our Lady of Mercy parish in the Town of Greece recently visited Iron Curtain countries including Soviet Russia. The first in a series of articles describing his trip will be published in next week's Courier, illustrated.

And also next week ... a trip to South America. Monsignor John F. Duffy's report on his journey to Brazil and Chile for an on-the-spot check of mission work of nuns from the Rochester Diocese.

Vatican Eyes **Cuba Contact**

Vatican City --- (RNS) -Archbishop Sergio Pigneddli, Apostolic Delegate in Canada, is expected here soon to discuss with Vatican officials the possibillty of re-establishing diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Cuba.

Vatican officials said the primary goal was to come to some arrangement that would permit the Church to carry on an effective apostolate in the island where there are now only 200 priests—considerably less than the 732 at the beginning of 1961, when the Castro regime began large-scale expulsion of foreign-born, largely Spanish, clergymen.

Textbooks for Catholic Pupils Under Fire in Albany

Monsignor Thomas F. Connors. A photo taken in his rectory library fifteen years ago. »

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Parish Councils Include Laity Saskatoon - (RNS) - Parish councils will be set up throughout the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon by January.

Bishop F. J. Klein said it would be "premature" to establish a Diocesan Council as recommended recently by a diocesan committee, but he hoped most of the committee's recommendations can be implemented "in the not too distant future."

A few parishes already have

Twelve year old Edmund Girzone was on trial.

Spick and span in his Sunday. best. Edmund sat in Albany County Supreme Court as arguments were heard in the case of the East Greenbush Central School District vs. the New York State education commissioner and six parents of the district.

clutched three books as the test case of the New York State textbook law got under way Friday, July 8, before Justice served decision but it is likely that the case will be appealed to the Court of Appeals and

PERBY FLOWERS for all occasions. Ethel M. Perry assisted by Tom Zavagila, Mgr., Opponents of a new N.Y. State law authorizing textbooks for pupils in Catholic schools launched a court battle early this month to block the project. The New York State Catholic Welfare Committee, coordinating agency of the state's Catholic bishops released this article this week.

> rochial and public school children in grades 7 through 12.

The East Greenbush School The issue before the court District - where Edmund Girshould Edmund — and zone resides-initiated the test 350,000 other parochial school case and the American Civil students in the state-receive Liberties Union agreed to prostextbooks that are paid through ecute, Marvin E. Pollock, attorpublic funds. His father, and ney for the board and the the other five parents in the ACLU, argued that aid to the case, believe that at least a parochial school student was, in portion of their taxes should be fact, aid to a church-operated used for the education of their school and therefore a violation of the separation of church and The state textbook law was

> - Mr. Pollock claimed that the "floodgates would be open" to uncontrolled aid to church.

As Edmund Girzone, holding math, science and social studies texts which he wants the school board-to-supply-him-with, heard his father's counselor, Porter R. Chandler of New York City, declare that "Catholic schools are not schools for second rate citizens," he might have recalled, in the words of President Johmson, that every child deserves the best education our nation can provide."

The textbook law, Mr. Chandler said, provides aid to the child --- Edmund Girzone---and not to St_ Mary's School which

he attends. Moreover, he added, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides, in addition to the free choice of religion, the right to the exercise of reli-

that aid is permissible to private and public school pupils and not to parochial school children comes "perilously close to being an infringement on the free exercise of religion."

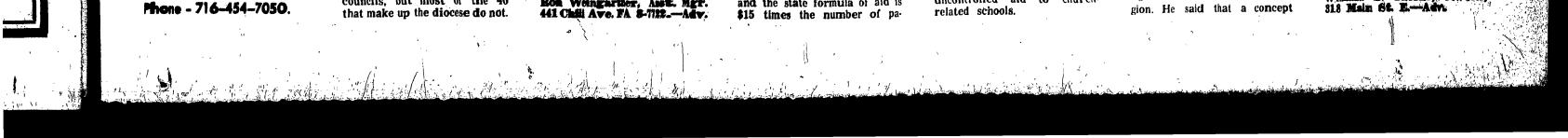
The hearing lasted about an hour. Judge Kane called another case. The lawyers filed from the room followed by Edmund and his father who had closed his small butcher shop to be in court

The lawyers continued to discuss the case; Edmund clutched his three textbooks and murmured half-aloud: "I don't understand this."

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T. Paul Kane, Justice Kane re-



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and signed by Governor Rocke-

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