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## **Bishop's Busy Christmas**

#### By REV. JAMES CALLAN Chaplain. Rochester State Hospital

In the auditorium of the Rochester State Hospital, crowded by some 750 patients, staff and guests, Bishop Sheen offered Mass and preached just six days after his installation in his new See.

"This was the first invitation I received and accepted," said the newly installed Bishop of Rochester with evident concern in his voice, "and I shall come again and again.'

The occasion was the patients' annual Christmas Mass on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 21.

And nothing was more predictable than the reaction of all present who came in contact with this dynamic man. They were deeply moved by the tender regard, the understanding, the love of the Shepherd for his sheep, and felt honored and grateful for his presence.

In his sermon the Bishop emphasized the great responsibil-

State Hospital

ity all of us share in providing the care and love most needed by those who are the "poor in spirit." If the need is so great that our love seems to find no response and no return, then this is the great gift of the healer to put love where we do not find it, to love even when we get back nothing in return. That's what God does. The Son of God knew loneliness and anxiety and rejection, so that no man could ever say of his own fear and burden, that he suffered alone.

High School sang the Christmas carols and the music of the Mass



The Bishop was welcomed to the Hospital by Dr. Guy Walters, director, and members of his staff - Dr. Benjamin Pollack, assistant director, Dr. Harold O'Connor and Dr. Charles Escriva. A reception following the Mass gave a great number of the staff of physicians, board of visitors and guests the opportunity of meeting the Bishop. A choir of studients and nuns from Our Lady of Mercy

# War, Poverty Cloud Gains of Year 1966

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artificial contraception.

Vietnam and other areas of

war was evident when he

made his fourth encyclical

(Christi Mater Rosarii, dated

Sept. 15) the occasion for pro-

claiming October a month of

prayer for peace. He sent an

envoy (Archbishop Sergio Pig-

nedoli, Apostolic Delegate in

The Catholic

#### (By Religious News Service)

78th Year

Many of the top religious stories of the year bore witness to the sharp concern among churchmen over the escalation oof the war in Vietnam. Other headlines told of new religious mobilizations in the battles against world poverty and racism. A mounting pace of church union efforts, and an ever-widening interreligious dialogue made 1966 a year of vigorous ecumenical progress.

#### It was a year when Pope Paul VI persisted in his forceful efforts for peace in Vietnam and elsewhere.

#### And when:

Formation of what promised to become the biggest Protestant denomination in the United States seemed assured by agreement of the General Conferences of The-Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church to merge into the United Methodist Church with an aggregate membership of over 11 million .

The World Council of Churches' Conference on Church and Society in Geneva saw the traditional East-West conflict replaced by a new pattern of tensions between the established rich nations of Europe and North America and the poor emerging countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America . .

An American — Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. - was elected in February to succeed Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft as genera secretay of the WCC, making him Protestantism's top ecumenical figure . . .

in many quarters by deferring Canada to Saigon, where, in a long-awaited pronouncement addition to presiding at a meeton proposals aimed at modifying of the South Vietnamese ing Catholicism's ban against bishops, the archbishop held discussions with top-level government leaders, clearly design-Pope Paul's concern over ed to help the cause of peace.

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The Pope made many appeals (two of them addressed to Soviet and North Vietnamese leaders) for a negotiated peace, and stressed his readiness to serve as a mediator. He had meetings with top U.S. diplomats and also with Soviet For-

eign Minister Andrei Gromyko. World and National Councils of Churches leaders added their voices to the Vietnam peace effort, reiterating pleas against intensification of bombing and for negotiations under the supervision of the United Nations. Pope Paul's call for an extension of the Christmas ceasefire was seconded by the NCC.

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### **Chapel Drive** At \$225,000

The first report on the Chapel of St. Jude campaign counted pledges amounting to better than two-thirds of the goal of \$300,000 sought.

Almost \$225,000 was announced by John Dale, General Chairman of the drive, as stepped-up efforts were being made to complete canvassing by workers in the community. "We are most grateful to so many who have supported us so generously, but, to go over-the-top, we will need the completed and equally generous response from those whose cards are still unreported. We are very hopeful that these will be finished promptly and returned, and we urge our workers to make every last contact. We are particular ly grateful to our men whose help has been so essential in the campaign."

The Chapel of St. Jude will serve the needs of the 1500 Catholic patients in the hospital as well as the monthly intake of some 180-200 new patients. Daily Mass, the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the availability of a chapel throughout the day will provide the strength and support which only religion can give. Ground breaking is planned for the coming Spring on a site overlooking Elmwood Ave. to the west of the 17-story Medical-Surgical Building.

Father L. James Callan, the Catholic Chaplain, expressed satisfaction with the report and a confidence in both the workers and the community to finish "over the top." "In a commun-ity such as Rochester where interest in and work with Mental Health Committees is so far ahead of most areas in the Nation, the need and worth of this project is just too evident not to have support. Where so many have a sympathy and involvement, with the hospital either directly in the immediate family, or indirectly through relatives, friends or fellow-emplegrees, know that many more will respond if they are asked.".

Contributions may still be made to Chapel of St. Jude, 1600 South Ave., Rochester 14620.

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Bishop Sheen, in his sermon at midnight Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Christmas Eve, told a packed congregation this-was the first time he had "a family of my own" with whom he could celebrate the feat of our Lord's Nativity. The Bishop later in the day celebrated Mass at the city jail and at Holy Family Church.

### Jesuits to Go to Yale --- Just Like Vassar?

New York — (RNS) — The Jesuits are giving "serious consideration" to a plan to move their famed seminary, Woodstock College in Maryland, into an urban setting and affiliating it with a large university either Fordham or the Yale Divinity School.

Such a plan was confirmed by Father Edward J. Sponga, Provincial of the Maryland Provincial of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus.

He said the purpose of such a move would be "to put theological training in a wider academic context and to make more efficient use of professors, libraries and other academic resources.'

(News reports also indicated Vassar, famed college for women, is considering moving to the Yale campus. A wag commented the Jesuits may end up "with the best of both worlds" - a parody on a remark of the late President John F. Kennedy.)

Dr. Robert C. Johnson, dean of the Yale Divinity School, also confirmed that negotiations were underway to move Woodstock to New Haven and said: "I'm very hopeful that they will make the move. We'd love to have them.'

Dr. Johnson cited the "unin-

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PERBY FLOWERS for all occasions. Ethel M. Perry as-sisted by Tom Zavarlis, Mgr., Broad avenues of dialoguo mere to a set between the Tomas Catholic Cherch and the Angliese, Protostant and East-ern Orthodox Churches, and new foundations of understanding established between Christianity and Judaism . . .

Ferments of change spread through the Catholic Church as the process of implementing the decrees of the Second Vatican Council was begun . . .

The American Catholic hierarchy followed the example set in other countries by decreeing the end of the traditional Friday abstinence from meat ....

**Pope Paul dashed expectations** 

### St. Nicholas On the Move

Volos, Greece - (RNS) -Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Damaskinos of Volos announced that the projected transfer of relics of St. Nicholas now in the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Bari, Italy, is planned for . May 1967.

St. Nicholas is the 4th Century saint associated with the "Santa Claus" of today. Last November, Archbishop Enrico Nicodemo of Bari said relics of the saint preserved in the cathedral since 1089 would be sent to the Orthodox church in Volos as a token of the growing ecumenical rapprochement between Catholicism and Orthodoxy.

### Waiting for the 'Miracle' of Peace

Pope Paul, in an appeal to the combatants in the Vietnam war, said he was praying for "a miracle of goodwill" to bring peace with "freedom and justice." His pre-Christmas plea was answered by both sides promptly resuming the war after the holiday ceasefire.

### **De-Fished Fridays 'Top Story' of 1966**

were:

New York-(RNS)-Changes in abstinence regulations for Roman Catholics was ranked as the top religious story of 1966 by editors and reporters in the Religious Newswriters Association.

Made annually, the survey this year produced responses from 44 members of the association. The RNA is made up of men and women who report, write and edit news of religion for U.S. and Canadian press associations and daily papers.

Among other major religious developments of the year, the RNA members gave second ranking to the visit of Archbishop Arthur Michael Ramsey of Canterbury with Pope Paul

Election of Dr. Eugene Car-son Blake, former chief administrator of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., as "general secretary of the World Council of Churches was considered the third major story.

ferences of the Methodist and

Fourth-the Consultation on Church Union, which reached agreement on "principles of union" and during the year grew from six to nine partici-

pating denominations. Fifth --- the decision by Pope Paul VI to defer a long-awaited pronouncement on birth control.

Sixth — the resignation of Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike from the Diocese of California.

Seventh - Dr. Martin Luther King's civil rights leadership and the open-housing demonstration in Chicago.

Eighth - Pope Paul's repeated efforts in behalf of peace in Vietnam.

Ninth - Approval of a mer-

Evangelical United Brethren Also on the "top ten" list Churches.

Tenth-Approval of the pro-posed "Confession of 1967" by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

ger plan of the General Con-

In addition to the top ten stories, RNA members cited several other leading religious developments of the year. Among these was the discussion of Bishop Pike by the the Episcopal House of Bishops, where he was reprimanded for "irresponsible" statements and answered by calling for a formal investigation of the charges of his critics.

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Other stories listed included the Vatican statement on mixed marriages, efforts by Father William DuBay to form a union of Catholic priests, the World Congress on Evangelism and the World Conference on Church and Society.

Vatican City --- (RNS) ---The Synod of Bishops ----a parliament - like agency established by Pope Paul VI last year to assist him in governing the Churchwill hold its first session in the Fall of 1967.

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tion" that would result from a

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be much more constructive and

creative if he knows that a

Roman Catholic theologian is

listening to every word," he

Woodstock move.

said.

Addressing Curia cardinals and bishops assembled to extend traditional Christmas greetings, the Pope disclosed that the synod's first session will open on Sept. 29 and probably continue until Oct. 24, or later if necessary.

Meanwhile, L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, published the Latin text of regulations governing the synod which, it said, the Pope approved on Dec. 8.

One of the Valican Council's

the right of the bishops to share in the government of the Church.

into three sections. The first part affirms the Pope's prerogative of convoking the synod and fixing the date and place. It says the choice of delegates to the synod is subject to ratification by the Pope, who also will preside over the synod, either personally or through a delegate, and make final decisions on its recommendations.

The synod will have three types of assembly: general, extraordinary and special. The first type will be called when discussions are scheduled on subjects that concern the Catholic Church as a whole. The second is for questions that must be decided without too much delay. Special sessions will cover problems that affect the Church in one country or a group of countries.

Those having the right to attend general and extraordinary sessions are patriarchs, the archbishops who are not subject to the patriarchs of the Eastern Rites, the bishops elected by the episcopal conferences of one nation or groups of nations, ten representatives of religious institutes chosen by the Roman Union of Major Superiors, and the cardinal prefects of various congregations of the

The extraordinary sessions delegates are virtually the same, except that the religious orders and congregations are limited to three delegates.

Special sessions will have fewer delegates. They will be the patriarchs, the principal archbishops and metropolitans who are not under the Eastern Rite patriarchs, and the bishops elected by national or regional conferences, but only from countries directly affected by the problem to be discussed.

The same limitation applies to the cardinal prefects of the Roman congregations. The number of religious delegates is restricted to two and they are to

Bishops' Synod to Meet in '67 Union of Major Superiors. They must be experts in the field under discussion and, if possible, come from the country affected.

> The secretary general of the synod will be named by the Pope. He will be helped by various assistant secretaries appointed from among qualified persons. The secretary will be appointed for each session and his authority is limited to the session for which he is named.

The second part of the regulations deals with the formula for conyoking the synod. It says Latin will be the language of the sessions and those participating are vowed to secrecy both as regards the preparatory work and the synod's proceedings.

The agenda is to be drawn up in detail and this will be the responsibility of episcopal conferences. Voting is to take place in the form of placet, non placet or placet juxta modum. (These are Latin terms meaning "it pleases" (yes), "it does not please" (no), and "approv-

### Holy Hour On Radio

A New Year's Eve Holy Hour will be broadcast from St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, on a diocesan radio network Saturday, Dec. 31, beginning at 11:15 p.m.

The program will be broad-cast by the same stations which air the Family Rosary for Prace —WSAY in Rochester, WARO-FM in Auburn, and by tale-vision cable companies Channel 8 in Elmira, Channel 5 in Hornell and at 88.75 mc in Corning.

### **High School Entry Tests**

Entrance examinations for Catholic high schools of the Rochester Diocese will be held, Saturday, Feb. 4, at 9 am. The diocesan schools office hes an nounced.

Application, cards, Ave from pastors, and school, principals, and to the high school of choice" no later that

The regulations are divided

Roman Curia.

