

New Cathedral for Liverpool

Liverpool — (RNS) — More than a century of Roman Catholic dreams reached reality on Pentecost Sunday, when the new Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here was solemnly opened before Princes and prelates of the Church.

Four cardinals and 42 bishops attended the consecration ceremony. With them inside the modernistic lantern-topped edifice were some 350 clergy and 2,000 lay people, including representatives of other Churches and the Jewish community, civic leaders, and statesmen.

Civic leaders in the congregation included Prime Minister Harold Wilson, whose constituency is a Liverpool suburb; Edward Heath, leader of the Conservative Opposition; and Prime Minister Jack Lynch of Eire.

Preaching as Papal Legate, Cardinal Heenan said there was nothing shameful in completing the cathedral at a time when the thoughts of many men of goodwill were turned toward the world's starving millions. He said world poverty did not mean spiritual and cultural life should cease. If it were wrong to build churches, he added, it would be equally wrong to build theaters, youth clubs, radio stations and concert halls.

Inside the cathedral, the scene was a mass of color and light as television cameras filmed the ceremony for nationwide viewing. Many Liverpool houses and buildings were decorated with the papal colors of yellow and white.

While the ceremony was going on, prayers for the new cathedral were said in the city's Anglican churches. Anglican Dean Edward Patey said in his cathedral: "We salute with joy our new and handsome sister." He added that while relations between Anglicans and Roman Catholics still presented many difficult problems, "we long to see religious tolerance practiced in every country in the world in the spirit of the Vatican declaration on religious liberty."

The consecration marked the climax of two days of ceremony. On Saturday, there was a private consecration held in the presence of Cardinal Heenan.

The solemn opening included the consecration of the high altar, a massive 19-ton block of pure white marble, believed to be the largest ever to reach Britain, followed by a Solemn Pontifical Mass. This was followed in the evening by a banquet in honor of the Papal Legate.

Opening of the magnificent cathedral, towering high into the sooty sky over this often-murky, always bustling gateway from the Atlantic, ended a dream which inspired Liverpool's hundreds of thousands of Catholics since 1850.

That was the year the hierarchy was restored in England and Liverpool became a



Liverpool — (RNS) — This is the new Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool, England. The \$11.5 million structure is of unusual architectural design. It is circular but has no interior walls, narrow vertical windows separating 16 independent buildings, ten of them chapels each with its own individual design and character. Catholics in Liverpool have sought to build a cathedral since 1850; several previous projects were called off because of wars or high costs. Some have referred to the modern building as "a wigwam," "a space ship," or "a rocket." Says Archbishop George Andrew Beck of Liverpool: "You can loathe it or you can love it, but you can't ignore it. That is the measure of its impact."

bishopric (it was made an archbishopric in 1911). In 1853 Bishop Alexander Goss commissioned Edward Welby Pugin to design a cathedral. The result was termed "dreary," and the project was abandoned, only the Lady Chapel was completed. This now serves as a parish church.

In 1928 Sir Edward Lutyens was appointed architect for a new site but World War II stopped work, with the church almost completed. As the cost of this building after the war was prohibitive, an open competition was held for a new cathedral, to link with the existing crypt and with a cost limit of \$280,000.

The competition was won by Frederick Gibberd in 1960, and building began in September, 1962. Costs, however, still soared. Today, it is complete, though still in debt. As Archbishop Beck has said: "You can loathe it or you can love it, but you can't ignore it. That is the measure of its impact."

Architecturally, the cathedral is unusual in design and at first sight does not look like a cathedral at all. Some Liverpool people have called it a wigwam, a spaceship, a rocket. It is circular, but has no walls, narrow vertical windows separating 16 independent buildings, ten of them chapels each with its own individual design and character.

Technically, the new cathedral is described as consisting of three basic and independent types of structure: and in-situ reinforced concrete frame which holds together the main body of the cathedral; the 16 load-bearing brick or concrete perimeter buildings; and the flat

slab of the podium, supported by concrete columns or load-bearing brick walls.

The high altar, the focus of the cathedral, is 10 feet long, by 3 feet 6 inches wide and 3 feet 6 inches high, standing in the center of the circular 54 feet diameter sanctuary. Its marble piece was found near Skoplje, Yugoslavia, after a long search and it is said it may be a hundred years before a comparable piece is discovered. There is so designed that 2,000 people can be seated within 60 feet of the sanctuary steps.

Cardinals attending the consecration ceremony, in addition to Cardinal Heenan, included Bernard Cardinal Alfrink of Utrecht, Holland; William Cardinal Conway of Armagh, Ireland; and Leo Josef Cardinal Suenens of Malines-Brussels, Belgium. Among the Church leaders from Britain also attending was Anglican Bishop Stuart Y. Blanch of Liverpool, whose own cathedral stands not far away.

Completion of the consecration ceremony ushered in a week of liturgical celebrations, to be followed by a cultural festival which will include a choreographed Mass, exhibitions, organ recitals and choral and orchestral concerts.

Thirty-six dancers — 27 girls and nine boys — were scheduled to take part in the choreographed Mass.

Methodist representatives attended the consecration.

The new cathedral and the planned ceremonies were extensively featured in British lay newspapers, as well as religious journals of other denominations which have given it a definite ecumenical atmosphere.

The latest issue of the Methodist Recorder devoted a page to pictures and description of the new cathedral under the heading, "Liverpool, City of Two Crowns: New Era of United Christian Concern."

Wrote the author: "When the new cathedral of Christ the King opens will it stand for the spirit of ecumenical action, or seem to perpetuate religious differences in a city which, in past generations, has known the extremities of bitterness? All the signs in leadership and progressive joint activities indicate that a new era of united Christian concern has already started. Christian concern has already started."

Methodist representatives attended the consecration.

INSTANT WATER HEATER SERVICE!
Metzger & Brayer Co.
Since 1891 61-5200

COURIER-JOURNAL
Friday, June 23, 1967

Father Bernardine Ward To Mark Silver Jubilee

Father Bernardine Ward, O.F.M., will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination on June 25 with Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Monica's Church at 12:15 p.m.

A reception will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in the rectory meeting room.

Born in Immaculate Conception Parish, Father Ward attended St. Monica's School and Aquinas Institute. He entered the Seraphic Seminary of Holy Name Province of the Franciscan Order in Paterson, N.J., in 1936 and professed his final vows in 1940.

He took his philosophy courses at St. Stephen's Priory, Croghan, N.Y. and at St. Anthony's Priory, Butler, N.J.

His theology training was received at Holy Name College, Washington, D.C., and he was ordained by the late Bishop

Three brothers, George, John and Robert, a sister, Mrs. Maurice (Nancy Scanlan) live in Rochester. A brother, Charles, lives in Sandston, Va., and a sister, Mrs. P. J. (Betty) McAuley lives in Gardena, Cal.

Father Cronan Kelly, O.F.M., vice-principal of the Holy Name Province and a classmate of Father Bernardine, will preach the sermon at the Jubilee Mass.



FATHER WARD

Corrigan on May 28, 1942 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Father Ward has served in the foreign Missions for the past 24 years. Eleven years (1943-1954) were spent in Mexico. From 1954 to 1963 he served in San Juan, Puerto Rico, organizing a new parish. Since 1963 he has been stationed at the Franciscan Mission in Bolivia, where he is pastor of the church of the Nativity of Our Lady in Guanyay.

Ave Maria Studio
• Gifts • Cards • Christian Art • Religious Goods
HOURS: Open Daily noon to 9 p.m. Saturday 'til 5 p.m. Phone 244-6290
near Canterbury **410 Westminster**

The Hewitt-Wellington Hotel

SPRING LAKE BEACH, N. J.

Fifty spacious rooms. Beautiful grounds. Two steel blocks to Ocean and pool bathing. Convenient to beach, shops, all sporting activities. Half block to St. Catherine's Church and Shrine. European Plan, breakfast included in rate, served daily from May 24th to Sept. 30th. Free Parking.

For brochure and reservations, write or phone **MARGARET MALONE, Owner-Manager, (201) 449-8220**

For people who want the best. Even if it costs less.



\$4.99 a quart. \$4.29 pint
(Full 89 proof) **\$2.65 pint**

WILSON DIST. CO., LOUISVILLE, KY. BLENDED WHISKY, 86 PROOF - 72% GRAIN NEUTRAL SPIRITS

Cloister Life Up in Africa

Vatican City — (RNS) — Roman Catholic contemplative orders in Africa have achieved "a remarkable growth in numbers," Vatican Radio reported in a broadcast here.

According to the latest data, Vatican Radio said, the Benedictines have 14 monasteries with 220 monks and 12 cloistered convents with 256 nuns.

Figures on other contemplative orders included 178 Trappist monks in eight houses and 49 Trappist nuns in three houses; two houses of Cistercians and 11 Claretian establishments; five convents of the Dominican nuns of the Second Order; five communities of the Sisters of Santa Maria; 44 houses and two novitiates of the Little Sister of Jesus and 17 fraternities of the Little Brothers of Jesus.

Work Teaches Self-Discipline

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI celebrated Mass in St. Peter's basilica (May 1) for 30,000 people, mostly from the Young Catholic Workers' organization and Italian Catholic Action.

Speaking to the workers, he said: "For us, Catholic is explained by the figure, example and protection of St. Joseph the Worker, because of whom Jesus was described as the carpenter's son—a worker Himself, Christ our teacher of life and redeemer of mankind."

The Church's teaching on the problem of work aims to dispel class-divisions and to instill "not frustration, resentment and coarseness, but rather the joy of living and working, the sense of friendship and of social solidarity, love for work and for self-discipline."

VIGOROUS, DEDICATED, ACTIVE, thoughtful, disciplined
Five words that tell the story of the contemporary Franciscan Action Army **the capuchins**
Let us tell you how you can serve. Write for FREE literature at no obligation.
 PRIEST BROTHER
FATHER MARSHALL, O.F.M. CAP.
110 SHONARD PLACE, TONKERS, N.Y. 10703
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____

Give The Gift That Gives ALL YEAR LONG

A Gift Subscription To

The Catholic COURIER Journal
THE NEWSPAPER OF THE ROCHESTER DIOCESE

Only \$5.00 Per Year For 52 Issues

NOTE: This form to be used for new subscriptions only. Present subscribers will continue under their Parish Plan.

Please enter this gift subscription to the Catholic Courier Journal

Send to

Name _____

Address _____

ZIP _____

From

Name _____

Address _____

ZIP _____

Please cut out this coupon, print the information required and mail to: Catholic Courier Journal, 35 Scio Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14604

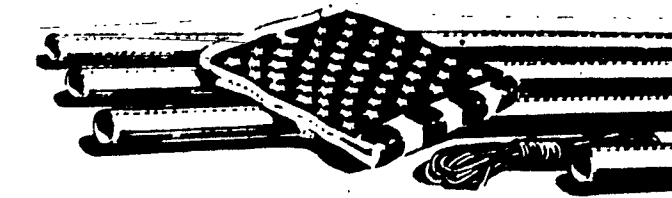


FLY YOUR FLAG HIGH

Giant Flag Pole Set 18 Ft. High **14.99**

Assembles in seconds; complete with beautiful cotton burning flag. Every section is chemically treated inside and outside to hold the satin-smooth, marproof velvet (white dipped) coating.

Edwards-stationery-second floor; Ridgmont and Pittsford

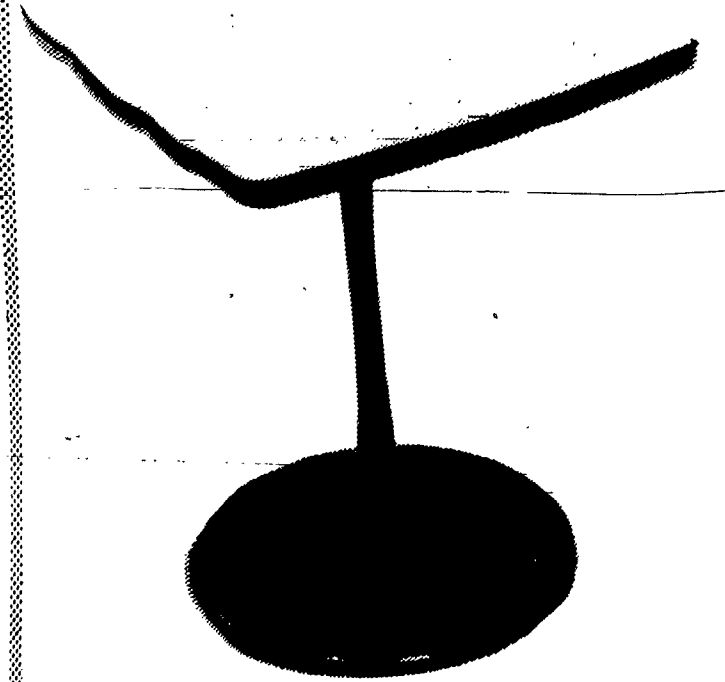


E. W. EDWARDS & SON Rochester, N. Y. 14601
Please send me _____ Flag Sets at 14.99 as advertised in the Catholic Courier, Friday, June 23.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____

Chg. Cash Total
If in Monroe County, add 5% sales tax; elsewhere in New York State, add 2% state tax, plus any local tax.

for home or patio
DECORATIVE PEDESTAL TABLES
with Mica tops



6.50 each

Perfect as snack tables, game tables, you'll love using them on the patio or in the house. Mar resistant, Mica tops; walnut, white, red finish. 17 1/4" high, 14 3/4" x 14 3/4".

Edwards-stationery-second floor; Ridgmont and Pittsford

CALL 546-4400