

Love, Understanding

Mexico City — (RNS) — The Roman Catholic Church must be ready to confront the current racial turmoil in the United States with "love and understanding for all," according to the newly appointed Apostolic Delegate to the U. S.

Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, who will take up his post in Washington in September, told Religious News Service in an interview here that he is not dismayed by the race problems that may await him in his new position.

The veteran Vatican diplomat, who spent five years as an assistant in the Apostolic Delegation in Washington between 1942 and 1947, has been assigned to many countries having race problems.

His previous foreign service assignments for the Vatican have been to Guatemala, then Washington, and later Haiti, New Delhi, and here as Apostolic Delegate to Mexico.

"I visited many Negro parishes," he said of his previous Washington service, "and I shall hope to do so again."

"The Negroes are a deeply religious people and it is a good thing that they cherish their own traditions as a people as well. In the problems that arise, I shall humbly hope to be of help," he said.

"The problem is complex, but no problem that affects the heart and spiritual well-being of people is outside the province of the Church, which must have ready love and understanding for all."

"The present ecumenical spirit, growing and gathering strength in the world, will help all of us who endeavor, with great affection and patience, to help in resolving these problems," the prelate claimed.

Archbishop Raimondi was greatly impressed by the spiritual qualities of the Indian people during his stay in New Delhi.

"They live for religion," he said, "and they respected all the priests as 'men of God.'"

As Apostolic Delegate to Mexico, he found great spiritual qualities in the Mexican people, who are "extremely sensitive and responsive, full of religious fervor, and deeply grateful for anything done for them."

When he arrived in Mexico nearly eight years ago, Archbishop Raimondi had two outstanding tasks to complete.

"The first was to reorganize the hierarchy," he said. "We needed to regroup and reassign dioceses and appoint and consecrate new bishops. There are now twice as many bishops in Mexico as there were when I arrived."

"The second task, and contingent on the first, was to draw in our indigenous brothers. Too many Indian communities were isolated and without spiritual food. During my eight years in Mexico, I visited all the Indian towns I could. I myself consecrated the bishop to the Tarahumaras," the prelate said.

"Now that we have bishops for every inhabited section of Mexico, the work can go forward for it is in their hands to set up schools, dispensaries, and all the other needed social and spiritual institutions. They work, of course, closely with government-authorized social units, as well," he said.

Archbishop Raimondi always remembers the countries in which he has been stationed, primarily because of his great interest in mountain climbing.

During his earlier stay in the U. S. he made hiking trips in the Rocky Mountains. He has hopes of getting to know some of the trails in the Appalachians when time permits during his upcoming assignment in the U. S.

In Mexico, he has climbed Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl.

The memory of the Himalayas, which he climbed as often

as he could arrange to do so while stationed in New Delhi, are a favorite vision for his meditations.

"They are so majestic, one gets such a superb view of the grandeur of nature, that it is a deep spiritual satisfaction," he said.

A mutual love of mountain-climbing brought a close friendship between the archbishop and former President of Mexico Adolfo Lopez Mateos.

Mr. Lopez Mateos has been critically ill. He is frequently visited at the hospital by Archbishop Raimondi, who was called to his bedside when he was stricken two months ago.

In Mexico City, the residence of the Pope's representative is a large comfortable home, amid beautiful gardens in a section called Guadalupe Inn, just outside the San Angel suburb. The house, over the years, has been

furnished richly by pious Mexican families, with carved furniture upholstered in silk brocade, with Aubusson carpets and Persian rugs, splendid crystal chandeliers, and the finest of ceramic and glass ornaments.

On leaving the residence he must leave behind a parrot who, he admits, has brought him amusement in troubled moments, and a little dog. "They must stay; they are used to their life here," he said.

A veteran of Washington, he remembers the American capital's parks. There, he will do what he did in the past — "go often to the parks to feed nuts to the squirrels. They are beautiful and endearing little creatures."

Here he has visited the city's zoo quite often. Once he was proud and pet what was identified by the keeper as a tame lion. "I was a little reluctant," he admits, "but I did stroke him, and he was a very pleasant animal."

Now 54, Archbishop Raimondi was born in Acqui, in Piedmont, Italy, studied there and was ordained there. His people

came from farming stock, but he says he was extraordinarily blessed in never having had any difficulties or problems about his vocation. "I knew when I was in high school that I wanted to become a priest, and it was a straight line for me, all the way."

Upon his ordination, his bishop sent him to Vatican schools where he was trained in, and ultimately assigned to, foreign service. As a diplomat, he has developed proficiency in many languages. Besides his native Italian and Latin, he speaks English, Spanish, French, and German, some Portuguese, and a fair amount of Hindi.

In some respects, Archbishop Raimondi's assignments to Washington is another way of "coming home." He knows the capital, he knows the U. S. To his recollection, he has visited 47 of the 50 states.

"There are three I have not visited," he said. "I shall visit them now. I look forward very eagerly to my assignment in the U. S., and I hope to be useful in many ways."



Snoopies and Charlie Brown's

St. Pius the Tenth Church will have its 14th annual COUNTRY FAIR Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27 on the church grounds, 3032 Chill Avenue. A Ham Supper with home baked pies and cakes will be served both days from 5 until 6 p.m. Women of the parish have been busy for many months making stuffed toys, and the most popular will be the characters from the Peanuts cartoon. Shown are John Sousa, flanked by his sisters Catherine and Margaret.

INSTANT WATER HEATER SERVICE!
Metzger & Drayer Co.
Since 1898



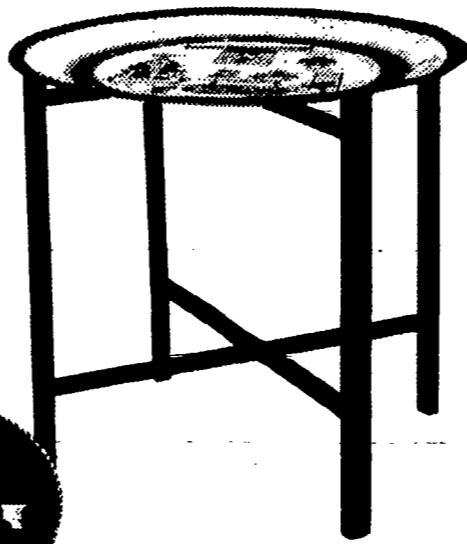
Watch Repair SPECIAL!

Why Wear a Watch That Doesn't Keep Accurate Time?

Now... Edwards expert watch repairing at a special low price. We'll overhaul it, including cleaning, oiling, regulation, replacement of broken parts such as hands, main spring, balance staff, stem and crown. (Slightly higher charge for the following watch types: calendar, chronometer, self-winding, or rusty watches.) Take advantage of this exceptional low price and have every watch in your home made "School-ready."

Edwards—better jewelry—second floor Ridgmont & Pittsford

SPECIAL!



19" metal serving tray on wooden stand

1.99 Reg. 3.00

Tray separately .99c

Practical for use anywhere in your house! Porch, patio, recreation room or den. Heavy gauge metal tray is food and stain-resistant. Wooden stand is black finished, kiln-dried pine.

EDWARDS—stationery—street floor; Ridgmont & Pittsford

FREE! KODAK FILM FREE FOR LIFE!

Kodacolor or Black & White

Go ahead... take all the snapshots you want this summer, in Kodacolor or Black and White. Then stop in to see Edwards about your free film. It's true... you can get KODAK FILM FREE FOR LIFE! Ask us about it, soon.

EDWARDS—cameras—second floor; Ridgmont and Pittsford

DEADLINE FOR NEWS MONDAY NOON FRIDAY DELIVERY

AT ALL CRITCO STORES

MAXWELL HOUSE

COFFEE

Regular

Drip

Electra Perk

1 lb. tin 69¢

2 lb. tin \$1.37

ideal REGULAR FLAVOR DOG FOOD

7 good things to eat in every can!

1 lb. tin

2 for 35¢

DIAL SOAP

Reg. Bar 2 for 29¢

Bath Size 2 for 41¢

RIVER RICE

1 lb. Pkg. 2 for 35¢

MUELLERS

ELBO MACARONI

1 lb. pkg. ... 2 pkg. 47¢

7.95

for complete overhaul

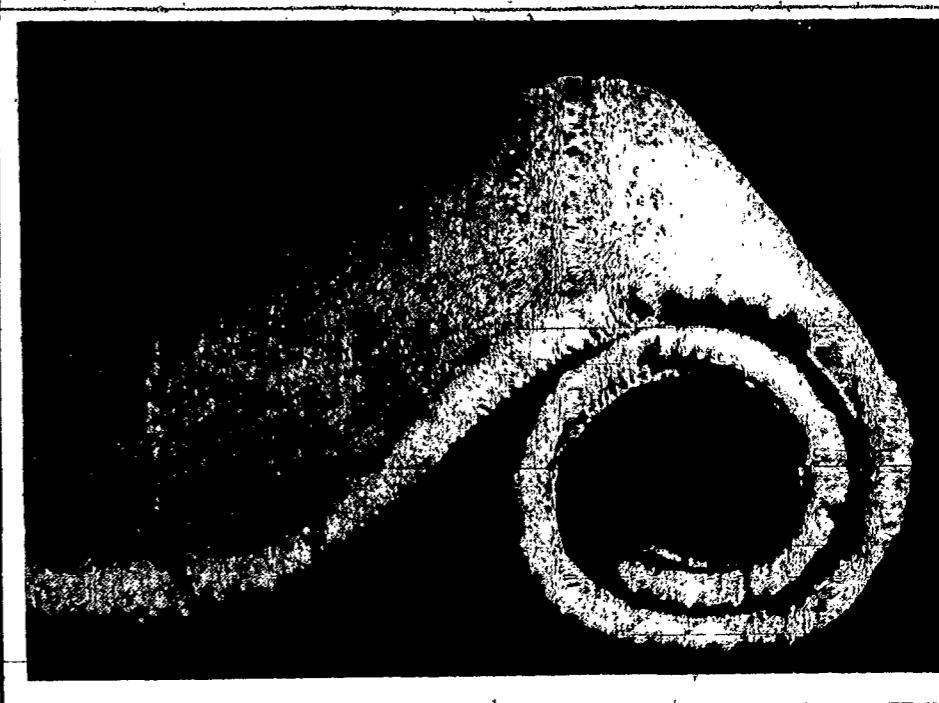
Shop Daily Until 9 P.M. Saturday Until 6 P.M.

House of Carpets

SPECIAL VALUE

ACRILAN PLUSH PILE BROADLOOM

Installed, Square yard \$8.88



In every way this glamorous plush carpet says "I'm real luxury." STYLE FAIR has a lush springy pile of Acrilan and modacrylic scientifically constructed by Alexander Smith Carpets to look better longer. It comes in soft, clean, clear colors to go well with any decorating scheme. Thanks to Acrilan and Alexander Smith's skill, STYLE FAIR will give your home years and years of wear with a minimum care.

Only Alexander Smith Carpets, world famous maker of carpets and rugs, can produce such elegant carpet at this low price. You will take advantage of this fine value now. Let us install this handsome carpet in your home by our custom tackless method over waffle rubber padding.

Colors, Lime Mist, Dawn Green, Beige, Pearl Glow, Flaxen Beige.

House of Carpets



3330 MONROE AVENUE

Opposite Pittsford Plaza

Phone 586-0755