

## AROUND THE COUNTRY



### Patriarch Greets Catholic Prelate

New York — Archbishop Terence Cooke of New York, right, is greeted at St. Vartan's Armenian Cathedral in New York by His Holiness Vazken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of most of the world's 4.5 million Armenian Christians. (Religious News Service.)

### Priests Take Up New Prison Duty

Newark — (NC) — Fifteen Newark priests have volunteered to participate in a program which will find them working with prisoners and their families. They will be available to prisoners in the various precinct stations and courts of the city and will visit the families of the arrested men to acquaint them with the situation.

The priests, who have been critical of police work in the past, have voted to write letters of commendation to police and fire officials for their recent activity.

### Requiem Slated For Jazz Musicians

New Orleans — (RNS) — A memorial Mass for deceased jazz musicians will be offered in St. Louis Cathedral here May 12 at the opening of Jazzfest '68, the first New Orleans International Jazz Festival. Jazzfest '68 is part of the New Orleans 250th anniversary celebration.

Jan Vermulst's Mass for Christian Unity, accompanied by brass, will provide the musical score. Vocals will be by the Tulane University concert choir. Among brass musicians playing for the Mass will be Al Hirt, noted trumpet player.

### First Lay Headmaster Named By Jesuits

New York — (RNS) — For the first time in the United States, a layman has been named headmaster of a Jesuit prep school.

Michael J. Guerra has been appointed headmaster of Loyola School here, succeeding Father Robert J. Haskins, S.J. A member of the teaching staff for eight years, Mr. Guerra is a product of Jesuit education — Regis High School here and St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

Mr. Guerra has also designed and initiated an anti-poverty program presently providing educational services of several hundred people in a predominately Puerto Rican community on the lower East Side.

### Methodists Protest South African Policy

Dallas — (RNS) — The United Methodist Church voted to support its Board of Missions in the removal of a \$10 million investment portfolio from the First National City Bank of New York when that bank renewed credit to the government in South Africa.

The removal represented a protest to the South African government's apartheid (racial separation) policy.

### Archbishop Cooke in Loyalty Parade

New York — (RNS) — Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York joined the city's 20th annual Loyalty Day parade "as a citizen supporting the spirit of American fighting men."

He made a statement from the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the parade had paused to honor the late Francis Cardinal Spellman.

"All of us remain loyal to the men and women who serve our country at great personal sacrifice," he said. "These loyalties are in complete harmony with the full support we give to the efforts of the Holy Father in behalf of peace."

### Seminarians to Study Liturgy 'Arts'

Cincinnati — (NC) — A month-long program in the "Arts of Liturgical Leadership" will open July 1 for seminarians above the high school level. The National Institute of Ritual and Drama, will sponsor the program at national headquarters of the Grail Movement, Loveland, Ohio.

The course will be conducted by Father Clarence J. Rivers, priest-composer of the Cincinnati archdiocese, who launched the institute this year.

Father Rivers said there would be training in the arts of reading, speaking, acting, singing, gesturing, and moving "as these things apply to leading dynamic celebrations of the liturgy."

### Lynda Bird Is Chairman of C.U. Gala

New York — (RNS) — President Johnson's daughter, Mrs. Lynda Bird Robb, will be the national chairman of a gala benefit for the Catholic University of America.

The benefit show will be held Sept. 16 at Loew's Capitol Theatre here as part of a fund-raising drive for a \$3 million Center for the Communication Arts at the university. According to Ed McMahon of the Johnny Carson Tonight Show, who is national president of the Catholic University Alumni Association, Bob Hope will be the master of ceremonies for the gala.

### Group Promotes Return of Latin Mass

New York — (RNS) — Una Voce in the United States, a branch of an international organization that advocates the Latin Mass for those who prefer it, has put this request to the American bishops.

"That the hierarchy announce publicly or privately that any pastor who discovers a body of Catholics who desire a Latin liturgy may schedule a Latin Mass to accommodate that congregation."

The organization responded to an inquiry from Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, concerning its purposes.

The American Una Voce has enrolled about 2,500 members since its establishment last November. There are 14 national units in the international movement, which has headquarters in Paris.

## Methodists End Specific Ban on Clergy Drinking

Dallas — (RNS) — The United Methodist Church will stress personal discipline in all areas for its ministry but no longer will specifically prohibit smoking and drinking for the clergy.

The revision will appear in the 1968 edition of the Discipline, book of Church law, of the denomination formed by union of the Methodist and the Evangelical United Brethren Churches.

The accompanying interpretation which is also to be printed in the Discipline says the changes "do not relax the traditional view concerning the use of tobacco and beverages alcohol by ministers in the United Methodist Church. Rather they call for higher standards of self-discipline and habit formation in all personal and social relationships. They call for dimensions of moral commitment that go far beyond any specific practices which might be listed."

## 6 Pastors Back Diocese on Debt Issue

Buffalo — (NC) — The chairman of the finance committee of the Buffalo Diocesan Pastoral Council and six pastors of Niagara Falls churches have endorsed financial practices of attack by another Niagara Falls pastor of the diocese which have been under

the lay finance chairman and the priests backed the diocese in its dispute with Msgr. J. Stanley Ormsby, pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Niagara Falls, who had refused to sign a note for a \$120,000 debt levied on his parish by the diocese. He said such levies should not be made without prior consultation with the people of the parish and that his parish is a poor one and could not afford the amount.

The debt arose from a diocesan assessment made in 1964. In May 1967, the diocese announced that the debt had thus been reduced to \$205 million.

In the fall the pastors of all parishes who were behind in payments on their assessments were asked to obtain bank loans to pay the remaining "debt" to the diocese.

Support for the assessment practice was reported (May 2) by the *Magnificent Diocesan* newspaper, which printed a letter from John M. Galvin, finance chairman, and excerpts from letters of the six pastors.

## 2 Faiths Talk On Sharing Of Eucharist

St. Louis — (RNS) — Representatives of the Catholic Church in the U.S. and the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) called here for a limited sharing of the Lord's Supper between the two traditions.

The call was issued by the third Catholic-Disciples consultation, sponsored by the Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Council on Christian Unity of the Christian Churches.

Participating were five Catholic and seven Disciples scholars. They agreed that "even when we celebrate the Eucharist separately, we are aware that we are in communion with the same Lord, and, therefore in union with one another."

"We urge our communions to explore as rapidly as possible the circumstances and procedures for responsible, Eucharist sharing," the participants said in a memorandum. "The Scriptures describe the Eucharist for each of us, and we have discovered that our understanding of the Lord's Supper is more similar than we had expected."

Papers on inter-communion were presented by Dr. Richard N. Johnson, associate director of the Department of Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches, and by Father Robert E. Hunt, associate professor at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Both took the position that inter-communion between Protestants and Catholics may be possible even though great differences exist in the interpretation of what the rite means.

## Extra Bishops Needed For L.I. Confirmations

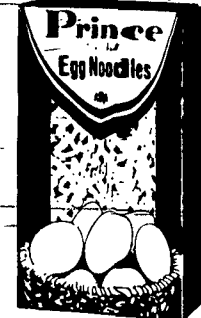
Rockville Centre, N.Y. — (RNS) — Five American missionary bishops will be needed to ease the heavy schedule of confirmations in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Five outside prelates will assist Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg and Auxiliary Bishop Vincent J. Baldwin in administering the sacrament to 32,000 youngsters in the diocese during the months of May and June.

Four of the prelates have assisted with confirmations in the diocese in past years: Bishop Thomas F. Reilly of San Juan de los Rios in the Dominican Republic; Bishop John E. Taylor of Stockholm, Sweden; Bishop William F. Kupfer of Tachung, Taiwan; and Bishop Benedict Dominic Coscia of Jatai, Brazil.

### Irish Immigrants Threatened

New York — (NC) — Groups of Irish-Americans in various sections of the nation have organized the American Irish Immigration Committee to protest the U.S. immigration law provision which will go into effect July 1 and cut down immigration from Ireland.

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