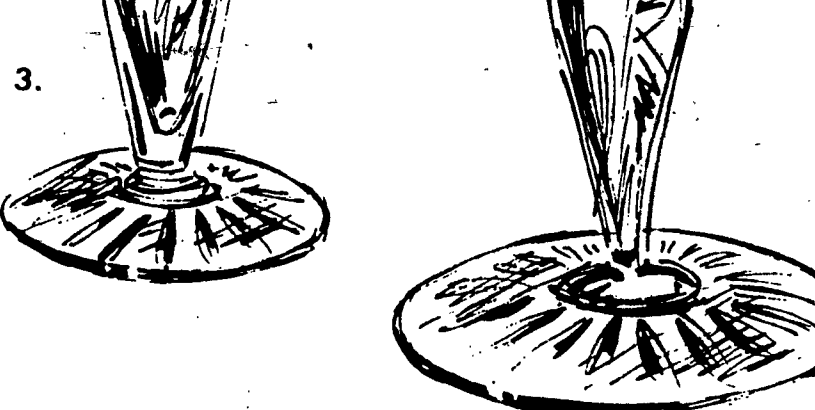
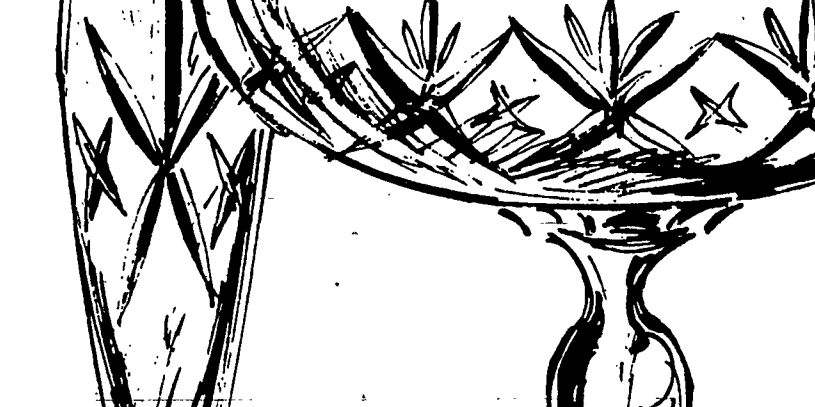
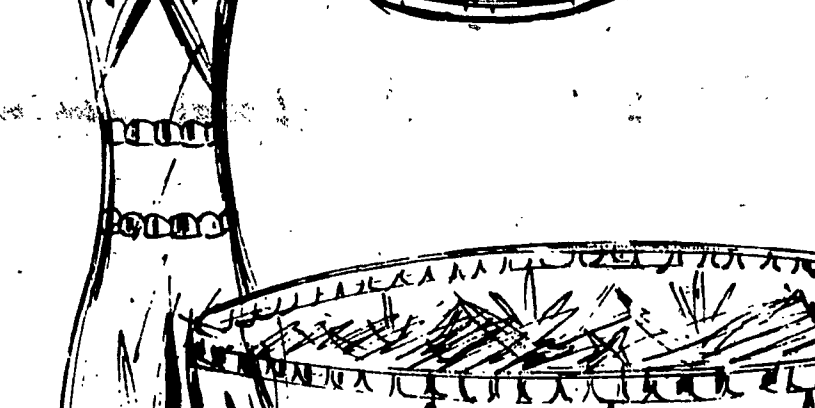
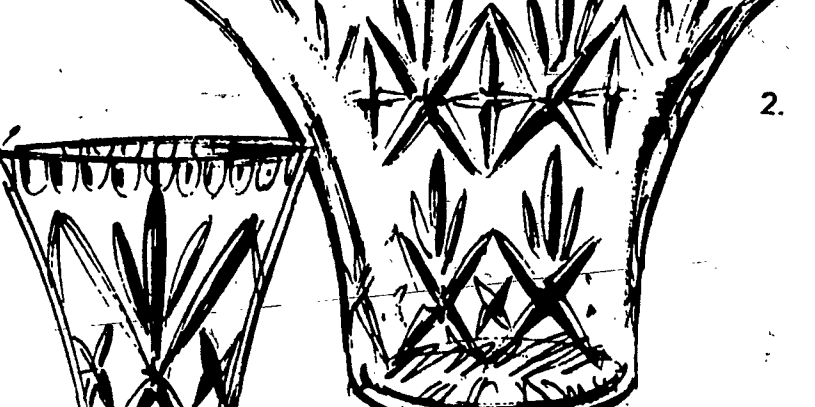
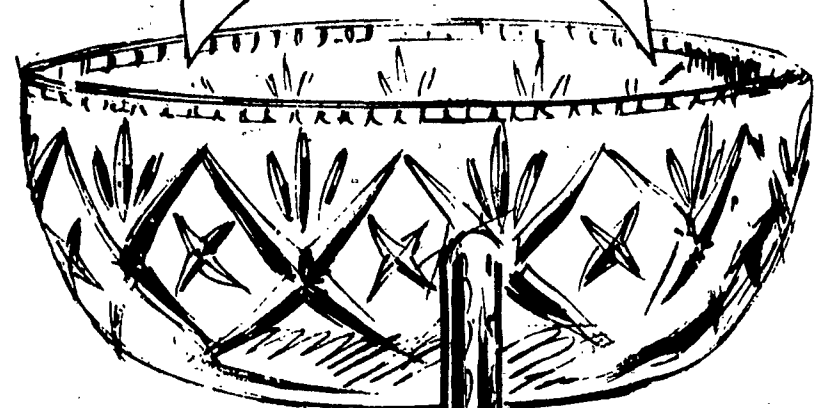


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Festival of Dedication

At their home in Randallstown, Md., children take turns lighting the Hanukkah Menorah. Young Eric Feld lights the first candle as his brother, Steven, sisters, left to right, Ellen, Robin and Susan, and Mr. and Mrs. Israel Feld watch. At sundown on Dec. 5 this year candles will be lit in Jewish homes throughout the world. Special prayers will be recited by the father of the household and the candles will be blessed. The ceremony will mark the beginning of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication celebrated by Jews for more than 2,000 years to commemorate the victory of Judah Maccabee and his followers over the Syrians in 165 B.C. The candle lighting is repeated for eight successive nights until all eight candles on the Menorah are ablaze. A ninth candle, called the "Shammash," is used to light the others. (Religious News Service)

Pope Notes Similarity Of New Mass to Old

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI spoke on the traditional and spiritual similarity of the New Mass to earlier forms of the sacrifice in a general audience talk this week.

While lamenting the loss of the Latin language as a "great sacrifice" to the liturgy in the new rite, and recognizing the change's "manifest inconvenience," he insisted that one of the reasons for the change was to "associate the assembly in a closer and more efficacious manner."

He reminded his listeners, as he had in his talk on the new Mass a week earlier, that the changes were brought about at the request of the Second Vatican Council, implemented by the bishops as the interpreters of that council.

He conceded that change was not easy and urged Catholics to prepare themselves for the "inconvenience which enters among our accustomed habits."

The Pope stated: "We could note that those who will be most in-

convenienced are the pious persons because, having their own respectable way of hearing Mass, they will feel distracted from their usual thoughts and compelled to follow others. The priests themselves may perhaps feel some molestations in this respect."

"If the Mass is done properly," the Pope went on, "a greater richness will be made manifest, made evident from the greater simplicity of the ceremonies, the variety and abundance of scriptural texts, the combined actions of the various ministers, by the silences that mark the liturgy in different profound moments and above all by the intimate participation of every single person and the effusion of the soul in the love of the action of community."

He insisted that the change to the new Mass was the apostolic thing to do, thus allowing a greater number to pray in familiar terms. Still, he promised, what he called the "language of the angels" would remain the common language of the Vatican.

K. of C. Honors 1st Negro Bishop

New Haven, Conn. — (RNS) — The Knights of Columbus have named a major fourth degree province for the first Negro bishop of the Catholic Church in the U.S.

The province, consisting of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire, will be named for Bishop James A. Healey, who was consecrated in 1875 as the second head of the Diocese of Portland, Maine.

The son of a Negro slave mother and an Irish immigrant father, he encountered considerable difficulty in obtaining an education because of his mixed parentage and was forced to take his priestly studies outside the United States. Initially a priest of the Boston diocese, he held such posts as secretary to the bishop, first chancellor, and rector of the cathedral before being named to the Maine see.

Formerly Bishop Healey, a great American and outstanding churchman, Supreme Knight John W. McDermott said the memorial to the prelate had "tremendous relevance for our age."

New Liturgy Draws Fire

Rome — (RNS) — Despite the warm welcome given the "New Mass" liturgy by Pope Paul VI, conservative Italian Catholic groups have launched a belligerent, last-ditch offensive against its introduction.

The weekly Roman Vigil, organ of the strongly conservative International Committee for the Defense of Christian Civilization, released a barrage of slogans calling for active opposition to what the Pope has characterized as "a new age in the life of the Church."

Many Ask 'Please Hold the Rice' New Wedding Recipe?

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throwing practice at his church not only because the clean-up was time-consuming but also because rice on the church steps is "unsightly and hazardous."

The rice-throwing custom is believed to be a survival of the religious practices of the Hindus and the Chinese. In the Orient, rice has long been an emblem of fecundity, and throwing rice on a just-married couple symbolizes the bestowing of fertility on the bridal pair.

However, the increasing emphasis on delaying pregnancy could also lead to a simmering down of the rice-throwing practice.

The rice-throwing custom in the Orient may have grown out of the fact that rice was believed to have a soul, a belief still current in the East Indies.

Bishop Guilfoyle noted in his column that "once upon a time the bride carried sheaves of wheat to the marriage; when she left the church the bride party threw grains of wheat over her head. Later the wheat was cooked into thin, dry biscuits, which were broken over the bride's head. Sometimes today, the bride's biscuits are broken over the groom's head."

The rice-throwing custom outside churches may also owe something to the ancient belief that evil spirits hover about at weddings. The rice is thrown to keep them busy eating and away from the groom, of whom they are jealous.

All of which gives pastors one more reason — superstition — as grounds for keeping wedding rice off church grounds.

(Catholic Press Features)

Father Tormey Heads New Diocesan Office

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programming for the diocese (news programs, worship, education, improved public understanding of the Church and awareness of the works of the diocese and its people).

4. to assist diocesan departments with publicity and news-distribution and to coordinate their releases.

5. to assist the Bishop in his relations with clergy and laity and the general public.

PRIEST'S PUPILS COMPLAIN

Rome — (NC) — The pupils of Father Robert Sardelli, who runs the "school of the poor" at the Felice Aqueduct on the southern outskirts of Rome, have written a letter to the mayor of Rome to ask for better conditions for themselves and their families.

Their letter tells how they live, or rather, "how they survive" in this ghetto, where 175 families contend they subsist in squalor. Copies of the letter have been sent also to the Pope and to other well-known personages in Italy.

Helicopter Ballet

Looking like grasshoppers ascending, U.S. Army CH-34 helicopters lift off after bringing an infantry assault force to a landing zone during an airborne demonstration at Hohenfels, Germany.

