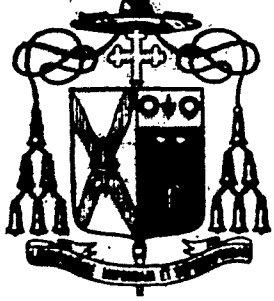


Bishop's Message On Lithuania



My Dear People:

We who are members of one family under a common Father share the joys and sorrows of all humanity who by divine adoption are our brothers and sisters. The II Vatican Council has expressed this truth in the opening words of the PASTORAL CONSTITUTION on the CHURCH in the MODERN WORLD: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these too are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ."

It is in this spirit that I call your attention to the desperate plight of the Church of Lithuania and ask your prayerful support of our brothers and sisters who bear a heavy cross. Lithuania was occupied by the Soviet Union almost thirty-two years ago. Since then there has been a constant and systematic campaign to destroy the faith of the people. This persecution has meant martyrdom for the majority of the bishops and priests who were serving the Church in generous leadership at the time of the occupation in 1940. Countless people have followed their example and have preferred death to the abandonment of their faith.

I designate Sunday, July 16 as a Diocesan Day of Prayer for the Church of Lithuania. We who enjoy the freedom of public worship should be grateful for the opportunity to support the Church of silence and suffering.

With my blessing, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

Joseph L. Hogan

Bishop of Rochester

Courier Journal Hits Streets

A new chapter in the history of the Courier-Journal was written last week when the paper set up 18 street sale vending machines in Rochester.

Though the paper has always been distributed via the mail, street sales were added because of increased demand on the part of those outside the Catholic community. The Courier has always been on sale at the CYO building, 50 Chestnut St., and recently has been available at World Wide News, 100 St. Paul St.

"With certain expansions in our local news coverage and the addition of special columnists we feel we now have a wider audience," explained Anthony J. Costello, general manager of the paper. "We certainly have become aware of increased requests from outside our main circulation areas."

The Courier-Journal is the official newspaper of the Rochester Catholic diocese and Costello stressed that the new street sales operation will in no way change the paper's direction or policy.

Street boxes are at:

East Avenue (in front of Diocesan Missions Office) East Avenue at Gibbs (in front of Christian Science Reading Room); East Main at Gibbs (piano store); East Main at Franklin (Monroe County Savings Bank); East Main and East Avenue (Security Plaza); East Main (McCurdy's); East Main and Clinton (Sibley's); East Main and St. Paul; East Main and State (Western Union); Exchange and Broad (Central Trust Co.); Midtown Plaza (in front of bus station); Chestnut and Broad; East Main and North (Sibley's); Broad and South (Rochester Public Library); West Main and Exchange; West Main and Fitzhugh; State Street (First National Bank); and Broad and Clinton (Forman's).



Frank Crociata, Courier-Journal circulation manager, and Mrs. Mary Mitrano, a reader, seem pleased with one of the Courier-Journal's 18 new vending boxes.

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Main and Exchange; West Main and Fitzhugh; State Street (First National Bank); and Broad and Clinton (Forman's).

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Lithuanians' Plight Reviewed.

Reports of persecution and repression in Lithuania are brought to the pastoral office by Romas Sedlickas, left, president of the Lithuanian Community of Rochester, and Prof. Antanas Klimas of the University of Rochester. A diocesan Day of Prayer for their compatriots was a consequence of their meeting with Bishop Hogan's secretary, Father Michael Conboy, and the assistant chancellor, Father William Flynn, right.

Bishop Hogan Calls Attention To Plight of Church in Lithuania

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan called attention this week to "the desperate plight of the Church of Lithuania" and asked for prayers for "our brothers and sisters who bear a heavy cross."

He designated July 16 as a Diocesan Day of Prayer and said: "We who enjoy the freedom of public worship should be grateful for the opportunity to support the Church of silence and suffering."

In a letter read at last Sunday's Masses or published in parish bulletins, the bishop pointed out that Lithuania had been occupied by the Soviet Union nearly 32 years ago.

"Since then there has been a constant and systematic campaign to destroy the faith of the people," he continued.

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people have followed their example and have preferred death to the abandonment of their faith."

According to information brought to the Pastoral Office by members of Rochester's Lithuanian community, there were 12 bishops active in the Baltic republic in 1940; that number has been cut in half, and only two bishops were allowed to work in 1972. There are no religious publications of any kind, no Catholic organizations for the three million Roman Catholics comprising the bulk of the population.

News reports since last March have indicated massive reaction against the loss of religious and civil liberty, followed by harsh reprisals. The New York Times reported June 14 that 200 young people were in jail awaiting trial after protest demonstrations that turned into riots in the cities of Kaunas and Varena.

There are approximately

4,000 people of Lithuanian birth or descent in the Rochester area, according to Father Bernardino Grauslys, OFM. He recently became pastor of St. George's parish on Hudson Avenue, locus of the Lithuanian community since its beginning in 1906.

The parish was organized by 140 Lithuanians, and now has a core of "no more than 150 families," Father Bernardino estimated. But the church sometimes is overcrowded, he said, by people who have moved away but retain "a sentimental attachment."

FESTIVAL

The parish festival at Holy Ghost is scheduled for July 21-22, on the church parking lot. Rain date is Sunday, July 23. Tom Tierney and Ken Ritzenthaler have charge.

Redemptorists List Changes

Sixty-two Redemptorists in the northeastern section of the country received appointments and transfers this past weekend, according to word from the Order's provincial headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y. Included, are the triennial appointment of new rectors for some 16 parishes, and confirmation of 17 others for second three-year terms.

At St. Joseph's on Franklin Street, Rochester, Father Albert Riesner has been confirmed as rector for a second term.

Likewise, at Notre Dame Retreat, Canandaigua, Father James Foley continues as rector for another three years.

With these transfers, Father Paul Bryan leaves Canandaigua for Washington, D.C., where he will become part of a three-man renewal team for the spiritual updating of the community.

Replacing Father Bryan, will be Father Dennis Foley, missionary, and specialist in counseling, from St. Alphonsus College, Suffield, Conn.

Also coming to the diocese, to St. Joseph's, Rochester, will be Father Daniel J. T. O'Leary, from Bradford, Vt.; and from Holy Redeemer College, Washington, Brother Thaddeus Wright.

K OF C AWARD

Dennis Damaschke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Damaschke of Armstrong Road, Greece, received the Knights of Columbus Outstanding Achievement Award at Aquinas Institute commencement exercises June 25. He was cited for his academic and athletic record by Rochester Council 178.

Among the list of rectors are two natives of Rochester — Father James Geiger, rector of St. Mary's Minor Seminary at North East, Pa., and his brother, Father William Geiger, newly appointed rector of St. Gerard's parish in Lima, Ohio.

Assignments become effective July 17.

St. Anne Novena In 89th Year

The annual novena to Good St. Anne that started back in 1884 at Holy Family Church will begin at 7:45 p.m. Monday, July 17.

Msgr. George J. Schmitt, pastor emeritus, issued a general invitation with the comment that the 88-year-old event "has been drawing fine crowds every year." Services will be conducted by Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan director for the Propagation of the Faith, and Father John Rosse, chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital.

Mission Guild Schedules Picnic

The Catholic Mission Guild picnic will be held at noon Wednesday, July 19, at the home of Mrs. Walter Seleske, 56 Colony Lane, Henrietta. Father Elmer Heindl will say Mass before lunch.

Guild members are advised that a bus marked Henrietta will leave from the corner of Main and St. Paul at 10:20 a.m. Further information may be obtained through 458-9331 or 338-1361.