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ON CHRISTMAS ROSARY PROGRAM



The annual Christmas Rosary program, "The Joyful Hour," will be heard over the Mutual Broadcasting System's entire network and also by the Armed Forces Radio Service, on Sunday, December 18. Pictured discussing plans for the program are the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., founder and director of the worldwide Family Rosary Crusade and Bing Crosby, who will be one of the soloists on the program from Hollywood. (NC Photos)

Bishop Waters Speaks At Raleigh Meeting Of Catholic Daughters

RALEIGH. — The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D. D., Bishop of Raleigh and national chaplain for the Catholic Daughters of America recently, in the auditorium of the Sacred Heart School. The Bishop was introduced by Mrs. Orah M. Russell, grand regent of Court Bishop Hafey.

Bishop Waters gave a vivid narration of his recent official visit to Rome, especially of his audience with Pope Pius XII and his tendering the homage of the Catholic Daughters of America. His Excellency presented the Pope with a bound vellum copy of the spiritual bouquet from the Catholic Daughters of America.

The Rev. R. J. Williams of Canada was introduced by Bishop Waters and gave an account of his visit to Rome and his work in connection with the Legion of Christ the King. Father Williams is visiting Bishop Waters for a few days.

Msgr. Federal Speaks

Monsignor J. Lennox Federal, Pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral and chaplain for Court Bishop Hafey, spoke briefly on parish activities.

The following members served fruit cake, candy and coffee. Mesdames Charles S. Biggs, R. B. Streb, John W. Kane, Paul West, L. C. Murchison and Cecil L. Stearns. The table and club room decorations were suggestive of the Christmas season.

Sex Education Perils Declared Very Grave By Bishop Flannelly

NEW YORK. — Sex education such as is given through a motion picture now being exhibited in New York State public schools is "unmoral, rank, bad," an invasion of parental rights and a contribution to juvenile delinquency, Bishop Joseph P. Flannelly, Auxiliary of New York, asserted in a sermon in St. Patrick's Cathedral here.

The Bishop's remarks were occasioned by the recent action of the New York State Health Commission in rejecting a demand by the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee that the commission halt distribution of a sex education film, "Human Growth," which is being shown in public schools. His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presided at the Mass.

"It is trifling with the things God has made," Bishop Flannelly told the congregation of 2,500. "God made our passion and God designed the manner in which the human race should be propagated. Therefore it is sacred. How can you divest it of all morality and present it in cold black and white on a screen?"

Radio, Movie Stars To Be on Joyful Hour

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Two stars of the Metropolitan Opera Company, Lucia Albinese and Giuseppe Di Stefano, will be heard from New York during the broadcast of the Joyful Hour over the Mutual Broadcasting System at 8:30 p. m., EST, December 18, it has been announced by the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C. S. C., founder and director of the Family Rosary Crusade, program producer.

Letter from Papal Secretary Thanks Members of Diocese for Spiritual Bouquet, Gift of \$7500 in Summer

RALEIGH—"His Holiness has graciously charged me to convey to you the expression of his warm gratitude for the rich spiritual bouquet and for the offerings in the amount of seven-thousand five-hundred dollars which you so kindly presented him on the occasion of your being received in audience," writes Msgr. J. B. Montani, Secretary to Pope Pius XII, in a letter to Bishop Waters acknowledging gifts presented by the Bishop on the occasion of his recent official visit to Rome.

The letter continued that "The Holy Father would now have me interpret to Your Excellency and to the priests of your Diocese the sentiments of His grateful appreciation of this precious treasury of Holy Masses and prayers which they so thoughtfully offered for His welfare and intentions. It was a source of much consolation to the Sovereign Pontiff to receive such a prayerful expression of the feelings of filial reverence and regard which Your Excellency and the priests of the Diocese cherish for the Vicar of Christ."

Blessing Given

Assuring Bishop Waters that the Holy Father realizes the personal sacrifices which the members of the Diocese had made to place at his disposal this generous sum, the Papal Secretary says that in part the fund will be used in the equipping of a new radio station at the Vatican City, a project which has the deep interest of the Holy Father. In appreciation of this two-fold gift the Holy Father has imparted to all of the Diocese His Blessing.

Don't Miss "The Joyful Hour"

Family Rosary Crusade's Annual Christmas Broadcast 1949
Sunday, December 18
8:30 P. M.
Mutual Broadcasting System
18 Stars
of
Stage — Screen — Radio
In a
Joyful Hour
of
Music — Prayer — Drama
(Consult Local MBS Station)
Carried by WRAL—Raleigh

Msgr. Sheen to Speak

WASHINGTON. — Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, will begin his 20th series of annual radio addresses on the Catholic Hour program starting January 1, the NCCM has announced.

Deniers of Services to Parochial Pupils Is Denounced by Prelate

BOSTON—Catholics are considered first-class citizens when it comes to conscription or taxation, but when it is a question of the distribution of public funds "there are always some who expect the 3,000,000 young Americans in Catholic schools to be content with the status of 'second-class' citizens," Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston declared here.

10,568 Visitors to Be At Holy Year Start

VATICAN CITY. — A total of 10,563 pilgrims have been listed as attending the ceremonies on Christmas Eve marking the opening of the Holy Year.

The largest group of pilgrims attending the December 24 events comes from Italy. About 1,800 are expected from the Argentine, 1,600 from France and 1,500 from the British Isles. From the United States, 166 pilgrims will come to Rome for the opening of the Holy Year, the announcement said.

Following an ancient tradition, the head of state of Spain will offer to the Holy Father an artistically made hammer which is to be used for the opening of the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

In an address to the annual meeting of the archdiocesan Holy Name union, and prelate said: "We ask you to be vigilant on this question of education and don't let slogans about 'separation of church and state' and 'preservation of the public school' and other glittering generalities dazzle you about a campaign which is a coldly calculated, strictly cynical business from start to finish, whose ultimate purpose is to close all parochial schools."

Likened to Klan

The Archbishop said that the activities of organizations like Protestants and other Americans United for Separation of Church and State are "the modern form of the old A. P. A., the refined form of the Ku Klux Klan." He said that while these groups do not represent

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HOOVER POINTS TO CRIME INCREASE

WASHINGTON. — Crime statistics indicate that large numbers of Americans have turned away from God, J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, declares in an article in the January issue of Catholic Men, monthly publication of the National Council of Catholic Men here.

"In dollars and cents the losses occasioned by crime exceed by far the \$5,600,000,000 which represents the estimated cost of all types of elementary and secondary education for 1948-1949," the FBI head

noted. This "national scandal" he attributed to the disintegration of family life and "the attitude of too many Americans that God is not necessary in our way of life and morality is purely an old-fashioned notion."

The founder of the "G-Men" also blamed "adult apathy and tolerance" for permitting "salacious literature, trashy publications, lewd and subtly suggestive advertisements, pornographic pictures and focal points of criminal infection such as disreputable dance halls, dives and clip joints."

Group of Charleston Nuns Celebrate 120th Anniversary After Making Town a Center of Catholic Culture

CHARLESTON, S. C.—A community of nuns founded before the Civil War in this Southern metropolis, which has done much to give Charleston the appearance of a Catholic city, is celebrating its 120th anniversary.

Today Catholicism is represented in Charleston by more churches and chapels than any other denomination, and this is due in good part to the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, founded by the first Bishop of Charleston, Bishop John England. This center of Catholicism exists in a State with only one Catholic to every 135 persons.

Bishop England

Bishop England's name is perpetuated in a high school run by the community, one of Charleston's two Catholic high schools, and several parochial schools. The nuns, known affectionately as "Bishop England's Sisters," operate a Neighborhood House for the needy, a hospital and an Orphan Home as well. Outside the city of Charleston they have a girl's academy and a hospital, and operate a catechetical center.

During the shelling of Charleston in 1863, the Sisters were forced to remove their charges inland to Sumter. Another group of nuns was sent to White Sulphur Springs, Va., to nurse wounded of both armies. When supplies became unobtainable, they used all their extra clothing for bandages for the men.

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Gift Suggestion

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Christmas Offering

As has been the custom a second collection will be taken at all the Masses throughout the Diocese on Christmas Day for the support of the Catholic Orphanage at Nazareth and the Catholic Charities Agency. Special envelopes will be distributed for this offering on Sunday, December 18.

FRANKLIN NATIVE JOINS TRAPPISTS

In a recent letter to his parents and sister, John Wasilik, a native of Franklin, N. C., tells of his life with the Trappist Monks at the Cistercian Abbey of Our Lady of the Holy Ghost which is located outside of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Wasilik, a Veteran of World War II, was a member of St. John's Parish, Waynesville. He is known in the religious life as Frater Mary Jerome and addresses his observations to his parents and sister (Lib for Elizabeth).

National interest in the contemplative life of this community of religious of the Stricter Observants was made by the public interest in a biography "The Seven Story Mountain," and another book entitled "The Seeds of Contemplation" written by Thomas Merton, a young man who entered the monastery a few years ago.

The letter from Frater Mary Jerome is published on page 8 of this issue of The North Carolina Catholic.