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## Only Real Faith Can Turn Social Work Into Charity

VATICAN CITY — Only a shining faith can turn normal social service work into a true work of charity, His Holiness Pope Pius XII told personnel of Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference.

## Jacksonville Scout Troop Gets Charter

JACKSONVILLE — At Infant of Prague parish hall here Boy Scout Troop No. 357 had its Charter Presentation, Tenderfoot Investiture and presentation of awards last Friday.

The troop neckerchief was presented by Peter J. Folz, Grand Knight of Infant of Prague Council, Knights of Columbus. Scouting has been part of the KC program since 1923.

In attendance were Father Ambrose Rohrbacher, pastor and Father Edward Beatty, Institutional Representative (the parish sponsors the troop); J. L. Dvorscak, chairman of committeemen; George E. Albertine, Outdoorsman; J. J. Deluca, Service; Robert W. Malcom, Health and Safety; A. J. Downs, District Leadership; E. V. Farnsworth, Assistant District Commissioner.

Scoutmaster Robert J. Little presented Tenderfoot badges to 10 scouts.

Patrol leader award was made to Jimmy Ward. James Swinson received the Scout of the Month badge.

Of interest was the quotation from Pope Pius XII's talk to 4,000 scouts in Rome:

"Scouting reveals to youth and puts into action all that is naturally good, noble, healthy; the simplicity of life, love of nature, love of country; the sentiments of honor, self-discipline, obedience, dedication to the service of others.

"To seek, to find, to enjoy and to praise God in His works, to see all creation in the light of God—this constitutes the basis of life of a scout."

—Robert J. Little

## Morehead City Begins School

MOREHEAD CITY — A parochial school, long the hope of parishioners of St. Egbert's Church here is about to be built.

Plans laid by the Franciscan Fathers of the Third Order Regular, who formerly served the parish, came to fruition last week when Bishop Waters, signed contracts for the school in the presence of the pastor, Fr. Paul Byron and the architect, John R. Valentine, A. I. A.

The School Fund, begun by Fr. Gabriel Stephens, T.O.R., has been added to through the years, and now constitutes about forty per cent of the building cost, which will run in excess of \$53,000.

Construction will begin immediately, under general contractor P. S. West of Statesville.

It is hoped that a staff of Sisters will be available for the start of classes in September, 1956.

The school, which will cover an area of 5500 square feet, will contain three classrooms, a small hall, and the other customary facilities.

His English language address during an audience for 110 staff members reminded of "the need of a luminous faith to supply the fuel for a charity that dare not be chilled by suspicion or thoughtless lack of gratitude." He added that this faith "will add warmth and tenderness to your service of the needy."

"You have rare opportunities to relieve in person that stark bareness of the garret or the damp chill of fieldshacks where parents suffer and children weep," the Pope said.

"You must reap the harvest of your charity through other's hands. But it is the same love of Christ for men that holds you to your busy desks in crowded offices, where your work most often lacks the consoling sense that comes from witnessing an ebbing faith revitalized, suffering alleviated, the light of hope rekindled and joy rising for families in distress."

Recalling that the audience occurred on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Pontiff prayed that "Mary through her maternal intercession may keep the fire of that love burning in full flame and may Christ be your exceedingly great reward." He concluded by imparting his blessing to the workers and their families.

## St. Vincent's Men Report In Greensboro

GREENSBORO — Annual report from St. Benedict's Conference, St. Vincent de Paul Society shows that 119 persons have been directly assisted during the year.

The eight-member conference has made a total of 70 personal visits incidental to work with families, in hospitals, etc., in addition to telephone calls and correspondence.

Attendance at weekly meeting has been 90%, indicating the enthusiasm of the men who meet each Sunday at 12:15 p.m.

Among the spiritual works of charity listed, five children have been brought to parochial school or religious instructions; prayer books have been provided for a family.

Receipts for the year include \$602 in offerings from the members at weekly meetings; \$927 from poor box; \$70 from church collection; 644 from honorary members and subscribers.

Chief item of expenditures is groceries and food of all kinds: \$1,225. An additional \$1,072. were spent for cash grants, fuel, clothing, rent, etc.

## Thanksgiving Clothing

NAZARETH — The chancery office announces that 32 parishes have sent reports of clothing cartons shipped to New York City for the Bishops' War Relief Clothing Collection.

According to the reports, a total of 221 cartons almost four tons have been shipped. Other parishes may have shipped clothing without sending word to the chancery.

## Sisters of Providence To Staff General Hospital in Murphy

MURPHY — Yesterday's Cherokee Scout, this town's newspaper carried news that the Sisters of Providence from Holyoke, Mass., will staff the Murphy General Hospital.

## Father Connell To Give Retreat

RALEIGH — The well-known Redemptorist theologian, Father Francis J. Connell will give the business and professional men's retreat this year.

Scheduled for January 13-15 at Mid Pines Club, Southern Pines, this is the fourth annual retreat which His Excellency, Bishop Waters has arranged for the laymen of the diocese. The retreat is intended, Bishop Waters says, "to give our Catholic business or professional layman a chance to make an annual report and balance sheet in the spiritual realm so that he can handle his soul's salvation in as business or professional-like manner as he would handle his economic life."

Announcement will be made in every parish this Sunday; reservation blanks will be available at each rectory. The retreat opens with supper at 7:00 January 13, a Friday and closes Sunday afternoon. The entire weekend is taken care of by \$20.00 (double room) or \$22.00 for a single; meals are included.

Last December Dr. B. W. Whitfield, chief of staff at General, expressed the desire to obtain nursing Sisters to take the burden of hospital management off his hands.

Dr. F. V. Taylor of the hospital staff has announced that the Sisters will begin to manage the hospital at least by the first of February, 1956; they are welcomed into the diocese by His Excellency, Bishop Waters.

## Personnel Unchanged

The present hospital personnel will remain intact, including the hospital staff; Drs. Whitfield and Taylor, Dr. Helen Wells, Dr. H. Miller.

Murphy General Hospital will continue to operate as an open staff hospital and will make all facilities available to doctors of Clay and Union Counties.

A remodeling and redecorating program will begin as soon as the Sisters arrive; the work will not interfere with the operation of the hospital.

Father Joseph Dean, pastor of St. William's Church here states that the Sisters of Providence will arrive the middle of January.

## WPTF Carries Midnight Mass

RALEIGH—Tomorrow at midnight the Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral here and in parishes and missions throughout the diocese, as Christ comes to earth again in the Mass — to give glory to God, to bring peace to men of good will.

His Excellency, Bishop Waters will pontificate at the cathedral; for the fifth year, radio station WPTF will broadcast the Mass, beginning at 11:45 p.m. Father Francis A. McCarthy will narrate the Mass for listeners.

Cathedral men's choir, directed by Joseph Orlando of State College will sing; John Vaughn is cathedral organist.

Mass will be offered at the cathedral also at 7:30, 9, 10, 11, a.m. The last Mass is a *Missa Cantata*.

## Pontifical Mass in Charlotte

His Excellency, Bishop Navagh will pontificate at his parish of Our Lady of Consolation in Charlotte, 115 North McDowell Street.

Address Bishop Navagh's mail to: 1621 Dilworth Road East, Charlotte, 3, N. C.

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VATICAN CITY  
20 DECEMBER, 1955

THE MOST REVEREND VINCENT S. WATERS, D. D.  
BISHOP OF RALEIGH  
15 NORTH McDOWELL STREET  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, U. S. A.

HIS HOLINESS, EXTENDING WARM APPRECIATION IN RESPONSE TO DEVOTED PRAYERFUL MESSAGE CORDIALLY IMPARTS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND BISHOP NAVAGH, CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH PATERNAL APOSTOLIC BLESSING. (SIGNED) MONSIGNOR DELL'ACQUA

Both Bishop Navagh and I add our sincere appreciation for your greetings received and extend our good wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas to priests, Sisters, Religious and laity.

+ Vincent S. Waters  
Bishop of Raleigh

## Seniors to Try For Scholarship

RALEIGH — Cathedral Latin High School and Our Lady of Lourdes parish have reason for pride this week.

Jean Bode and Gordon Blankford, high school seniors and members of Our Lady's parish passed the preliminary screening test for the National Merit Scholarship award.

The school was allowed to send only two students (based on enrollment) for the tests, and both of them passed the screening. This makes them eligible for the aptitude test January 14.

Thousands of high school students will complete in the final tests which will result in 400 college scholarships to the college or university of the winner's choice.

## New Year's Eve Dances

Inter-Se Club's New Year's Eve Dance will be held in Goldsboro at the Woman's Club; everyone is invited.



The Santa Maria Council of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a New Year's Eve dance to be held in the Ballroom of the Robert E. Lee Hotel. A buffet lunch, included in the price of the ticket, will be provided. Reservations must be made before December 26.

## Vocation Crusade

Week of December 25  
Edenton, Kill Devil Hill, Elizabethtown.

Week of January 1  
Farmville, Franklin, Fayetteville, Goldsboro.

## Santa to N. C. On Sneak Visit

By John W. Gregory

NAZARETH — The Catholic Orphanage had a surprise visitor from the North Pole last Sunday. Santa Claus, showing signs of strain after months at his work bench, decided to take an afternoon off and do a little snooping on his own to see if the children were really as good as they had made out in their letters.

Nearly a hundred boys and girls gave the jolly old man such an ovation his seamed and somewhat tired-looking features burst into jolly laughter.

This sneak visit by Santa was made at the insistence of the State Council of the Knights of Columbus who annually sponsor a Christmas party for the children. The Father Thomas F. Price Council acted as hosts for the party. George Hargrove served as chairman of the committee.

Father Regan, orphanage superintendent, gave a brief, opening address in which he praised the Knights of Columbus for "exemplifying charity in every sense."

John Capek, Infant of Prague Council, Jacksonville, acted as Santa Claus for the second straight year. George Burkett was Master of Ceremonies. Charles Powers, State Deputy, was on hand as well as many members of the Raleigh Council. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Normandeau of Jacksonville accompanied Mr. Capek on the trip.

Judging by the hearty welcome he received, Santa must have been well pleased. He said he'd be back this week.