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March Vocation Month

WASHINGTON — (NC)— Special prayers, church services and classroom programs throughout the country will highlight diocesan observances of March as Vocations Month.

Many bishops have issued special statements urging priests and laymen — especially parents — to be active in promoting vocations. The more unusual programs include the following:

—In Pittsburgh, Bishop John J. Wright will conduct a retreat from March 18 to 20 for young men interested in the priesthood. More than 500 young men of the diocese have been invited to the retreat, which will be held in a Pittsburgh hotel.

—In Omaha, Neb., a Religious Vocations Fair will be held April 2 and 3 in the Omaha Civic Auditorium. Representatives of many religious communities will staff booths at the fair to provide information to young people who request it. Members of the Omaha

Serra Club, which is sponsoring the fair, predict that 15,000 people will attend.

His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, issued a statement on vocations in which he warned "unthinking and unenlightened" parents against hindering the vocations of their children.

Bishop Coleman F. Carroll of Miami declared that "for a long time to come" the Miami diocese "will be aware of the extreme need of more priests and Sisters in this constantly growing area."

Bishop Carroll called for daily prayers for vocations in all parishes and schools. A committee of 16 priests has been appointed to visit schools of the diocese and speak to boys in grades 8 through 12 on the need for more priests and Brothers. Religious communities of women in the diocese sponsored a vocations exhibit February 27 and 28 at a Miami Beach parish.

Bishop Clarence G. Isenmann, of Columbus, Ohio, urged Catholics to invoke the intercession of St. Joseph for vocations. He pointed out that "the groundwork of most vocations continues to be laid in the grade school and in the home."

Bishop John J. Carberry of Lafayette, Ind., directed that a triduum of prayer for vocations to be observed in every parish of the diocese on the three days preceding the feast of St. Joseph, March 19.

Bishop Carberry also announced that he will personally visit each high school in the diocese during March to offer Mass and speak on the need for religious vocations.

Bishop William A. Scully of Albany, N. Y., calling for prayers for vocations, announced that a day of recollection will be held during March in each school in the diocese. Diocesan priests and members of religious communities of men and women will speak at these days of recollection and be available for personal interviews.

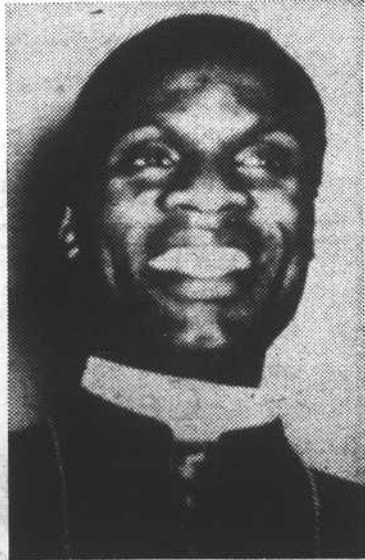
Outdoor Apostolate Meeting

RICHMOND — Announcements went out this week from Richmond's Bishop John J. Russell regarding the annual Outdoor Apostolate Convention. Priests and Bishops of the Southeastern region of the United States have been meeting yearly since 1946 when Bishop Vincent S. Waters founded the Outdoor Apostolate. This year the convention is scheduled for April 19-21, Capital Hotel, Richmond.

'Outdoor' apostolate refers to various approaches to convert making which take place outside church buildings. This includes street preaching, motor chapels, door-to-door contacts and like means of bringing the Church to non-members.

Among the scheduled speakers and forum members is Fr. James Jones of the Pinehurst Mission Fathers. All priests are invited.

FIRST CARDINALS IN THEIR COUNTRIES



THREE OF THE SEVEN NEW CARDINALS named by His Holiness Pope John XXIII are in countries never before represented in the Sacred College. They are, left to right: Their Eminences Peter Tatsuo Doi (left), Archbishop of Tokyo, Japan; Laurian Rugambwa (center), Bishop of Rutabo, Tanganyika, East Africa, and first Negro Cardinal, at least in modern times, and Rufino J. Santos (right), Archbishop of Manila, Philippines. (NC photo)

March 17, St. Patrick

Jean Charlot



How the snakes have grown since his time

New Cardinals Enter College

VATICAN CITY — (NC)— His Holiness Pope John XXIII has named seven new cardinals, raising the Sacred College to a record high of 85 members.

The new cardinals include the first Negro, first Filipino and first Japanese to be named to the cardinalate.

in decade ... Negro - Indian Catholics Up 55 And 25%

WASHINGTON — (NC)— The number of U.S. Negro Catholics has risen 55 per cent in the last decade, and the number of Indian Catholics 25 per cent.

Negro Catholics now total 615,964, an increase of 217,853 over the 1950 figure of 398,111. Indian Catholics total 124,154, compared with 99,200 in 1950, an increase of 24,954.

These figures are contained in the annual report of the Commission for Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians, which has headquarters here. Father J. B. Tenny, S.S., is secretary of the commission.

In the last decade, Negro converts totaled 100,000, the report stated. Converts during the past year numbered 12,066. One of every 12 U.S. converts to Catholicism is a Negro, according to the report.

Negro Catholics in the South increased by 85,000, and in the 45 dioceses outside the South by 218,000. The disparity in the size of the increase is largely due to immigration of southern Negroes to other parts of the country, the report said.

The new members of the Sacred College will be elevated to their posts at a Vatican consistory on March 28.

The new cardinals and their order of precedence are: Archbishops Luigi Traglia, Vicegerent of Rome; Peter Tatsuo Doi of Tokyo; Joseph Lefebvre of Bourges, France; Bernard Alfrink of Utrecht, the Netherlands, and Rufino J. Santos of Manila; Bishop Laurian Rugambwa of Rutabo, Tanganyika, and Msgr. Antonio Bacci, Secretary of Briefs to Princes.

The two Italian nominees for the cardinalate bring the number of Italian cardinals to 33. France will have 8 cardinals. The U.S. has 6; Spain, 5; Germany, 4; Brazil, 3.

Argentina, Britain Portugal

and Canada each have two cardinals.

Countries with one cardinal each are: Ireland, Belgium, Hungary, Poland, Armenia, Syria, Austria, India, China, Australia, Mexico, Uruguay, Ecuador, Cuba, The Netherlands, Philippines, Japan and Tanganyika. Tanganyika is a United Nations' trust territory in Africa under British administration. It is scheduled to become self-governing this year and fully independent in the future.

The language breakdown of the College of Cardinals is as follows: Italian, 33; English (counting Archbishop Rugambwa), 13; Spanish, 11; French, 9; German, 5; Portuguese, 5; and one each, Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Dutch, Flemish, Hungarian, Japanese, Polish, Kihaya, and Tagalog.



BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina
February 29, 1960

My dear Brethren:

The Second Sunday of Lent has been assigned as a Sunday when we are asked to help our Indian and Negro Americans in their progress towards God and His Church. No two groups are more deserving of our help.

The first group is the original Americans who were mistreated, often unjustly robbed of their possessions, and driven from their lands to the West, as a dramatic pageant in western North Carolina, "Unto These Hills," so well portrays. We owe these aboriginal Americans a great deal. We could give them no better gift than that of our Holy Faith which is the heritage of so many of their Oklahoma and western kinsfolk. The second of these groups for which your charity is solicited is the good American Negroes who have also suffered much injustice and who deserve all the kindness and charity we can display to make up for our neglect, forgetfulness, and injustice.

As Catholics and Americans we should sympathize with them and assist them wherever possible in their aspirations to possess human and civil rights to become First Class American Citizens. Likewise, we should open our hearts to them and with prayer and sacrifice assist them to full possession of the Faith in the true Church of God upon earth. The Catholics of the Diocese of Raleigh have been outstanding in these matters in the past, for which I am mighty proud and grateful. I am sure that our good Priests, Sisters, children and parents are setting an example in the South which could be well followed by many for the solution of these problems.

On the Second Sunday of Lent, March 13th, we should earnestly ask God for grace for these, our own countrymen. Then we will, I am sure, make a generous sacrifice to help them in their progress towards the Church. No better missionary means could be used in attracting these good people to the true Church of Christ on earth than treating them as we would like to be treated, or as Christ would treat them if He were in your place today.

Wishing each of you God's choicest blessings, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh.