

At Czestochowa

One Hundred Thousand Attend Millennium Celebrations

BERLIN — (NC) — More than 100,000 persons went by train, car, truck, wagon, and on foot to the famed shrine of the Black Madonna at Czestochowa for celebrations May 3 marking the 1,000th anniversary of Christianity in Poland.

At dawn, thousands were lined up to receive Communion from white-robed priests of the Pauline Order.

During the ceremonies Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski carried the painting of the Black Madonna around the ramparts of the Czestochowa monastery of Jasna Gora. He and the Polish archbishops carried the Madonna to the first station, where it was then handed over to a group of bishops from the former German territory now ruled by Poland.

The cardinal participated in the ceremonies as both the Primate of Poland and as the legate of Pope Paul VI.

Father Melchior Krulik expressed sorrow to the vast throng that Pope Paul VI could be present, but declared, "We are united with him in spirit." At these words a cheer arose from the crowd.

The Pope and other foreign Church officials were barred by the Polish communist regime from attending the special ceremonies.

Despite this ban, a group of 52 Chicago Catholics led by Father Bernard J. Niemier, C.S.C., of Chicago's Holy Trinity church attended the celebration. They were among the few Polish-Americans able to get visas. Thousands of other Americans had hoped to come to Poland for the event.

The crowd at the celebration in Czestochowa was huge despite police harassment and the fact that it was a working day. Workers in the nearby industrial complex at Katowice were forced to attend a government rally. The rally, at which Polish communist party chief Wladyslaw Gomulka was to speak was scheduled to observe the 45th anniversary of a Polish uprising against the awarding of industrial Silesia to Germany after World War I.

Gomulka has accused Church leaders of using the millennium to sow discord between Poland and the Soviet Union, and the rally was considered an attempt to detract from the Catholic celebration at Czestochowa.



THE MARRIAGE of Miss Peggy Ann Fisher and Kirby Cummings Edwards was solemnized on Low Sunday at St. Ann's Church, Scotland Neck. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Ralph V. Fisher, of Brooklyn, N.Y. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frazier MacLean Edwards, of Raleigh. The double ring ceremony was performed by Father Justin Pechulis. Miss Marie Ellen Petullo, of Spring Hope, was the maid of honor, and Frazier M. Edwards, II was the best man. Nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Sam T. Gregory, organist. The reception following the ceremony was given by the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Shickry Nayef, at their home in Scotland Neck. The couple will make their home in Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where Mr. Edwards is serving in the Army Security Agency.

Grants for Summer Study Awarded to Four Sisters

Four sisters of the Religious of Christian Education in Asheville have won grants under the National Defense Education Act to do summer study. Mother Kathleen Winters, a member of the faculty at Asheville Catholic High School, has received a grant to study history at Duke University from June 25 to August 6. This grant is the seventh that Mother Winters has merited. During the past few years she has received four grants to study under the National Science Foundation, two at the Arizona State, one at Iowa State, and one at the University of North Carolina; all of which were to study physics. Mother Winters received the R. J. Reynolds grant in economics at the University of North Carolina two summers ago. Last summer, she accepted a grant at Vanderbilt to study Communism and Constitutional Democracy.

Mother Evangeline Chiasson, a member of the faculty of St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines, has received an overseas grant to study French through the NDEA Overseas Language Institute to be held at the University of Toulouse, in Toulouse, France from June 22 to August 26. This is the second French grant Mother Chiasson has received. She received assistance to study at the University of Tennessee last summer. The overseas grant will bring with it the opportunity to travel through various parts of France to observe historical and cultural points of interest, as well as to acquaint the recipient with the differences in spoken language.

Mother Sallie Staton, a member of the faculty of Asheville Catholic High School, has received two grants to study French this summer. She has received an NDEA grant to study foreign language at Fairfield University in Connecticut for seven weeks. She also merited a grant to the NDEA Overseas Language Institute in Toulouse, South France from June 22 to August 26. Mother Staton and Mother Chiasson have accepted the overseas grants and will travel together.

Mother Helen Latour, a member of the faculty at St. Genevieve's, who has been on a leave of absence for one year, has been awarded a three year grant worth seven thousand dollars to continue doctoral work in comparative literature. She will study literature at the University of North Carolina.

Tar Heel Catholics Elected at Abbey

In the election of student leaders held recently on the campus of Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N.C. four Catholic boys from North Carolina were chosen.

Richard J. Salem of Havelock is president of the rising sophomore class; Bennie G. Farmer of Goldsboro is secretary of the rising junior class; Francis D. McQuilkin of Norwood is boarder representative to the Student Government from the rising junior class; and Richard J. Votta of Belmont is commuting student representative to the Student Government from the rising sophomore class.

Mothers Honored by High Point Guild

St. Edward's Guild of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in High Point sponsored its first annual Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast on Sunday, May 1st at Brinwood Grill.

The mothers and daughters had reserved seats at the 9 o'clock Mass during which they received Holy Communion in a body.

Mrs. Lewis Feretti, President of the Guild, welcomed the 125 persons in attendance at the breakfast. Father Koch, Pastor, gave the invocation.



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