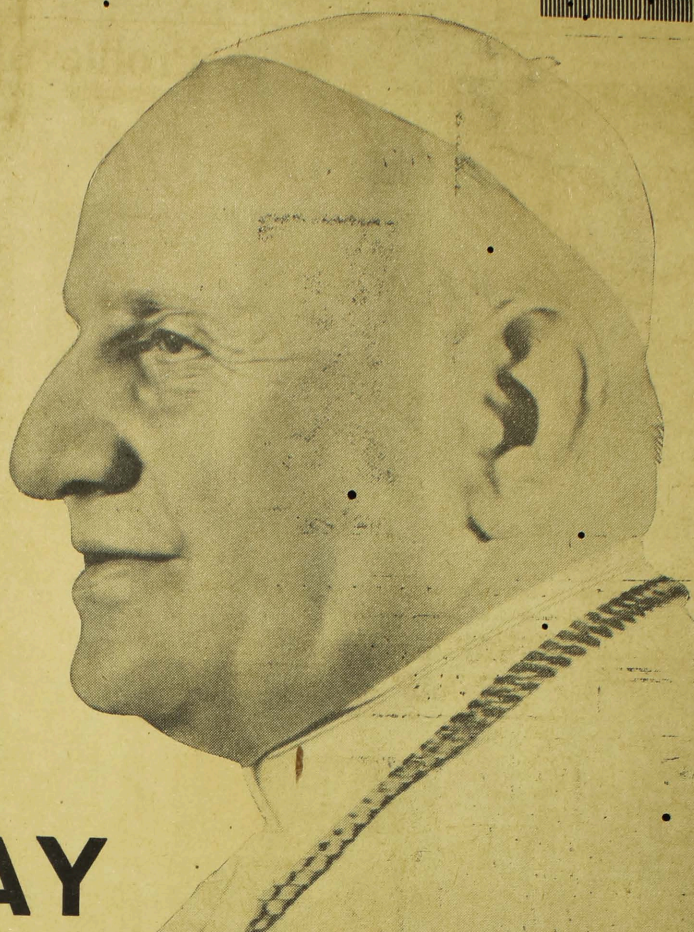


A Dedication

To our Most Holy Father, Pope John XXIII and 263rd successor of St. Peter, this issue of the MESSENGER is dutifully and reverently dedicated as a token and expression of the unswerving loyalty of Ceylon's Catholics to the Papacy.



THIS week Memory rings a bell to the 500,000,000 Catholics that comprise the household of the Faith. Over North, East, West and South the hour will strike, releasing a multitude of pent-up and intimate feelings of joyousness of other days in other years that are now no more. Lever for this opening-up of hearts is POPE'S DAY.

One year ago, on Tuesday, 4th November 1958, amid scenes of magnificence and jubilation enacted in Rome and brought for the first time right inside the homes of millions of people over the wide net-work of Television, the 263rd successor to the See of Peter, Pope John XXIII, was crowned.

From crisis ...

Immediately before, the Catholic world in an interim period had been badgered by an appalling blow of sorrow at the death of its leader, Pope Pius XII, at the very zenith of his greatness.

In every crisis, at every turn of the course and swift current of the world's history, the Holy Spirit has raised up a Pontiff geared to the needs of the day.

Through the erstwhile lamentations and profoundest grief of the most beloved Pope of modern times —

POPE'S DAY

...an affirmation of fealty in our Father-in-God

Pope Pius XII — arose once more the power and the glory of the Church in a newer radiance in the coronation of Pope John XXIII.

...to springtime

And so the Church of God marches through fire and sorrow, pain and tribulation, darkness and despair, strengthening and defending the ramparts of Christendom, moored to the pivotal point of its visible strength on Earth — the Papacy.

On Sunday, 8th November 1959, the Catholics of this island too will join

the rest of the Catholic world across the seas in expressing and reiterating its pledge of unbroken and un-breaking fealty to this Papacy.

POPE'S DAY is the rallying point of our unity, the core and centre of the solidarity and oneness that distinguishes so markedly this Faith of ours.

The sign

In POPE'S DAY, in this sign that binds every Catholic in Ceylon to the heart of his or her Holy Father in Rome, Pope John XXIII, is our strength.

As stated earlier in last week's *Messenger*, POPE'S DAY this year takes a heightened and newer significance in that it is the first POPE'S DAY under the present reigning Pontiff.

Let us remain firmly rooted to the Papacy under our Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, let the Papacy be our bed-rock of strength as ever it has been to our fore-fathers in this Faith; let us on this day of days pledge our deepest loyalty and affiliation to him who is verily "the father of princes and kings, guide of all the world, and Vicar of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

ONE YEAR
• AGO

I AM THE
SHEPHERD...

"We assert vigorously and sincerely that it is Our particular intention to be the shepherd, the pastor, of the whole flock. All other human gifts and accomplishments — learning, practical experience, diplomatic finesse — can broaden and enrich pastoral work, but they cannot replace it. — Coronation Address, 4 November 1958.

THROUGH ANGUISH,
BITTER TRIALS...

"We are aware of all the means that are being used, of all the efforts that are being made to draw the clergy and Christian faithful away from the right path and separate them from the unity of the Catholic Church.

It is indeed a sorrowful and bitter spectacle to behold! On the one hand, We observe the violence of the persecutors who strive to wear down the already weakened spirit of their Christian countrymen; and on the other, We see the difficulties, the anguish, and the sorrow of the confessors of the Faith, who pour forth tears and sighs in the face of such sacrilegious endeavours.

Would that all upright men were able to hear the cries which pierce Our ears! They pour forth from the lips of persons who oppressed — but not broken — by most bitter trials, seek to tell the Roman Pontiff of their love and their fidelity. Not for the sake of their bodies, but for the sake of their souls do they request our prayers and supplications and by their plaintive sighs they testify that, no matter what happens, they will truly, sincerely, and tenaciously preserve until their dying breath their unblemished loyalty to the Vicar of Jesus Christ.

— Secret Consistory, 15 December 1958.

Pius XII knew of his death two days before

CARDINAL TARDINI, SECRETARY OF STATE, REVEALED LAST WEEK IN ROME THAT POPE PIUS XII APPEARED TO KNOW TWO DAYS BEFOREHAND THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO DIE.

The Cardinal said: "He had told those in close touch with him three years before: 'I'll die suddenly. But I have asked the Lord to give me a day to prepare myself.'"

"On October 7 last year he told the same person: 'This is my day!'"

The Pope, added the Cardinal, asked for Holy Communion, and "Then he gave his mind to God."

Cardinal's Death

HIS Eminence Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, 84-year-old Arch priest of St. Peter's Basilica, died on Monday this week.

Cardinal Tedeschini's death reduces to 71 the number of members of the Vatican College of Cardinals.

Reds want a new wedding ceremony

A COMMUNIST newspaper in Budapest has called for innovations at baptisms, marriages and funerals to replace what it called "outmoded church ceremonies."

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TITO MAY FREE THE CARDINAL

HOPE is gaining ground that Marshal Tito, for political if not from wholly compassionate motives, may seriously consider appeals to release Cardinal Stepinac this year. Catholics throughout the world want Marshal Tito to free Cardinal Stepinac before Christmas at the latest and allow him to return to his See.

Marshal Tito is known to be anxious to pay a state visit to the United States. And he knows that the immediate release of the Cardinal

would be a gesture that would help to smooth the way towards achieving this.

The latest news is that he is having secret negotiations on the matter with the Patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church, whose voice is powerful in an affair of this kind.

For the Missions

Dutch Bishops call for "sacrifice" Friday

A "SACRIFICE" Friday in which people deprived themselves of small luxuries and sent the savings to the Missions, was held recently in the Netherlands. The Dutch bishops in a Pastoral Letter have now announced that the Friday will be held annually.

Encyclical on wheels

A MOBILE exhibition illustrating the meaning of Pope Pius XII's Encyclical *Fidei Donum* (Gift of Faith) and arranged by the Pontifical Missionary Societies has been seen by more than 200,000 people in 21 Spanish towns. The exhibition, which has travelled 7,500 miles, consists of 40 transparent panels with pictures, texts, graphs and slogans.

God Bless Our Pope

● A Profile of Pope John XXIII MAN OF THE PEOPLE



their beds.

He asked one little boy his name. "Angelo," he answered shyly. "I was called Angelo, too," smiled the Holy Father. "Now I call myself John."

AT THE JAIL

Pope John loved it. The next day was more moving still. He went to the Regina Coeli prison.

It was the first time that a Pope had visited it since 1870, when Pius IX went there just before he was chased out of Rome by the troops of the new Italy.

With a big red cloak over his white robes to protect him from the chilly interior of this jail that housed murderers as well as thieves and frauds and was anything but a centre of piety, Pope John went along the ranks of the convicts in their pyjama-like clothes.

He talked with them, prayed with them, laughed with them,

by DOUGLAS ORGAN

wept with them and posed to have his photograph taken with them.

His Holiness told them that he knew what it was like to have a relative in jail.

When he was a boy, a cousin of his had been pinched for poaching and sent to prison for a month.

Pope John went through the galleries, comforting one prisoner after another, giving them all his love and sympathy, instilling in all what they all most needed — hope.

THE OLD LAG

One old lag approached him diffidently, wistfully. Is that message of hope for me too — "I have made many mistakes."

Pope John made no reply. But he leaned over and dried a tear on the old man's face. Then he hugged him to his breast. The old man wept.

It was a sight never seen in a jail before.

Pope John is, in short, the Good Shepherd.

In one of his first addresses as Pope, he had talked about the speculation that had been made about the election to the papacy; the varying needs mentioned — a diplomat, a scholar, a linguist, a statesman, and so on.

But he had insisted, there was only one thing really necessary for a pope: to be a Good Shepherd. Even in little things, Pope John insists on it. In his first month, a draft of his new coat of arms was submitted to him.

It included the Lion of St. Mark's, recalling his years as Patriarch of Venice.

"Put a more gentle and human expression on the face of the lion," he asked. "That fierce frown doesn't seem to suit me."

PAY RISES

And it doesn't stop short at sentiment.

For his own immediate family, that is, the workers in the Vatican City, Pope John ordered a month's bonus in wages immediately after his election.

Then he ordered another month's bonus, while an examination of wages and salaries was being made.

The Roncallis are a long line of small-holders. They know what poverty and hardship mean. Pope John, himself one of a family of 14, knows from personal experience what it means to be hard up.

In due course, his Secretary of State published the new wage rates.

Some of the lowest-paid men had their wages doubled. Family allowances were introduced, pensions established.

Some of the humbler workers were getting more than prelates in high office. One of the prelates

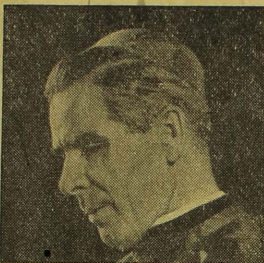
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BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS

SUFFERING

questions, or else he would keep on asking questions.

THE great mystery of suffering will never be solved here below. At one moment, mankind came very close to having an explanation; that was when Job asked God many questions after his litany of woes. He had lost his children, his wife turned against him, he lost his fortune and then his health. In despair, he began to ask heaven why he was born, why he ever saw the light of day, why he was ever nestled at his mother's breast, etc. Finally God appears. If a Broadway dramatist were writing the play, he would either make God answer all the



is really a defect of love. That is where suffering comes in; it compensates for the defects of love. God sometimes has to set fires under us to make us move, as a donkey driver puts nails in the back of the shaft to goad the stubbornness of the recalcitrant beast who backs up instead of going forward. It takes blows of the hammer and chisel to bring out the hidden form of marble; the violin strings would give forth uncertain sounds were there not a painful tightening to produce a perfect melody. Some chords vibrate best when dampened with tears.

Job

But when Infinite Wisdom appeared to Job, what actually happened was indeed strange. God, instead of answering the questions of Job, began to ask Job questions. They were all practically questions which belong within the range of astronomy, botany, biology and zoology; in other words, questions of the natural order. When God finished asking Job questions, he understood that the questions of God were wiser than the answers of men. He saw that his intelligence was as nothing compared to the intelligence of God; that he no more understood the vast plan of the universe than a mouse nibbling the hammers on a piano can understand why anyone should disturb its peace by playing the keys. In the end Job received much more than he lost, for it is the last act that crowns the play.

Has a value

In the light of eternity suffering has a value not often dwelt upon. It sometimes supplies the defects of love. Man is made for perfect happiness to be attained through loving Perfect Life, Perfect Truth, and Perfect Love. Most men settle for the shadow instead of the substance, the fraction instead of the whole, the temporal rather than the eternal, the carnal rather than the spiritual.

In transferring the infinite to the finite, man has the feeling that the world is too small for him; he is beating his wings against a cage; he has his feet in the mud and his mind in the stars. When golf bores him, he thinks of a trip to the moon. He would think an eagle foolish if it stayed in the dust staring at tinsel, yet he knows that is what he often does in his failure to aspire to the best and the highest.

It compensates

What is at fault in the mind which accepts this ersatz happiness

Sickness

Franz Werfel wrote about sickness: "The heedless and anarchic daily course of the sinner is subjected to a strict routine; the sinner is presented with a new childhood, and a new innocence, and not only through the penance which sickness exacts from him. His weakness deprives him of freedom and with it the opportunity of being the scoundrel that he is. Nature has temporarily arrested him in the Name of God, who knows whether he is already sitting in the death cell from which there is only a short way leading to the gallows, or whether he is simply detained for questioning and soon to be released again. In any case, no matter which is given, he has a chance to mend his ways."

God

Expressive of this same idea is the beautiful poem of Richard Trench —

"If there had anywhere appeared in space
Another place of refuge, where to flee
Our hearts had taken refuge in that place
And not with Thee.

"For we against creation's bars had beat
Like prisoner eagles, through great worlds had sought
Though but a foot of ground to plant our feet
Where Thou wert not.

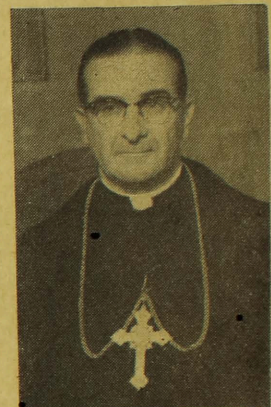
"And only when we found in earth and air
In Heaven or hell, that such might nowhere be
That we could not flee from Thee anywhere
We fled to Thee."

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Benedictines have new Abbot-General

The Messenger has received the news of the election of the Rt. Rev. Dom Leo M. Cornelli, O.S.B., as Superior-General of the Sylvestro-Benedictine monks. He succeeds His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dom Hildebrand Gregori, O.S.B., who has been Abbot-General of the Congregation for the past 20 years, and who, it will be remembered, visited Ceylon's Benedictines last year.

We are privileged to publish below a brief sketch of the new Abbot-General.



His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dom Leo M. Cornelli, O.S.B., the new Abbot-General of the Sylvestro-Benedictine monks, was born on the 7th May, 1912, in Pittsburg, Kansas, U.S.A.

The eldest son of Cornelius D. Cornelli and Augusta Doucati, he had his early education at Frontenac Parochial Grammar School and later at the Frontenac High School, Kansas. In October 1928 he sailed for Italy where he made his novitiate at Monte Fano, Fabriano, (the Mother House of the Sylvestro-Benedictines) and his Profession the following year. Fr. Leo attended the Gregorian University in Rome for his philosophical and theological studies where he obtained his Doctorate in Philosophy.

Ordained priest on July 7th, 1935, Fr. Leo returned to the States and was assigned to Our Lady of Help parish as Assistant Pastor.

Later he was attached to St. Scholastica's parish in Detroit. In 1953 he was appointed Master of Novices of St. Sylvestro's Monastery, Detroit. After the death of Very Rev. Fr. Boniface Lucci, O.S.B., Superior Major of the Sylvestro-Benedictines in U.S.A., in 1957, Rev. Fr. Leo succeeded him as Superior Major. At the General Chapter of the Congregation just held in Rome, he was elected Superior-General.

We understand that His Lordship's abbatial blessing will be in Detroit, the field of his apostolate until his election and also where his parents still reside. Besides himself he has two other brothers in the family one of whom, Very Rev. Fr. Cornelius J. Cornelli, O.S.B., is the Prior of the Sylvestro-Benedictine Monastery in Smithfield, Australia.

AFTER HIS BLESSING THE NEWLY ELECTED ABBOT-GENERAL IS EXPECTED TO VISIT HIS MONKS IN CEYLON AND AUSTRALIA AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

Two days after his coronation, Pope John XXIII gave an audience to newspapermen of the world press. Present at the audience was newsman Barrett McGurn who had covered the Vatican for nearly a decade. Here are his impressions of today's reigning Pontiff...

THIS IS OUR POPE

tary of his bishop, Count Giacomo Radini-Tedeschi. Later, he had been called to Rome to direct the Italian national Society for the Propagation of the Faith under Pius XI. At 44 he had been sent abroad, and had served for nearly 30 years as a papal diplomat, nine of them as nuncio to France. In 1953 he had been called back to Italy as Cardinal Patriarch of Venice.

coln. "We were very poor, but we never knew we lacked anything," the diplomat once recalled. "But then," he added, "we really

By
Barrett McGurn

didn't lack anything."

Sausage and corn meal were the bulk of the family diet. There were never cakes or even the omnipresent Italian wine. Sotto il Monte, where Angelo Roncalli was born, had no schooling beyond the 3rd grade. But the pious farmer's family got by. When the new Pope was lifted aloft for the first time on the papal sedia



"He is a man of courage. In Venice, they tell of the day when Communists demonstrated before the patriarchate. Police telephoned to ask whether the cardinal wanted protection. He refused. A little later the patriarch stepped out into the crowd with his familiar, affable smile. The Red crowd simmered down. Moments later it dispersed."

Most of the post-war premiers of France were present on that occasion. One of the nuncio's most striking traits (and a most profoundly influential trait where non-Catholics were concerned) was his ability to get along on gracious terms with men of all

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Shepherd

Elevation to the papal throne did not find John unprepared. As Patriarch of Venice, and one of those who would vote for Pius XII's successor, he wrote to his seminarians about what they should seek in their prayers: "A wise and gentle ruler: a saint, and one who will bring others to sanctity."

To us newspapermen in that audience just after the coronation John elaborated on this point: The Pope should not be thought of as a diplomat, or a "political Pope," or a "scholar Pope." All those qualities were desirable "embellishments," but nothing more. The Pope's true task was to be "a good shepherd."

Every day that has followed the election of Pope John XXIII has made clearer the reasons why the cardinals chose Angelo Roncalli to succeed Pius XII as "good shepherd."

THE Vatican's lost-and-found department never functioned more efficiently or with greater courtesy.

Father Phillippe Roncon, a young priest attached to the Basilica of Our Lady at Dole, France, lost his sweater in Rome while attending the coronation of Pope John XXIII.

He had taken off the sweater during a ceremony in the Sistine Chapel and forgot it there. The sweater was marked with a tag bearing his name.

Father Roncon received this note from the Vatican.

"Dear son, I will return to you by the next mail the sweater you forgot in the Sistine Chapel during the ceremonies of the coronation."

"You surely need it more than I do, for the climate of the Jura (mountains) is harsher than that of Rome."

The note was signed by Pope John.

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Every day since his election has made clearer the reasons why the Cardinals chose him.

by a picture of the "gondola of death," the boat-herse which had just carried Venice's Archbishop Carlo Agostini to his island grave. The nuncio folded the clipping into his breviary as a memento. Within days he received his notification that he was the new Patriarch of Venice.

After 28 years as a diplomat he was to be shepherd of 300,000 souls. "I know of no finer assignment for a man than to be a pastor," he told his people on his arrival in Venice.

To Angelo Roncalli's lifelong desire to be a good shepherd was joined an infectious good will and warmth which the cardinals must have observed in their days before the final vote. We of the world press saw it as John XXIII gave us an audience two days after his coronation.

To reporters

He told us conversationally that in these days of sudden new burdens he should have been getting sleep at night, but that he had been plagued by insomnia. And those long hours of the night had been dedicated to us. He had been reading through piles of newspapers to see how we had been covering the Church's crucial event. Reporter after reporter had been trying to pry into the secrets of the election, secrets which none but the Pope can divulge without incurring grave penalties.

"Not two lines" of the guesses were right, the Pope chided, with evident amusement. One could respect the reporters for their determined enterprise in trying to get the big news, he said, but one had to admire the cardinals even more for the skill with which they had guarded the secrets. It was gratifying to us journalists to see that the Holy Father understood our problems.

Origins

• Pope John's origins were as humble as those of Abraham Lin-

gestatoria, the portable throne, he thought of how his father, Giovanni, had carried him on his shoulders a long distance when

QUOTES

from HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN XXIII

• "From the time I was born, I had never had any thought but to be a country priest."



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he was seven to attend a Catholic Action rally.

Those early days have never left the Pope's mind. As Patriarch of Venice he continued to vacation in Sotto il Monte. When his aides would protest that he was emptying his pockets of their last lire to meet the demands of beggars his answer was, "No matter how little is left, it will be more than my father had."

When the president of France, Vincent Auriol, asked whom the cardinal designate would like present at the ceremony for the conferring of his red hat as a prince of the Church, his immediate reply was, "The mayor of Sotto

beliefs or none. Everyone was welcome to his cordial conversation—even the Soviet ambassador, Mr. Boromolov, with whom he was photographed in a placid exchange.

Cardinal

President Auriol was an anticlerical Socialist. Yet when Pius XII designated the nuncio as a cardinal, Auriol said that he as president would present the red hat in accordance with the ancient custom in Catholic countries.

"He kneels not to me, an unbeliever, but through me to the Pope," Auriol explained in confusion. Then, touched deeply, the president murmured to the new cardinal: "It is we who should kneel to you, Your Eminence."

"I have sought always what united, not what divided," Cardinal Roncalli once remarked. That policy of his has been given credit for a surprising event in France. When the nuncio's old friend Edouard Herriot, a famous anticlerical statesman, lay dying, he asked for a Church blessing.

Wit

Pope John is a man of lively wit. Once, while he was nuncio in Paris, he was discussing the fables of the French writer La Fontaine. He remarked that everybody in the world, premiers, diplomats, factory owners, clerks, even poor hoboes on the banks of the Seine, could find their counterparts in La Fontaine.

A sly reporter asked him which animal character in the fables corresponded to the nuncio.

"Myself?" he said smiling. "You will forgive a diplomat if he refuses to give away the key to the strong-box in which he keeps his secrets."

AN orange moon rose over the Tiber in the black of an early fall evening in Rome. We waited in front of St. Peter's basilica for our first glimpse of the new Pope. Eighty-five year old Cardinal Canali had just announced that we "had a Pope," and that he was the former Angelo Giuseppe Cardinal Roncalli, Patriarch of Venice, now John XXIII.

Five cardinals in bright orange-red crowded shoulder to shoulder in the window to the left of the balcony high on St. Peter's facade. Ten more pressed forward on the right. Finally, 35 appeared together. Until an hour before, the cardinals, acting as a unit, had been the supreme organ of the Church. Now the immense responsibility was another's. One who had been their equal and brother was the new Holy Father of all.

A white figure

A white figure appeared at the centre of the balcony. "I know, I know," we could hear him saying in Italian to those who were fussing and whispering at his elbow. The microphone was alive. "I know." The voice was gentle but assured.

For me it was the first sight of the former Cardinal Roncalli, though I had covered the Vatican as an American newsman for nearly a decade. It was professionally upsetting to realize that one so important had escaped my attention, but I was comforted to learn that even many of the cardinals had known little about him. Yet when days of discussion and prayers for inspiration were over so many of the cardinals had converged their votes on the Patriarch of Venice that he had accepted election as the manifest will of God.

The man

Who was this man on whom the cardinals had agreed?

Days of quick interviewing brought this picture. The man who had risen to such honour and responsibility was one who had never sought them. "From the time I was born," he told a friend, "I had never had any thought but to be a country priest." He was the son of a poor farmer in the Alpine foothills of Northern Italy.

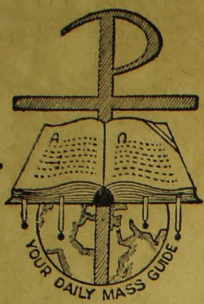
Angelo Roncalli had been chosen after ordination to be se-

POPE Pius XII created the sublime image of a man of profound spirituality, a religious leader utterly devoted to peace on earth; a man of extraordinary intellectual gifts capable of meeting the contemporary philosophical attacks on the Christian religion with authority and wisdom.

Pope John XXIII, in his own way, promises to incarnate the Church's answer to the totalitarian attack on man himself. For those traits of the new Pope that so quickly won world-wide response are the qualities of Christian humanism. And they are the qualities which are lamentably absent in the Brave New World which the totalitarians are forcing into being.

I speak of gentleness, compassion, geniality, the ready acceptance of life, the sense of humour, patience with man's frailty, the awareness of man's dignity.

John Cogley in the *Commonwealth* (28, Nov. '58).



Sunday, 8 November: XXVth SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Green. 2nd prayer of the Four Crowned Martyrs. Omit prayer prescribed. Creed. Proper preface.

Monday, 9 November: Dedication of the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour, White. 2nd prayer of St. Theodore. Omit prayer prescribed. Creed. Common Preface.

Tuesday, 10 November: St. Andrew Avellino. White. 2nd prayer of Sts. Tryphon and Companions.

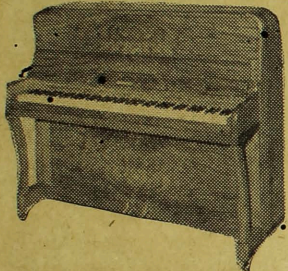
Wednesday, 11 November: St. Martin. White. 2nd prayer of St. Menna.

Thursday, 12 November: St. Martin, Martyr. Red.

Friday, 13 November: St. Didacus. White.

Saturday, 14 November: St. Joseph. Red.

N.B. — Unless otherwise stated, the prayer prescribed is always said (Archdiocese: "in time of any tribulation").



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"AQUINAS" STUDENTS JOIN IN THE HUNT

PURSUING the idea that the Boston College seismological teams could help us in the hunt for Fr. Vaz's long-lost tomb, our Secretariate made a sounding of its own to see just how far the American Jesuit Fathers in Ceylon would be able to link us up across the ocean. In reply Fr. Superior Regular of Trincomalee promised what help was possible and in the bargain referred us to yet another scientific process described in the National Geographical Magazine of September, 1959.

This is where the Aquinas University College of Colombo was destined to come into the Story. Welcoming our suggestion to tackle the problem, the Registrar, who for some time had shown a quickened interest in the practical details of our Apostle's Cause, got down the magazine in question and got his men (perhaps that means lady-students too) on the job.

The result is our Secretariate has just received a Report signed by "Bernard Swan" on behalf of the Geography Department of Aquinas.

Before giving this report for what may give us some hope for the success of our Quest, let us congratulate ourselves on the acquisition itself. Here, then, is a realisation of Fr. Justin's dream that the Varsity men (Faculty and students) would take up the challenge and get down to things together and scientifically in various fields like Geography, etc. The fact that the challenge originally intended for Peradeniya has been caught up first by our own "Catholic University" adds to our delight. We mischievously hope that the up-country (and higher) institute of learning will be spurred to action by the forwardness of its younger sister.

To come to the Report, the opening lines are something of a damper: "I do not think," says geographer Bernard Swan, "there is anything in it that might help you in your

search for Fr. Vaz's tomb." In fact, the main feature of this work on Etruscan Tombs, described in the Magazine, is, according to the Aquinas report, the use of the "periscope camera."

That is to say, in exploring these underground vaults this particular team has ingeniously cut out labour,

FATHER VAZ FEATURE

time and expense by boring a hole into the site and letting down a "periscope camera" that furnishes a picture of the interior of the vaulted chamber. The explorers thus know without burrowing, what chances there are of their finding something worth-while — something worth digging for.

Obviously, this would be of small comfort to us. If we knew the site of Father's tomb for certain, we would not wait for the periscope camera to report, we would get down to it.

But just where the Geography Department skips the ground of our hope is that even this Etruscan Tomb has a method of detecting the sites, and, one, in fact, somewhat different from the two other processes we have already considered. To be precise there is a twin approach. This is how the Aquinas Report outlines it for us:

(a) aerial photography: the merits of which were lately stressed in a news item on the American gift to Ceylon of twin-engined Beech aircraft for aerial survey (cf. C.D.N. 22 Oct. '59 front page). However, Aquinas would like us sober: "at best a very difficult and intricate method, unsuited for areas where there is much surface vegetation as in Ceylon.

(b) "this aerial survey is supplemented or replaced by sending electrical currents along predetermined paths and by measuring differences in electrical potential at given spots. This is a process now used by geophysicists in their search for hidden ores. This method also pin-points hidden rocks, buried structures, tombs, etc. — but it is the work of the specialist."

Now this is definitely good news: for it means yet another scientific process that yields results such as those we want — the discovery of "buried structures, tombs, etc."

The fact that it is work for specialists does not deter us; for, we were prepared to reckon with the need of getting technical experts on the job. That is just where we want our Faith to provoke even such miraculous intervention from Heaven as to be enabled (lost, penniless band of dreamers that we are) to secure the full technical assistance of one or other (or all of them together) of the three scientific teams we have heard of: the German Exploration Association and its X-ray device; the Boston College team and its seismographic soundings and now this Etruscan Tomb project with its electric currents.

So, while thanking Aquinas Geographic Department for its careful and sober report and requesting them to continue their co-operation in the Quest, we are determined to keep to our own conclusion: there is hope, fresh hope, of finding the tomb, for this yet another scientific device that can be made to serve our Cause.

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Acknowledged, pending necessary action: (a) communication from Fr. Postulator, Rome 21st October, (b) request for photos from Fr. Superior Regular of Galle to be forwarded to Goa publication.

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DIVINE Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, all my prayers, works and sufferings of this day, in reparation for our sins and for all the intentions for which Thou dost offer Thyself continually in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I offer them in particular for the intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer and for those proposed by the Holy Father for this month.

INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

GENERAL: That the Communist attempt at world domination may fail.

MISSIONARY: That private and public life in Madagascar be imbued with a Christian spirit.

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NOV. 14 to 16: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Tamil) — A. Jesuthasan, Esq.
NOV. 15: 10-00 to 10-05 a.m. TALK (English) — Rev. Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I.
NOV. 16 to 22: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. Ernest Porutha.

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'A Grave Responsibility' THE POPE ON THE CATHOLIC PRESS

THE newspaper "that expresses and defends Christian doctrine must live on the fervour of Catholics. This is an elementary truth, but one which seems to be grasped by very few," said the Pope recently.

In an address "to all the faithful" on what is expected of them in connection with this vital matter, the Pope spoke of "the grave responsibility... for all Catholics to sustain and spread the Catholic Press."

"We are sure," the Pope continued, "that many, both clergy, and laity, but particularly those who have the real measure of Christian sense, will be willing to understand that one of the sacred duties of the Christian is that of religious and social instruction."

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"It is true that this, according to the prescriptions of the Council of Trent, of the Synods and of the more recent appeals of the Roman Pontiffs, should be provided by the pastoral teaching of the bishops, and by the catechism as taught in the parishes."

"But in practice the word reaches very few; partly for reasons that have to do with various working conditions and different activities, with unrest and with the uprooting that comes to many people."

"One of the most powerful tools of which the Word of God can make use to get into people's homes, to make itself understood and loved, is precisely the Catholic Press."

EVERYONE

The Pope, who was receiving in audience editorial and other staff of the Bologna Catholic daily, *Avenire d'Italia*, said specifically that his remarks were addressed to "all the faithful" and included in his address comments on the aims, contents and appearance of the Catholic Press.

"What characterises and justifies the existence of a Catholic newspaper," said the Holy Father, "is first and foremost its positive programme... It exists above all as an act of vitality and of witness. Its active, intelligent and alert presence is required in the face of the innumerable problems posed by contemporary life, in order to interpret them according to the vital criterion of eternal truth, reflected in time."

"Nothing must escape the eye of that presence, which is there to inform

the reader, to help him form an enlightened conscience before the questions and confusions which the world of today pushes upon him. It is therefore an act of presence which orients, explains, and clarifies all things in the light of revealed truth."

"The Catholic journalist," said the Pope, "does not follow the fleeting whims of public opinion, much less shape them according to his own pleasure."

The Pope also commented on the style and external form of a Catholic newspaper which, he said, "should properly attract and win the hearts of men by its pleasant and appealing grace."

The Pope urged Catholic journalists not to "swim with the current," or, "justify a less harsh view of reality, or give more space to the unedifying chronicle of misdeeds and immorality than it really warrants."

"It is unfortunately true," said the Pope, "that a certain way of behaving and of writing, found even in the Press devoted to children, is finding ever wider currency, often trampling underfoot the elementary requirements of good manners, of decent reserve, and of modesty, using terminology and photographic illustrations that are revolting to any honest conscience."

Resist this trend, appealed the Holy Father. "Educate your readers to appreciate what is true and good and beautiful; learn to dye the material of your stories in the inexhaustible sources of truth, of beauty and of goodness..."

Patricians at Katuwapitiya

(from a Messenger correspondent)

THE meeting of the Katuwapitiya Patrician group took place on Sunday, November 1st. The lay speaker of the day was Mrs. Madurawela and the priest-speaker Fr. Lepeltier, O.M.I. The subject for the day was: "Who is a Catholic?"

Mammoth crowds at St. Jude's Shrine

(By Julian Senanayake, "Messenger" correspondent)

After a prolonged dark spell of gloomy days and rainy weather, Sunday, 1st November, dawned with bright sunshine to welcome the thousands of devotees that mustered strong at the Shrine of St. Jude, the Patron of desperate cases.

The finishing touches to the church are being done and the rapid construction of this beautiful edifice on this coconut plantation at Indigolla, Gampaha, within two years, is proof that the clientele has increased incredibly

within this short period.

The Votive Novenas started on 1st October and ended on 22nd October and the Solemn Novenas started on 23rd October and culminated with Solemn Vespers on Saturday, 31st October.

The Carmelite Fathers were once again in difficulty at the unprecedented crowds of pilgrims that converged on their premises on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning for the festivities. The six priests who were there for the Solemn High Mass were not sufficient to minister to the spiritual needs of the devotees.

The Stadium fitted up in front of the church with an Altar, enabled each and every devotee to follow Holy Mass. On 1st November Low Masses were offered from early morning while Solemn High Mass was at 9 a.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and procession with the Relic of St. Jude.

★ POPE JOHN XXIII—their "favourite uncle..."

REMEMBER this columnist's reference to a popular London newspaper's headlining the present Pontiff as "Jolly John"



• DEATH of an Apostle

HERE and there in our own country, men with dreams devote themselves assiduously come rack, come ruin, to the realization of what in the world's eyes often seem fruitless. Their candles burn at both ends.

One man with a dream whose candle has burnt itself out is P. I. ED. SMALE whose recent death Robin Hood records with the deepest regret.

Counting over twenty-five years tireless service in the cause of Catholicism, the late P. I. ED. SMALE was the architect of the now well established and closely united Central Council of Guilds. He also identified himself very closely and devotedly in the construction of St. Therese's Church, Thimbirigasyaya.

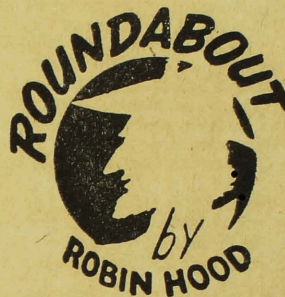
A well-deserved tribute to this modern Apostle who is no more with us has been handed out by his colleague, OSCAR M. ABEYRATNA who writes: "ED. SMALE was forthright and difficult to understand but under a seeming rough exterior he carried a heart of gold. Posterity will remember him by his achievements and his Christian example as friend, husband, father and lay apostle."

(see Roundabout 30 May 1959)? Now comes another link-up, and this time from Melchior A. A. Sinkins, a reporter on Roman Catholic affairs in Britain.

"The English are great inventors of nicknames," writes Melchior Sinkins. "Other newspapers and magazines copied the names and thousands of non-Catholics in Britain call him 'Jolly John' when they talk of him — and they do so in quite an

inside," who ever, still, that last year's October Papal election was only a "stop-gap" for a few years until the next Solemn Conclave elects, after "Father Roncalli's" death, a younger man to reign for many more years than could, by the very nature of life and age, the present Bishop of Rome. "Just keeping the Vatican seat warm for Montini of Milan, old boy, a much younger, brilliant chap."

This is the "knowledge" of impermanence. In this jet, atomic and scientific age, Pope John XXIII has conclusively proved that he is a "universal" father, and beloved of all nations.



★ ROME'S interest in Ceylon film

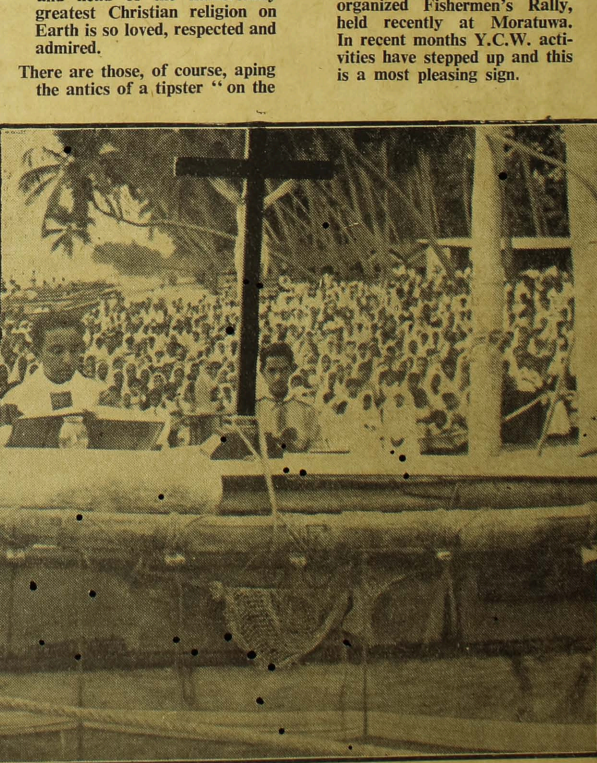
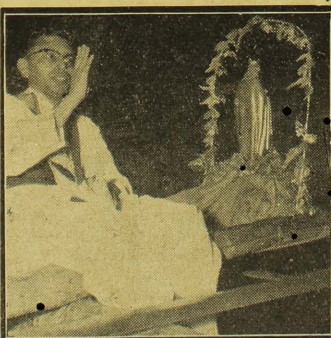
THE films turned out in Ceylon in the 16 mm. range and produced by FR. NOEL CRUSZ seem to be creating a lively interest even beyond our own shores.

Gathered together in Rome recently was a distinguished line-up of Capitulars, come for the General Chapter. The Provincial of the Oblates, VERY REV. FR. G. FORTIN O. M.I., writing from Rome states the colour film of the visit of the Oblate Superior-General to Ceylon created "an excellent impression."

★ KUDOS for YCW

KUDOS to those responsible for a job efficiently manned and executed with a fan-fare that left nothing to be desired. I'm referring to the Y.C.W.-organized Fishermen's Rally, held recently at Moratuwa. In recent months Y.C.W. activities have stepped up and this is a most pleasing sign.

Scenes from the Y.C.W. sponsored Rally at Moratuwa



There are those, of course, aping the antics of a tipster "on the

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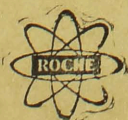


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"Our Grandfatherly Father-in-God"

WE make no apologies for borrowing from our contemporary, the *Catholic Herald* of England, this delightful title and theme for our leader this week, on the occasion of the first "Pope's Day" of the reign of Pope John XXIII — for, it sets out so exquisitely the unmistakable stamp of the present Pontificate, and all that the world has come to associate with that cheerful, inspiring, fatherly and lovable person whom God in His goodness has given the Church as her head.

When the Church lost that giant of a Pope, Pius XII, a little over a year ago, our hearts were heavy with grief, and a strange emptiness came over us, although we were certain within us that the mighty line of Pontiffs would go on, as gloriously as ever. But Pius XII had been such a unique Pope; he had brought the Papacy to every man, woman and child in an incredible manner; he had lifted his sacred office to heights before which even non-Catholics bowed in respect; and he had filled our lives in a way no other had done. And so, when the inexorable hand of death fell over that saintly Pope, and God called, the Catholic world somehow felt orphaned and alone. It was at such a time that Cardinal Angelo Roncalli, Patriarch of Venice, came out of the Conclave as Pope John XXIII.

The prophets had not given him much of a thought before; and even after the election, there were so many who referred to him as the "stop-gap Pope," and kept wondering what this 77-year old Pope would be able to achieve coming after so glorious a Pontificate as Pius XII's had been.

Now twelve months are gone, and the world celebrates the first "Pope's Day" of the present Pontificate — and in twelve months, what a truly amazing catalogue of achievement he has to his credit! Those who spoke of him as the "stop-gap Pope" must be amazed at the calibre of this old man, who has thrown all set conventions to the wind, and blazed a trail of singularity that brings a refreshing warmth to the high office which he holds. The greatest single event of the past year has been, no doubt, his announcement of the General Council of the Church which will be, perhaps, the greatest ecclesiastical event of the century. But he has brought to it all that characteristic warmth, cheerfulness and charming simplicity that has rightly earned for him the title used by our English contemporary — "our grandfatherly father-in-God."

If we look back on the past twelve months, this is the aspect of the present Pontificate that keeps recurring to our mind — the figure of a cheerful man of God, a delightfully fatherly Pope who is not fearful to set aside encrusted traditions, a Pope who will joke and laugh, walk about the streets and pay unannounced calls, who can hug a prisoner to his heart, and appeal to the separated brethren as friends who are now apart. No wonder then that the whole world has been captivated by the personality of John XXIII, a personality which radiates a warmth and an intimacy so welcome in a world which is so bereft of the genuine values of life.

Here in Ceylon, we too have had our share of the many amusing stories told about Pope John; we too have heard from those who have returned from Rome of their unforgettable and most pleasant audience with the present Pope. Perhaps, as one writer has put it, it is the Pope's sense of humour and fun that has made the difference; or perhaps it is his genial, grandfatherly appearance, with the kindly and ever-present smile. And that is where Pope John points out an excellent lesson to us who have somehow come to dissociate the lighter touch from higher ecclesiastical offices, and to imagine that geniality must not be exhibited in public by those who hold high authority. Pope John reminds the world, both temporal and ecclesiastical, that a double life is not necessary; that a genial and human person need not assume the grim air of authority when he begins to exercise his office; that, even in the highest office, there is ample scope for a sense of joyful humour and a release from restraint.

The more we reflect on the past twelve months, the more clearly do we see that peace, unity and personal kindness have indeed been the keynotes of his Pontificate. This is evidenced not only in his gradual shedding of many traditional restraints and in his now-customary visits outside the Vatican, but it is seen even more clearly in his very approach to those who are not of the Church. His appeal to the separated brethren in language of sheer delicacy is something that strikes a chord somewhere; his amendment of the epithet "perfidious" in an age-old formula referring to the Jews is still another instance; his attitude at audiences, especially to those not of the faith, is one continuous example.

How much indeed we can all learn from the example of Pope John. And, if we may express ourselves in the words of our English contemporary — "How grateful we should be that the Catholic Church today has a Pope whose personality delights the whole world because he is the balanced, unpretentious, spiritual and so human grandfather to the millions — if we may so put it."

That is why on this Pope's Day, we turn our eyes to Pope John — the Bearer of the Keys, the Sovereign Pontiff, the Vicar of Christ on earth. And looking up to him, and renewing our pledge of loyalty to him as the Rock of Peter, let us all try to catch something of the keynote of this Pontificate and translate it into our own lives — a happy blend of holiness, responsibility, warmth, cheerfulness and friendship for all.

CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

● CATHOLIC CHURCH CONSPIRED TO OVERTHROW the GOVERNMENT?

THE dramatic no-confidence debate is now over. It was a day during which the lowest depths of debate were reached, in which many skeletons were dragged out of various cupboards together with the bizarre creations of highly imaginative and perhaps embittered minds. We were beginning to wonder whether the Catholic Church was not going to receive her now-customary share of the mud. And sure enough it came. The Church had to be dragged in; and the mud had to be kept flying.

Speaking in the course of the debate, Mr. S. D. Bandaranayake and Mrs. Kusuma Rajaratne, those twin-souls who have established a most unenviable partnership in and out of Parliament, came back to their notorious refrain and their pet obsession: the Catholic Church. The former is reported to have said that "since 1946 the Catholic Church had been conspiring to overthrow the government"; and the latter completed the picture (for the feminine touch simply had to be there) with her reported words: "The Catholic Church was another organization which tried to overthrow the Bandaranaike Government."

We know — just as everyone else knows — that it would be hard to beat this partnership in the art of mud-slinging and hatred-mongering. We know too that it was this same lady who on a previous occasion tried to establish the most absurd connection between the Yugoslav Embassy and the Church. And we also know — just as surely as everyone who has followed the public performances of these two persons, knows — that, on every occasion, with or without the slightest pretext, this now-famous partnership has to drag in the Church, give the ugliest twist to her every action, foist on her the most fictitious thoughts and schemes which never come within our calculations, and make the Church their favourite whipping-boy.

To them and to others of their ilk, we give a three-fold reply:

1. Gentle lady and honoured sir, you are playing a dangerous game which augurs ill for the future of our country. Such antics resulted in racial war; is it religious war that you are interested in provoking? We are children of peace; we are not disseminators of hatred. That is why we deny categorically and absolutely the allegations you have made; that is why we state that there isn't the tiniest shred of truth in it; and that too is why, fearlessly, we throw out the challenge: provide your proof, and desist from these wild and irresponsible charges!

2. As for ourselves, we honestly say we are not worried one bit about the damage these crusaders expect to do to the Church. There were others before them, who did their damndest against the Church. Their hope too was to crush the Church — but there can be no death of the undying. The mud-slingers went their way; the propagators of hatred passed into oblivion; and the Church still goes on.

3. One final word. We quote the concluding paragraph of a letter from Mrs. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, published in the national press this week. Her appeal, though addressed to other persons, could just as well be applied to those who dragged the Church into the last debate:

"It is a great pity that the chief legislators of this country should take protection within the four walls of the Chamber and utter such reckless statements which will only have the effect of misleading the masses."

Our Parliamentary critics would do well to ponder over these

words and take the salutary lesson.

● The Nursing Nuns

WE have been rather surprised at a speech made by Mr. Mediawake, Minister of Local Government, at a meeting of the Kandy Buddhist Association. Remarks had been made in the course of the meeting that a Buddhist Orphanage was a top priority. We would be among the first to welcome such institutions, for our policy has always been the amelioration of the plight of the poor and the homeless, and we would hate to think that the misery of the poverty-stricken is heightened while time and energy are being frittered away on public debate.

Speaking at the meeting, Mr. Mediawake is reported to have said that pressure had been brought on the government to send away the nursing nuns who now had started nursing homes and were indulging in the double work of proselytising and earning money. "They would convince the poor that they had no class distinctions," he is reported to have said, "and the result would be that those people would adopt Christianity."

Poor Mr. Mediawake! If the newspaper report is correct, he has already succumbed to the anti-Catholic virus, and has begun to dream dreams. If the government had been pressurised into terminating the services of the nursing nuns, who was it who applied the pressure? Who was it who ranted and raved? Who was it who preferred to ignore the services of the nuns and give a twist to all that they did?

As for working without class distinctions, one wonders whether that too has become a crime. If there are persons who are impressed by the selflessness, disinterestedness, devotion and love of our Nursing Nuns, we are not the ones to grumble.

● Nehru's policy — a failure?

PROMINENT Indian politicians are asking the question which they hardly ever expressed openly before: "Has Nehru's foreign policy proved to be a failure?"

We have ourselves been interested in the slow and gradual change of heart. Chinese incursions into Indian territory were viewed with lofty unconcern at first. Nehru brushed them aside as trivial. Later, second-thoughts prevailed, and a grim view was taken. But even at this stage Mr. Krishna Menon, India's Defence Minister took a strange, if not unexpected stand, belittling the border question. And all the time that India spoke of *pancha seela*, and turned a blind eye to the happenings and a deaf ear to the rumblings on the border, China forged ahead in characteristically ruthless style.

And now finally, Premier Nehru has himself spoken out, when in the course of an address to a mammoth meeting at New Delhi last week, he declared that the Chinese armed attacks on India's borders were a challenge to India which would be met with firmness, determination and strength. "We will

defend our country with all our might," he added.

Nehru has, quite obviously, travelled a long way from his original position. The blinkers are apparently off; and he has begun to see things as they actually are — a case of naked, unjustifiable aggression by Communist China.

One only wonders whether with this lesson, India's leaders will learn the other lesson as well — Communist China's aggression and suppression in neighbouring Tibet. Time alone will tell.

● Teen-age promiscuity — a terrible lesson

A TERRIBLE lesson comes to us from England — one which we had pointed out on innumerable occasions to the family-planning-faddists who imagine that their campaign would lead to what they called "family welfare."

Sexual promiscuity is so rampant among early teen-agers, in English schools, reported medical officer Dr. C. D. K. Thompson, that the worst is feared. Basing his report on a two-year investigation in the Wakefield District, Dr. Thompson found that boys and girls were carrying contraceptives about, and that girls, as young as 14 were attending special clinics for venereal diseases. "And this state of affairs prevails all over the country," he added. "It seems, however, that no one has the courage to speak up against this dangerous phenomenon," he concludes.

The campaign to popularise the use of contraceptives, the drive to give this knowledge at all levels of society, and the all-out effort to break through our innate respect for the sacredness of family life are bound to result here as elsewhere in the same tragic position — the tragedy of Sweden's nervous wrecks, and of England's teen-age promiscuity.

We repeat the question that we have asked before: Are the crusaders for family planning in our midst blissfully unaware of the demon they are unleashing? Are they unconscious of the tragedy of other countries? Are these men and women who speak glibly of "family welfare" and who thrust an imported chaos on Ceylon, blind to what has happened in other lands?

There are none so blind as those who refuse to see!

● Decency campaign

ON more than one occasion we have spotlighted the terrible threat to the morals of our youth through the printed word, and we have spoken of the barrage of easily available filth and sheer pornography that flooded the country today.

One wonders what has been done; and one keeps hoping that those responsible will wake up to the danger before it is too late. Surely, are the children of darkness to be wiser, more far-sighted and more dedicated than the children of the light?

POPE JOHN XXIII'S NEPHEW IS HERE



● Dr. Invernizzi being interviewed by Fr. Marcus Fernando
[Specially interviewed for the "Messenger" by Fr. Frank Marcus Fernando]

IN Colombo today is a nephew of Pope John XXIII. He is Dr. Invernizzi who, last Wednesday, took time off to visit All Saints' Shrine, Borella. Very much impressed by Ceylon's devotion to the Faith he told me "it's a bit of Lourdes."

During my conversation I gathered that Dr. Invernizzi is a great devotee of Our Lady. He goes to Lourdes every year accompanying some seven hundred sick people from Italy.

APPEALING SIMPLICITY

When I asked him what impressed him most about his uncle, Dr. Invernizzi said that it was the sheer simplicity and informality of the Pope that had taken his fancy from the time he had first

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known him. The doctor said that the people of Sotto il Monte — the tiny village which is the Pope's birthplace — could hardly believe that one who was so much like themselves had attained the highest position in the Church. The Pope's brothers still work in a farm there and even as a Cardinal the future Pope used to visit his village and mix freely with the people.

The Pope's simplicity has already become legendary. He has embarrassed and baffled the Italian police by unexpectedly getting caught in a traffic jam or by suddenly changing his route at the last moment. When the Cardinals visit him the Pope himself would not hesitate to bring a couple of chairs for them to sit.

Although it is conventional for the Pope to take his meals alone, John XXIII sometimes invites others to dine with him. Once he invited some palace employees. They were so excited that they could not eat and ran away leaving the Pope alone!

TYPICAL BERGAMESE

Dr. Invernizzi made me understand that Pope John XXIII bears the typical characteristics of his people from Bergamo in North Italy. "They are a rugged lot," he said "having more of the mountaineer than the farmer" in them. They are simple, large-hearted and immensely lovable. They will never compromise their principles."

Contrasting the present Pope with his predecessor, Dr. Invernizzi said "Pope Pius was a towering personality so far above the common man that the latter almost found it difficult to grasp him. But Pope John has brought the Papacy to the common man."

ELECTION

Answering a question whether he had expected his uncle to be elected Pope, Dr. Invernizzi said non-committally "We were naturally interested and watched the proceedings over the television. But his election came with a bit of surprise, and we hastened to Rome to pay our respects. The Holy Father gave a hearty welcome to the people of Bergamo."

Dr. Invernizzi, who is attached

Chilaw Diocese to initiate Scholarship Week

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

ORGANIZED by the Chilaw diocese, a Scholarship Week, the Messenger is informed, will be launched from 29 November to 6 December, 1959.

Objective of the project is to spotlight and strengthen the existing Scholarship Fund initiated two years ago by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Michael Perera, Vicar-General and Diocesan Manager of Schools, on the recommendations of His Lordship the Bishop of Chilaw.

Through the medium of the Scholarship Fund, already a number of deserving Catholic students have benefited, who are now prosecuting their studies in Colleges and Convents.

Statistics available show a deficit of approximately Rs. 5,000/- and it is hoped that the Scholarship Week which triggers off a sale of flags will help make up this deficit.

Those willing to lend a helping hand in the sale of flags and in other ways may contact the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Michael Perera, Vicar-General, Diocesan Manager of Schools, Bishop's House, Chilaw.

New Oblate Provincial



THE Messenger is informed that VERY REV. FR. ALEXIS SERRU, O.M.I., has been appointed Provincial of the Oblates in Ceylon.

The Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Fortin, O.M.I., who was Provincial until now, has been appointed President of the Post Capitular Commission for the Revision of the Rules.

to a leading medical firm in Milan, is presently in Ceylon, doing research work for a new anti-malarial drug. After completing his work in Ceylon he will proceed to Bombay, Rangoon and Pakistan and return to Italy probably in next June.

SCHOOL FRONT

Diocese of Chilaw

THE Sinhalese Male Teachers of the Chilaw Diocese will be making their Spiritual Retreat at St. Anne's Church, Talawila, during the first half of November, 1959. As their number is very large they will make their Retreat in two batches. The first Retreat will last from 6th November to 10th November. The second Retreat will last from 11th November to 15th November. As already arranged the teachers should attend the Retreat they have selected.

The prayers of the faithful are kindly requested for the success of the Retreats.

B. Michael Perera,
General Manager, R.C. Schools,
(Chilaw Diocese).

MISSION AT RATMALANA

(from A. L. S., "Messenger" correspondent)

THE young parish of St. Mary's, Ratmalana, had its first mission ever when three Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Rev. Frs. Martin Gunaratne, Raphael Aloysius and Michael Croos preached and conducted the mission exercises there from 18 October to 1 November. Nearly the whole parish participated and separate sermons were preached for men, women and children and special conferences were given to the married and the unmarried.

Penitential Procession

On the last day of the mission there were Masses from 6 a.m. In the evening, after the closing sermon, the mission promises were renewed and the parish consecrated. After the imparting of the Papal blessing and the blessing with the Mission Cross, the mission was concluded with a penitential procession.

R. I. P.

REV. MOTHER SACRED HEART expired at Holy Family Convent, Wennappuwa, on Wednesday this week. We ask for the prayers of her numerous friends all over Ceylon.

HIGHLIGHTS of the PONTIFICATE

IN HIS FIRST RADIO MESSAGE to the world, His Holiness Pope John XXIII appealed to the world's rulers to abandon "those monstrous instruments of war, discovered in our times, which can cause fratricidal destruction and universal massacre."

Speaking from the Sistine Chapel, he urged rulers to heed the voice of the peoples of the world who are asking for "peace — that peace in virtue of which the human family can live freely, flower and prosper."

★ ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

DURING the Church Unity Octave last January the Holy Father announced what will be the biggest event of this century: the calling of an Ecumenical Council which would be an invitation to the separated Communions to seek that Christian Unity together, which was so fervently desired in all parts of the world.

Speaking of the Council on another occasion, in an address to Italian Catholic Action leaders, Pope John used words of sheer depth and beauty:

"When We have carried out this undertaking, eliminating everything that could hinder expeditious progress on the human side, We shall present the Church in all her splendour."

"TO ALL OTHER PEOPLE SEPARATED FROM US — ORTHODOX, PROTESTANTS AND OTHERS — WE SHALL SAY: BEHOLD, BROTHERS, THIS IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. WE HAVE STRIVEN TO BE FAITHFUL TO HER, TO PRAY TO THE LORD FOR THE GRACE THAT SHE MAY ALWAYS REMAIN AS HE WANTED HER TO BE. COME! COME! THIS IS THE ROAD OPEN TO MEETING, TO A RETURN. COME AND TAKE, OR RESUME AGAIN, YOUR PLACE, WHICH FOR MANY OF YOU IS THE PLACE OF YOUR ANCIENT FATHERS!"

"OH WHAT HAPPINESS, WHAT PROSPERITY — EVEN IN THE CIVIC AND SOCIAL ORDER — MAY IT BE POSSIBLE TO EXPECT FOR THE WHOLE WORLD FROM RELIGIOUS PEACE, FROM THE RECONSTITUTED CHRISTIAN FAMILY."

★ FIRST EASTER MESSAGE

In his first Easter message, speaking from the balcony of St. Peter's to over 250,000 people gathered in the piazza before him, the Pope expressed the hope that "all those men who are most responsible for the fate of the peoples may find, in a spirit of justice and collaboration, agreed solutions to all discords in the over-riding interests of world peace."

★ FIRST ENCYCLICAL

IN HIS FIRST ENCYCLICAL, issued on the feasts of Sts. Peter and Paul this year, Pope John XXIII made a direct appeal to separated brethren to come back home. "Mind, we beg of you," the Encyclical says, "that when we call you most lovingly to the unity of the Church, we are inviting you not to the house of a stranger, but home to your Father's house and ours."

"Allow us," it adds, "with ardent desire to call you brothers and sons. Allow us to cherish the hope of your return, which we cultivate with fatherly affection."

★ SECOND ENCYCLICAL: Priesthood

HIS SECOND ENCYCLICAL, on the Priesthood, issued to mark the Centenary of the death of the Cure d'Ars, calls on bishops and the laity to do all they can to help the Church's priests. To the bishops "who bear the responsibility for the sanctification of priests," the Pope says, "we recommend that you help them in the difficulties, often very severe, of their personal lives and of their ministry." Of the laity he asks "their prayers for their priests and their contribution insofar as in them lies, towards their sanctification."

"Let Christian families," says the Holy Father, "weigh carefully their responsibilities and give their children joyfully and gratefully to the service of the Church."

★ THIRD ENCYCLICAL: The Rosary

IN THE THIRD ENCYCLICAL of his pontificate, issued last month, the Holy Father called for the recitation of the Rosary during October for "peace and concord among nations. Prayer, he said, was necessary, "so that the men responsible for the destinies of great and small groups, whose rights and whose immense spiritual richness must be scrupulously conserved intact, can evaluate attentively the grave task of the present hour."

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Born 15th July 1893

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And now from heaven's ever-
lasting peace
She sends us hope, till exile's
cease.

A Requiem Mass will be said for
the repose of her soul on 10th Novem-
ber at Fatima Church, Maradana.
Fondly remembered and sadly
missed by her loved ones.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY



Ambrose Jayatilake
Died 5th November 1957

This day brings back to memory.
A dear one gone to rest.
And those who think of him today
Are those who love him best.

Inserted by his sorrowing wife
and children.

May he rest in peace. Amen.
St. Jude's Town, Indigolla,
Gampaha. 969



Rosalind Samarasinghe
Died 10th November 1958

Of your charity please pray for
the repose of her soul.

She was a mother, so good and
true
She suffered in silence no one
knew,
Her beautiful nature, her heart of
gold,
So sweet a mother,
Could the world ever hold?

Dearly loved, sadly missed
by your children.

62, Silversmith Street,
Colombo 12. 923

Of your charity please pray
for the soul of

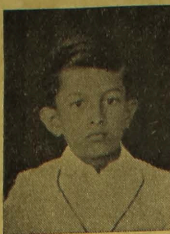
Paulina Gunasekera

Died 7th November 1958.

Sadly missed by her son **Cannie**.

106, St. James' Street,
Mutwal. 975

2nd ANNIVERSARY



Joseph Aelred Abeyaratne
Born: 3-3-1946

Departed: 11-11-1957

Two years ago you passed away,
But in our memory you always
stay;

We know that you on this day,
Safe in the arms of Jesus lay.

A Requiem Mass will be sung at
6.30 a.m. at St. Andrew Avellino's
Church, Kadawatte, on Wednesday,
11th November 1959, for the repose
of his soul.

Inserted by his sorrowing parents,
brothers and sisters.

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THANKSGIVINGS

IN grateful thanksgiving to the
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
for my success in the examination.
Cuthbert Samaranayake,
Polgahawela. 958

MY sincere thanks to the Most
Sacred Heart of Jesus through
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour,
St. Jude Thaddeus, St. Pius,
Blessed Martin De Porres, Holy
Souls, Father Guillaume, Pope
Pius XII, Father Joseph Vaz for
various favours granted to me
and my family. **H. P.** 260

MY grateful thanks to the Infant
Jesus of Prague and Our
Lady of Perpetual Succour for
granting my daughter success at
the recent exam. **R.F.,** Negombo
980

MY grateful thanks to the Holy
Face of Jesus, Mother of
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Mutwal, Colombo. — Deceased.

Attanayake Mathew Denzil Fern-
ando of No. 80/3, Temple Road,
Mutwal, Colombo. — Petitioner.

This matter coming on for disposal
before **J. E. A. Alles, Esquire,** Addi-
tional District Judge, Colombo, on
the 7th day of September 1959, in
the presence of **Mr. Lucian V. Perera,**
Proctor on the part of the petitioner
and the affidavit of the petitioner,
dated 8th September 1959, having
been read.

It is ordered that the Last Will and
Testament bearing No. 34, made by
the deceased abovenamed on the 3rd
day of November 1956, and attested
by **Mr. J. T. de Silva Abeysega,** of
Colombo, Notary Public, the original
of which has been produced and is
now deposited in this Court be and
the same is hereby declared proved
and that the petitioner abovenamed
is the executor named therein and
that he is hereby declared entitled to
have Probate thereof issued to him
accordingly, on his payment of estate
duty and taking oath of office.

Sgd. J. E. A. Alles,
Additional District Judge.
• This 7th day of September 1959.

Profile of Pope John XXIII

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was indignant about it. Pope
John sent for him.
"Although one man's learning
does call for reward, another man
has a problem that is even more
urgent — half-a-dozen mouths to
feed."

FIRST SPEECH

In his first public speech as
Pope, John XXIII appealed to the
world's rulers to work for peace.
In the same speech he urged

all separated Christians to "re-
turn to the house of the Common
Father."

To them "we say we open our
heart most lovingly and extend
our open arms."

Peace and unity — these and
personal kindness — are the key-
notes of the pontificate of Pope
John, announced in the first month
of his first year.

They were repeated in the last
month, when in the third encyclical
of his reign he asked the whole
Christian world once again to
pray that the leaders of nations
may settle their differences and
that Christendom may once more
be united.

In January Pope John had as-
tonished the world by announcing
that he would hold an Ecumenical
Council for the Universal Church,
a council that would have as one
of its primary purposes the con-
sideration of re-union.

Three months later he spoke
about it to his old priests of Venice.

"The inspiration for the Ecu-
menical Council came to us spon-
taneously while listening, in humi-
lity of heart, to, as it were, a
sudden and unexpected voice."

He told them of his hopes:

"A rapprochement in the East
first, a slow coming together, to
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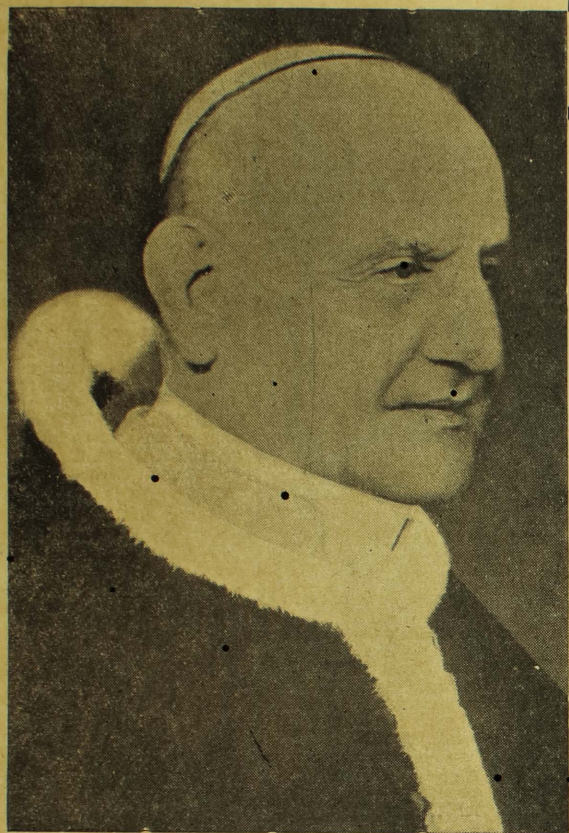
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The world is fast drifting away GET NEARER TO GOD

DO we assist at Mass with due reverence and devotion? What do most of us do instead? We speak, laugh and giggle, leave church without faithfully hearing Mass to the end, interest ourselves in other matters, and among women appear immodestly dressed as well. Such of us disturb the piety and devotion of others, and are of the Devil, because we insult God in His very presence, in return for His abiding love.

Let us, at the sacrifice of the Mass, do Him honour, and assist at it with sincere sorrow. Let our thoughts be carried to Calvary, where we will picture Him, nailed to the cross, His head pathetically drooping, and remaining there dead, while His beloved

Mother lies, helplessly fallen at the foot of the cross, overwhelmed with intense grief.

CALVARY RE-ENACTED

This is the same tragedy that plung-

ed the world in darkness, made the earthquake, and rent the rocks asunder in horror.

What a spectacle, oh! what a tragedy you will behold there. This should stir us to hear the Mass with

~~~~~ says ~~~~~
Philomene Rasiah

awe and devotion.

Let us therefore, not seek God's anger by insults and indignities offered to Him at Mass. Let us make a quick change of hearts. Let us get nearer to Him. Let us honour and serve Him best by assisting at Mass with profound reverence, humility, and devotion, sharing with Our Lady her overwhelming grief.

The world today is fast drifting away from God, and ungodliness is taking deep root in mankind, and it is all the more necessary we get nearer to God, showing our love to Him at Holy Mass.

St. Anthony's English School, Colpetty.

POPE'S DAY: 8 Nov. 1959



OUR HOLY FATHER

IN THE NORTHERN PART OF ITALY THERE IS A LITTLE VILLAGE CALLED SOTTO IL MONTE (SAY SAW-TAW-EEL-MAWN-TEH). IT MEANS "AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAINS" IN ITALIAN. MORE THAN 500 YEARS AGO, A FAMILY MOVED INTO THIS VILLAGE. THEIR NAME WAS RONCALLI.

EVER SINCE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN RONCALLIS LIVING IN THE VILLAGE. THEY ARE HONEST, RELIGIOUS, AND HARD-WORKING PEOPLE. MOST OF THEM TEND THE VINEYARDS AND WORK IN THE WHEAT FIELDS AROUND THE VILLAGE.

And that is what little Angelo Roncalli did when he was a young boy. He liked working in the fields and vineyards. But there was something else he had set his heart on doing. That was to become a priest.

Angelo's family, however, was very poor. It would cost money to send the boy away to school. And, besides, he was needed to help out on the farm.

But Angelo's parents decided to give the boy his wish. They sent him to a seminary in a near-by city. Angelo was only 11 years old at the time—about the same age as many of you.

A WISH FULFILLED

The years passed. Angelo did become a priest, and then a Bishop, and then a Cardinal. But he never forgot his boyhood home in Sotto il Monte. Every summer he went back to visit it. Even when he was Cardinal, he liked to help teach the village children their catechism lessons. Oft-

en he would ask the girls and boys whether they knew what saint's feast day it was. Then he would tell them stories about that saint.

The people in Sotto il Monte came to know and love this pleasant jolly man as he strolled through the streets and the near-by hills.

Many of these people made a special journey just one year ago. They went to Rome to see the coronation, or crowning, of the new Pope. When the ceremonies were over, the Pope stopped and talked with them and gave them his blessing. The new Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, was

The 5000 Schools-Mag members pledge their deep loyalty to Pope John XXIII.

the Cardinal would travel through the city dressed in a simple black cassock. He liked to stop and talk, especially with children. And he was always willing to see anyone, no matter how busy he was.

The Cardinal did not have a gondola of his own to use in the "city of canals." Sometimes, when he was in a hurry, he would borrow a speedy police motor-boat. But most of the time he rode in the big motor-boat bus that travels up and down the Grand Canal. Many people in Venice have spoken to the new Pope at one time or another.

All these people agree on one thing: the new Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, is a kind and gentle man. He seldom has an unkind word for anybody. He himself said that politeness and courtesy are useful in bringing a soul to God. Many stories are told about people coming back to the Church because of his cheerfulness and kindness.

THE POPE'S MOTTO

Pope John XXIII is also known as a man of great faith. His motto is "Obedience and peace." When he had troubles or sorrows, he would often say, "The will of God, our peace." In his very first speech after he became Pope, he asked the rulers of the world to work for peace. People and nations must first obey God before there can be peace, he said.

Our Holy Father's motto is a good one for all of us: "Obedience and peace." Think about it some time. And remember to pray for our new Pope—Pope John XXIII, not only on Pope's day but every day of your life.

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Nov. 11th: Cheryl Gonsal (Borella), Gaston Balthazar (Trincomalee), M. Celine Marcus (Colombo 15), Aloma Direkze, (Dehiwela), D. S. Dassanayake (Eppitiya), Edward Casiechetty (Kotahena), Valerie Elders (Borella), Doris Ranasinghe (Tangalle), Antoinette Machado (Colombo 6), Rufus Candappa (Colombo 9), Deborrah Poppy David (Kandy), Elaine Keel (Chilaw), Rufus Fernando (Colombo 13), Bernard Stanislaus (Wellawatte), Anne Mihiri Rupasinghe (Chilaw).

Nov. 12th: Nilanie Mendis (Moratuwa), Charmaine Fernando (Kalutara), Luisa Rani Caderaman (Mutwal), Christopher Derek Arndt (Colombo 6).

Nov. 13th: Charmaine Godro, (Anuradhapura), Winifred Ohimus, (Borella), Indranee Goonatilleke (Galle), Stanislaus Rasiah (Kotahena), Cyrielen Weeraratna (Nugegoda), Aloma Gomez (Nugegoda), Carmel Fernando (Colombo 4), Leon Jayasekera (Kalutara).

Birthday Corner

NOV. 7th—13th

Nov. 7th: Benita Lorage (Negombo), M. W. M. G. Mendis (Colombo 4), Tryphan Mirando (Wellawatte), Deanna de Silva (Colombo 13), W. Elizabeth Perera (Trincomalee), Rudolph Bartholomeusz (Negombo), G. Don George (Kelaniya), Kumari Raju (Wellawatte), Wilfred Perera (Galle), Maureen Anandappa (Kotahena), Yvonne Isacson (Angoda), Celia de Alwis (Mutwal).

Nov. 8th: Frederick A. Silva (Maradana), Edward Mack (Dehiwela), Geraldine Kelaart (Pettah), Chandira Seneviratne (Hendala), Therese Paul (Colombo), Antoinette Fernando (Maradana), Godwin Perumal (Colombo 13), Godwin Welbert (Angoda), Nirmala Perera (Nawala), Godfrey F. R. Palle (Kochchikade), Premalal Fernando (Negombo), Kalai Vathi (Mannar).

Nov. 9th: S. K. Thuraisingham (Jaffna), Anne de Silva (Dalugama), Cheryl Wickramasinghe (Colombo 6), T. A. de Silva (Kandy), Berna Fernando (Negombo), Phoebe Lowe (Mittakuliya), Sriyanthie de Andrado (Colombo 6), Bruno Foenander (Colombo 6), Annesley Perera (Colombo 13), Stephen Andrew (Nuwara Eliya), Melvin Mellawaratchy (Negombo).

Nov. 10th: Kenneth Beekmeyer (Kandy), Maximus Fernando (Colombo 10), G. Mary de Silva (Nugegoda), Lal Dias (Galle), Sharma Mendis (Moratuwa), Don Chandrasena (Ratmalana), Marion Oorloff (Kandy), Cyril Perera (Negombo), Rodney Deckerman (Grandpass), Marian David (Mt. Lavinia), Nirmala Perera (Galle), Roysten Pieries (Nugegoda), Nimal de Almeida (Paiyagala), Gladys M. Perera (Ampitiya).

(See last column)

TALKS WITH

Juniors

Bloody and Unbloody Sacrifices

My dear children,

In the days of old there were many and varied sacrifices offered up to God. There were non-Christians who even sacrificed human life to some of their deities. The Jews, however, were God's chosen people and God guided them through his prophets and patriarchs in the matter of worship and sacrifice.

We read in the book of Exodus how Moses the legislator of the Jews instituted many sacrificial rites.

These sacrifices were offered not because God had any need of them but because the Jews needed "signs" to manifest their love

and devotion to the good and Almighty God.

The sacrifices of the Jews may be divided into Unbloody Sacrifices and Bloody Sacrifices.

The unbloody sacrifices were fruits and flowers, candles, incense, honey, oil and the like. The bloody sacrifices were birds, lambs and cattle. Since these animals were slaughtered and their blood sprinkled they were called "Bloody Sacrifices."

God bless you children; next week we shall learn of the four motives of every sacrifice.

Always in Jesus and Mary,

UNCLE ASHLEY.

(Next week: THE FOUR ENDS OF SACRIFICE).

Schools-Mag Enrolment Form

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Cut this out and post the completed form to the Editor, SCHOOLS-MAG, Catholic Press, Borella, to get your Membership card and number.

Our Sodality.

WE are thirty-six in number. We are faithful sodality members. We attend our weekly sodality meetings and recite the little Office of Our Lady. We have our monthly recollections on the 1st Saturday of the month.

We collect old clothes and distribute them among the poor. The Home for the Aged in Kandy is one of our social units. We visit the old people and entertain them with a little concert. The old people are very pleased. They often sing and dance with us when they are happy.

W. D. Lucy Wijetana.

Carmel Hill Convent, Ampitiya.



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★ MARIA GORETTI who was canonized nine years ago on 24 June 1950 is a challenge to the modern maiden and the morals of the twentieth century. In this article, Schools-Mag member JOY PAES brings to you glimpses from the life of the teen-age Saint.

A Challenge to modern youth

MARIA GORETTI WAS BORN SIXTY-NINE YEARS AGO ON OCTOBER 16th 1890, IN THE VILLAGE OF CORINALDO, FIFTY MILES NORTH OF ASSISI. SHE WAS BAPTIZED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BIRTH.

Her parents Luigi and Assunta Carlini were poor farm workers. At the age of six Maria received the Sacraments of Penance and Confirmation. When she was nine the Goretti family experienced great poverty.

In 1899 they shifted to another farm. On arriving at the farm in Nettuno the Goretti's realised that they had to share a house on the farm with another family, the Serenellis — the sixty year old Giovanni and his son Alessandro.

It was very troublesome to use the same stairs and bannisters and the same kitchen but worse still was the filthy talk they indulged in.

Suggestive magazines and pictures

Pen Gems

PEN-GEM winners for the two previous weeks are: FELICIA PERERA of St. Anthony's Convent, Katugastota (Schools-Mag 24 October 1959) and ROSEMARIE JAMESON of St. Ursula's Convent, Badulla (Schools-Mag 31 October 1959).

Members' Parade

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(To be continued)

SOLVE THIS RIDDLE AND WIN A PRIZE

JULITTA FERNANDO of Ave Maria Convent, Negombo has sent in a Riddle. We reproduce it below.

My first is in love and also in hate.
My second is in speed but not in rate.
My third is in ship and also in sail.

My fourth is in cricket but not in ball.
My fifth is in schools but not in mag.
My sixth is in horse but not in nag.
My whole is the person we all meet
On Saturday in the Schools-Mag so sweet.

Competitors are requested to write the answer on a Post Card and address it to the Editor, Schools-Mag, Catholic Press, Borella to reach him before Tuesday, 16th November 1959. The sender of the first correct solution drawn will get a copy of THE WILD WEST COMIC ANNUAL featuring Buck Jones, Buffalo Bill Jr., Red Ryder, etc..

Pope's Day Competition Winners

The prize winners in the above competition are:

- (1) FLORENCE S. SMITH, All Saints' College, Borella who wins Rs. 10/- and
- (2) CHERYL MORTIER, also of All Saints' College, Borella who wins Rs. 5/-.

Quiz Competition

The lucky winners are:

- (1) CHRISTOPHER WANGASEKERA of 72, Brownrigg Street, Kandy;
- (2) FRANCES DE ZILVA, St. Bernard's Convent, Nawalapitiya.

They will receive book prizes.

AN old man was having trouble with the sight of his left eye, so he went to his doctor.

The doctor gave him a thorough examination and then said:

"There's nothing really wrong with your eye — dimming sight is caused by old age."

"Poppycock!" replied the old man. "My right eye is the same age and I can see fine with that."

Sent by Linda Epps.
(Schools-Mag No. 462).

Sports Activities

THE 21st October 1959 was a red letter day in the annals of Carmel Hill Girls' English School, Ampitiya. You may wonder why. Well, it was their annual sports meet.

The Vinayanvita house looked like a bower of blue and white flowers. The Tuarita hut was arrayed in flowers of red and white. On the opposite side was the Anandani house clad in nature's background of green. The Pravina or Yellow House had trails of tender coconut palm branches and coconut flowers, which gave it a national and natural setting.

At 1 p.m. the teachers and pupils assembled. The children of the four squads stood in their respective places with their House Captains bearing their banners aloft.

CHIEF GUEST

The President, the Revd. Father Vicar-General, Father Barsenbach, O.S.B., was ushered in by our Mother Superior. The head girl garlanded the President midst lusty cheers of 350 students assembled on the college grounds.

Revd. Mother Superior then led the president to the Flag-Staff, where he hoisted the school flag. Midst the strains of music the squads had their march past. The games Captain went up together with the House Captains and took the oath. The President then took his seat in the Pavilion.

the canonization of Maria Goretti.

Maria's simple rustic life, culminating with the glorious palm of martyrdom, teaches us that we must constantly wage an unceasing battle against the decay of impurity, with the help of Jesus and Mary for, "Blessed are the pure, for they shall see God."

Editor-in-chief



THE cannibal chief poked at his prisoner with an inquisitive finger.

"What was your job before we captured you?" he asked.

"I was an assistant editor," said the captive.

"Well, well," chuckled the chief as he smacked his lips. "You're in for a promotion. Soon you'll be editor in chief."

Sent by Judith White.

St. Bernard's Convent,
Nawalapitiya.

... and publisher

HE was a newspaper publisher, and lay ill. The doctor came, put his ear to the breast and said, "all that troubles you, is that your circulation is bad."

"Circulation bad?" shrieked the man, as he shot upright in bed. "Why doctor, we have the largest circulation in Ceylon!"

Sent by Lucian Alles.
(Schools-Mag No. 636).

Whales & wales



A LITTLE boy was asked to write an essay on the Whale. And this is what he wrote: "The Whale is the king of fish and that is why the king's son is called the Prince of Wales."

Sent by Carmel Gomez.

... a glorious day

The Lollipop Race, and the Garland Race by the babies were followed by numerous other items on the programme.

PRIZE-WINNERS

The Yellow Hut won the cup for sportsmanship as well as for the best Hut. Thus ended a glorious day.

Selvaranee Joseph.

News

● Ratnapura

LAST Sunday our Parish Church of Ss. Peter and Paul went gay as we celebrated the feast of Christ the King. There was, in addition, the enrolment of a band of Crusaders. I was one of the group Captains, besides being enrolled as a Crusader. There are in all 150 members. Each new member was presented with a Red Cross on which the chalice and the sacred host appeared. As the priest handed the souvenirs we pledged our promise to fulfil the four big promises of the Crusader band, namely: Prayer, Communion, Mortification and Apostleship.

Philomena Soris.

Ratnapura.

"YOU still say you're innocent, even though six witnesses saw you steal the car?"

"That's nothing. I can produce six thousand people who didn't see me."



St. Maria Goretti

formed the only literature of the Serenellis. Maria possessed a rare physical beauty and maturity and Alessandro's dissolute eyes fell on her.

When Maria was nine, her father died of an attack of Malaria and Assunta struggled to keep the home fires burning for her six children. In the meantime Maria advanced in virtue and though she could neither read nor write she learnt her Catechism by heart.

She would often walk seven miles to the church of Nettuno. When she heard how Christ suffered for men she cried out, "A THOUSAND DEATHS MOTHER, RATHER THAN COMMIT A SIN."

On the feast of Corpus Christi 29th of May 1902 Maria received her First Communion. She was destined to die 40 days later.

HEAT WAVE

An unbearable heat wave swept over Nettuno but in Alessandro's heart there raged the devilish fire of passion. Maria might sell her soul or even die if the price was only a momentary pleasure.

In June 1902 Alessandro left his work and Maria instinctively fled from him. She redoubled her fervour and Assunta noticed her saying more rosaries than ever. What puzzled her most was her heart-rending request: "Mother, don't leave me alone in the house."

She asked Theresa Cimarelli to accompany her to confession as she wished to receive Holy Communion the next day.

The enraged Alessandro had secured a pointed stiletto with a blade a foot long, and kept it in his room. Maria Goretti's hour had struck.

It was July 5th, 1902. She sat near her infant sister's cot mending Alessandro's shirt. Assunta and Alessandro were driving the bullock carts in the field.

Alessandro then gave over the reins to his co-worker and ran homewards. He tip-toed past his sleeping father and entered his room, took the dagger and frightened Maria ordering her to enter his room.

14 STAB WOUNDS

"What for," she asked terrified and made one effort to escape. Alessandro caught her and dragged her to the

room. A door closed — and Alessandro shouted "SIN OR I'LL KILL YOU."

Maria refused and fought. "No, no, no, she shouted. Alessandro, it's a sin, you will go to hell."

He sent her rolling on the ground. She cried "You shall kill me but you won't have me."

Alessandro now thirsted for blood and whipping out his stiletto he drove it until it came out from the other side. Maria dragged herself with 14 stab wounds to the door and cried out "Mother I am dying, God help me."

Giovanni awoke and shouted out. Theresa Cimarelli rushed in and placed Maria on the bed. Assunta came running into the house and fainted when she saw her daughter in a pool of blood.

The tragic news spread like wild fire. A mob surrounded the house and attempted to flay Alessandro alive. An emergency operation without an anaesthetic was performed at the Orsenigo Hospital.

LAST MOMENTS

Maria bore the pain in silence. At 3-45 p.m. on July 6th 1902, Maria's pulse weakened. Theresa Cimarelli sat at her bedside. Maria suddenly grasped her friend's arm and calling out "Theresa" breathed her last.

She was buried near her father. Alessandro Serenelli languished in jail for thirty long years insulting and cursing the priests who tried to convert him.

A VISION

One starless night Alessandro awoke out of a nightmare, shouted out that he had seen Maria in a vision. He repented, sought out Maria's mother and both received Communion together in the Christmas of 1937.

Ten years later Maria "the lily of the Pontine Marshes" was beatified. At the beatification 25,000 children and 5,000 adults packed St. Peter's. A hushed silence fell over the congregation as Pius XII whispered to a courier.

An eighty-two year old lady was brought before the Pope who respectfully kissed her hands. 25th June 1950 saw Maria crowned with the glory of canonization. The new saint's mother watched the ceremony from a window in the Vatican Palace. She was the first mother in papal history to attend the canonization of her child.

Maria's two brothers took part in the papal procession bearing a twelve-foot banner with a portrait of their sister. Two of Maria's sisters watched the ceremony from the balcony of the Vatican Palace.

Alessandro Serenelli also attended

Feminine Forum

LET US REMEMBER THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

FROM the depths of Purgatory comes the cry of many of our dear ones — "Pray for us," those loved ones long gone, languishing there, awaiting purification before entering the blissful realms of Heaven.

WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD!

NINE HOME REMEDIES

Reader M. WALLS of Negombo sends us what she calls "Nine effective Spiritual Home Remedies." We publish them below as they are of permanent value in any Catholic home:

★
A LITTLE more patience to bear up with this person, with whom I am compelled to live, and who is not at all congenial to me.

★
A LITTLE more firmness to continue this work which duty demands and which is so repellent to me.

★
A LITTLE more humility to remain at the post to which God has led me and which does not correspond with my dreams and plans.

★
A LITTLE more common sense to take people as they are, and not as I should like them to be.

★
A LITTLE more prudence to bother as little as possible about others and their affairs.

★
A LITTLE more strength to endure an event which so suddenly and profoundly disturbs my peace of soul.

★
A LITTLE more cheerfulness so as not to show I have been hurt.

★
A LITTLE more unselfishness in trying to understand the thoughts and feelings of others.

★
A BOVE all a little more prayer to draw God to my heart and take counsel with Him.

When we die, our soul is separated from our body. The body that ceases to exist, returns to dust from which it was taken, until, at the general resurrection, God, by His power and Infinite Mercy will raise it up once more. Our immortal soul, however, never dies; it continues to live for ever, destined for the joys of heaven.

Our Faith teaches us that the happiness of heaven is the infinite satisfaction of gazing upon the Sacred Face of God. We Catholics refuse to believe that all is over when the frail web of our earthly life is broken. For us Catholics there is "Life Everlasting" beyond the cold grave.

WHAT IS PURGATORY?

Purgatory is a place of suffering — cleansing — a temporary "Halting-Place" between Heaven and earth, a separation from God for a while, making atonement for sins, paying for debt due to sin by way of satisfaction.

These souls cannot help themselves. It is then very important to remember them, more often than ever during this month of November dedicated to very many loved

ones gone before, awaiting release by our prayers and good works.

It is indeed a very beautiful practice to help them, members of the same family as we are, for we all form the Mystical Body of Christ. They are close to the

~~~~~ says ~~~~~ Ethel Wijesekera

Divine Heart of Jesus, Who longs for their deliverance and their entrance into eternal bliss, as the fruits of His Most Precious Blood and the Triumph of His Redemption.

We owe it to many of these loved ones. We must remember them each passing day and night, praying for their release. This month entirely set aside to their sacred memory. We can and must help them by all we do — sacrifices — sanctification of our aches and pains, and — the greatest means of aiding them — by making over to them the merits of the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and frequent Communion.

It is then a sure belief that those who enter heaven from Purgatory, will remember us, if we assist them in their sufferings and shorten the tenure of their term there. Hence it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they be loosed from sin.

What makes our grief often bearable, separated for ever from our loved ones? It is the conviction that they and we will meet in Heaven one day. It is in our power to help them to heaven. They will be grateful for this and when our turn comes to enter Purgatory for our cleansing, they will certainly plead with God for us.

Divine Heart of Jesus, convert sinners, save the dying
Deliver those dear holy souls in Purgatory.

Seven-year old Baby told his mother that two of the second grade girls were making quite a fuss over him.

Sighing, he observed: "I guess that I'll just have to have one as my wife, and the other as my slave."

A MAN'S OPINION

MAY I voice the sentiments of all the readers (I suppose) of the Catholic Messenger in saying that the Feminine Forum is of immense value to our Women folk — specially to the mothers of today and mothers to be of tomorrow.

Although some mothers have hardly any time to spare with all their household chores, yet they somehow or other find the time and take a great delight in reading this particular page.

S. J. Paul Perera.

Seeduwa.

This is a Bubble Bath!



Research into rheumatic diseases has made great progress in the past 15 years. In Britain, the cause and treatment of these crippling ailments are studied at special centres like the Royal National Hospital. Student physiotherapists of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath, learning how to operate a bubble bath. (Courtesy: U.K.I.S.).

Tuesday's Child



HE always puzzled me, this Tuesday's child in that familiar old nursery rhyme. Some in the rhyme were 'full of woe' or 'fair of face'; that we understand. But "Tuesday's child is full of grace."

Now what do we exactly mean by that word 'grace' we use so often? Let us try and see if all of us can't be 'full of grace' in a practical way and not only speak about it.

"Hail . . . thou art full of grace," said the angel to Mary; and we know that it was this grace she had from God, that made her look beautiful, so pure, modest, simple and full of joy. She was worthy to be the Mother of God.

From the Mother we naturally turn to the Son. St. Luke says of Him — "And the child grew and waxed strong, filled with wisdom." We understand that. Then he adds "And the grace of God was upon Him." This grace from God, we are sure, filled Him with an intense desire to do His Father's will, with every fibre of His being.

In the sacraments of the Church, God gives us, through the outward and visible signs, His inward grace. We must try and keep this little inward light burning brightly.

The lotus blooms pure and beautiful though it stands in the mud. It stands unstained. It is the grace of God that helps us to "dare to do right" amidst the muddy crooked ways of the world.

In the 'Pilgrims Progress' we read about the fire that won't go out. When the hero, Christian, was on his way to the Heavenly City, there was a wonderful house, where he learned many things. This is one of them.

In a room, he saw a fire burning against a wall and by it was a man standing and throwing water upon it. The fire only burned the brighter. Christian couldn't understand how this happened, until he was taken to the next room, where there was a man standing with a vessel of oil, pouring it into the back of the fire. So that no matter how much water the other man poured on in front,

the fire kept burning bigger and brighter.

What John Bunyan meant us to learn is this. Our souls are like the fire which God lit at our Baptism. All the bad things in the world and inside

~~~~~  
by R. P.

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ourselves try to put out that fire.

But Christ stands by us with the oil of His Grace, always ready to hear our prayers and bless us at our Sacraments which help to keep the fire burning. So we can be sure that this wonderful grace that God has given us, need never be lost if only we will let Christ help us.

"Tuesday's child is full of grace", so he must be a gracious child. He is loving, unselfish, brave, gentle, pure, and is really a wonderfully good child.

The rhyme says that only about Tuesday's child. But that must be wrong, for we learn from the Bible and Catechism, we can all be full of grace and be like "Tuesday's child."

RECIPES CORNER

• Sweet Potato Balls

Ingredients: 1/2 lb. coconut grated fine, 1 cup chopped almond, 2 teaspoons butter, 1 cup sugar, 1/2 lb. mashed sweet potato, 1 lb. rice flour.

Method: Mix shredded coconut and chopped nuts with sugar and butter, steam until butter melts. Make the mashed sweet potatoes and rice flour into a paste. Roll out thin on board and cut in small circles.

Fill with coconut filling and shape into small balls. Fry in deep fat until golden brown and drain on brown paper.

Sent by Mrs. Stella Samaranyake.

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YCW HOLDS MASS RALLY IN COLOMBO

Over 2000 workers attend

(from Ranjit Silva, "Messenger" correspondent)

"THE Y.C.W. Movement is not just another show, but it is a live and very tangible expression of a noble idea; the Movement has no political affiliations, but one of its aims is to keep politics untarnished from the manifold evils that now contaminate it," declared His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund Peiris, O.M.I., Bishop of Chilaw, at the annual Christ the King Rally held at St. Joseph's College, Colombo on Sunday, 1 November 1959.

HIS LORDSHIP WAS ADDRESSING AN ASSEMBLY OF WELL OVER TWO THOUSAND WORKERS SOME OF WHOM HAD ARRIVED FROM THE REMOTEST CONFINES OF THE ISLAND.

Continuing, His Lordship stated that employers and employees were living in water-tight compartments, and this largely contributed towards the workers' miserable position in becoming mere automatons.

The rally proper started with Holy Mass celebrated by His Lordship the Bishop of Chilaw, assisted by Rev. Fr. John Gomes. The Mass was celebrated on a simple wooden altar built by a section of Y.C.W. members.

Miss June Serpanchy, National President of the Girls' Section, welcomed the members of the Rally.

DISCUSSIONS

Subsequently, they grouped themselves, after a common breakfast, under the Y.C.S., the Y.C.W. and the C.W.M. to review their work during the past year. The Young Christian Students had a common general assembly presid-

ed over by Mr. Anthony Fernando National President of the boys' section.

They grouped themselves in three workshops: Leisure and Movies, Housing and Bottle Lamps, and Co-operatives, for discussions.

The girls' group of the Young Christian Workers, at a common general assembly decided to launch out a campaign for working girls, based on their working conditions, attitudes, etc. A mass rally of working girls next year was one of the projects envisaged.

The Christian Workers' Movement discussed at a common general assembly the progress of their campaign aimed at educating the masses to take a more responsible part in their civic life.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

One hour later all four movements assembled together at a general assembly presided over by Mr. Rienzle Rupasinghe, National President of the Y.C.W.

Mr. Walter Abheyeratne, President of the Christian Workers Movement dwelt at length on the work done by the C.W.M., the Y.C.W. and the Y.C.S. The

C.W.M. he said, had concentrated on five points of action (a) civic education on local and national levels, (b) in Trade Unions, (c) in Co-operatives, (d) in temporal women's groups and family movements, (e) in Parent-Teachers associations.

The Y.C.W., he said, had carried out a number of schemes with singular success.

It had been responsible for building over fifteen houses and rehabilitating over twenty-five belonging to poor families. The Moratuwa group had conducted an inquiry on fishermen and held a rally with great success.

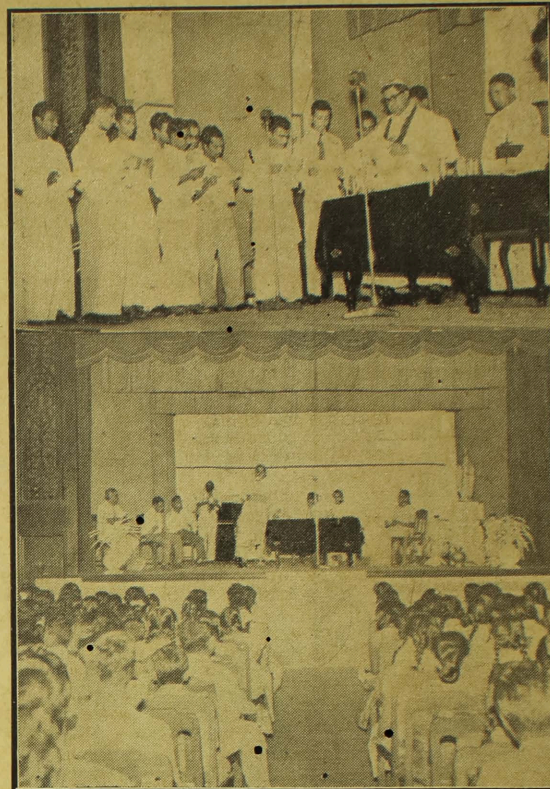
The Y.C.S. had conducted study camps at Katuwapitiya and Kalutara, and study days at St. Bridget's Convent and Madampe.

Mr. Anthony Fernando, Miss Anandappa and Miss Yvonne Tapp also spoke.

St. Raphael honoured at Daraluwa

(from our correspondent)

THE novena preceding the Feast of St. Raphael the Archangel, to whom the church of Daraluwa and the mission of Nalawalana are dedicated, was brought to a close with Vespers last Saturday night at which Very Rev. Fr. Basil Fonseka officiated. Accommodated with him in the sanctuary were Rev. Frs. Louis Fernando, Rex Dias, W. Robert Fernando and the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Peter Fernando.



● Scenes from the YCW Rally [Photos by Alexander David]

● A Messenger interview

Gruelling atrocities are committed in Tibet

(Interviewed by a Messenger reporter)

IN Colombo last week, caravassing in support of the cause of Tibet was the representative of SHRI JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN, Indian Socialist leader, Professor Samar Guha who reported gruelling atrocities carried out by the Communist Chinese in an attempt to force their claims over Tibet.

NOT THE LEAST OF THESE, SAID PROF. GUHA, WAS THE DESTRUCTION OF AGE-OLD MONASTERIES, THE CONVICTION OF MONKS TO FORCED LABOUR CAMPS, AND THE CRUEL MUTILATION OF TONGUES.

Women of loose morals were introduced into monasteries to desecrate them and entice the monks, he said.

To this the Chinese have introduced a fierce campaign against religion which distorts the origins of Buddhism and of religion itself.

Describing the attempts of the Dalai Lama to extricate Tibet from the clutches of the Red Chinese, Prof. Guha said that the original pact which gave China certain powers in Tibet was signed under duress, when Tibet was surrounded by Red Chinese troops and with the Dalai Lama himself in no strategic position to defend himself.

Refuting Chinese claims of suzerainty over Tibet, Prof. Guha quoted a brief history of Tibet. He said that the history of Tibetan dependence on China was of a most vague character when from the time of Kublai Khan in the 13th century, until the end of the Manchu dynasty in 1911, Tibet paid a token tribute to the emperors. Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan also paid the same tribute to the Chinese emperors for the same period of time and by the same logic the Chinese now use over Tibet, these three countries would

also be claimed by China.

The Afro-Asian Conference on Tibet which is being formed to take place in December or January 1960 is intended to bring together non-official, non-governmental and technically non-political leaders in the public life of Asia and Africa to help the cause of Tibet in a constitutional, peaceful and moral manner. It is to protest against the violation of human rights, against the persecution of religious men, the destruction of monasteries and to fight for self-determination for the Tibetan people.

However, on the Dalai Lama's admission, over 5 million Chinese have already colonised Tibet, a country of 3 million Tibetans.

WHO'S NEXT

Said Prof. Guha: "There is a disposition in some quarters to look at Tibet from a legalistic angle and to avoid all moral and political responsibility by announcing that it is an internal affair of China with which it is nobody's business to interfere. It is a matter of the deepest regret that even countries that have won their freedom but recently from foreign rule should think in this manner."

The leaders of many countries in South-East Asia which Prof. Guha has visited have expressed their own concern over the Chinese aggression in the recent past. Said a Burmese statesman: "Tibet was first. Who knows who will be next?"

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