



LADYWOOD ART EXHIBIT—Several pieces of modern religious works, done by Sister Camille, S.P., will be featured in the annual Ladywood Art Exhibit to be held on Saturday, May 8, in the Glendale Auditorium. Art department head at Ladywood for many years, Sister Camille has exhibited her work in the John Herron Art Museum, the Museum of Modern Art and the Catholic University of America. Shown above with Miss Marilyn Moore, Ladywood senior, Sister is surrounded by her works—The Madonna, Crucifix, and The Burial. (See photo and feature articles on Page Two)

HOME TOWN. SEMINARY

# Plan to honor Card. Ritter

Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter will make a return visit to Indiana next Sunday and Monday. The first Hoosier-born Prince of the Church will be honored by friends, neighbors and parishioners of his home parish, St. Mary's Church, New Albany on Sunday, April 26.

That evening and the following day the Cardinal will be the guest of the Benedictine monks at St. Meinrad Archabbey.

Cardinal Ritter will preside at the 11 a.m. Solemn High Mass at St. Mary's, celebrated by the pastor, Msgr. James Janou. A public reception will be held in the school auditorium from 2 to 4 p.m.

HE WAS BORN at 1218 East Oak Street in New Albany, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Ritter operated a bakery. The house is still standing. After graduating from St. Mary's School, the future Cardinal entered St. Meinrad Seminary in 1907. Ten years later he said his First Mass at St. Mary's Church. (While visiting in Indianapolis two months ago, the Cardinal quipped to newsmen that when he returned to New Albany he would be known as "the baker's son.") "They'll ask me how the rye

ROME OFFICIAL

# Sees Council opening by autumn of 1962

VATICAN CITY—The Second Vatican Council may start in the autumn of 1962 if preparations continue to be as successful as they have been to date, the secretary of the council's central preparatory commission has stated.

The Archbishop noted that His Holiness Pope John XXIII has said that all members of the various preparatory commissions must have freedom of expression so that the voice of the bishops will reach the Pope clearly. This, he added, refutes the charge that the coming ecumenical council will reflect only the opinions of members of the Church's administrative staff here at the Vatican.

ARCHBISHOP Felici said that the Pope's visits to various countries are a means of encouraging and thanking members of the commissions.

He said that the council will not discuss matters already decided on by previous councils and Church law, such as the celibacy of the clergy.

# Pope again asks prayers for success of Council

VATICAN CITY — Pope John XXIII, in an Apostolic letter to bishops all over the world, had them exhort the Catholic faithful to offer prayers for the success of the Second Vatican Council, especially during Pentecost week in May.

"THAT TINY seed has grown into a great tree adorned with leaves, blossoms and fruit, and all with by Christ's faithful people throughout the whole world. Let us sing of the Lord's mercies forever and give Him thanks for the generous gift with which He has favored our great undertaking."

However, the Pope continued, "as the work of preparation for the Council becomes more intensive and more urgent, we feel the necessity for renewed prayer."

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# Pontiff expresses elation at response to coming Council

VATICAN CITY—His Holiness Pope John XXIII expressed pleasure at the response to the coming ecumenical council.

"Let there be fervent prayers to the Holy Ghost to assist with His special grace all those who are so eagerly offering their prayer in preparing for the Council. May the Divine Paraclete, living fountain of fire and love, enlighten their minds and fill them with grace from on high. Let us have recourse to the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Divine grace and heavenly patroness of the Council. And let us implore the help of St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse, to whose protection we have but lately entrusted the Council."

"We desire also," he said, "that all means may be employed which initiative may suggest as an usual by a solemn novena of prayer in all the churches, in union with Us."

Comparing "the sweet voice of Pope John" in his plea for Christian unity with the "harsh voice of Khrushchev," the Syrian Orthodox prelate said the Pope's message was "not a call to us to submit to Rome. It is a way bring those of common fundamental beliefs together."

# Goodwill is urged in school aid tiff

NEW YORK—Former Chancellor John F. Brossan of the New York State Board of Regents said here the problem of federal aid to parochial and other private schools need be solved by "a people of goodwill, Protestants, Jews and Catholics, who will sit down together and arrive at a single solution."

He predicted that the conferees would arrive at the same decision as the one made by the people of New York State—direct subsidies to students.

This was a reference to a bill signed by Gov. Rockefeller, awarding direct grants, from \$100 to \$300 annually, to New York State residents attending all undergraduate colleges, including church-related institutions.

# Catholics bear brunt of Castro's reprisals

The initial rebel attempt to liberate Cuba from Marxist rule resulted in new and large scale losses of liberty, with the Catholic Church bearing the brunt of the Castro regime's retributive reprisals.



Police and vigilante committees organized by the government made waves of arrests throughout the country. Estimates of the numbers put in prison ranged in the tens of thousands. Among them was at least one bishop. Havana radio stations stepped up their incentive against "cassocked thugs," and one broadcast said 100 priests were arrested.

NCWC OFFICIAL

# Asks Catholic impetus in global unity drive

Four other priests were said to have been taken captive along with other members of a landing force which tried to set up a beachhead in southern Cuba.

WASHINGTON — Catholics should be in the forefront of the movement toward international unity, a Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference official said here.

Father Joseph Grenillion, CRS — NCWC socio-economic development director, said current trends toward unity are "a movement back toward the original unity of the human family, fulfilling the promise seen by Pius XII as inherent to man and willed by God."

"Often individual Catholics have been severe critics of the world view, maintaining a negative and isolationist attitude even after the World War II," he continued. "But the Holy See has said 'yes' to the movement toward world community," he said.

Unconfirmed reports said that 81-year-old Cardinal Manuel Arteaga, of Belencour, Archbishop of Havana, who has been living in semi-retirement, has taken refuge in an Argentine Embassy with two other bishops.

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FATHER Grenillion spoke at a conference on "Apostolic Opportunities for Laymen Overseas." He deplored the fact that for more than a century communists and socialists have laid stress on international unity while Catholics by and large have been committed to a sterile nationalism.

More than 100 men and women chemistry students from 19 colleges and universities in three states will assemble at Marian College on Friday and Saturday, April 28-29, for the reading of scientific papers.

Subsequently, other military arrested three Augustinian priests in Havana. Priest of Good Voyage parish under similar accusations. They are Father John McKnight, O.S.A., the pastor, who is from Philadelphia, and Fathers Jose Luis Villacorta, O.S.A., and Jose Blanco Suarez, O.S.A.

"My country, right or wrong's is non-Christian nonsense," he declared. "It is rank heresy to make a god of the dear old patriotic soil."

They will be delegates to the annual meeting of the Mid-Central Region A.C.S.S.A., the American Chemical Society-Student Affiliates.

Well-known scientists will lend their assistance at the meeting to speak, judge the submitted papers or make awards.

It was reported that among the priests under arrest outside Havana were Augustinians from Canada, whose school in Colon, in Matanzas province, was seized. The names of the priests were not immediately available.

"Much of this was stimulated by fear of international socialist solidarity, itself of course often rather forced," he said. "But willfully, the technics-economics politics interplay joins nation to nation and man to man all over the world."

Reading of papers will begin at Marian at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and will continue through the day.

Judging the laboratory papers will be Dr. Thomas Carney, vice-president in charge of research, development and control at E.I. Lilly & Co. and a member of the Marian Board of Lay Advisors, and Dr. Ian R. MacGregor, assistant dean of administration at Cincinnati University.

Canadian sources said, however, that at least two priests of the Foreign Mission Society of Quebec were taken into custody by Castro elements early in the reign of terror. They were identified as Fathers Jean Monard, P.M.E., and Paul Emile Chenard, P.M.E.

Reports from other sources indicated that priests and Religious were being harassed in various provincial centers of Cuba, including Santiago. There was no immediate word concerning the whereabouts of Santiago's Archbishop Enrique Perez Serantes, who once befriended Fidel Castro, but whose series of pastoral letters denouncing communism has earned him the personal castigation of the Premier.

Church sources meanwhile were citing a document said to be a pastoral letter issued by Archbishop Perez Serantes which (Continued on page 12)

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# Catholic, Orthodox prelates see unity as anti-Red weapon

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# JFK asks prayers on Memorial Day

WASHINGTON—President Kennedy has appealed for Americans to observe Memorial Day by uniting in prayer at 11 a.m.

The Chief Executive, in a proclamation, asked that the May 30 prayers be offered for the blessing of God on those who have died in defense of the country.

He also asked prayers for "a new world of law, peace and justice shall prevail and a life of opportunity shall be assured for all."

President Kennedy said the "same principles and revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still as vital in the world and the challenge against them can be met only through the same qualities of courage, strength and unflinching determination shown by our noble dead."

# Lay participation pushed in Ireland

GLENSFALL, Ireland—People go to Mass "like separate diners in a restaurant" rather than coming together for a banquet, Ireland's eighth annual liturgical congress was told.

Father Charles Davis of St. Edmund's College, Ware, England, editor of the Clergy Review, urged close to 200 priests at the meeting to get across an understanding of the vital importance of the Mass as the assembly of the people of God."

He indicated that without such an understanding, there can be no understanding of the need for active communal participation of the people at Mass.