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The Pastor Speaks:

TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD

XLII. A UNITED WORLD

THE unity of mind and will in conformity with the will of God, with which we have dealt in our previous article, would soon realise another wish and prayer of our Divine Lord: "They will listen to My voice; so there will be one fold, and one shepherd." (John X, 16). There is no doubt of this. Should all men accept, and act in accordance with what we have said up to now, we should soon see the vision of a united and much better world.

Divided and Rent

But when we consider the matter calmly today, we are ashamed to discover that, far from being united, the world is most unfortunately totally divided and torn in every possible direction. "The hatred of nation for nation has spread until it has become a dislike and distrust of race for race. We see humanity split on the stupid and ridiculous lines of colour; white and black stand with dislike in their hearts, distrust in their eyes, and injustice holding them apart in bitterness. The yellow race regards all other races as alien, and therefore hostile. The red

tribes, cut to a pitiful tenth by the injustice of the whites, feel all other colours their enemies by nature and heritage." (Fr. D. Lord). Capitalists and workers, who should live in harmony, are opposed to each other in an economic war.

Communism appears and claims to bind men together, and seeks not a united world but a class of workers united in strife against the capitalists and the bourgeoisie.

Idealists who think that nations are sufficiently civilized to sit together "about one common council table and settle their disputes as intelligent creatures"

have established first "the League of Nations, which became largely a compact of frightened selfishness" (Fr. Lord); and lately, the United Nations, which may end as its predecessor did. It is not the League of Nations nor the United Nations that will solve the enigma, but the league of hearts, of united hearts and souls. Truly, we do not know where the world is heading to, left to itself. Until we form institutions like the United Nations, or excoitate ideologies like Socialism or Communism or even Pacifism, and try to change the whole molten mass, forgetting the individual who is the one to be changed first, all will be in vain. And this is where the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ is so fundamentally unknown.

God's Sons and Daughters

All men, no matter where they are or who they are, are God's creatures, made by God because He wants them for His glory and their own happiness. Those who acknowledge Him and accept His adoption through baptism are His sons and daughters.....

"All men, through baptism, become one with Christ in His Mystical Body. The same divine life flows through all. They live His life, they are members of His Body. They can no more be separated one from another than they can be from their Head. Indeed, the only way they can be separated from one another is by separation from their Head." (Fr. Lord).

As I cannot cut off any member of my body without separating it at the same time from my flesh, so a Christian cannot completely sepa-

rate himself for any reason "from any of his fellows without losing his union with Jesus Christ, the divine Head and Source of life."

Let me continue quoting from Fr. Daniel Lord whose words are so clear: "Once a man has realised the import of the Mystical Body, he cannot possibly do otherwise than love his neighbour. Obedience to Christ's command becomes a necessity. Nothing else is possible: my neighbour is identified mystically with myself in the Body of the Saviour. The whole vision of the world now opens to the new Catholic eye as one vast unit, one perfect whole. All creatures of God, all children of the Heavenly Father, all members of the one Body—divisions between Him are impossible..... one class cannot stand at bay yapping at another class. All this is gone.... Fancy what it would mean if the League of Nations (now the United Nations) were founded on the fundamental concept that all men are one in Jesus Christ! How could a nation glare across its borders at another nation, hating in its very soul those who are fellow members of the Mystical Body?..... Colour would be no excuse for prejudice or injustice..... Race prejudices cannot withstand the advance of Christ's truth..... The colour problem and race difficulties would disappear, once humanity saw all men bathed in the great love of the Saviour and held close in His arms. All men are one with Christ, and because of that they are one with me. I cannot hate myself. Injustice cannot be banished in any other way half as effectively

as through a widespread application of this revolutionary doctrine of the Mystical Body. Cheat my fellows? Oppress the weak? Deprive the labourer of his just wage? Grow rich myself at the expense of those powerless, to defend themselves? How dare I?.....

No Sins Against Neighbour

"For one who has some understanding of the doctrine of the Mystical Body, any sin against his neighbour is impossible, whether it be gossip over a back fence, the theft of pennies from a newsboy, the horrible working conditions of child-labour factories, discrimination against a race because of colour, or an unjust war..... The acceptance of the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ opens a new Heaven on a new earth. It means the establishment, after all these centuries, of the reign of brotherly love. Unlike Communism, based on hate and rooted in warfare and civil strife, this Catholic truth builds on love, aims at union, excludes no one from its possibilities, and links earth with Heaven in one glorious harmony."

We must confess that we Christians have badly failed to achieve the realisation of this vision. "Catholics have not dared to face the doctrine of the Mystical Body —if, indeed, most of them even knew of its existence..... Insistence on the doctrine of the Mystical Body comes with special force and value." It is really the Catholic answer to world problems. It is the foundation on which the Catholic hopes to establish the new social order..... The providence of God, knowing the needs of our times and calling forth the truth that would meet those needs, has given the realisation of the Mystical Body back to the Catholic world and, through the Catholic world, to the great world that hardly knows its own needs, much less knows the answer to those needs." (Fr. Daniel Lord, S.J., "Our Part in the Mystical Body").

To live according to the truth of the Mystical Body, therefore, is to work for a better and united world.

✠ L. MATHIAS,

Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore.

His Holiness is Grateful

In answer to the cablegram of good wishes and prayers sent by His Grace the Archbishop to the Holy Father on the 5th November, 1961, and published in our last number, the following reply has been received. Vatican City, 9th November 1961.

Archbishop Mathias, San Thome, Madras-4.

HIS HOLINESS IS SINCERELY GRATEFUL FOR THE PRAYERFUL PARTICIPATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE IN THE CELEBRATIONS COMMEMORATING HIS ANNIVERSARIES. HE CORDIALLY IMPARTS TO YOUR GRACE, YOUR AUXILIARY, CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND THE FAITHFUL, THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING.

—AMLETO CARDINAL CICOGNANI.

Department During Mass

By Mgr. A. Pereira de Andrade

HAVE been asked to write and give for publication and for the sake of uniformity the rules regarding the postures the Laity should take during a low Mass.

I have myself been interested in this point and, the more I read, I find only one general rule on this point, which has not been altered by the new Code of Rubrics.

Before the Code of Rubrics came into existence, three expressions were used in classifying Masses: 1) *Missa privata*. 2) *Missa cantata*, and 3) *Missa solemnis*, and the same terminology was used for Requiem Masses.

The new Code of Rubrics, however, has defined what is meant by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Article 269 defines it: "The most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated in accordance with the canons and the rubrics, is an act of public worship, given to God in the name of Christ and the Church. Accordingly, the term *private Masses* is to be eschewed."

The terms or expressions now used (Article 271) by the new Code of Rubrics are: 1) *Missa in cantu* (high Mass), and *Missa lecta* (low Mass).

Missa in cantu is again subdivided: 1) *Missa solemnis* (solemn Mass), and 2) *Missa cantata* (sung Mass).

Finally, a solemn Mass celebrated by a bishop, or by others having the faculty, with the solemnity appointed in the liturgical books, is called *Missa Pontificalis* (Pontifical Mass). You will see that

the new Code of Rubrics does use the expression *Low Pontifical Mass*.

Therefore what in the past was a "private Mass" is now known as "*Missa lecta*" (in English it has all along been known as "low Mass").

The Rules regarding the postures during a "*Missa lecta*" (Low Mass) and *Missa cantata* (Sung Mass) are given in the "*Rubricae Generales Missalis*", Article XVII, nos. 1-7, in so far as some of them have not been modified by the new Code of Rubrics, nos. 517-523.

Only Two Rules

For low Mass there are only two rules. One of them (no. 1) relates to the Priest celebrant only and the second (no. 2) relates to others.

Here is now rule no. 2 as given in the *Rubricae Generales*: "Circumstantes autem in Missis privatis semper genua flectunt, etiam tempore Paschali, praeterquam dum legitur Evangelium." (Those who assist at low Masses always kneel, even during Paschal time, except while the Gospel is being read). This is the only rule for postures in a low Mass for all, excepting the celebrating Priest. Again, this rule has not been modified by the new Code of Rubrics.

No Rubricians of name and fame have given any other regula-

tions for a low Mass. As for postures during High or Sung Mass they say that the Laity, as far as possible, should follow the ceremonies laid down for the Clergy. I shall give in the next number a summary of these in English, taken from the new Code of Rubrics.

Fr. Frederick R. McManus, however, remarks about the above rubric of postures during low Mass given in the "Rubricae Generales":

"This rubric was of course obsolete, and its application to Masses with a congregation present was rather dubious. The elimination of the rubric leaves the low Mass unregulated in this regard and should encourage the development, through experimentation, of suitable practices which have a meaning in relation to the parts of holy Mass. It is therefore legitimate and desirable that, at low Masses which are celebrated with active congregational participation, some adaptation of the norms for chanted Masses should be introduced. In many places this has already been done at dialogue Masses which follow the basic rules of posture given above, with a somewhat longer period of kneeling at the Consecration, usually until the Canon is completed with the Amen. There is *the greatest liberty* in this, although the tradition of standing for the solemn prayer of the Collects and for the Preface and Pater should be maintained."

The new Code speaks of rules concerning the posture to be adopted by the Clergy.

I, however, think that the rules stand as they are, but I do agree with Fr. McManus, and we could ask the Most Rev. Ordinary to permit the adaptation in a low Mass of the ceremonies of a Sung Mass for the Clergy, at least with regard to Dialogue Masses and other low Masses on solemn occasions and Sundays.

Playing the Organ During Low Mass

There is in some places a custom of playing the organ during Low Mass, when the faithful do not take part in the Mass either by prayers or singing. Is the playing of the organ permitted in such cases? The Instruction on the Sacred Music of 3rd, September 1958 approved by Pope Pius XII, gives the following directions on the point:

"Article 29.... It should be noted also that if, in some places, there exists a custom of playing the organ during Low Mass, *without the faithful taking any part in the Mass by means of community prayers and singing*, this playing of the organ, harmonium or other instrument ought not to be continuous. The instrumental music must cease:

(a) From the time the priest reaches the altar until the Offertory;

(b) From the beginning of the Preface dialogue until the *Sanctus* inclusively;

(c) Where there is such a custom, from the Consecration until the *Pater noster*;

(d) From the *Pater noster* until the *Agnus Dei* inclusively; during the *Confiteor* before the Communion of the faithful; and during the Post-Communion and Blessing at the end of the Mass."

This is what the Holy See has prescribed. However, the *Confiteor* before the Communion of the faithful is no longer said during Mass.

Organising Closed Retreats in a Parish

OUR Salesian Cooperators of St. Francis Xavier's Centre, Broadway, have realised the importance of closed retreats and they have realised very well the thought of Don Bosco and of our ecclesiastical Superiors in this matter. For the first time in India the Salesian Cooperators gave themselves to this work. Their enthusiasm and apostolic spirit in working hard for this is to be admired, and this in a particular manner in a few of them who have been trying hard, without even stopping a moment, on the preceding days in order to get Salesian Cooperators and other Catholics to make their closed retreat. We have realised here more than ever how difficult it is to convince people to come for a closed retreat. But the Cooperators are happy to have begun this work, and to be the organising lay-pioneers in a work which will certainly give fruit in the near future when little by little people will understand the importance of this, and the laity themselves will be apostles of this work.

45 Ladies in Retreat

The lady Salesian Cooperators corresponded well to this effort and 45 ladies began their closed retreat on 2nd September and ended it on 6th September. The retreat was preached by Rev. Fr. Augustine, S.D.B., Parish Priest of Mary Help of Christians' Church,

Tirupattur, and Fr. T. Mathew, S.D.B., Asst. Parish Priest in St. Xavier's. The retreatants gave a beautiful example of piety. The three days' closed retreat was concluded with the Mass celebrated for them by the Provincial Director of the Salesian Cooperators, Rev. Fr. L. Di Fiore, S.D.B. Rector of St. Bede's, who after his Mass in the Sagayamatha Hall addressed them a few words and, after the blessing, distributed to them a beautiful photograph of the Salesian Cooperators' founder, St. John Bosco. For the success of this retreat and for canvassing retreatants we must thank in a particular manner Mrs. Arokiamary, Mrs. Arpudamary and Mrs. Susaiammal, who devoted much of their time to convincing as many ladies as possible to come for this retreat. Besides Mr. S. H. David is to be thanked also, since he was the one who sacrificed himself in order to look after the kitchen and food so that the retreatants might be satisfied also with good meals.

56 Men in Retreat

Our men, Salesian Co-operators too had their retreat, and it began on the 16th of October and it ended on the 19th morning. For them only 2 full days of closed retreat was possible since no holidays could be obtained. This closed retreat was preached by the same preachers who preached the Ladies' Retreat and it was held in our Church. The men had, just as the ladies, the whole of the Parish Centre, Sagayamatha Hall and Church compound at their disposal. They were undisturbed. 56 Men took part in this retreat. They too gave a very big example of piety and of interest in this work that concerns only God, soul and eternity. For this organisation our gratitude must go first of all to the President of the Salesian Co-operators, Mr. A. Gnanapragasam, who has been the soul in organising the retreats both for the men and ladies, and then to Mr. S. H. David who has successfully convinced all the men who made the retreat of the necessity of setting aside two full days in

order to think of their soul. The lady Salesian Co-operators prepared the food for them and looked after their needs during this retreat. To all our great gratitude. This men's retreat concluded with the Community Mass celebrated especially for them at the Altar of St. Joseph, the patron of the Workers, and with an informal short entertainment at which Mr. Madalaimuthu and Mr. Arpudaraj thanked the preachers and all those who took interest in this retreat. Mr. A. Gnanapragasam expressed his joy at all the interest taken and reminded everyone of the difficulties that had to be overcome to make 56 men come to the retreat. He expressed the wish that in the following year double the number at least would take part in it.

At the end all the men and women who made the retreats, out of gratitude, organized a collection to help a very poor parish. An amount of Rs 37-50 was collected for this purpose. May God bless the Salesian Co-operators' efforts for these two closed retreats.

Greetings from Our Pastors

His Grace Archbishop L. Mathias and His Excellency Bishop F. Carvalho have pleasure in sending their Christmas greetings and blessing to all our readers and their families. They pray that the graces of the Divine Child may be bestowed on them for a more Christ-like life in the New Year.

Intentions for January 1962

General Intention: That the preparation for the Ecumenical Council may proceed with the greatest possible care.

Missionary Intention: That the Ecumenical Council may spread the true light of the Gospel truths even through the non-Christian world.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

The Late Fr. J. Duca, S.D.B.

In the course of the last five months the Salesian Congregation in South India has lost three valiant workers. The latest addition to the number of the dead is Fr. Joseph Duca, who passed away at Catania (Italy) on November 23rd. All those who knew him, and they are many, will have felt, very keenly his premature death. He was only 45 years of age, having been born at Pedara (Sicily) on the 7th of July 1916.

He manifested early signs of a Priestly vocation and was accepted as an Aspirant to the Salesian life in the House of Pedara at the tender age of twelve. At sixteen he began his Novitiate, which was crowned by his Religious Vows on the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity, 1932. On completing his philosophy course, he was allowed by the Superiors to come to the Missions. Thus South India became his field of apostolate and the goal of his missionary aspirations and zeal. Soon after his arrival he was sent to Don Bosco, Vellore, for his Practical Training: V. Rev. Fr. J. Sandanam, the then Rector, found in him an enthusiastic worker and a willing and capable helper.

On completing his three years of Practical Training, he was sent to Shillong to start his immediate preparation for the Holy Priesthood through the study of Sacred Theology. Those of us who knew him during this period can well testify with what love and seriousness he applied himself to the study of the Sacred Sciences. The

War snatched away Fr. Duca and his companions, so that he was ordained "in vinculis" in the concentration Camp of Dehra Dun in 1944, by Mgr. Cialeo, Bishop of Multan.

On his return from the Camp his Superiors sent him back to Vellore, but soon afterwards he was made Parish Priest of Arni. It was here that his ability for organization and love for the poor shone forth. He put up a small home industry for boys, teaching them weaving and some other useful crafts. For this purpose he ran a small orphanage in which the boys, besides being fed and clothed, also learned a useful trade. The poor of this Mission still remember him with deep gratitude.

On his transfer from Arni, he gave full vent to his untiring activity as Rector of the Oratory of Broadway, Assistant Parish Priest of Perambur, and Parish Priest of Madhavaram. Earlier he spent a few months in Tirupattur in different capacities. It was the year when a big number of Aspirants and orphans had fallen sick with typhoid. Good Fr. Duca willingly undertook the task of looking after them. He spent many sleepless nights watching by the bedside of the sick boys. It was moving to see him take the boys in his arms when they had to be shifted from one bed to another. He himself used to scrub the floor, disinfect the infirmary twice a day, change the bedsheets, etc. His charity and truly motherly care were so apparent that the attend-

ing Doctor, though a pagan, was astonished and said to the Catechist of the House: "Father, in no Hospital would these boys receive such loving care and attention as they receive at the hands of this Father." No wonder that in a short time he endeared himself to all.

In 1953, because of his administrative ability he was appointed Prefect of St. Joseph's Technical School, Basin Bridge, a responsibility which he held until 1958 when, much against his will, he was made Rector of the same House. It was especially during these years that Fr. Duca became a familiar figure in Madras, running from office to office in order to improve the Industrial School which was still in its initial stage, and from shop to shop to procure the necessary material for the workshops.

In Naples Doctors confirmed definitely that he was suffering from a tumour of the brain. He was given every possible attention and was operated upon by Professor Castellana, a Surgeon of world wide reputation. This, however, only served to prolong his life for two more years, which he spent in a Salesian House of his native Sicily, lovingly assisted by his brother. He suffered a great deal. He could neither read nor write, and this must have been an added martyrdom. When the Angel of death came to call him Home, last November 23rd, he was surely ready to meet his Creator. May his good soul rest in peace.

The virtues that adorned the life of this glorious son of Don

Bosco have already been touched upon: loving charity for, especially the poor, the young and the aged. His smile and cheerfulness were contagious. He had a simple and charming way of approaching people so that he easily gained the hearts of all. Since he was a good organiser, he could get the highest authorities to cooperate in his schemes. Beneath his simple and unassuming appearance he hid rare talents of mind and heart. For him there was no work or occupation that was too mean or low. He would eagerly put his hand to anything provided it meant doing some good to souls.

The death of this young Missionary is for us all a further confirmation of the words of Jesus: "Be you then also ready, for at what hour you think not the Son of Man will come".

The Late Sister Mary Leo

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne, Royapuram, has sustained a very heavy loss in the passing away of their dearly beloved Sister Mary Leo on the 11th November 1961, aged 57.

Born in 1904, she was the eldest child of her dear and exemplary parents who had the happy privilege of dedicating to the holy service of God their two daughters and one of their five sons.

As a young religious, Sister Mary Leo was very promising and intelligent, but her good Spouse in His infinite mercy had His own plans to draw her more closely to Himself, by blessing her with illness even in her young age, soon after

her passing the S.S.L.C. Thus it was that all who knew her loved her, as she was a patient and gentle soul, cheerful and resigned. Her illness did not hinder her from performing the duties of Superior in a few houses where she was a devoted mother to her charges. When in 1952, she came back to stay at the Mother House, she was looked up to by one and all, by the young and old, as a sure counsellor and guide. Despite her sufferings, she was a comforter to the afflicted, a teacher to the ignorant and a beam of joy to the sad—so much so that none who went to her left her without being relieved of her doubts or sorrows. She was a model of piety and devotion. Her life can be summed up as a life of prayer, sacrifice and suffering.

It was only a few months back that she developed an inexplicable disease which she, in her usual way, bore with patience and cheerfulness, and which did not hinder her from doing her usual duties. None realised that this beautiful flower would fade away so soon—and the sad news was a shock to her loving sisters outside Madras.

The only consolation to her beloved bereaved brothers and sister, and to her loving sisters in religion, is that this Lily that had been spreading its fragrance around here below has been culled to be transplanted in the Eternal Garden of its Spouse, that this beacon of light that had been shedding its lustre all round here has gone Home to shine there with greater radiance at the Throne of Mercy—there to plead for all: her dear brothers and sister, and for her

dear Congregation. Though not quite ripe in years, Sister Leo was ripe in virtues.

The last obsequies in the Convent were performed by her priest brother, Rev. Fr. Antonidoss, parish priest of Chromepet, and at the Cemetery by His Excellency the Rt. Rev. Dr. F. A. Carvalho, Auxiliary Bishop. May her dear soul rest in Peace.

Miss Kate Mascarenhas

Miss Kate Mascarenhas, retired Asst. Schoolmistress, St. Mary's High School, Madras, passed away peacefully on Thursday 26th October 1961, fortified by the rites of the Church, at her residence in South George Town. Her funeral took place on Friday 27th at 8.30 A.M. Her coffin was carried by past students to St. Mary's Co-Cathedral, where His Lordship Bishop Carvalho performed the blessing. Many of the clergy, past and present boys of the school, relatives and a large number of friends attended the service. The cortege then moved to St. Roque's Cemetery.

Miss Kate Mascarenhas was 82 years old. She leaves behind her sole surviving sister, Miss Mary Mascarenhas, and numerous nieces and nephews who loved her dearly. She joined the staff of St. Mary's High School on the 8th January 1912, when the late Rev. Fr. A. J. Van der Burg (Mill Hill) was Principal. During the 32 years of her service at the school, till her retirement on 21st April 1944, she simultaneously carried on her dedicated work for St. Mary's Cathedral. This altar service was, in fact, started in 1910. Since then

she had reverently decorated the altars with simplicity and taste for all festivals and solemn occasions. Even after retirement from the school and until a month before her death, she carried on her Church work conscientiously. Besides this, she unassumingly served as a lay apostle. She was President of the Immaculate Conception Sodality for many years. She was also of great service to the older nuns of the Presentation Convents and to the clergy. Hers was a service of love done "all for the honour and glory of God." May her soul rest in peace.

Sri B. Papiah Mudaliar

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Sri B. Papiah Mudaliar, the beloved father of Rev. B. Rajappa, Parish Priest of Holy Family Church, Mahabali-puram, on Monday evening 27th November 1961 at Sellemptida, at the ripe age of 83, fully fortified by the Rites of Holy Church. While offering our deep sympathy to the Rev. Father Rajappa and the other members of the family, we recommend the soul of the deceased to the prayers of our Clergy and faithful.—F.A.C.

H. E. Dr. Francis Arthur Carvalho

On the occasion of his completion of 75 years of meritorious life end service on 2nd December 1961, we shall briefly recall his career.

Born on 2-12-1886. Early studies in Tanjore. Joined San Thome Major Seminary. Studied in San Thome College and passed Intermediate. Continued Philosophy and Theology in the Diocesan Major Seminary. One of two priests now living. The other is Mgr. Aloysius Packianather of Tanjore, now retired.

Teacher in St. Bede's High School, for some time Director of San Thome Orphanage, Secretary to Bishop D. Theotonio de Castro, Bishop of Mylapore, Treasurer of the Diocese, Diocesan Councillor in Mylapore, Parish Priest of the Cathedral of St. Thomas from 1922 to 1953, Vicar General of the Diocese of Mylapore. Ordained Priest on 11-3-1911, he celebrated the golden jubilee of his sacerdotal ordination on 11-3-1961. Administrator Apostolic of the Diocese of Mylapore on transfer of Bishop Guerreiro to Nampula, Port. East Africa, in 1951.

First Vicar General of the new Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore. Elected Titular Bishop of Demetriades and Auxiliary to His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. L. Mathias, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore, on 13-12-1952. Consecrated Bishop by His Grace on 19-2-1953. His Grace nominated him twice to administer the Archdiocese during his absence in Europe.

On the occasion of his golden jubilee he received an autograph letter from His Holiness the Pope. *Ad multos felicesque annos!*

AROUND THE PARISHES

ST. JOSEPH'S TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Pope's Day

The 3rd anniversary of the Coronation and 80th Birthday of His Holiness the Pope were celebrated on 5th November at St. Joseph's Technical School, Basin Bridge, with due solemnity. There was a High Mass at 10 A.M. and soon after it, the boys visited an interesting Exhibition of Pope John's photographs, showing the visits of different Heads of States who paid their homage to Pope John in the first three years of his Pontificate, and recent coloured and black-and-white photos of Pope John in offset, taken from foreign magazines. The whole school was decorated with big printed inscriptions of "Long live the Pope" and "Long live Pope John XXIII." At 11-15 an interesting Academy was held in the Hall of the School. V. Rev. Fr. Provincial presided. Rev. Fr. Rector made an introductory speech on "The Pope with the Human Touch."

Two boys spoke on St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican City respectively, and two others related interesting stories of Pope John. The highlight of the Academy was the Papal procession. To give to the boys a faint idea of the Pope carried into the audience hall, Rev. Fr. Rector organized an interesting procession. The Cross-bearer was followed by the clergy, six bishops and six Cardinals. The Cardinals had their long cappa magna, carried by altar boys. There were two Swiss Guards in perfect uniform. Four boys in

medieval dress carried the Pope on the sedia gestatoria.

The procession entered the Hall, cheered loudly by the boys. When the Pope reached the platform, he addressed the boys, thanking them for the beautiful book containing their letters and spiritual bouquet, sent to him through Cardinal Gracias, on the occasion of his 80th Birthday. The Procession then left the hall while the Pope, as he was carried away, once again began to bless to the right and left, to the great amusement of the boys.

V. Rev. Fr. Provincial then addressed the boys, congratulating them on the interesting academy. He related to them his impressions of his visit to Pope John two years ago, as Secretary to Dr. L. Mathias, our beloved Archbishop.

In the afternoon the Rosary was said before the Blessed Sacrament for the Pope and the Te Deum was sung at Benediction.

In the evening the same Papal Procession was repeated for the Parishioners and Oratory boys, who held an Academy in the open.

ST. TERESA'S, NUNGAMBAKKAM

Sodality of Immaculate Conception

On the 8th October, 1961 the Very Rev. Mgr. A. Pereira de Andrade, Federation Director of the Marian Sodalities, extended the privilege of being enrolled as Sodalists to 25 members of our Parish who, together with 6 aspirants, form

the new Sodality of The Immaculate Conception of the B V.M.

The valuable advice of the Federation Director, prior to enrolment, as well as the actual ceremony, have created an impression on those present and we soon hope to increase the membership.

This infant sodality has, with the help of some experienced volunteers, undertaken the task of organising a Fancy Fete, early in February, 1962, to meet the needs of the two Parish Schools. If possible, our good Parish Priest also intends opening a Free Dispensary.

Although organising a Fancy Fete is seemingly not apostolic work, we feel that it could be classified as such, as the support and maintenance of these two schools help many children to get the required Catholic education, as otherwise they will have to go to Corporation Schools where such facilities are denied them.

New School Building Blessed

The 14th October 1961 was a day of great importance to the School Children. With excitement and gaiety, the fortunate children lined the path from the gate to the new School block, at 6 p.m., to welcome Their Excellencies, the Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore and the Auxiliary Bishop.

On arrival, Their Excellencies were greeted by the Parish Priest, his Assistant and the Parishioners, who had gathered for the occasion. His Grace, the Archbishop, then solemnly declared open and blessed the new addition to the School building, which is the realisation of the untiring efforts of our Parish

Priest, for the continuance of the construction was often barred for want of funds.

After the blessing of the new School Block, the School Children, to the best of their ability, entertained Their Excellencies and the gathering with a small performance. A local band was in attendance. Mr. Susainadan, President of the C.W.A. unit in the Parish, read an address, in Tamil. His Excellency, the Auxiliary Bishop, said a few words and Mr. G. L. Lobo proposed the vote of thanks.

This, however, was not the end of the day for St Teresa's Parish. After Their Excellencies' departure, with children cheering them, the gathering moved into the Church to join in the Vespers in honour of St. Teresa (whose feast we celebrated with a High Mass, the following day) and the Car Procession around the Church. This was followed by an instructive sermon on St. Teresa, in Tamil, by the Rev. Fr. A. J. Stanilaus, B.A., B.T., (Headmaster of St. Peter's High School, Royapuram), and in English by our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Thomas Charath. The Ceremony concluded with the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at the Grotto.

ROYAPURAM

Rosary Month

With a desire to do something to promote peace in a world threatened with nuclear warfare, the month of October was devoted to the daily recitation of the Rosary from 4-30 P.M. and ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 P.M. The prayers

were recited alternately each day in Tamil and English to cater to the needs of the parishioners. The attendances each day were satisfactory.

• Parochial Board Dinner

On the 23rd October, the members of the Parochial Board of Catholic Action held a dinner party in the Fatima Hall, to mark the termination of the offices of the President and Secretary, Mr. S. J. Pinto and Mrs. W. J. Fernandez respectively, and to felicitate the newly elected bearers of these offices viz., Mr. L. X. Pinto and Mrs. W. J. Fernandez. It will be noted that Mrs. Fernandez continues to be the Secretary and has been holding office for a number of years, thus testifying to the trust and esteem the Board members evince in her efficiency and zeal.

Happy Birthday

A large gathering of parishioners took part in the religious service held on 4th November to celebrate the 80th Birthday of His Holiness, Pope John XXIII. This consisted of Rosary, Te Deum and Benediction. The congregation then adjourned to the Fatima Hall and were entertained to an enjoyable programme. It began with an overture by the orchestra led by Mr. Merwyn Suarez and his party and was followed by a talk in English by Mr. W. J. Fernandez, B.A., B.L. Mr. Fernandez said that the election of the present Pope three years ago evoked considerable surprise among all and sundry who doubted the wisdom of electing a person 77 years old to be the spiritual head of a religion embrac-

ing 500 million people. The doubts and misgivings, he said, were not only set at rest but even showed that, given the grace of God, no one was too old to hold any office. The Holy Pontiff, he went to say, had within the short period of three years effected numerous changes indicative of his deep love of humanity and of his nature to forgive human failings. Mr. Fernandez sketched the history of the Pope from his early boyhood days to the present times. He dwelt on the encyclicals—5 in number—issued by the Pope within the short span of three years and particularly on the announcement of the meeting of an Ecumenical Council which everyone hoped would lead to greater unity and concord among the Christians of the world.

The next item on the programme was a Kummi Dance and a Tamil dialogue by little girls of St. Ann's Convent, which in turn was followed by another orchestral item by the band.

The talk in Tamil figured next and this was provided by Rev. Fr. A. J. Stanislaus, B.A., B.T., Head Master of St. Peter's High School. Fr. Stanislaus, describing also the manifold innovations made by the Holy Father, laid emphasis on his intense love for the poor and his extreme humility. Discarding traditional pomp and protocol, he said, the Holy father had paid visits un-announced and often afoot to humble homes, hospitals and prisons in Rome. Fully conscious of the wide gulf prevailing between rich and poor, nations as well as individuals, Fr. Stanislaus said Pope John's recent ency-

clical "Mater et Magistra" was a great attempt to redress the existing inequalities in the world of today. This encyclical, he said, had attracted world attention, extending even to non-Catholic countries. He ended by expressing the hope that the Holy Father would be spared for many more years to the millions of his subjects.

Scenes from the Gospel enacted by the children of St. Kevin's School, depicting the creation of Simon Peter as the vicar of Christ on earth and other related incidents, were well appreciated.

The Very Rev. Fr. G. H. Lourdes, the parish priest, then proposed a vote of thanks to all those that participated in entertaining the gathering and to the two learned speakers for their interesting and edifying talk on the Holy Father. He thanked all those who had attended the occasion and joined in wishing their beloved Pontiff "Many Happy Returns".

With the entire gathering standing and singing "God bless the Pope", the happy function came to a close.

KILPAUK

"God's Foreknowledge and the Fall of Adam"

At the monthly meeting of the Kilpauk Study Club held on 12th November 1961, the topic of discussion was "God's foreknowledge and the fall of Adam".

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed, Mr. V. A. Ponniah explained how God's foreknowledge does not destroy man's freedom or respon-

sibility and how God himself made use of man's sufferings to redeem him. He concluded by reading, from Mr. R. Arulappa's pamphlet with the same title, portions of the Book of Job. Very Rev. Fr. S. P. Carmel, the Parish Priest, who presided, thanked the audience who had come in large numbers in spite of the threatening clouds and exhorted them to learn their faith well.

He explained how God has created man with free will and how it is his duty to use it for his salvation. After an interesting discussion Mr. Vanathyan proposed a vote of thanks.

ST. ANTHONY'S, PUDUPET Study Circle Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Study Circle of the Parish Club was held on 19th October 1961 with Mr. J. G. Edwards in the chair. The meeting opened with prayer, and then the President of the club introduced the Speaker, Mr. H. B. Phillips, B.A., who was invited to address the gathering. He chose as his subject "Our attitude towards our Religion", and gave a very interesting and inspiring discourse. He said it was by accident that we are Catholics and it is only through the Divine Mercy that we are members of the true faith. He laid particular emphasis on the specific responsibilities we have towards this faith, which is apart from the duties assigned to us, such as hearing Mass, receiving Holy Communion, etc. He further urged the members to read the Catholic Bible daily for about 15

minutes so that we could get the spiritual benefit of the teachings of God. Another good practice is to follow the Mass with a Missal instead of reciting the Rosary during that time. He elaborated his talk on the duties of laymen in the propagation of our faith with splendid and appropriate quotations from the Holy Bible.

The Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. P. Michael, in his concluding remarks vividly explained the real meaning of a true Christian, who, he said, should be charitable in word, deed and action, bringing the true light into the darkness of atheism that is threatening to engulf the whole world. He exhorted the members to have a wide knowledge and understanding of Holy Scripture, to achieve our aims in spreading our faith. The Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks and requested the members to bear in mind the inspiring instruction they received in the talks and act accordingly. The meeting ended with the concluding prayers.

SAN THOME

The San Thome Cathedral Basilica Choir celebrated the feast of St. Cecilia, Patroness of Church Music, on 22-11-1961.

There was a High Mass in honour of the Saint, in which all the members enthusiastically participated.

In the evening there was a short Recollection during which the Parish Priest spoke to them on the dignity of a Church Choir, its importance in Liturgical worship

and responsibilities. He remarked that, like St. Theresa of Child Jesus who had been declared Patroness of the Missions without herself ever having been an active missionary, so St. Cecilia is honoured as Patroness of Sacred Music perhaps without herself ever having been a musician. It was worthwhile to grasp the underlying idea. What is essential to Sacred Music is not singing with one's voice, but singing with one's heart! And this St. Cecilia is said to have done wonderfully well. It is said that, when the musical instruments were sounding for her earthly wedding to Valerian, her heart was singing to her Heavenly Spouse. The finest execution of the very best composition would be worthless without our hearts being raised to God while we sing in the Church!

A few passages from the latest Encyclical of Pope Pius XII, on Liturgy and Music, were then read and commented on.

After the dinner which followed, Mr. John Thambusamy, the choir-master, thanked the Parish Priest and appealed to the members for greater co-operation and regular attendance at the weekly practices.

C.W.A. Unit

The Second Recollection Day of the above unit was held on 19-11-1961 at the Basilica. At 10 a.m. Sri Joseph John, the president of the unit, led the gathering in the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, after which the Parish Priest addressed them on the Christian dignity of humble labour. There was no

need to envy the lot of some who have grand and easy jobs to perform; one's true greatness was in imitating the Holy Family of Nazareth and doing the work, however lowly, that Providence allotted to each one.

The Examen of Conscience followed. After Benediction the usual monthly meeting took place. The Recollection ended pleasantly, with a simple homely meal to all the 35 members.

ST. THOMAS' CONVENT, MYLAPORE

Our November Journal

The month of October ended in that burst of youthful enthusiasm and ardour which ever characterises the last two Sundays—Mission Sunday and the Feast of Christ our King.

This year the children of St. Thomas' Convent Orphanage led the way by providing a splendid interpretation of the Celestial City, in honour of the birthday of our Holy Father Pope John XXIII. Their item closed the Symposium held at St. Bede's Hall. When we saw the Angels of the Apocalypse calling souls to judgement from the four winds of heaven, we were thrilled at the blast of those mighty trumpets; and when before the celestial hosts the procession of Apostles, Virgins and Martyrs created a glorious pageant of colour, we began to enter into the spirit of the children representing to us the Kingdom of Heaven. Then we saw unfurled beneath the flags of the Universal Church the assembly of the Nations, carrying

illuminated captions of the Kingdoms of Earth, and we thrilled to the "Venite Gentes" of the Communion of Saints, and joined the final, glorious "Christus Regnat" with something of the pure, undimmed ardour of childhood. As we saw the tableau close, we wished that such functions could be popularised, and that the great festivals might find our Catholic children breathing forth their meaning with such evident faith and ardent spirit. It means much work, and the Sister in charge of St. Thomas' Orphanage certainly has the secret of such devotedness, and above all, has the ability of the true Educator to secure the active co-operation of the children, and hence their intelligent understanding and interpreting of Scripture themes.

The month of the Holy Souls was ushered in with that traditional spirit of sacrifice which characterises our Catholic devotions. The wreaths made by the student and pupils for the graves of the dear departed testified to their touching devotion to the memory of the dead, and the cemeteries were filled with prayerful groups all that day. Moreover, Masses and prayers for the Holy Souls were to be multiplied in a special and unexpected manner this month.

A Serious Accident

When our dear Rev. Mother Provincial, travelling down to the Sacred Heart Convent, Tanjore, on November, 8th, with Sister Cahal and Sister Edwin, met with a serious accident *en route*, Mylapore, and all the Houses of the

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary" in Madras with it, was plunged into sorrow. But the storm of prayer that assailed Heaven for our dear Mother Provincial's recovery, and that of our dear injured Sisters, won the dubious hour, and restored them to life. Masses were offered for the Holy Souls everywhere, and they surely had their part in that perpetual cry of supplication which mounted from our Convents day and night during the anguish of the first days. All the clergy and religious of Madras showed a most beautiful spirit of charity and prayer during these days of trial, again proof of the "Communion of Saints"—while the practical charity of the priests and Sisters at Pondicherry was another evidence of the wonderful impulse of fraternal love in the hour of need. Reverend Mother Superior of St. Thomas' Convent cannot hope to express all the gratitude and appreciation of this kindness and sympathy and prayer. Let us continue until our dear Rev. Mother Provincial has fully recovered.

VOTIVE SHRINE, KILPAUK

Newman Association

The monthly meeting of the Kilpauk Unit of the Newman Association was held on Sunday, 12th November 1961, with Prof. Rajendran, the President, in the Chair. Rev. Fr. K. L. Satur addressed the meeting and chose as his subject, "*Can a Catholic reasonably leave the Church?*".

Fr. Satur stated that the question posed no difficulty to good, practising, educated Catholics, but

as there are some Catholics who leave the Church, we should analyse the question. Fr. Satur based his talk on three main points.

First, 'Why should a Catholic leave the Church?'. Either it is not the one true Church founded by Christ, or he has grounds to find fault with its doctrines or laws, or its ministers. With references from Holy Scripture and historical facts, Fr. Satur proved that Jesus Christ actually founded the Catholic Church and conferred upon it jurisdiction and power to teach all mankind, promising to be with the Church to the end of time.

Granted that a Catholic has reasons (sound or unsound) for finding fault with the Church's teachings or with her clergy, would he have sufficient reason for leaving the Church? To this question Fr. Satur refuted the numerous arguments generally raised against the Church's teachings on mixed marriage, birth-control, etc. With regard to the attacks on the Church because of the existence of unworthy prelates and members, Fr. Satur said that the Church remains holy, no matter how many of her leaders prove faithless to the Gospel they preach, for these men are cut off from the Church's sanctifying life only by their sins, which can never be traced to her teachings or laws.

Finally, the speaker referred to the part which good, educated Catholics could play in helping those who act unreasonably in leaving the Church. This point was thrown open to discussion.

The general view was that good example was the greatest help; besides, good Catholics should show their willingness to be of practical help and guidance, and render kindness to those in need of it.

The meeting concluded with a prayer.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S

Loyalty to the Pope

The motto of the Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Broadway, with regard to their attachment to the Holy See, is "to Know, to Love, to Defend the Pope". The Parishioners' attachment to the Pope was seen on the 25th and 26th of November, 1961, on the occasion of the celebration of the 80th Birthday of His Holiness Pope John XXIII. A beautiful Academy, staged with the co-operation of the parishioners, of St. Anne's Sisters and of other friends, under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Jacob, S.D.B., was staged on the 25th evening. The lecturers, Mr. Cecil Hurley, Mr. V. Peter Raj and Mr. L. Arpudaraj, dealt on the topics: *Pope John XXIII, the ideal Pope, The Pope's life and The Pope the Father of all*. On the following morning at all the services special prayers were offered for His Holiness. All the sermons were on the Papacy. The prayer for Church Unity was recited and a copy of it was distributed during the Masses to every Parishioner, as a homage to the Reigning Pontiff, the Pope who is making such an effort for Church Unity. Immediately after Mass every Catholic passed in reverence

before the Pope's flag and kissed it, and this was done as a pledge of loyalty to His Holiness, who is the Vicar of Christ on earth. The most prominent events of Pope John XXIII were exhibited in pictures, thanks to the zeal of Mr. Peter Raj. It was a touching scene which certainly produced a great effect on the heart of everyone. The feast concluded with a film on Pope Pius XII. Much of the credit of this feast goes to Mr. Peter Raj together with Rev. Fr. Jacob, who have done their utmost to make this feast a success. The Parish Priest is most grateful to both of them and all the Parishioners for the deep feelings of filial piety they showed to His Holiness on the occasion.

72 Lay Apostles at Meeting

On the 7th November, 72 Lay Apostles, the Parish Priest's co-workers in the Parish, had a full day's meeting and discussions in the Sagayamatha Hall. Their aim was to form Lay Workers and to improve the Parish apostolic work by the laity. All of them remained the whole day in the presbytery. It was a day of family life, which has done an amount of good and which has contributed so much to increase the apostolic spirit and union among them and their interest in every Parish activity. Mr. Peter Raj, Librarian of the Parish, delivered a lecture on the training of lay apostles. He delivered it in a beautiful, impressive and exhaustive manner. Mr. A. Gnana-pragasam, Salesian Cooperators' President, dealt in a most practical manner on the Pope's and the Church's teaching with regard to Lay Apostolate. In the afternoon

NOTICES

English-Medium Schools *New Syllabus of Religious Formation*

The majority of the English-medium Schools in the Archdiocese having agreed to adopt the new Draft Syllabus of Religious Formation that was published in "Madras-Mylapore", June and July 1961, His Grace the Archbishop has decided that the new Syllabus, which was framed for all the Catholic Schools in Tamilnad in June 1961, should come into force on the 1st January, 1962 and be gradually introduced as follows:

In 1962 for Standards I, IV, VI and VIII.

In 1963 for Standards II, V, VII and IX.

In 1964 for Standards III, X and XI.

The following books are prescribed for the new syllabus:

Bible Study: The Holy Gospel of St. Luke, of St. John, Acts of the Apostles, translated by Mgr. R. Knox, 75 nP. each, Examiner Press Bookshop, Bombay-1.

Church History: "Catholic Church History" for Schools by Fr. Joseph Houpert, s.J., 75 nP., St. Joseph's Industrial School Press, Tiruchirappalli-1.

The provisional syllabus in 1962 and 1963 for Standards IX, X and XI has been sent to schools by the Diocesan Inspector.

The New Syllabus has been printed in the form of a pamphlet and may be obtained from the Diocesan Inspector of Schools at 55 nP. a copy. Each Catechism teacher should be provided with a copy.

Miss S. Selvamary, Teacher and President of the Junior Sodality, spoke on the particular role of women in the Lay Apostolate. The ladies were more than ever convinced of their duty in the work of the apostolate. The main topics of the discussions, besides the points that were brought forward by the three different speakers, were a campaign on Catechism, the First Friday devotion for men, and the Christmas Week in the Parish.

"You Covered Me" (Matt. 25,36)

A group of ladies dedicate part of their time, at least two hours a week, in preparing clothes for the poor. They have in view now to prepare something special for the poor on the occasion of Christmas. The Ladies who regularly spend at least two hours of their time every week to prepare clothes for Jesus suffering in the poor are:

Mrs. Rathnavadi, 21 Savarimuthu Street.

Mrs. Jayaseeli, 16, Savarimuthu Street.

Mrs. Savarimuthammal Appavoo, Angappa Naicken Street.

Mrs. Kamala, 25, Pedariar Koil Street.

Mrs. R. Amalorpavammal, 25, Pedariar Koil Street.

Mrs. Mary Theresa, 26 Pedariar Koil Street.

The group started this work on the 19th of October and met together on the 16th, 23rd and 30th November when they mended and ironed all the clothes that we had already in stock, getting them ready for Christmas. Besides this, in subsequent meetings upto November 30th they prepared 970 assorted articles of clothing.

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New Plenary Indulgence

His Holiness Pope John XXIII has granted indulgences to everyone who offers his daily work to God. A decree issued on Nov. 25th by the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, the Church's high court that deals with indulgences, states that a plenary indulgence may be gained once a day under the usual conditions by Catholics who offer their day's work—whether manual or intellectual—to God in the morning. The "usual conditions", according to Canon Law, are confession, Communion, a visit to a church or public oratory, and prayers for the intentions of the Pope. The decree also grants a partial indulgence of 500 days as often as a Catholic offers his work to God and accompanies his offering with

a prayer, on condition that he has
"a contrite heart."

Lecture by Mr. D. Hyde

Mr. DOUGLAS HYDE, the famous writer and social worker, will address the public on Wednesday, 3rd. January at the Memorial Hall, Park Town. For details contact Rev. Fr. Thomas Joseph at the Catholic Centre.

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With the lecture by Fr. S. Arulappa on SCIENCE and RELIGION on Thursday, December 7th, the Tamil series of 21 Talks at the Catholic Centre is completed. Thanks are due to the priests—Diocesan, Salesian and Jesuit—who by their excellent Talks contributed to make this first venture a real success.

The balance of the series in ENGLISH at Vepery is printed on page 325. The organisers hope that even more Catholics and their non-Catholic friends will attend and, while learning more about their Faith, contribute by their questions and discussion to the success.

Outdoor 'Float' Crib and Tamil Choir

This Crib will be on display on December 23rd and 25th. Particulars will be circulated. Catholics could well pray silently near the Crib for grace for the non-Catholics who look on and listen. Both the Crib and the Tamil Choir that accompanies it have been arranged by the Salesian House at Broadway. The programme of the Crib and Carol-singing party is as follows:

23rd December—

- 6 p.m. San Thome
- 7 p.m. Moore Market
- 7-45 p.m. Choolai P.O.
- 8-30 p.m. Perambur

25th - Christmas—

- 6 p.m. Broadway (Near Prabhat)
- 6-45 p.m. Mint

7-30 p.m. Royapuram
8-15 p.m. Kasimode.

What is the Truth?

The undermentioned TALKS WITH DISCUSSION have been organised to take place at St. Joseph's Hall, Vepery High Road, at 6-15 p.m. every Tuesday.

9th Jan. Are all Religions Equal? Rev. Fr. J. MacFerran, S.D.B.

16th Jan. Eternal Hell? Rev. Fr. Joseph Madathil.

23rd Jan. No Salvation outside the Church. Rev. Fr. S. Anthony, Ph.L., S.T.L.

Programme and further details from Catholic Information Bureau, The Catholic Centre, Madras-1.

Fr. C. Mauri Memorial Burse

His Grace the Archbishop	500—00
Savings of a poor widow (Vepery)	500—00
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Rev. Fr. D. Mantovani, S.D.B.	150—00
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Fr. E. C. Joseph, Kottayam	10—00
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The institution of this burse of Rs. 10,000, for the education of a student for the priesthood at the Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee, was announced in "Madras Mylapore", August 1961. As this is the first burse established in the archdiocese for the training of a future priest, we trust the response from priests and people will be generous and prompt, so that a seminarian may be supported from June 1962. Donations may kindly be sent to the Rector of the Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee. They will be acknowledged here.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS

There will be no Monthly Recollection for the Diocesan Clergy in the City and Districts in the month of January.

In a parochial Church only the midnight Mass on Christmas Day may be celebrated (Can. 821, p. 2). The two other Masses cannot be said *in continuation*.

The Apostolic Privilege contained in Faculty 2 of the Pagella facultatum (page 9) relates to non-parochial Churches and Oratories. Bishops have the privilege of saying privately all the 3 Masses beginning from midnight, or they may get a priest to celebrate all these Masses from midnight in their presence, unless the Bishop is bound to celebrate in the Cathedral (Can. 349, para 1, No. 2).

In the Religious and Pious Houses having the privilege of reserving the Blessed Sacrament, all the three Masses may be said beginning from midnight.

Holy Communion may be distributed at the midnight Mass. The Eucharistic Fast for those celebrating midnight Mass is a fast of three hours for solids and alcoholic drinks, and of one hour for other drinks. Natural water does not break the eucharistic fast. Those receiving Holy Communion at midnight Mass must observe the fast three hours before they receive Holy Communion.

All Priests working in the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore whose Faculties expire on 31-3-1962 are reminded to send their Pagella Facultatum to the Diocesan Chancery between 1st. and 31st. January, 1962, and not later than that, for renewal.—Statute 543.

All Parish Priests and Heads of Diocesan Institutions are reminded to send the statement of accounts relating to the year 1961 before the end of January 1962.—Statute 1082.

- 7-12-1961: Meeting of the Diocesan Council and of the Board of Administration at Archbishop's House, San Thome.
- 7-12-1961: His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore is pleased to appoint the Rev. Parish Priests of Egmore, St. Francis Xavier's, Broadway and Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Perambur, to serve as Raman Catholic Representatives on the Madras Cemeteries Committee, in addition to the others already appointed to serve on the said Committee.
- 12-12-1961: Anniversary Solemn Requiem Pontifical Mass at 7 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica for the late Most Rev Eugene Mederlet, Archbishop of Madras, and His Excellency Right Rev. A. M. Teixeira, Bishop of Mylapore.
- 15-12-1961: Meeting of the Committee for the Administration of the Archbishop's Jubilee Scholarship Fund at Archbishop's House, at 9 a.m.

- 17-12-1961 : Sunday. Announce the fast and abstinence to be observed on Ember Friday, 22-12-1961.
- 20-12-1961 : First Vespers of St. Thomas, Apostle, with commemoration of the occurring Advent FERIA. Compline of Sunday.
- 21-12-1961 : ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE, Titular of the Cathedral Basilica and Principal Patron of the Archdiocese. First Class. The Feast is to be observed by both the Diocesan and Religious Clergy. Festive throughout, with commemoration of Advent FERIA. Gloria, Credo, Preface of Apostles.
- 22-12-1961 : Fast and Abstinence anticipated from the Christmas Vigil.
- 24-12-1961 : Vigil of Christmas. No Fast and Abstinence.
- 25-12-1961 : CHRISTMAS DAY. Day of obligation. Missa pro populo.
- 31-12-1961 : Announce at all Masses the collection to be made on 7-1-1962.
- 1-1-1962 : NEW YEAR'S DAY: Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Statutes 332 and 873.
- 6-1-1962 : Missa pro populo.
- 6-1-1962 : 40th. Anniversary of arrival of His Grace the Most Rev. L. Mathias, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore, in the Missions of India.
- 7-1-1962 : First Retreat of the Diocesan Clergy begins.
- 7-1-1962 : Sunday. FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY FAMILY. Titular Feast of Parish Church of Mahabalipuram, First Class Feast, with I Vespers and festive throughout, to be observed by the Priest attached to that Church.
- 7-1-1962 : Collection for the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood to be made in all churches and sent to the Rev. Treasurer during the week. Statute 1051 (1)
- b) Pledge not to take part in objectionable Cinema shows—Statute 307 (ii).
- c) Consecration to the Sacred (Statute 807).
- 13-1-1962 : Meeting of the Madras-Mylapore Archdiocese Society at 9-30 a.m. at Archbishop's House.
- 14-1-1962 : Second Retreat of the Diocesan Clergy begins.

A. Pereira de Andrade,
Chancellor.