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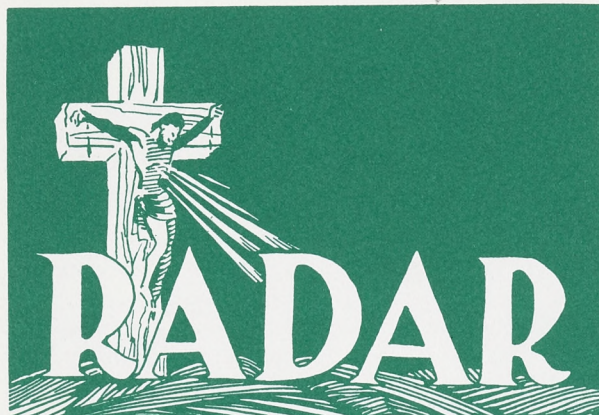
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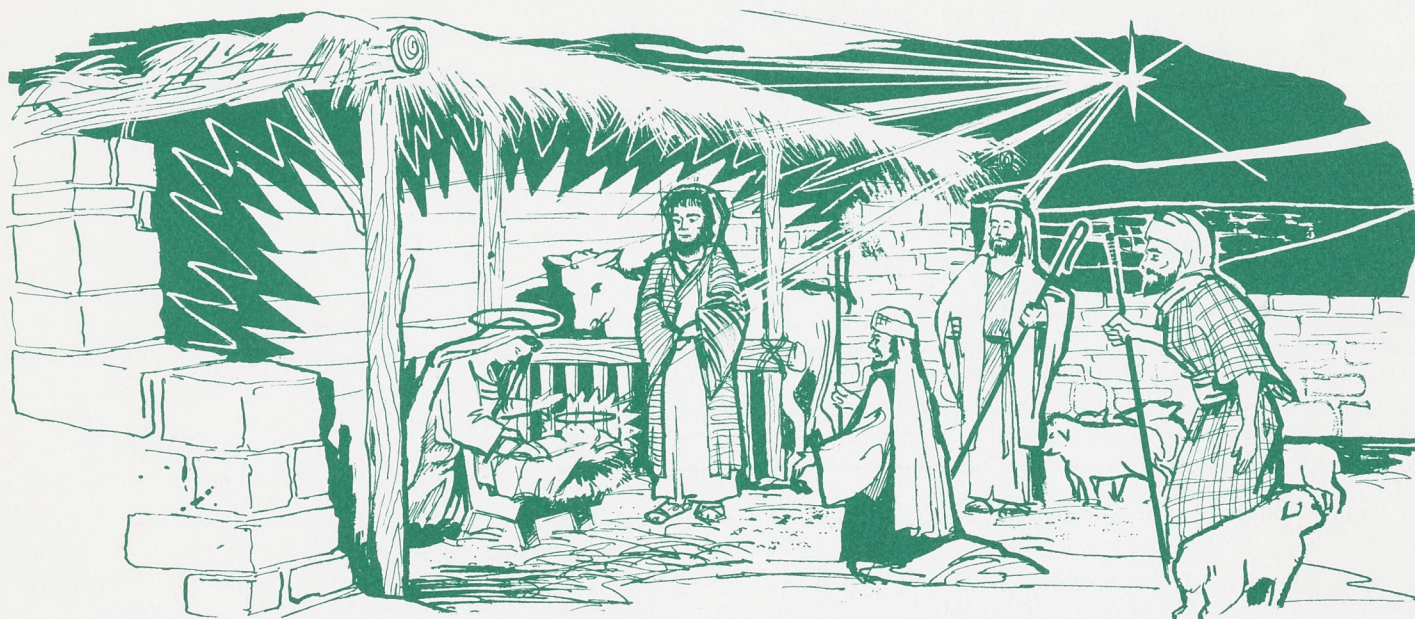
DECEMBER - JANUARY

DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS
12:00 A.M. SOLEMN MIDNIGHT
MASS at EPHPHETA

DEC. 27 - CHRISTMAS PARTY
YOUNG UNMARRIED DEAF,
MAGUIRE HALL, 7:30 P.M.

JAN. 12 - MASS at ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE
102ND & SOUTH PARK, 12:00 NOON

FOR THE CHICAGOLAND CATHOLIC DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING



We, your priests - Monsignor Lynch, Father Egan, Father Brady, Father Brennan, Father Hildebert, Father Tobin, Father Tyler - extend to you our wishes for a very blessed Christmas and New Year.

GOSPEL OF THE FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

In those days the Roman Emperor Augustus ordered that a list be made of all his subjects. Everyone had to go to his home town to have his name written down. So Joseph went with Mary to Bethlehem, the home of King David's family. It was while they were there that Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him in baby-clothes and laid Him in a manger, for there was no room for them at the inn. In the fields nearby there were some shepherds minding their

sheep. Suddenly they saw a bright light and an angel stood by them. He said to them: "Do not be afraid. I have joyful news for you. Your Savior is born in David's city. He is Christ, the Lord. You will find Him wrapped in baby-clothes, lying in a manger." Then all at once hundreds of angels appeared, praising God: "Glory to God in high heaven; peace on earth to men of good will." And the shepherds set out at once to find the Savior.

PRAYER FROM MIDNIGHT MASS

O God, by the birth of Jesus you have made this most sacred night shine with the radiance of true light; for Jesus is the light of the world. May his light never leave us in this world, so that in heaven we may share in the joys which He gives to those who love Him. We ask you this through Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Editor's Corner

MAY HE REST IN PEACE!

Never in the history of our country has there been such a terrible act, never in the history of our country has there been such an angered people. Words could not express the grief and sadness in our hearts. Whether we were Democrats or Republicans, party affiliation stopped, because the gun that shot President Kennedy killed our President, our chief executive, our Commander-in-Chief, the man who fired that gun shot at and attacked the flag of the United States of America. Three other presidents were assassinated, but this was in the past, and we never thought to see this happen in our day. But it did happen. Fear came over the country and rightly so. Could it have happened in our country, in our day and age?

Great statesmen and patriots expressed the fear that this dastardly act was a sign of our times. How true this is! With all the violence, crime and sin, is it any wonder that violence would not reach the very heart of one we loved? Is it any wonder that people who care not about keeping the Ten Commandments of God would kill even the President of the United States! And while we pour out our sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy, her children and family, we must examine our conscience. In each one of us there may be this crime in our hearts, because we have shown a hatred of God's law. Not just a hatred against one commandment, but all the commandments, It is about time that we get back to keeping the Ten Commandments. Our love of God and love of neighbor is shown in the keeping of the Commandments.

Did President Kennedy die for no good purpose? If we begin living our lives the way they should be lived, then his death means something. But if we go on hurting others, hurting the good names of other people, committing acts of impurity, reading filthy books and magazines, attending bad movies, not going to church, stealing, hating others, etc., then his death means nothing. We think our country to be great, but our country can not survive without God's blessing. Other countries, greater than ours, have been wiped off the face of the earth because of moral weakness and decadence. The great powers of Greece and Rome fell because the people were so morally weak they could not fight the evil forces from the outside. I do not fear communism as much as I fear the moral weakness of our people. The weakness I speak of is the inability of overcoming temptation and the habitual breaking of God's law. Our country was founded under God. Our dear Lord said, "Without me you can do nothing." And even in these United States of America we can do nothing without God. It is about time that each of us begins living a life with God so that our country will live and not die.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PREVENT DEAFNESS?

Then read excerpts of the following letter we received.

"Dear Father Egan: You may already be aware of the Temporal Bone Banks Program for Ear Research, but I am writing to you at the suggestion of one of your deaf, who is also one of our donors. . . I would like to give you information on our program and ask if there is any way that you could help us reach the Chicagoland Catholic deaf and hard of hearing.

"First, we are not asking for any contributions, but are anxious that all people who are hard of hearing or deaf be made aware of this national research effort which is being conducted to educate the public and especially the deafened public to the needs of ear research.

"This is a research effort to develop means of treating and preventing deafness through the acquisition and study of temporal (ear) bones of persons who have been deaf. If doctors knew exactly what happened in the ears of the deaf to have caused their deafness, they could help to develop ways to prevent this same problem from occurring in future generations.

"Only those who are deaf can provide this information which is essential for ear research. Of necessity, this must be a long-range effort since research can progress only as rapidly as temporal bones are acquired for study.

"The procedure is simple: A donor signs a legal pledge from donating his ear bones to medical research after death. This pledge must be signed by the nearest of kin and two witnesses. If a person has ever had his hearing tested or his ears examined, we ask for the name of the doctor so that we can write for a copy of the report. If not, we ask the donor a few questions about the early history of his deafness to make his pledge of greatest research value.

"Since it is important that we reach those who are severely deaf, I am appealing for your help. . . In order to reach the Chicagoland Catholic deaf, would it be possible to have a small item appear in your publication about the purpose of our research program and the importance and great need for the deaf to join in this effort. Perhaps it would be also important to assure them that there is no religious objection. . ."

Would it not be wonderful if your contribution to research prevented deafness in others in years to come? For more information write to:

Miss Katherine T. Wolcott
Temporal Bone Banks Center
Box 146, Faculty Exchange
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois
(Phone: Midway 3-0800, Ext. 2351)

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY at BELMONT PARK POST No. 597

5104 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
7:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
Refreshments, favors, dancing, games, fun.
Your genial host - EPHPHETA CENTER OF CHICAGO

Tuesday, December 31, 1963
Say good-bye to the old year and welcome in the New Year.
Donation: \$1.50 per person or \$2.50 per couple
Co-chairmen: Edward Schultz and Joseph M. Sorce, Jr.