

## THE CHURCH HERE AND THERE

### NEW RIZAL PARISH ERECTED

Considering that the "spiritual needs of the Parish of St. Andrew, Paranaque, Rizal cannot be properly attended to because of the small size of the Parochial Church and because of the large territory," His Eminence Rufino J. Cardinal Santos, Archbishop of Manila, divided the parish last May 14, 1970, and created a new one, the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua.

The new Parish is composed of several subdivisions, to wit: San Antonio Valley 1-12; Fourth Estate; B.F. Homes (Sukat Road); Sta. Rita.

It will also have as its pastor Rev. Fr. Ceferino Sanchez who comes from Paco, Obando, Bulacan where he was born in 1935. Having studied in San Jose Seminary (1953-1957) and in UST Central Seminary (1957-1961), he was ordained in 1960 by Cardinal Santos at the Manila Metropolitan Cathedral.

Before his present assignment, Father Sanchez was Assistant Parish Priest of Our Lady of Loreto Parish, Sampaloc, Manila.

### CHRISTIAN MESSAGE THROUGH MASS MEDIA

Vatican City — Modern mass media have assumed "gigantic proportion," and the Church must employ them to transmit the Christian message, Pope Paul VI told members of the Pontifical Commission on Social Communications following their annual plenary session on June 5.

He said, "It is our duty and it is urgent to intensify efforts to obtain better use of the press, radio, cinema and television for the transmission ... of the message Christ has entrusted to his Church for the salvation of all men."

At a press conference the commission announced that an instruction on the proper use of mass media by the Church was not yet ready for publication. The Second Vatican Council realized the importance of communication and approved a document on the subject as one of its first orders of business in 1964. The council also delegated the pontifical communications commission to draw up the instruction.

### COMMUNION IN HAND

According to officials of the U.S.A. Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, American Catholics may soon be permitted to have Communion hosts placed in their hands by the priest rather than on the tongue.

The practice, a relatively new one, has not been authorized in the United States. Bishops in France and Germany have been empowered to use their discretion in permitting Catholics to receive Communion in their hands.

The proposal for "Communion in the hands" may be brought before the National Conference of Catholic Bishops for approval in their meeting next November by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy.

## AUTHORITY IN RENEWING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Paris — In a statement issued at the end of a meeting here the permanent council of the French Bishops' Conference denounced those who are concerned only with the "community" aspect and forget the hierarchical constitution willed by Christ.

The statement denounced "the intrusion of methods of violence and of revolutionary dialectic into the Church" as a "perversion of the Gospel." The Church's proper mission, it said, is to announce the Gospel, to confirm the faith, to be the guarantee of unity.

It also warned against the challenging of authority that has spread in the Church, against those who are impatient with the slowness of reforms. That no priest can carry out a ministry conferred by the bishops for the service of the people of God if he challenges the exercise of authority in the Church, even though he may not have rejected the principle of that authority. No one can truly celebrate the Eucharist if he disagrees with the bishop in the exercise of his mission and if he chooses a way of life that sometimes goes as far as including marriage. The Eucharist is pre-eminently the sacrament of communion with Jesus Christ in the Church, of which the bishop is the pledge of unity.

## CARDINAL OPTS FOR RETAINING DEVOTION PRACTICES

Cardinal William Conway of Armagh has defended general devotional practices within the Church which he said many Catholics today consider outmoded.

Speaking at the annual Corpus Christi procession in Cork, the cardinal said that while the devotional life of the Church must change with the times, "it would be a great pity" to seek to eliminate "everything that might not suit the taste of a fastidious middle-class person."

There is a religious dimension in human life, he said, which escapes the net of purely rational analysis — a deep-seated yearning to establish contact with the transcendental which is not satisfied with an over-rationalized religious life. When religion fails to meet such a need "people inevitably seek it elsewhere, as it is happening in some sophisticated Western countries."