Religious Christmas Cards Growing Ever More Popular

This year, more than ever before, Catholics are choosing Christmas cards which reflect the true significance of Christmas, according to The Greeting Card Industry, an organization which reports on the trend in public preference throughout the country.

The majority of greeting card publishers have produced a great number of Christmas cards especially designed for Catholics, and all others imbued with the true Christian significance of the Christmas season.

In a wide variety of scenes these cards depict the beautiful and traditional story of the Nativity: Our Blessed Mother and the Child Jesus, the Holy Family, the shepherds watching their flocks or making their way through the Bethlehem night to the manger, the Three Wise Men following the star, and all the scenes endeared to those who, in their minds and hearts, associate Christmas with the birth of Christ.

The titles on these religious Christmas cards are equally in keeping with the spirit of the holy season: "A Special Christmas Prayer For You," "Blessed Be Your Christmas," "A Christmas Rosary" and "May Christmas Bring Joy To You."

There are also cards intended for specific persons, such as "Christmas Greetings, Reverend Father" and "A Christmas Wish, Sister."

Many of these cards contain quotations from the Scripture. Others bear inspiring messages in the form of verses: "We cannot see the angel throng,

Nor hear the sweetness of their song,

But may the peace they sang of then

Be yours as Christmas comes again!"

Although the general public has, in the past, shown a preference for designs featuring holly, mistletoe, snow scenes and others, this year there is a noticeable increase in the demand for cards showing religious figures. The Madonna and Child are especially popular.

It has been suggested that this return to a more real representation of Christmas is due to the recent war experiences which have affected so many American families. These experiences have brought about an increased desire for peace, which is rightly and naturally associated with the Prince of Peace.

Among the Christmas cards this year are a considerable number featuring famous masterpieces of religious subjects. Included are such widely known and loved pictures as Raphael's "Madonna Of The Chair," Luini's "Holy Family," Carlo Dolci's "Madonna Of The Veil" and Raphael's "Madonna And Child."

There are, then, any number of Christmas cards which are not only well designed but which are appropriate to the true meaning of Christmas — the birth of Our Blessed Saviour. Those of the Catholic faith will find a wide variety of cards for their selection which they can send to their family and friends as representing a truly Blessed Christmas.

In the traditional spirit of the approaching season, we want to wish you a "Merry Christmas". But may we call it instead a HOLY CHRISTMAS? HOLY — with hearts in joyful expectancy of His arrival, voices singing the glory of His birth, minds contemplating His exaltation, souls prepared to cherish His reception. A Holy Christmas in honor of the king of Kings and Redeemer of the world — a Christmas full of love, understanding, kindness, and joy.

We wish you a Holy Christmas. In so wishing, we are wishing you a truly "Merry Christmas for what could be merrier than a Christmas spent in intimate friendship with the winsome Babe of Peace?"
FR. JULIAN

In Passing

Who would you name as the most talked about person in the Litany of the Saints? Saints Mary Magdalen, Thereze, Frances Cabrini?

Most Church historians will name St. Veronica. No, it is not anything about her person or character; it's just, was there ever such a person? The name Veronica comes from two Greek words meaning the "true image". Because of the strong tradition that dates back to the first century, the Church has kept this beautiful scene of pity and kindness in the fourteen stations of Jesus Way to Calvary. Yet throughout the centuries, historians have disputed among themselves whether a woman ever did stop to help our Lord.

A few weeks ago, the Question Box in the New Tribune asked: "Was he大军 racket to speak the truth. He alone had the might to oppose and with the might of all Communist Russia behind him.

And for standing forth to speak the truth about the Communists what has become of this man? He was tried in a court. The charge was treason but all his alleged treasonable activities we know...?

Perhaps a little enlightenment which every true-blooded American should strive to what you really don't know?

Every honest press and radio told of his martyrdom. That would have been "blasphemy" said the Communist back to support him calmly spoke the truth. He alone had the mighty Tito, with no great government at his

People the world over heard that voice and realized that in his car's dock his voice rang out last week around the world. Prosecutors. Was this justice? Possibly, Justice, blindfolded, "Trial of the Assembly? Will H..."

Many of us could truthfully fine example to all of us. The reasonings of the Assembly are very important it is for us to know more about our nations' problems. You and I are tomorrow's future citizens and by different, we tend to lower our nation steadily. The United Nations was used here just for an example and the nation is confronted with hundreds of similar problems.

The real object of this article was to enlighten those few eager future citizens, especially American, on international national problems of peace. The Charles Carrol Forum of Chicago presents a series of lectures at the Morrison Hotel, Mitchell Room on seven different Sunday afternoons, at 3:30 P.M. outstanding speakers discuss peace problems and open questions from the floor are answered directly. Season passes can be obtained or else admissions paid at the door. December 8 is the date set for the coming lecture.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all interested and it is one way of keeping posted on the nations news. Come one, come all! See you there!
Have a Heart, Will Yuh, Huh...

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A Thanksgiving Sequence....

Virginia Nauseda

"Hello — Mary? This is Peggy Martin. Listen. Have you a few spare minutes handy so that I can buzz your ear off? No, I can't stay on the phone too long... dad's on just can't wait.

"Remember that well fatted turkey that was raffled off at the Sodality dance last night? And remember how rumors were flying that it resembled me to some extent. Well of course I'm not denying that fact, because I felt like a turkey after going through what I did for it. You know how a turkey acts when it's time to bid farewell and be served for that all American occasion. So this is how it all came about.

Well, one evening my dad was telling mom about going to visit my Aunt Martha up in Wisconsin in order to get our Thanksgiving turkey. And like a bolt of lightning, a thought flashed into my mind: why not go long and get one for our coming Thanksgiving dance??

"You know Mary, I've always said autumn on the farm was the best place to see Mother Nature's artistic achievement. Bliss Carman sure had the, turkey in his eyes, I set out in search for one.

"There is something in the autumn that is native to my blood — Touch of manner, hint of mood; And my heart is like a rhyne

"As I began telling you about my well fattened, feathered friend — "With a determined heart, a grim face, and with all pity removed from my eyes, I set out in search for him.

"There wasn't much B-sacking to do, for it seemed as though he came looking for me. Everything went favorably during our meeting, most likely because of the praise I showered upon him, when all of a sudden, I can't explain it, but he started to chase me. It seems the turkey had ideas other than mine. The thought I had in the back of my mind "me heap brave" vanished and I'm just plain surprised, but I sure ran.

"All out of breath I stumbled into aunt's kitchen I overheard everyone laughing. They had seen uncle's toughest pet turkey chasing me. It was then I learned the "old Nick" the turkey had been a family acquaintance on the farm for many years and that he and uncle were conspirators in the plot to make me the biggest "turkey" of the year. So you see Mary, the girls really had something there when they said I resembled a turkey.

"You liked the dance!!! Swell, I'm glad you did and you know your invited to attend our next one. My how quickly time does pass, I'd better be hanging up so for now — Bye Mary!!!

Roland Hayes Recital, Dec. 2

After an absence of several years, Roland Hayes, famous tenor, will return to Chicago for a recital in Orchestra Hall on Monday evening, December 2.

Hayes has been heard in the past few seasons in recitals from Maine to California, from northern Canada to Mexico, in the concert halls of Europe and by soldiers on leave from the world's battlefronts.

Progress in the field of vocal art has won him many distinctions, including the degree of Doctor of Music from Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and Doctor of Laws from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Ode on an Onion

An onion is a breathtaking thing... Rare with hidden delight. With its unforgettable air 'Tis one of nature's better sights. Abroad, at home its praises ring. Throughout the day it's doing its thing. An onion is an unforgettable thing... Full of rare delight. It's the onions! An apple a day keeps the doctor away. An onion a day keeps everyone away. The onion is the food for the lady who has had her good day. A delicious smelly onion, rich, hearty, the onion eaters are the life of the party. Do you want to be the breath of the party? Don't let them say, "Shhh, she's got N. O."