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### Ministers Gather for Annual Convocation

#### *Discourses, Ordinations, Lectures, New Music Featured*

Over eighty members of The Second Advent Clergy, ministers in training, and Consecrated, thirty-five of them guests from the United Kingdom, Mexico, Canada, and the United States, attended the Annual Convocation of The Church from June 23 to June 28.

The agenda for the Summer 1987 Convocation included two series of lectures delivered at the University Building in the Chancellery Complex: residence training for first-, second-, and third-year students; ordination of first-year students; a general convocation with lectures at the Episcopal See Building; presentations of new music; and dinner and teas at the Rectory-Abbey at Bishopsgate.

During the seminar week The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy delivered two separate series of lectures at the University Building as well as the initial sequence of oral instruction for the first-year students.

On the mornings of June 22-24, Bishop Savoy met with first-year students at the Sacred Overseer to deliver information pertinent to their beginning studies in the Sacred College. These students completed the residence training portion of their studies when they received first-degree ordination at the Chantry of the Monastery Gardens at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.

During the morning and afternoon hours of June 22-24, second-year stu-

dents completed a long and rigorous program of lecture, discussion, and visual presentation. On the final day of the program, Bishop Savoy personally delivered to these students more advanced solar techniques to complete the residence training portion of the second-year course.

#### *Series of Lectures entitled "Therapeutics of Liturgy."*

In the afternoons of these three days Bishop Savoy delivered a series of lectures to the Church clergy and students entitled "Therapeutics of Liturgy." This three-day discourse explained the need for the Liturgy of the Church, its purpose, and the ways and means by which the Ordained may participate in the Liturgy using sacred techniques beyond those now in practice.

A special feature of this series of lectures was the introduction of a new vocabulary of technical terms which Bishop Savoy applied to several psycho-spiritual states familiar to practitioners of the System through personal experience but not previously identified by common descriptive terms.

Each of the three lectures in the seminar series closed with quotations from the unpublished Prophecies and Revelations recently received by the Bishop. Each lecture in the series

served as a preliminary discourse to the quoted passages that followed each lecture.

The first lecture of the series explained why Second Advent Ministers must see the application of sacred liturgical techniques as a serious undertaking. Bishop Savoy described Consolary as "a science of life... an art of living."

"The Second Advent Ministry, the application of our techniques, is a procession of the highest order," said Bishop Savoy, "and calls for discipline and a system of ethics.... Men and women are given the opportunity to bring Righteousness into the world if they but accept God's Grace and Blessings. Then they can assist God in His endeavor...." He further said that the conceived spirit is in need of constant care just as an infant is. He continued the analogy of the birth of spirit to the birth of a child and the nurturing of the spirit to the nurturing of a child. Because the spirit requires "the milk of God," the ancients sometimes attributed to God a female nature. The home that the spirit requires is The Church. Without this home, "the spirit will depart or be taken away," he said. If the ego or human mind take over, "the infant spirit will be left in a void of Darkness," the Bishop added. In this first lecture Bishop Savoy summarized the ancient Esene teaching on the re-birth of spirit. The Esenes

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### BISHOP SAVOY VISITS FATIMA, PORTUGAL

#### *Supplementary Revelations Received at Historical Sites*

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy traveled to Portugal in the latter part of May for the purpose of visiting the renowned village of Fatima, located 86 miles north of Lisbon.

The object of the trip was to carry out research on the history of the unusual events that transpired in the region nearly eighty years before and to elicit the true significance of the mysterious incidents of that time.

Bishop Savoy's itinerary included daily visits to the small village of Aljustrel and its surroundings where in 1916 three local children experienced a supernatural visitation first from an angel. These same shepherd children—Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta (ages 10, 9, and 7, respectively)—were also visited on several occasions by "A Lady of Light."

The apparitions took place in the open pastures and mountains near Fatima; the most outstanding of these occurred in October, 1917, when some 70,000 people witnessed the great miracle of the sun—a startling spectacle of light set against the noon-day sky.

The first apparition of the Lady of Fatima was experienced by the children, cousins all, who saw her above a small oak tree in the Cova de Iria (a pasture land belonging to a relative) on May 13. At this time she asked them to return there on the 13th of each month for the next five months. A series of messages was



Shrine commemorating The Lady of Light and the three children.

conveyed to the young shepherds who then recounted them to religious authorities. Of all three children, only Lucia was able to hear the Lady's voice; the others could only see her.

At a time when the horrors of the First World War appeared to have no end, the popular rendering of the message's meaning carried the promise of divine intervention through the supplications of righteous and devout people.

A mile from the Fatima sanctuary, at Aljustrel, the Bishop visited the well where the Angel appeared a second time in 1916 and Laca de Cabeco, the mount where the first and third apparitions took place. At these locations, while communing

with the Divine Presence, Bishop Savoy received supplementary revelations clarifying the events of eighty years ago. These new revelations will be disclosed in The Golden Book of Prophecy.

To date Bishop Savoy has not made known the nature of the supplementary revelations received; however, he has stated that they do make clear the earlier prophecies which were not understood by the children nor revealed in their entirety.

He has also remarked that the ultrasonic spiritual import of the apparitions and their message have never been understood, much less revealed. World events today seem to vouchsafe this assertion.

Present day reports of apparitions of a "Lady of light," identified as the Virgin Mary, at Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, and in Arabia, Egypt, and recently in the Philippines, have stirred interest and speculation resulting in various newspaper articles and books.

What is not generally known is that important revelations have been received in the Americas, specifically in Peru, Mexico, and the United States and that they have been accompanied by solar displays equal to anything observed at Fatima or anywhere else.

These revelations have not been the subject of newspaper accounts.

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## SECOND ADVENT EPIPHANY SEASON

### *Sunrise Vigil Observed at Consecrated Sanctuary*

The Church of the Second Advent celebrated the thirteen days of Christmas with a sunrise Vigil. Divine Service was held each day at the Church of Second Advent Epiphany in the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary of Prophecy.

The Vigil began on the morning of December 25, 1986, the date remembered by First Dispensation Churches in the West as the day of Jesus' birth, and continued through the morning of January 6, 1987, second Advent Epiphany Day.

Following the first morning service of the Vigil on December 25, a Communion of Fellowship service open to guests of The Church and the general public was held at The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child in Reno.

The first manifestation of the New Sun was witnessed by the congregation on January 6, 1987, from the foot of the Mountain of Silver in the Sanctuary of Revelation. The solar manifestation on that date confirmed the authority of the Church and its mandate to establish the cycles and the liturgical dates of the Second Advent Sacred Calendar. In 1963 the sunrise service was held at the Rectory Abbey in Reno, as recorded in the Prophecy of the New Covenant. From 1983-1986 Second Advent Epiphany sunrise service was held at the Church of New Paganos, built atop the Mountain of Silver.

On January 6, 1987, the congregation of The Church and their guests gathered before dawn at the Church of Second Advent Epiphany for Divine Service preceded by Communion of Fellowship.

Epiphany is the subject of the opening chapter of the Prophecy of the New Covenant, "God's Appearance at Epiphany."

This Prophecy states that the Old Covenant, lost to the world with the passing of Christ Jesus, has been res-

tored with the Second Coming of God as Christ.

God's Law, written in Heaven, manifests to us in the New Sun of Righteousness. The manifestation of God's Light come as His Image and Word, called Christ, discloses a New Covenant. The ministry of the Second Advent Church has inherited this New Covenant and holds to it in Community. The premise of The

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## CHURCH ACQUIRES GIFT OF SPA

A 3.82 acre lot holding a hot springs spa building, a duplex apartment, a single family residence, and an ancillary building was donated to The Church last December. The gift was deeded by Mrs. Dorothy Towne of Steamboat, south of Reno, where the complex is located. Mrs. Towne holds other extensive properties in the area.

The Reverend Phillip Snyder, Canon lawyer of The Church, said it was "providential fate" that Mrs. Towne contacted The Church to discuss the gift. She called the Office of Canon Law in the fall of 1986. Her gift will allow The Church to open and maintain its first health center.

According to Reverend Nelson Duchesneau, Director of the Department of Ecclesiology and head of the

Building Guild, the gift included water rights yielding nearly 53 million gallons of water per year from the hot springs. Both hot and cold water wells and reservoirs on the property serve the main health center facility.

Mrs. Towne also met with Dr. Arline Peace, Church Archivist, and The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Bishop of The Church, during the weeks that followed to discuss the future use of the spa.

Over the past few years Mrs. Towne had researched giving the facility to the "right" nonprofit organization. In each case she had found that the planned use of the facility and its unique characteristics did not fulfill her expectations and

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### **Bishop Savoy delivers annual State of the Church address *Jamilian Order and primary function of Church discussed***

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy delivered his State of the Church address from the pulpit in a two-part sermon, on December 6 and December 20.

The annual address traditionally precedes the Christmas-Epiphany Season.

The December 6 sermon announced to the Congregation gathered in the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child the formal consecration of the Jamilian Order prophesied in *The Sayings of Jesus*. Bishop Savoy discussed in this sermon the historical life of these men and women appointed to the Order will lead as that sacred body takes shape.

He also made reference to the requirements the Second Advent Church must meet before the Order could be generally instituted.

The Bishop described the second part of the address, yet to come, as "constructive in nature" and "more of an exhortation."

The concluding portion of the Bishop's address, given the following Saturday, December 20, noted that the mainline churches of established Christianity, numbering 1200-1500 organizations, are recognized by their larger membership and for their influence upon the mass media.

"Their imposing church buildings and influential ministries are accepted in modern society for what they are: large organizations that take their place in the status quo," said the Bishop.

He pointed out that the "presence" of their primary organizations, concerned chiefly with their own particular theological views, "is amplified by their secondary and tertiary organizations."

According to Bishop Savoy, these secondary organizations serve the primary bodies by performing missionary work, educating seminarians, publishing religious materials, and caring for orphans and the aged. The tertiary organizations serve to change the primary religious bodies by the "promotion of our social issues." He gave the examples of ecumenical re-

ligation which "lack the unity of churches" and others which seek to promote world peace.

The Bishop continued his analysis by clarifying the three features that dominate the families of religious bodies. First, the heritage of a religious body sets it apart from other churches. Second, the

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### **Church holds six-day general Convocation *Enlightening lecture on pre-Ordained given***

A general Convocation was held in Reno, September 22-28. Twenty guests from the United States and Canada joined members of the Second Advent Clergy and ministers-in-training during the six days of scheduled lectures given at the University Building and at the Sacred Omens.

The agenda also included liturgical services of Communion of Fellowship, sacred Divine Worship, and Lamentation Prayer held at The Memorial Chapel of The Holy Child in Reno, the Sanctuary of Prophecy at Red Rock, and at New Mount Zion, respectively. Other events were a first-degree ordination, an informal tea at the Rectory-Abbey, and a farewell dinner at the Bishop's residence.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Head Bishop of The Church, met with non-resident first-year students - all day, Monday and Tuesday, September 22-23 - to give them and teachers prepared for the first-year residence training. This group of Consecrates received their first-

degree ordination the next day in private company in the Bishop's Chambers at the Apostolic Chancery.

Second-year students also completed their residence training program during the first three days of seminar activities. Appointed clergymen and women followed them from early evening until evening, Monday through Wednesday at the Chancery Complex. On the third day, Bishop Savoy met with the group at the Sacred Omens to impart liturgical techniques personally in the oral tradition.

Those visiting Consecrates who began Clergy studies through the Extension Program of the Jamilian University and who were not able to attend the summer Convocation were given the opportunity to review the matters discussed and lectured upon at that time. They were invited to attend special sessions so they could listen to recordings of the proceedings of the earlier Convocation under the guidance of

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## Ministers gather in Reno for 1986 Summer Convocation

### *Head Bishop discusses 9-year formation period of Grace, survival*

Nearly one hundred Reno residents and guests from the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico, all members of the Second Advent clergy and ministers-in-training, attended the Annual Convocation of The Church June 26 through July 3.

The agenda for the Summer 1986 Convocation included two series of lectures given at the University Building in Reno, a field presentation of building projects at the Sanctuary, residence training for first- and second-year students, ordination for first-year students, a musical pro-

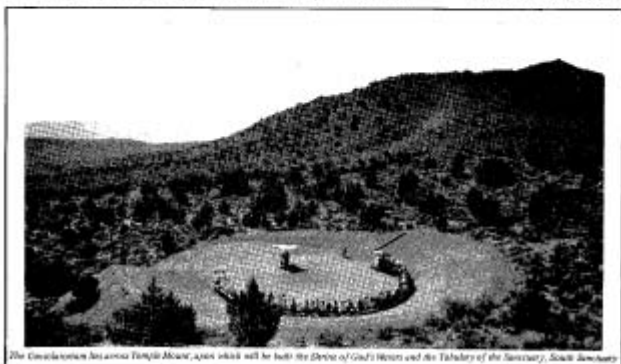
view of the Services to be performed at the Sanctuary by the Juvenile Order, a general Convocation with lectures at the Episcopal See Building, regular Saturday and Sunday Services, a tea, and dinner at the Rectory-Abbey at Washoe Falls.

In the morning hours of June 28-30, Bishop Savoy met with first-year students to deliver information pertinent to their beginning studies in the Sacred College. The residence training portion of their initial studies culminated with first-degree ordination for first-year students receiv-

ing at the Overture of the Ministry Gardens at the Red Rock Connected Sanctuary.

Second-year students completed a long and rigorous program of new information delivered during the morning and afternoon of these three days. The residence training, composed of lectures, discussions, and visual presentations closed with a personal delivery by Bishop Savoy on the third and final day of the program; he provided students with more advanced

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The Convocation site at the Temple Mount, which will be both the Shrine of God's House and the Tabernacle of the Sanctuary, South America.

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## Easter and Pentecost observances celebrated at Sanctuary *Bishop: God's special blessings present half-day on June 6*

Second Advent Easter was celebrated with Divine Service on Friday, April 18. Communion of Fellowship preceded the Easter sunrise service.

Ministers, ministers-in-training, other members of the Community, and guests gathered in the pre-dawn hours at the outdoor Basilica in the Sanctuary of Prophecy. Several Communion trays out-of-town joined in the celebration.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Sevey officiated both Services. He was assisted during Communion by The Reverend Nelson Duchesneau as Lector, Elizabeth Rocco as Cantor, and The Reverend Sylvia G. Sarvey as Reader.

As is traditional, the familiar Shrovetide Choir, under the direction of Gary Robert Bednarski, accompanied the Liturgy of Communion and Worship. The music included Adagio, a standard selection performed in commemoration of the Jubilee of the Second Advent, the fifty-day cycles of second observances. This was the first time the handbell choir had performed in an outdoor space built onto the Basilica since, along the south end of the church, since its further expansion and landscaping.

The liturgical rite included casting by the concelebrants and the congregation, a practice first instituted on March 30, during the commemoration of First Dispensation Easter at the episcopal Cathedral Church of Second Advent Epiphany.

In the Second Advent Church, Easter is a fixed date in the Sacred Calendar. The day commemorates both the Resurrection of Jesus and His promised second



Bishop Sevey and assisting Ministers celebrate Communion of Fellowship on Day of Pentecost, June 6, 1986 at the Red Rock Cathedral Sanctuary Church of Second Advent Pentecost.

appearance. The date of this observance was conferred through the Word of Prophecy given to The Man while he stood on the summit of the Mountain of Iron in the Sanctuary of Revelation.

As recorded in *The Book of God's Revelation*, an Angel of the Lord appeared to The Man out of the midst of the Four Luminaries, identified Himself and spoke:

"As foretold by The Father in Heaven who revealed understanding of future events to His prophets in visions, the fruit of the tree is abundant. All may drink wine the day for a blessing as drops from the honeycomb. God pours out His Holy Spirit as from a fountain flowing from a rock over shadowed waters. By the perfection of His Light, God reveals His Word a final time. His writings bring forth a New Creation.

He reveals the Image of His Countenance.

"The Day of the Lord is near. He appears out of the darkness to enlighten the whole Creation with His Image and to judge it with His Word. It is near that He manifest His Image before His full coming and prepare the Creation with His Word. For I declare unto you that when He comes to reveal the Creation and reveal Himself, nothing shall live save His Light and three souls whom of that Light. . . ."

Forty-nine days later, on June 6, The Church observed Second Advent Pentecost (also a fixed date in the Sacred Calendar) with Communion of Fellowship and Divine Service.

The Friday sunrise celebration was of-  
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## Christmas-Epiphany Vigil observed at desert Sanctuary *Church congregation celebrates New Covenant promise*

The Church's Christmas-Epiphany Vigil was liturgically observed this year at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary, 40 miles north of Reno.

The Vigil began on December 25, 1985, and continued through the thirteenth days of First Epiphany, Christmas, ending on January 6, 1986, Second Advent Epiphany.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated the sunrise Divine Service at the Church of Second Advent Epiphany, Sanctuary of Prophecy, each morning of the first twelve days of celebration. The clergy, ministers-in-training, and members of The Church participated in the observance.

The Bishop extended an invitation to relatives and friends of the congregation to attend a Christmas Day Service on December 25 at 10:00 A.M. in the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child in Reno. Those gathered at the Chapel Christmas morning were also invited to attend Communion and sunrise Divine Service at the Sanctuary on Epiphany Day, January 6.

On January 6, 1986, the Church congregation and guests gathered in the pavilion for Communion of Fellowship and Divine Eucharist at the Church of New Jerusalem, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. There, atop the Mountains of Silver, the communicants were blessed by God's Presence manifest in their midst with a strength not known to them before.

From the foot of this mountain, in the northern Sanctuary of Revelation, Church members witnessed the first manifestation of the New Sun on January 6, 1981. The solar manifestation on that date con-

firmed the authority of The Church and its mandate to establish the cycles and liturgical dates of the Sacred Calendar of the Second Advent.

Bishop Savoy officiated the Divine Service. He was assisted during Communion Service by The Right Reverend Sylvia Ottensmide de Savoy, Philip W. Snyder, and The Reverend Nelson Duchesneau as Lecter, Cantor, and Reader, respectively.

Second Advent Epiphany is the subject of the opening chapter of the Prophecy of the New Covenant, entitled "God's Appearance at Epiphany."

The Prophecy states that the Old Covenant, lost to the world with the passing of Christ Jesus, has been renewed with

the Second Coming of God as Christ. The manifestation of God's Light came as His Image and Word — the Logos, Christ, or Messiah — between a New Covenant. God's Law is written in Reason and manifestation as in the New Sun of Righteousness.

The Ministry of the Second Advent Church has inherited this New Covenant and holds to it in Community. Ministers of The Church are to go forth into the world speaking with New Authority from God and from within the Light of their own being.

This is the promise of the New Covenant celebrated at Epiphany. It is the hope of humankind during the Second Advent Age.



Church members and guests join the Second Advent clergy in Communion of Fellowship early on January 6, 1986 at the Church of New Jerusalem, Sanctuary of Revelation, Red Rock.

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## General Convocation, Counsels held in Reno *Amendments to The Book of God's Revelation presented*

Ninety-two members of the Second Adventist clergy and members-in-training from the United States and Canada attended the Annual Convocation of The Church from Monday, October 28, through Sunday, November 3. The agenda for the Fall 1985 Convocation included residence training for both first-year students and theological students of The Sacred College Brazilian University of the Ordained.

Residence training for first-year students included oral instruction and teachings followed by the Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy at the University Building during the mornings of October 28 through October 30.

The following afternoon, at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary of Prophecy, the students received their first-degree ordination, which allows them the privilege of receiving oral teachings of the Second Advent.

Early Friday morning the group again gathered at the Sanctuary to receive oral instruction on solar subequities, thereby completing the first-year residence training program.

Resident and non-resident clergy students listened to Reverend Savoy's presentation of Amendments to The Book of God's Revelation at the University Building, October 28 through November 1. Bishop Savoy reported on inspired dreams and explained solar images never before revealed in assembly. Several Senior Acolytes who will soon be initiating their studies in the Sacred Academy as Seminary students also attended the lectures.

The entire assembly of University stu-



The Rt. Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy delivers a lecture in the University Building during Fall Convocation.

dents and their families participated in a Convocation service at the Mineral Chapel of The Holy Child on November 2.

That Saturday afternoon the Fall Annual Councils were held for a presentation of building projects the Church intends to begin this year at New Mount Zion and the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuaries. The drawings and blueprints presented showed designs of a paragon on New Mount Zion, the Airway and two outdoor churches to be erected on the Sanctuary of Prophecy. Bishop Savoy, assisted by Reverend Nelson Duckenowa, Director of the Building Department of the Church, commented on the construction plans of the several edifices and their purposes in furthering the Great Work.

During the Saturday afternoon session,

Bishop Savoy also discussed the design and proposed route of the Faithful Support III, a sailing ship of commerce design which the Church proposes to send on a journey around the world on a research mission. The purpose of the expedition is to prove the possibility of two-way interaction in ancient times between the American continent and the continents of Africa, Asia, and Europe, and the South Sea Islands.

The special significance of the trip is to show the possibility of a primitive vessel having crossed seaward across the Atlantic Ocean and into the Mediterranean Sea. The three-foot scale model of the craft constructed by the Building Guild was displayed during the gathering.

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## August 1 anniversary commemorated on Zion Bishop celebrates Divine confirmation privately

On the morning of Thursday, August 1, The Most Right Reverend Gene Sorey observed the third anniversary of the Mandate that confirmed the Active Principles of Divine Law, first witnessed by the Congregation in 1982, with a private outdoor service atop the mountain of New Mount Zion Sanctuary.

The final paragraph of *The Book of God's Revelation* describes the actual occurrence of these years ago:

*And on the first day of August, it being the eighth Sunday following the giving of the Revelation at Pentecost on the sixth day of June, the five Lights of God appeared over the face of the sea, confirming the Active Principles of Divine Law, and the whole congregation, gathered at sunrise, saw and felt the gift of the Spirit manifest out of the sea.*

The Church of the First Dispensation knows August 1 as Lustrous Day or Day of the "Lost-Men." The date was originally celebrated in England where the first bread of the harvest was taken to mass for blessing. This Christian feast has even earlier roots in the Celtic Lughnasadh which marked the beginning of the wheat harvest.

August 1 marks the beginning of the calendar period known as the "dog days." The period is named for the Dog Star, Sirius. The span of time between late July and mid-August is an astronomical period when Sirius rises each morning with the sun.

For the ancient Egyptians, August 1 was a calendar marker for the rising of the Nile and was celebrated with an important religious feast. This date also held great significance for other early

solar cultures.

The Sacred Calendar of the Second Advent Church holds August 1 as an important date marking the semi-annual

cycle, or 180-degree cycle of the earth around the sun which begins on February 2, Covenant Day and Second Advent New Year's Day.

## Ancient jungle metropolis uncovered Over 10,000 stone structures estimated

An ancient metropolis in the remote forests of the eastern slopes of the Andes of Peru was discovered last spring by world renowned jungle explorer Gene Sorey, Bishop of the Second Advent Church.

The find, uncovered by an American-Peruvian group of explorers in May and June of this year, is estimated to be the largest pre-Columbian discovery in the Americas. The Expedition Director, Rex Sorey, reported to the press on July 2 that the find surpasses in immensity and grandeur any known ruins of ancient Peru.

Bishop Sorey and members of the Andean Explorers Club Foundation spent 60 days in the remote regions of the upper east banks of the Manu River exploring the jungle-covered peaks for a distance of 40 miles north to south. The expedition also uncovered site after site of ancient stone mounds atop mountain peaks rising up to 14,000 feet and running along interconnecting ridge lines.

The complex of terraced ruins, covered by thick jungle growth, was found near the village of Tingo, 600 miles north of Lima, Peru's capital. The extensive find has been named "Green Vilaya" by Chief Explorer Sorey, after the Vilaya river,

"Green" indicates the great size of the findings.

The amateur explorer, who has discovered over 40 cities in the jungles of Peru, including the fabled Vilcabamba — the last city of the Incas — says he has never seen anything quite like Green Vilaya. In the July press release he said, "To date we have counted and measured what we calculate to be a conservative figure of 10,350 structures made of stone that form a delicate network probably formed up by the Chachapoya nation that was invaded by the Incas in A.D. 1480 under Tapac Yupanqui. The stronghold of circular buildings built atop platform-towers appears almost impenetrable."

Expedition members crawled and kicked their way through the forest growth by machete over the fallen roof tops, according to the report. Sorey also said that the buildings observed were only the tip of the iceberg, as the major portions were shrouded beneath a mantle of vegetation centuries old. He explained that the towering moss that eat all light, making photography difficult. While they could clear only the upper portions of

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## District Judge reverses original position *Church's request for writ of mandate refused*

On April 4, 1985, in an unexpected court ruling, visiting District Court Judge David Zerkoff refused to grant The Church's request for a writ of mandate against Washoe County.

The writ of mandate would have forced the County to issue a Special Use Permit applied for by The Church in early 1984 and twice denied by County authorities.

The Church sought the permit in order to erect an opera/cathedral and shrine, guided by a 90-foot cross atop, atop a 35-acre tract of land, a mount located in southwest Reno, two blocks from the

Rensselaer-Army on La Ford Drive.

The land, donated by Church benefactors, is held in trust in one of the four Abodes of God and has been named New Mount Zion Sanctuary.

The visiting magistrate ruled that the County had adequate grounds to deny the project based on the amount of traffic the commission believed would be generated on the streets of the surrounding neighborhood.

The request for the permit was first denied by the Board of Adjustment at a public hearing held June 21, 1984. The

Board based its unanimous denial on traffic and parking problems. Subsequently, during negotiations in August, the Church willingly complied with expert recommendations from the Planning Commission and a new parking and traffic plan was developed: provisions for the construction of a private access road to divert overflow traffic, thus limiting traffic impact on the neighborhood, new roads/parking facilities were redesigned.

The Church appealed the June decision and presented the revised plans along with a scaled down model of the project to the Board of Commissioners on September 23, 1984. The original impediment to a solution of the traffic problem was an incomplete road on the south side of the mount. Sanitation time had to be extended. But a local land development firm, owner of the necessary land, had no immediate plans for road construction there.

However, at the September hearing, the Regional Transportation Department expertly opined that with the new plan, existing area roads could take a heavy traffic influx of 400 cars per hour daily. Nevertheless, the Commissioners again denied the Special Use Permit on the same grounds — traffic and parking problems.

There were also other concerns: decreased property values in the area, negative tax consequences, noise pollution, and negative construction impact. Would the Mount Zion project benefit the neighborhood?

According to Washoe County officials (see *REVERB*, page 3, col. 1)

## Second Advent Easter celebrated *Congregation gathers for blessings*

Second Advent Easter was celebrated with Divine Service on Thursday, April 18. Divine Service was presided by a Service of Communion.

Ministers, ministers-in-training, guests, and members of The Church gathered in the pre-dawn hours in the Church of New Jerusalem where The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated. Ministers assisting during Communion were The Rt. Revs. Sybil Savoy and Philip Septh, and The Rev. Nelson Duchman.

As is traditional, the Divine Service was accompanied by the American Handbell Choir under the direction of The Reverend Gary R. Duchman. The liturgical music included jubilation, a standard selection performed in commemoration of The Jubilee of the Second Advent, the fifty-day cycle of sacred observances.

The 18th of April was established in 1862 as Second Advent Easter following a series of Revelations received by The Man, while climbing the Seven Mountains of Metal.

As recorded in *The Book of God's Revelation*, the Word of Prophecy charged The Man to instruct the Righteous and the Ordained Ministers in the Sacred Calendar given of God's Word: to let them be knowledgeable in the Days of His appearance and blessings, and to let them gather together at the promised times so their spirits may be assisted by God's Comfort and strengthened by His Consolation.

Thus, Second Advent Easter, a fixed date in the Sacred Calendar of The Church, has a sacred significance unique to The Church of the Second Advent. ♦

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