

POPE NAMES NEW SAINTS

In St. Peter's, Rome, standards, representing three who are to be named saints, are followed by the Papal procession from the Sistine Chapel. In full canonical dress, Pope Pius XII comes to raise three good men to the glory of the altars in this ceremony of canonization.

The three new saints are Francesco Bianchi, Antonio Gianelli and Ignazio da Laconi; and in Laconi in Sardinia from the Church of St. Anne they carry the body of St. Ignazio in procession to honour his canonization. Born just 250 years ago, he devoted his life to the service of the poor and the sinner Sardinia. After the procession the body returns to its place of honour in the village church.

So today, in St. Peter's, the Catholic Church gives its highest honour.

Now comes the moment as His Holiness pronounces the decree of canonization which places his Church's seal on the service of three good men.