

AFRICAN MARTYRS VOTED SAINTHOOD

VATICAN CITY--Twenty-two African Negroes who were slain in Uganda almost 80 years ago for refusing to renounce the Roman Catholic faith have been certified for sainthood by the Vatican Congregation of Rites.

A canonization ceremony is scheduled here on Oct. 18 in St. Peter's Basilica.

The meeting which approved the canonization was attended by Pope Paul VI and the action is expected once more to emphasize the church's opposition to racial discrimination.

The 22 were beatified, or declared "blessed," in June, 1920. Other Negroes have achieved sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church but the number in this group gave their canonization special importance.

Formal canonization will be attended by Pope Paul and more than 2,000 prelates from around the world. The prelates will be in Rome for the Vatican Ecumenical Council which resumes Sept. 14.

Leading figures among the 22 to be canonized are Carlo Lwanga and Mathia Kalemba Murumba. All 22 were ordered killed by their local ruler, between 1885 and 1887, for refusing to renounce the Catholic religion to which they had been converted. The first Catholic missionaries, the Missioners of Africa (White Fathers) arrived in Uganda in 1878.

In 1941, the Congregation of Rites gave preliminary approval to two medical cases said to have involved miraculous cures because of the heavenly intervention of the 22 martyrs.



PROGRAM DIRECTORS--Mrs. Verna Ware (left) and Mrs. Charlotte Cook are conducting second annual Summer Library Program at Matt Kelly School, where 68 children from 3 to 12 years of age are participating in daily three-hour sessions for eight weeks. Teacher-librarians supervise program that includes reading and dramatization of stories, recordings and films. "Our efforts are directed toward helping the child to enjoy reading," Mrs. Cook said, "in an attempt to whet their appetites for learning." Prizes are awarded participants at the end of the program by the Social Service League of Nevada. (See additional photo page 10)

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