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Religion

The majority of Roman Catholic priests from Transylvania have recently been transferred to other Rumanian provinces and forbidden to leave their new places of residence.

Three of these Catholic priests arrived in TARGU-JIU, and were appointed there assistants to the local Catholic parson HAUSOTTER Emil. They are not allowed to move from the town.

Catholic circles in Rumania believe that this measure is connected with the liquidation of the Greek-Catholic Church in Transylvania. Many Greek-Catholic faithful, having their churches closed, started frequenting Roman Catholic churches. The transfer of priests disorganizes the functioning of Roman Catholic services, and deprives the Greek-Catholic population of all religious assistance.

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Information: confirmed by other sources

Since the dissolution of the "Statutul Catholic," the Catholic organization in Transylvania, faithful Greek-Catholics have had no other choice than visiting Roman-Catholic Churches. The Rumanian Government seems to be determined to force all Catholics in Rumania to give up their faith and join the Greek-Orthodox Church sponsored by the Communists.