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REPLY TO BLANSHARD

"Catholicism, American Freedom" Refutes Paul Blanshard's Charges

In recent weeks the American Catholic educator and author, James M. O'Neill, has published a book with a two-fold significance: 1) Point by point, it examines and shatters the scholarship and "documentation" of anti-Catholic critic Paul Blanshard, and 2) it provides the Catholic layman with clear, terse summaries of Catholic attitudes with regard to church-state relations, American democracy, education, censorship, and social policies. This newspaper presents here the first of six articles taken from this book, "Catholicism and American Freedom," copyright 1952, by Harper and Brothers, \$3.50.

Paul Blanshard's thesis is that the Catholic Church is an enemy of American Freedom. He tries to persuade his readers of the soundness of this thesis by his treatment of many aspects of alleged Catholic belief and practice.

My position is that Mr. Blanshard's basic thesis is false and that the discussion of the belief and practice of American Catholics which he presents in support of his thesis is so biased and inaccurate as to be substantially worthless.

If the Blanshard book (American Freedom and Catholic Power) is so bad, a reader may well ask, why take it so seriously? The answer is, because it has been praised and promoted by men who, on account of the positions they occupy and the ideals they advocate, should have been expected to expose its antireligious, anti-Catholic bias, its basic freedom-smothering philosophy of the omnipotent state, and its erroneous scholarship.

It is hard to pick out Mr. Blanshard's weakest chapter from the standpoint of sound, competently documented argument, but there are certain objective things about his chapter on "How the Hierarchy Works," that seem to make it the best example. It is his longest chapter; it has more footnotes than any other; and as its title indicates, it is Mr. Blanshard's barrage of heavy artillery.

Mr. Blanshard writes: "Wherever possible I have let the Catholic hierarchy speak for itself." He does not keep this promise in this chapter.

The current number of members of the American Catholic hierarchy is 181. They are all busy administrators, writing, speaking, issuing circular letters. Mr. Blanshard could have let them speak for themselves for hundreds of



Prof. James M. O'Neill

pages showing "how they work," what they do, why they do it, how they do it. In this chapter he allows only two members of the American hierarchy to speak just once each.

An examination of Mr. Blanshard's 51 footnotes reveals the following: 23 deal with colorless, noncontroversial facts, population figures, etc., containing no substantiation or proof of any of the charges against the hierarchy; six deal with ancient, universal, well-known doctrines, not with how the hierarchy works; five deal with the doctrine of infallibility but furnish nothing to substantiate Blanshard's

charges; two continue the text discussion but do not support the statements to which they are attached; three give the sources of three quotations, none of which has any relation to how the hierarchy works; two are documented statements from two English writers, neither a member of the hierarchy; one (about a New Jersey bingo law) is hard to catalogue, but hardly shows "how the hierarchy works"; one is on "loyalty," not on the work of the hierarchy, and does not support the paragraph to which it is the only documentation; two carry the names of four periodicals, as documentation which does not prove his statements.

This makes a total of 45 notes out of 51, in this longest and most documented chapter, which do not support any of the sweeping statements and insinuations against the American Catholic hierarchy and other Catholics which constitute the bulk of this key chapter.

Yet Dr. Guy Emery Shipley, editor of The Churchman, a Protestant Journal, writes: "In his chapter on 'How the Hierarchy Works,' Mr. Blanshard not only records the history of the hierarchy during the 200 years in which it has operated in the United States; he cites in detail its methods of procedure and its accomplishments, documenting all of his major statements. The

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Shamrock Club Elects Murtha

Michael F. Murtha was selected president for 1952-53 by the Shamrock Club, Columbus, at their recent meeting.

The Shamrock Club, now in its sixteenth year, has attracted some of the leading speakers of the country to its annual St. Patrick Day gatherings.

Other officers elected include Dan F. Cannon, Jr., vice-president; E. Brown, treasurer; E. A. Moriarty, secretary.

The Very Rev. Monsignor Harry S. Connolly, pastor of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Columbus, was appointed Chaplain.

June 15 Date Set For 1952 Opening Of Diocesan Camps

The two Columbus Diocesan summer camps for boys and girls will open June 15 when the first week of a 10-period camping season begins, according to word from the Very Rev. George O. Mason, camp director and chaplain.

Camp St. Rita, located between Groveport and Canal Winchester on the Groveport pike, will open its 29th season while Camp St. Joseph, situated on the banks of Big Walnut creek, near Lockbourne, opens for its 26th season this year.

Both camps, founded by the late Bishop James J. Hartley, provide well-trained counselors and camp aides who help make the camping periods pleasant ones for the children of the Diocese.

Beautiful Woods

Each camp is situated on a beautiful wooded site and both camps have modern cabins for the campers.

Applications for both camps should be made as soon as possible and should be sent to the Very Rev. Director, 134 W. Mound street, Circleville, Ohio. Father Mason was recently appointed pastor of St. Joseph's church but has retained his supervisory position with the camps.

Campers may stay for one-week periods or for the entire season. Rates remain the same as last year—\$12 per week. A deposit of \$3 is customary when the application is sent in. Application blanks and further information may be secured from the Director, or at the Diocesan Office building, 246 E. Town street, Columbus.

Develops Character

The entire camping program is designed to help develop character—as well as to provide an enjoyable period outdoors.

Both camps offer a complete program of activities for the youngsters. Included on the program are boating, swimming, horseback riding, pageants, hikes, movies, woodcraft, leathercraft, sports, and religious activities.

Mass is offered on Sundays and several times during the week. Other religious activities are included in the program.

Two years ago Camp St. Joseph was authorized as a site for Boy Scout Training.

The two camps can accommodate approximately 150 boys and girls during any camping period.

Children must be eight years or older for admission to camp.

Pontiff Urges Crusade Of Prayer



Prayer To St. Therese of the Child Jesus
For the Conversion of Russia

O loving and compassionate Saint, deign to comfort our Russian Brethren, the victims of a long and cruel persecution of the Christian name. Obtain for them perseverance in the faith, progress in the love of God and of their neighbor, and in confidence toward the most Holy Mother of God. Prepare for them holy priests who shall make reparation for the blasphemies and sacrileges committed against the Holy Eucharist. Grant that angelic purity, especially in the young, and every Christian virtue may once more flourish amongst them, to the end that this noble people, being delivered from all slavery and returning freely to the One Fold entrusted by the loving Heart of the Risen Christ to St. Peter and his successors, may at length taste the joy of glorifying the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit in the fellowship of the Holy Catholic Church. Amen.

(An indulgence of 300 days. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if this prayer is said devoutly every day for a month. S.P. Ap., Aug. 19, 1929)

BMA Debates Divorce Law At July Meet

LONDON—(NC)—Lively debates are expected at the annual meeting of the British Medical Association at Dublin next July when recommendations regarding divorce and the confidential relations between doctors and patients come up for consideration.

A strong Catholic minority within the national organization of doctors is expected to take a militant stand against two recent moves of the B.M.A.

The B.M.A. memorandum on divorce, reported in the British Medical Journal, emphasized the need for permanent partnerships in marriage, but went on to recommend that "separation by agreement, where there is no prospect of reconciliation, should be a ground for divorce, and it should be possible for the petition to be presented by either party or, if they are agreed, by both parties jointly."

The memorandum said that "where there are grounds for divorce but the offending party refuses to take action the offending party should, after a period, be able to sue for divorce."

The specialists proposed as grounds for divorce concealment by one partner at the time of marriage.

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Diocesan Council Of Women To Meet In Newark May 18

Mexican Catholic Action Worker Slated To Speak At Seventh Annual Spring Conference

Miss Sophia del Valle, prominent Mexican Catholic Action worker, will be principal speaker at the seventh annual spring conference of the Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to be held in Slattery Hall, Newark, on Sunday afternoon, May 18, at three o'clock.

Mrs. Joseph Dete, president of St. Francis de Sales Parish Council, will serve as general chairman, assisted by Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, president of Blessed Sacrament Council, and Miss Winifred McKenzie, president of the Church of the Ascension Council.

Diocese Represented

The conference will be attended by members of all parish councils and affiliated organizations within the twenty-three counties that make up the Diocese of Columbus.

Representatives from the Newark and Johnstown parishes are assisting with the plans. Miss Jean Fondriest is president of the Northern Diocese in which the meeting will be held.

Miss del Valle is the founder and present head of a Catholic Action school for girls in Mexico City.

She has devoted her entire life to the institution. Spokesmen have described her as an "electrifying and vibrant speaker."

Committees

Mrs. George Cousino and Miss Josephine Rountree will be in charge of information and Mrs. W. R. Richner, reservations. Mrs. R. E. D'Yarmett will assist Mrs. Kennedy and Miss McKenzie with refreshments.

Mrs. John Boesch and Miss Hazel Kirk are in charge of publicity. Ushers will work under the direction of Miss Ethel Harrington.

Music will be by Mrs. William J. Schopen, organist, and the St. Francis de Sales Glee Club, accompanied by Patrick Ratchen. The Glee Club will sing "Praise be to Thee, O Lord," "Angelus Domini," and "Concordia Letitia."

Twenty-one women are on the reception committee and eighty-six on the hospitality committee.

Decorations will be by the Catholic Women's Club.

Chartered Buses Set

For Newark Meeting

Chartered buses will be available for Columbus residents who wish to attend the spring conference of the Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in Newark on May 18. They will leave the bus station at Town and Third streets at 1:45 p. m. The round trip fare, reduced from the regular rate of \$2.05, will be \$1.30. Each parish council chairman of the committee cooperating with Catholic Charities will accept reservations from the women of her parish. Chairman of reservations for transportation is Mrs. Thomas M. Eschelman, of 419 East Maynard Avenue.

Holy Father Names First

Internuncio To Japanese

VATICAN CITY (Radio, NC)—The Holy See has named Archbishop Maximilian de Furstenberg as its first Papal Internuncio to Japan. The action followed Japan's emergence as a completely independent nation as the peace treaty came into force.

At the same time His Holiness Pope Pius XII has sent a message of congratulations and good wishes to Emperor Hirohito on the occasion of Japan again becoming an independent nation.

Says Imitation of St. Theresa Can End Religious Persecution

VATICAN CITY (Radio, NC)—An appeal to all Catholics for prayer on behalf of the missions suffering persecution in China and other communist-dominated Far Eastern countries has been made by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Addressing the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Father called for a worldwide crusade of prayer for an increase of missionary vocations, for the general holiness of all Christians, and for the success of the missions.

Referring to the Catholic missionaries forced out of Red China, Pope Pius said: "They leave their fields while the words of the Scrip-

ture resound in their ears: 'I will smite the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered (Matt. 26:31). They depart anguished and murmur in sorrow the Divine Master's word, 'My soul is sorrowful unto death.'"

Pope Pius said he hoped and prayed that God would bring the persecution to a quick end, and urged that the entire Church pray for the same intention. He added that he was confident that the spiritual power represented by the Propagation Society would bring his prayer to realization.

"If God wishes, and we beg it with all the fervor of our heart," the Pontiff told his hearers, "He can stop the scourge and cause that the Resurrection will quickly follow the Passion, and that the present sacrifices will quickly bring abundant fruits. This supposes that the prayers of the entire Church may obtain this grace for our suffering children, and the immense spiritual forces which you represent furnish a lively hope for this."

Little Flower Asked To Give Faith To Reds

St. Therese Canonization Date Marked for Prayers To Help Convert Russia

On May 17th, the twenty-seventh anniversary of her Canonization, the faithful in Rome will implore St. Therese for the restoration of the Faith in the Soviet Union. She was made "Patroness of Russia's Conversion" together with the Holy Mother of God by Pius XI on August 19, 1929.

Mass and devotions will be offered in the Byzantine Rite in the Church of St. Anthony the Hermit on the Esquiline. In a Motu Proprio on Oct. 28, 1932, Pius XI urged the Christian world to pray to God's Holy Mother and the Little Flower to lead the people of Russia back to the One True Fold.

He directed that each year special devotions be offered to St. Therese for this all-important intention on her Canonization Anniversary. She was canonized on May 17, 1925.

As early as 1929, Pius XI held the opinion that true world peace will be possible only when Russia is converted. Because of Communist advances in Europe and because numbers of people living in the Soviet who are educated in a civilization completely divorced from God, the Holy Father foresaw international disturbances and unrest.

As a practical counter-offensive against Communism he instituted the Russian College in Rome under the patronage of St. Therese, where priests now are being trained to lead in the conversion of Russia when the first barrier is lifted.

Also he issued the Church's official prayer to St. Therese, "Patroness of Russia's Conversion" when he urged all Christendom to recite.

Novena Series Scheduled At St. Mary Magdalene

The Rev. Charles Lucier, O.P., Chaplain at the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, will be guest speaker for the novena series in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, which will begin Monday, May 12, at St. Mary Magdalene's church.

Mass will be offered at 8:30 o'clock every Monday for the intentions of those making the novena. Exercises are held at 10 o'clock and 3, 4, 5:15, 6, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, and 9 p. m. Confessions are heard during and after each novena service.

Youth Must Reunite Nations, Catholic Students Are Told

The responsibility for reuniting a divided world belongs to youth of today, a Columbus attorney asserted last week at the seventh regional congress of the National Federation of Catholic Students. Students from ten colleges in Ohio and Kentucky attended the one-day session at St. Mary of the Springs.

Edmund Doyle told the group that young people have a stronger and clearer grasp of the meaning of their faith than did the youth of a generation ago, and they should apply this faith to the social, economic and political problems of our time.

"A narrow concern for personal salvation only is not enough," Mr. Doyle declared, adding that youth must seek to "permeate with the spirit of Christ all our social institutions and thus combat the subtle virus of secularism which is a more potent threat than the more obvious menace of Communism."

Also addressing the group was Bishop Ready, who noted that young people are more mature and capable of assuming responsibilities than is usually recognized. The Bishop quoted from a recent address by Pope Pius XII in which

the Pontiff stressed the importance of prayer for young people. Prayer is the expression of a deep faith in God and is the only adequate strength for a youth tempted by the shallowness and relativity of the so-called "new morality," the Bishop said.

Earlier, Bishop Ready had opened the congress by celebrating Mass for more than one hundred students participating in the event.

At another session, the Rev. Leo Van Everbroeck, assistant pastor at Holy Cross Church, called for close harmony between the pastor and people in order to generate a real Christian community spirit. "The parish is not for the pastor only; it is chiefly for lay people," (Continued on Page 2)

Copy Deadline

All copy for the Catholic Times must be in our offices—246 E. Town street, by noon on the Saturday preceding publication date. All classified advertising must be in Friday noon, for the following Friday's paper.

Blind Sodalists Pray, Learn Together At Holy Cross Church

Every first Sunday of the month, a small group gathers at Holy Cross Church to receive Communion at an altar which it can imagine, but cannot see.

This group is comprised of blind adult Catholics of Columbus who, under the title of Saint Lucy's Sodality, partake in a program sponsored by the Columbus Circle of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae.

2 Local TV Stations Schedule Fr. Peyton

"The World's Greatest Mother," a presentation of the Rev. Patrick Peyton's "Family Theater" series, will be carried by two Columbus television stations on Mother's Day.

The half-hour film, based on memorable events in the life of The Blessed Mother, will be shown by WBNS-TV at noon and by WTVN at 9:30 p. m.

Ethel Barrymore will be narrator, Gene Lockhart will serve as master of ceremonies, Loretta Young will introduce Father Peyton, and Ann Blyth, Nan Merriman and Ann Jamison will sing.

Founded last August, the group has also enjoyed the particular support of the Right Rev. Monsignor Francis Schwendeman, pastor of Holy Cross, the Rev. Linus Dury, the Rev. Bennett Applegate, and Miss Augusta Reinhard.

About 35 blind Catholics receive Communion and join in breakfast at Holy Cross School cafeteria at each of the Sunday gatherings.

Another important feature of the program is a period of spiritual instruction which follows the breakfast. Most of the blind have a limited knowledge of their religion, but all are eager to learn.

Several children are usually present, also, since blind married couples are among those who attend the eight o'clock Mass under the plan.

Members of the Columbus Circle provide transportation for those who cannot travel alone. No dues or other obligations are asked of the Sodality's members. They are requested only to be as faithful as possible in attending and receiving Communion.

"It is hoped that, with time and perseverance, this work may grow and bear fruit as it already shows signs of doing," Inez Mulligan, regent of the Columbus Circle, wrote in a recent report on the program.

