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St. Vincent DePaul President



The newly elected president of the Superior Council of the U. S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Edmond Borgia-Butler, New York lawyer, is shown (right) with Bartholomew A. Seymour, of Detroit, national treasurer. The Society held its annual meeting in Cleveland. In conjunction with the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Mr. Borgia-Butler succeeds Mr. George J. Gillespie of New York, for many years national president. (NC Photos)

FBI Chief Says Nation Is Spiritually Starved

WASHINGTON—(NC)—Plans to observe National Catholic Youth Week from Oct. 19 to 26, were hailed here today by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Pointing to an increase in the crime rate of the United States during the first six months of 1952, the head of the FBI said the stories behind these figures prove that "our nation is suffering from spiritual starvation." He expressed the hope that National Catholic Youth Week would help to awaken all Americans, and that the spirit of the Week will continue into the future as a source of inspiration.

Crime Rate Up
"The crime rate in the United States continued unabated during the first six months of 1952," Mr. Hoover said. "More than one million major crimes, an increase of 6.4 per cent over the same period for 1951, were committed."

"Youth led the criminal army during the first half of 1952, as more persons aged 18 were arrested than any other age group. Almost 30 per cent of all persons arrested were less than 25 years of age and they were responsible for 55.1 per cent of all robberies, 60.2 per cent of all burglaries, 60.2 per cent of all larcenies and 69.4 per cent of all auto thefts. Behind these figures lie tragic stories of parental neglect, broken homes, immorality, adult delinquency and public apathy—painful proof that our nation is suffering from spiritual starvation."

Adults Indifferent
"At a time when too many adults are indifferent to the problems we face with reference to youth, the National Catholic Welfare Conference is to be congratulated on its sponsorship of National Catholic Youth Week which will be celebrated from Oct. 19 through Oct. 26, 1952. I hope that this special emphasis will contribute to the awakening of all Americans to the continuing need to aid in backing worth-while and constructive programs for young people. It is

through such programs, properly implemented, that America can strike a telling blow at the sources of youthful delinquency.

"I trust that the spirit of National Catholic Youth Week will continue into the future and that it will serve as an inspiration for all those who have dedicated themselves to the fight against crime."

Installation Rites For Fr. Gieringer Scheduled Sunday

Bishop Ready will conduct the services Sunday at 3 p.m. when the Rev. Paul A. Gieringer, formerly pastor of St. Anthony of Padua church, Lancaster, Pa., is installed as rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum. The ceremonies will be held in the Josephinum chapel. Musical background for the occasion—which will be attended by more than 35 diocesan priests as well as the students at the Josephinum—will be provided by the Josephinum choir. Both Bishop Ready and Father Gieringer are slated to give short talks.

Following the installation, Bishop Ready will be guest of honor at a dinner for Father Gieringer in the Josephinum dining hall. A get-together for Father Gieringer and faculty and students of the Josephinum at 8 p.m. will close the day's activities.

Father Gieringer was appointed rector in August by the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities in Rome. He replaced the Very Rev. Msgr. Adrian F. Brandehoff, J.C.L., who resigned in July because of ill health.

Father Gieringer was born May 24, 1896, in Reading, Pa., the son of Charles and Anna Gieringer, both deceased. Prior to his entrance in the Josephinum, he attended St. Paul's school in Reading.

He is the 6th rector of the Josephinum since its founding 64 years ago.

Adapt Rules To Modern Times, Pope Tells Convent Superiors

Pontiff Says Abandonment Of Outmoded Customs, Usages In Religious Orders Will Increase Vocations

VATICAN CITY—(NC)—Adaptation to modern conditions, at least in non-essentials, was urged by His Holiness Pope Pius XII as a cure for the "crisis" of insufficient religious vocations.

The Pontiff addressed the appeal to 700 Mother General and other Sisters whom he received in audience at the conclusion of the First International Congress of Mothers General of Religious Congregations which held three-day sessions in Rome.

Speaking in French, the Holy Father said that what he termed the "crisis" arising from the lack of vocations could be attributed, among other things, to the retention of customs and usages which were perfectly acceptable in another cultural period, but are outmoded and non-essential today.

"We ask you," the Pope declared, "courageously to conform every time that your Sisters and your own experience tell you that the moment has come to take account intelligently of present-day forms of life." He was referring at this point to a talk a year ago to delegates to the first international congress of teaching nuns in which he urged superiors and general chapters to adapt schedules, regulations and customs arising from past conditions to new circumstances.

"Take care," Pope Pius urged, "that the customs, the manner of life or the growth of your religious families do not constitute a barrier, or a cause of failures (of vocations). We refer to certain usages which, if they had a meaning in another cultural frame, have it no longer today, and in which a truly good and courageous girl would find nothing but obstacles to her own vocation."

Discusses Religious Garb
The Pontiff said that "the religious garb must always express consecration to Christ; it is this which everyone expects and wants." But he said it should also conform to modern demands and correspond to the needs of hygiene. He added that he had been unable adequately to voice his satisfaction when some congregations during the past year had put some of these ideas into practice. "In those things which are not essential," the Pope advised the Mothers General, "adapt yourselves as far as reason and a well-ordered charity counsel."

The Holy Father said that his "most special reason" for speaking

thus was the present lack of vocations.

Lauds Vow of Chastity
Pope Pius said he wanted to speak a special word to those—priests, or laity, preachers, orators or writers—who in these times have no longer a word of approval or praise for virginity vowed to Christ. He was speaking, he said, to those who for long years, in spite of the warnings of the Church, and in contrast to her thought, have given preference, in principle, to marriage over virginity, and who have extended themselves to the point of presenting marriage as the only state adapted to human personality and its natural perfection.

"Let those who so speak and write," the Holy Father admonished, "be aware of their responsibility before God and Church. It is necessary to put them among those principally guilty of a fact of which we cannot speak except with sadness."

The Pontiff went on to make two exhortations to Mothers Superior. He asked them to show maternal affection in the direction of the Sisters under their care, and said they should see to it that the Sisters are adequately trained for the office or task to which they are assigned.

"Without doubt, it is true, as psychology holds," the Pope said, "that the woman invested with authority does not succeed as easily as man in dispensing and balancing severity and kindness."

Stressing the need for Mothers Superior to cultivate maternal affection toward their Sisters, Pope Pius said that this is particularly necessary because the Sisters, like themselves, have made a great sacrifice in renouncing their families, the happiness of married intimacy, and of the domestic fireside. He added that Superiors have a duty "in the first place to inject into the common life of the Sisters the warmth of family affections."

Bulgaria Adds Fuel To Fires Of Persecution

Reds Indict 40, Of Whom 28 Are Priests, Charged As Being Vatican Agents

VIENNA—(NC)—A Catholic Bishop is among the group of Catholics just indicted by the Bulgarian communist regime. This was revealed when the Sofia radio broadcast a summary of the indictment and mentioned some of the defendants.

In all 40 are accused of "spying" for the Vatican and the western powers and of "criminal and hostile" activities against Red Bulgaria. The broadcast listed about a dozen of those accused.

The Bishop accused is Bishop Eugene Bosilkoff, C.P., of Nicopol, who usually maintains his residence at Ruse. He was elevated to the episcopacy since the time the communist regime came to power. The 51-year-old prelate was ordained in 1926 and consecrated a Bishop in 1947.

Others listed in the indictment are the Revs. Kamed Dichev Ionkov, head of the Byzantine-Rite Catholic seminary in Bulgaria; Peter Petrov, secretary to Bishop John Romanoff, Vicar Apostolic of Sofia and Plovdiv; Marislav Antonov Banchev, former director of the Catholic seminary at Yambol, and Fortunat Pavlov Bakalov, priests of Sofia and former editor-in-chief of the Bulgarian Catholic paper, Istina (Truth).

Also the Revs. Pavel Iozov Gigov, Klaid Vonchev and Nikola Barbov, and two engineers identified as Vulkov and Zaikov.

An earlier Sofia broadcast stated that there were 28 Catholic priests among the 40 accused. The more recent broadcast speaks of "29 Catholic leaders."

The indictment contains a long harangue against the western "imperialist" powers and the Vatican which it charges is cooperating with the "imperialists."

European Newsmen Favor Board To Bar False News

AACHEN, Germany (NC)—Measures to curb false newspaper reports that threaten West European unity were urged here at a meeting attended by some 80 Catholic newspapermen from six European countries, including West Germany, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

The newspapermen passed a resolution calling upon European governments and organizations interested in European unity to form an international arbitration board which would pass judgment in cases of untrue reporting. The proposed board would be empowered to force newspapers found guilty of publishing false reports to issue retractions.

Fifth Diocesan Synod To Open With Blessing Of Holy Father



Pictured above is a document received this week by Bishop Ready from the Vatican on the occasion of the 5th Diocesan Synod which convenes Wednesday in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Columbus. Signed by His Excellency, Monsignore Domenico Tardini, Secretary for Extraordinary Affairs in the Secretariat of State, the scroll imparts the Holy Father's apostolic blessing on the Bishop, Auxiliary Bishop, clergy, religious and faithful of the diocese "as a pledge of ever greater future achievements for God and Souls." It is dated Oct. 4.

Holy Father Outlines Psychoanalysis Norms

VATICAN CITY—(NC)—"Authoritative norms" set by the Pope for the use of psychoanalytical methods are explained in a front-page article of Osservatore Romano.

The unsigned article comments on the recent discourse by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to delegates of the first international congress on the history-pathology of the nervous system. In this discourse the Pope outlined the moral and ethical limits beyond which science must not go and applied these norms to the field of psychoanalysis.

Distinctions Required
According to the article, the Pope made it clear that neither psychoanalysis in general, nor its recently developed forms and techniques, nor the psychotherapeutic treatment of sexual neuroses, are necessarily to be condemned. However, the Pope definitely disapproved of the so-called "pan-sexual method" in its "transgressions of ethical limits."

(The phrase "pan-sexual method" was said to refer to the philosophy that would attribute all mental and emotional disturbances to sexual causes. A prominent Catholic psychiatrist in Washington pointed out that if a psychoanalyst has a pan-sexual attitude regarding mental illness, such an attitude would be reflected in the method of treating the patient.)

Not All Systems Wrong
It must, however, be remembered, Osservatore said, that not all systems of psychoanalysis are infected by the "vice of pan-sexualism." All systems, it explained, have certain common principles, methods and experiments that are in no way contrary to natural ethics and Christian morality and are, therefore, in no way condemned by the Pontiff.

"In the psychoanalytical field," the article said, "granted that the ethical order is fully observed, new and profounder researches and experiments may be made. But in all these cases practitioners fall not rarely into errors and abuses."

Chinese Communists Oust 72-Year-Old Archbishop

HONG KONG—(NC)—The Chinese Reds have again struck at the small contingent of foreign Bishops still in China. They ousted Archbishop Paulin Alibou of Nanning, a 72-year-old member of the Paris Foreign Mission Society.

Archbishop Alibou had been imprisoned by the Reds last year. Earlier this year he was permitted to leave his prison cell. He was the victim of a hurried "expulsion meeting" before his ouster.

Bible Reading Is Obligatory, Priest Asserts

Scripture Tells Us How We Must Imitate Our Lord, Biblical Scholar Says

The importance of reading Holy Scripture was emphasized last Sunday by the Rev. George T. Wolz, at a Solemn Mass in St. Joseph Cathedral opening the diocesan celebration of National Catholic Bible Week. The seven-day observance commemorated the 500th anniversary of the printing of the Gutenberg Bible.

Fr. Wolz, who is professor of Scripture and Biblical languages at St. Charles Seminary, noted that most Catholic homes have a copy of the Gospels but that "dust sometimes lies thick upon the covers."

He compared this apathy to a soldier serving overseas who says he loves his parents, but week after week "he puts their letters aside, unopened and unread. How sincere is he when he says he loves his parents?" Fr. Wolz asked.

"The Fathers of the Church," the priest declared, "often compared the Scriptures to so many letters written by God our Father to us His Children as we wander here upon earth far from our heavenly homeland. We say that we love God. But can we accuse him of injustice and misunderstanding if he questions our sincerity because we neglect his letters?"

Mass Celebrated By Bishop Ready To Begin Session

A Pontifical Mass, celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, in St. Joseph's Cathedral by Bishop Ready, will open the 5th Synod in Diocesan history.

Deacons of honor at the Mass will be the Very Rev. Msgr. Harry S. Connelly, pastor of the Cathedral, and the Very Rev. Msgr. Harold J. O'Donnell, assistant chancellor of the Diocese and administrator of St. Gabriel's parish, Columbus.

Assistant priest will be the Right Rev. Msgr. Paul J. Glenn, rector of St. Charles college, while the deacon of the Mass will be the Rev. Julius Klinec, administrator of St. Mary's church, Portsmouth. The Rev. Thomas A. Sabrey of St. Charles college will serve as sub-deacon.

The Synod will be the first held in the Diocese since 1902. That was held under the direction of Bishop Henry Moeller, who afterwards became Archbishop of Cincinnati.

All the clergy in the Diocese will attend the Synod, purpose of which is to enact laws which are necessary or useful for the welfare of the Diocese. These laws, which affect both the clergy and laity of the Diocese, are confined to the limitations prescribed by the common law of the church and are passed only after consultation of all the clergy of the Diocese.

Usually at the synod, decrees determined upon by the Bishop, are promulgated. When promulgated, they oblige immediately unless the Bishop expressly permits a period of grace.

Diocesan synods differ from all other legislative assemblies in the Church. Whereas in ecumenical, plenary or provincial councils, the participating Bishops all have a vote and voice in the discussion and enactment of statutes, in a diocesan synod, only the one Bishop, the Ordinary of the diocese who convoked the synod, has authority. He is the sole lawgiver for his See. Though he usually delegates the preparatory work of the synod to commissions composed of his diocesan clergy, the Bishop alone approves the new statutes or revisions of old ones, and he alone promulgates them—that is, publishes the laws and sets the date on which they are to become effective, if it be other than the date of the synod.

The first recorded diocesan synod took place in the year 585, but the report of it refers to such an assembly as a well-known and already ancient institution. They were traditionally held in the month of May.

Pope Benedict XIV in a book entitled "De Synodo Diocesana" defines it as follows: "... a lawful assembly convoked by the Bishop, in which he gathers together the priests and clerics of his diocese and all who are bound to attend it, for the purpose of doing and deliberating what belongs to 'the pastoral care.'"

Requiem Sung For St. Mary's Sister

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the convent chapel of St. Mary of the Springs college, Columbus, Sept. 24 for Sister Olivia Glaub, O.P., who died two days earlier. Sister Olivia's nephew, Rev. Hubert Rubek, pastor of St. Luke's church, Danville, was the celebrant.

Sister Olivia was born Feb. 17, 1898, at Lowell, O., and entered the novitiate at St. Mary's in 1920. She was professed July 10, 1922. During the 30 years of her religious life she had taught in the parochial schools at Wilmerding, Braddock, McKees Rocks and Pittsburgh, Pa.; Columbus, Lancaster and Somerset, O., and Detroit, Mich.

She is survived by three brothers, Frank of Columbus, Leo of Orrville, and Roman of Newark; three sisters, Anna Glaub and Mrs. George Rubek of Newark, and Mrs. Carl Scharf of Mt. Victory.

Program Change

The Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., noted author and dramatist from the College of St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, will direct a special television program Sunday, Oct. 12, as a part of the Diocesan celebration of National Catholic Bible Week.

The program, to be seen over WBNS-TV, Columbus, channel 10, at 2:30 p.m., will be based on incidents in the Bible. Because of program commitments, it was necessary to change the program from the previously announced date of Oct. 5.

7th Annual DCCW Meeting Slated Thursday



As they leave the Cathedral Rectory following a conference on the seventh annual convention of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are: Mrs. Anthony J. Herold, hospitality chairman; Mrs. Richard H. Deibel, reservations secretary; and Mrs. Alexander J. Glockner, chairman of the workshop for officers of organizations.

Diocesan Women Announce Program For Convention

Bishop Ready will celebrate a Pontifical Mass Thursday, Oct. 9, in St. Joseph's Cathedral to open the annual one-day convention of the Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Assistant at the Mass, which is set for 9 a.m., will be the Very Rev. Msgr. Harry S. Connelly, pastor of the Cathedral. Deacons of honor will be the Very Rev. Msgr. Harold J. O'Donnell, assistant chancellor of the Diocese and administrator of St. Gabriel's parish, and the Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. McGlynn, officials of the matrimonial tribunal.

Deacon of the Mass will be the Rev. Paul J. O'Dea, St. Charles college, and the subdeacon will be the Rev. James Kulp, Diocesan Director of the Society for Propagation of the Faith. The Right Rev. Msgr. Roland T. Winel and the Rev. James Carroll will act as masters of ceremonies.

Speakers from many fields, both clerical and lay, will integrate dynamically the nine workshops of the convention into the theme "Be Renewed in the Spirit."

The all-day meeting will open with a Pontifical High Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral at 9 a.m., celebrated by Bishop Ready who will

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