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Motu Proprio

Establishing The New Sacred Congregation of Seminaries And Universities.

The utility of clerical seminaries for the discipline of the Church appeared so evident from the beginning that the Fathers of the Council of Trent, having compiled in Sess. XXIII Ch. XV-III the decrees relating to their constitution, did not hesitate to affirm that the Holy Synod had by the completion of such an undertaking deserved well of the Church even if it had done nothing else, and that they themselves had thereby secured the reward of their labors. These Prelates, therefore, as soon as they had returned to their sees—and furthermore nearly all the more diligent of the Bishops, among whom is worthy to be remembered the Blessed Barbarigo, luminary of the Church of Padua—in putting into practice the reform of Christian life, had nothing more at heart than to give effect to that salutary ordinance of the Council and to devote all their energy to the establishment of seminaries in their own dioceses and to complete their foundation by the best laws. The Holy See on its side showed how much it appreciated this, not only by the foundation of the Roman Seminary which it never neglected to cultivate with particular care, but also by establishing a special Congregation of Cardinals which had charge of seminaries throughout the entire world. And if afterwards this office was divided and assigned in part to the Sacred Congregation of the Council and in part to that of Bishops and Regulars, the Roman Pontiff in no wise lessened on that account the older care for seminaries, indeed, whether by making provisions regarding the dioceses subsequent to the usual reports, or by approving the constitutions of some religious communities, or by speaking to the Bishops when they come to Rome according to the prescriptions of the canons, they never once neglected to interest themselves in the seminaries and in their condition. For this provision was principally made by our predecessor of saintly memory Pius X, who in the various ordinances enacted by him in the constitution "Sapienti Consilio" regarding the reform of the Roman Curia, assigned everything which concerned "the government discipline, administration and studies of seminaries" to that Sacred Congregation of which the Supreme Pontiff himself is President, and whose function it is to keep watch over everything "which relates generally to the government of the several dioceses," that is to say to the Sacred Consistorial Congregation.

The mass of business to be transacted by that Sacred Congregation having, however, grown beyond measure, and the care of the seminaries every day demanding greater attention, it has seemed opportune to us to seek some new provision for the direction of their discipline. Once already, when the new reform of the Roman Curia was in preparation, the constitution of a special congregation to preside over seminaries was thought of; but the circumstances of the times having hindered the effectuation of such a design, we think it well to recall it into force, not in such wise, however, that the treatment of matters concerning seminaries is to be considered withdrawn and entirely detached from the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, for we wish that the one congregation and the other should be united by a certain bond.

Matters having therefore been maturely considered, having consulted some of the Cardinals, we by the Apostolic authority decree and enact as follows:

1. There shall be a special Sacred Congregation for seminaries on the same footing as the other Sacred Congregations of the Roman Curia, and to it shall belong everything relating to seminaries which has hitherto been dealt with by the Consistorial Congregation, so that in future the intellectual and moral education

of clerics shall be of its competence.

2. To the functions of this Sacred Congregation shall be added the functions of the Congregation of Studies, and therefore it shall be called "Of Seminaries and of Universities."

3. The Prefect of this congregation shall be one of the Cardinals of Holy Roman Church, and he shall have a secretary with a fitting number of officials.

4. He who becomes Prefect of the Sacred Congregation shall be officially included amongst the Cardinals of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, and the Secretary amongst the Consultors. In like manner the Cardinal Secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation shall be included officially amongst the Cardinals of the new congregation, and the assessor amongst the consultors.

5. The Cardinals who at present belong to the Sacred Congregation of Studies shall be considered as belonging by right to the new congregation of seminaries and of universities. To these shall be added our Cardinal Vicar whilst he holds his office.

6. We will and ordain that the laws for seminaries, both diocesan and regional, promulgated by our predecessor of saintly memory and approved by our predecessor of saintly memory and approved by us, be diligently observed in all their details in such wise that in the government, discipline and studies of seminaries nothing shall be considered changed.

All this we enact and ordain, any contrary disposition whatsoever even though worthy of special mention notwithstanding.

Given at Rome from St. Peter's, November 4, 1915, on the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, highly deserving as regards the education of the clergy, in the second year of Our Pontificate.

BENEDICT XV POPE.

Four Young Women Become Sisters of Mercy.

On Tuesday morning four young women took their religious vows and received the habit at St. Mary's church at 8.30 o'clock. The services were to have been held in the chapel of the convent of the Sisters of Mercy on South St., on Monday morning, but owing to the fire on Sunday afternoon the plans were changed.

Those who received the habit were Catherine Murphy, of Washburn, Minn., known in religion as Sister Mary Lucille; Helen O'Hearn, of Clyde, known in religion as Sister Mary Teresina; Catherine Huddy, known in religion as Sister Mary Anita, and Bridget O'Loughlin, known in religion as Sister Mary Claver, both of Rochester. They received their friends in the rectory after the service.

The service was conducted by Bishop Hickey, assisted by Rev. John F. Nelligan, Rev. J. Francis O'Hern, Rev. John H. O'Brien, Rev. Simon Fitzsimons, Rev. John Sellinger and Rev. Joseph Guilfoil.

Death.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Stafford, was held Wednesday morning at 8.30 o'clock from her home, 953 Jay street, and at 9 o'clock from Holy Apostles Church. Solemn high mass was celebrated by her son, Rev. Thomas Stafford of Elmira, assisted by Rev. John F. Nelligan, Rev. Francis Kunz and Rev. Frederick Straub. Rt. Rev. Thos. F. Hickey pronounced the final absolution. In the sanctuary were Rev. J. J. Bloomer, Rev. J. J. Moriarity, Rev. J. A. Maley, Rev. Augustine Timmerman, Rev. Edward Lyons, Rev. J. F. Hogan, Rev. J. F. Winters, Rev. A. A. Hughes, Rev. B. Quirk, Rev. Otto Geiger, Rev. John J. Ganey, Rev. Wm. Byrne, Rev. Peter Erras, Rev. J. M. O'Brien, Rev. Edw. Dwyer and Rev. Jos. Guilfoil. The bearers were Frank and Walter Leschander, John Bolger, George and Charles Smith, and Andrew Casey. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where Rev. Thos. Stafford gave the final

blessing, assisted by Rev. J. J. Bloomer and Rev. Jos. F. Winters of Elmira.

Serious Convent Fire.

Seven Nuns Injured.

Fire was discovered in the Christmas crib at the Convent of Mercy, South Street, last Sunday afternoon by one of the Sisters. The flames spread so rapidly that when the firemen arrived the convent seemed to be all ablaze. Six lines of hose were laid.

Three Sisters were injured, one of them seriously, four others are in hospitals suffering from shock and several had a narrow escape from smoke and flames.

The injured are:

Mother Mary Benedict, mistress of novices, burned badly about face and arms while attempting to rescue sister sick in bed on second floor in Homeopathic Hospital.

Sister Mary Dolores, left ankle fractured in jumping from third-story window to roof of rear porch in Homeopathic Hospital.

Mother Superior Mary Irene, right ankle fractured in jumping from second-story window in St. Mary's Hospital.

Sister Mary Zita, rescued from a sick bed on the third floor by firemen, suffering from shock; in St. Mary's Hospital.

Sister Mary Francis, rescued from fire escape in rear, suffering from shock; in Homeopathic Hospital.

Sister Mary Anna, sick in bed on second floor and rescued by firemen, suffering from shock; in Hahnemann Hospital.

Sister Mary Nolasco, suffering from shock; in Hahnemann Hospital.

Timely rescue work on the part of members of St. Mary's Young Men's Association, who were in the clubrooms in the church basement, adjoining the convent on the south; and of the firemen prevented the possible loss of several lives.

The condition of the nuns are improved. Mother Mary Benedict, the most seriously injured is reported better and the surgeons at the Homeopathic Hospital expect her recovery.

An inventory at the convent indicated that the fire loss will be about \$6,000. This includes valuable tapestries and works of art which were destroyed.

WILL FIGHT DIVISION OF ITS RESERVE FUND.

The Catholic Mutual Benefit Guaranty Policy League was reformed Sunday at a meeting of the members of the various Rochester branches of the C. M. B. A. The purpose of the league is to oppose the division of the reserve fund ordered last October by the Supreme Council. An injunction has been served on the Supreme Council restraining further division of the funds until the matter has been thoroughly investigated.

The following officers were elected to serve the Rochester end of the opposition: President, John J. Culliton, Branch 93; secretary, Curtin J. Walsh, Branch 80; treasurer, William Erb, Branch 82. Two members will be appointed from each of the branches here to serve on the Executive Committee.

C. M. B. A. Deputies Appointed.

At a recent meeting of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, Michael C. Butler, grand deputy, appointed the following district deputies: James E. Martin, for Branch 12; John Straussner, branches 34, 88, 195; Leo Hengstler, branches 58, 87; Francis Schwartz, branches, C. J. 234; A. L. Herkett, branches, 81, 238, 276; Charles Froelicher, branches, 82, 193; Harry B. Crowley, branch 93; Raymond Brauch, branches 117, 134, 235; John Flannigan, branches, 121, 240, 268; John Florack, branch 131; W. E. Grady, branch 139; Patrick J. Maloy, branches 155, 196; Michael J. Tansy, branch 278.

Catholic News Notes

DOMESTIC.

His Holiness, the Pope, has expressed his gratification over the action of Cardinals Gibbons and Farley on behalf of the suffering Mexicans.

The Irish citizens of Chicago are projecting the erecting of a \$500,000 Irish Temple of Music, Arts and Literature.

Very Rev. Dean McNulty, of Patterson, N. J., has been pastor of St. John's, 52 years, priest 58 years, now 80 years of age, has built and paid for 7 churches, 4 schools, 4 convents, and 3 homes.

Cardinal Falconio has been appointed Protector of the Sisters of Pity, in Denver.

At the famous Prince Gallizspring near Cresson, Pa., a memorial is to be erected.

The new St. Edward's Church in Brockton, Mass., will, it is expected, be ready for dedication about the middle of this month.

New churches in Wisconsin recently dedicated are: St. John the Baptist at Howard; St. Peter's at St. Peter; St. Philip's at Battle Creek.

Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D. D., has appointed Rev. Ralph Hunt of St. Peter's Church, San Francisco, to be diocesan inspector of schools.

Eagle Park, Crotonville, N. Y., has been bought by the Dominican Sisters for the purpose of a high school for girls.

The funds for the support of the day nursery in St. Patrick's parish, Fall River, Mass., will be supplied by an anonymous giver.

Dr. James Douglas, of New York, recently, appointed Chancellor of Queen's University, Kingston, Can., gave that University \$100,000 for the erection of a new library building.

St. Viator College, at Bourbonnais, Ill., has a winter course in agriculture and chemistry, from Nov. 29th to April 16th.

Little Sister of the Poor Anne of the Sacred Heart, at Baltimore, received the Holy Father's special blessing on her golden jubilee day. She is 85 years old.

New York Archdiocese is having five thousand prayer books printed in English in Bohemia for the English prisoners in Germany.

St. Francis Theological Seminary at Milwaukee will celebrate its sixtieth anniversary this month.

FOREIGN.

The Holy See is striving its utmost to lessen the horrors of the war.

Bishop O'Dwyer, of Limerick, in a letter dated the 10th of November, denounces the British Government for forcing Irishmen into the British army. He says "it is England's war, not Ireland's."

The recently elected Mayor of London is a Catholic.

Cardinal Gasquet has entered upon the Protectorship of the English College, in Rome.

Anton Lang, the Oberammergau Passion-Play "Christus," was not killed in battle. He is alive and at home with his family.

The German nuns in India have been interested in their convents.

News From Ireland

Antrim.

A memorial to the late Dr. A. H. H. McMurtry, erected by public subscription, was unveiled in the Belfast city cemetery by Sir William Whitla, M. D. Dr. McMurtry was a strong temperance advocate.

A very large and representative gathering of mourners attended at the funeral of Miss Margaret O'Gorman, who for 22 years had been postmistress of Carrickfergus.

Cavan.

The death of Mrs. Julia McEntee, Baileboro, caused deep regret to a wide circle of friends. Deceased had reached the age of 75. Some of her family occupy prominent positions in New York City.

The Kilrush Board of Guardians have co-opted Michael Caray, Carnacolla, a member of the board in room of Mr. Keating, resigned.

Cork.

A well known resident of Cork, Daniel Gleeson, Gounthane, near Middleton has passed away in his 65th year. He was the owner of Troubadour, which as a young racer, was very successful in many English and Irish classic events.

C. Tracey, telegraphist, G. P. O., Cork, has just died after a prolonged illness.

Derry.

Rev. Walter Hegarty, C. C., was presented with an address by the Catholics of Fanganvale and Lower Cumher, on the occasion of his transfer to Dungiven, County Derry.

Drogheda.

S. Robinson, principal at Grange National school, near Downpatrick, for 40 years, has been presented with a substantial check on his retirement. In turn, he gave a piano for the use of the school.

John McClintock, for many years stationmaster at Newcastle, was found dead in bed recently. The deceased was a native of Hillsborough, and had an interesting career.

C. Blaney, Borough surveyor of Newry, has been elected a member of the Architectural Association of Ireland.

Dublin.

The price of coal in Dublin has been increased by 1s. per ton, the price of best coal being now 35s. per ton.

Galway.

A serious fire took place at the residence of J. O'Flynn, N. T. Annaghdown, as a result of which two stables were destroyed and two milk-cows were suffocated.

Died—At his residence, Swinford, Martin Campbell, merchant, Kilkenny.

His Lordship, the Most Rev. Dr. Browning, has appointed the Rev. J. Madden, C. C., Rathdowney, to be parish priest of Mullinavat, County Kilkenny. Father Madden came to Rathdowney about eighteen years ago. He succeeded in Rathdowney by the Rev. M. Walsh, C. C., late of Ferrybank.

Sligo.

At the last meeting of the Edenderry Board of Guardians, Dr. P. Rowan, jr., Tyrrellspass, was unanimously elected medical officer of the Rhode dispensary district.

Longford.

The Ballymahon Guardians have extended their deep sympathy to Mr. Burke, D. V. C., on the death of his brother, the late Thomas Burke.

Died—At his residence, Cloonagh, Granard, John McCormack.

Mayo.

The Rev. P. J. Moran, P. P., Clare, Galway, son of T. J. Moran, Lincenhall street, has been on a visit to Castlebar recently. Father Moran is the youngest priest in the diocese of Galway.

Meath.

Died—At Slane, County Meath, Robert, 23 years old, second and beloved son of Patrick and Mrs. McDonnell.

Foreign Mission News

Special correspondence by
The Propagation of the Faith Society
318 Lexington Ave., New York City.

The Little Sisters of the Poor already have two houses in China, one at Shanghai and one at Canton. They are now about to open a third, which will be located at Hong Kong. In these homes the Sisters receive the poor of both sexes, irrespective of religion or nationality.

It is the ambition of all missionary Bishops to provide a native clergy. Those of China and Japan have been very successful in this line, others not so fortunate. The first Bishop of St. Albert (now Edmonton) in an audience with Pope Pius IX., told His Holiness of his desire to provide a native clergy. The Pope very cordially blessed the project, and told the Bishop to bring the first candidate to be ordained priest by himself. So far, however, there have been only two half-breed priests, and neither of them was ready to be ordained in the time of Pope Pius IX. The two priests are Fathers Cunningham and Beaudry, O. M. I., both of the diocese of Edmonton.

When in doubt about what to do to make a modest offering it is well to remember that two dollars will keep a poor leper a whole month. Could two dollars be sent on a better errand of mercy?

A handful of rice would not be considered a very satisfactory breakfast for our well-cared-for American children; but out in China a missionary has had to stop giving his poor little orphans this handful of rice for lack of funds, and now they go breakfastless. New Year's morning did not bring much gladness to these small waifs. Perhaps we will feel inspired to go without some bit of luxury and send them the amount saved by our salutary self-denial.

The War and the Holy Land.

At this holy season, when the world pauses for a moment to think of the birth of the Man of Peace, the awful conditions prevailing in the place of His birth and ministrations come with an especial shock.

The war has had a great effect upon the Holy Land. The Hill of Golgotha and the Mount of Olives respond to the tramp of Turkish troops which drill there daily. At Jerusalem a score of monasteries and convents, formerly occupied by English, French and Persian religious communities, have been transformed into barracks, and their halls now echo to the command of officers. The spectacles presented by the Holy Land is indeed an extraordinary one. Everywhere one sees motor cars, aeroplanes, machine-guns, buffaloes, and oxen-drawn cars, laden with munitions, going through the lanes and along the fields once trodden by the apostles and the patriarchs, while the construction of military roads through the desert, over the mountains of Judea, in the outskirts of Jericho, does not cease by night or day.

Young Business Woman Builds A Chapel.

A young woman of St. Louis, employed in a business office, has bestowed an inheritance she has received to the Sodality of St. Peter Claver for a chapel in Africa with chalice and altar for same, \$600 in all. She made the gift in memory of her deceased parents, and asked that the chapel be dedicated to the Holy Family, and that her name as donor be withheld. For five years this same girl has been giving five dollars a month out of her salary to the foreign mission besides taking a practical interest in home missions.