

### Crusade For Modest Dress For Women Pushed Among 700,000 N.C.C.W. Members

**Renewed Campaign On Following Pope's Expression On Injurious Modern Tendency—Thousands Of Pledge Cards Sent Out**

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, D. C., July 25.—The National Council of Catholic Women has assumed a militant leadership in the movement for more modest dress for women, in conformity with the Pope's recent expression on the subject. His Holiness, deprecating the modern tendency of women to give scandal by improper dress, recently offered a medal to the members of the Women's Diocesan Clubs of Italy for the best design of a gown that would be attractive and in good taste and at the same time modest.

Already enlisted in the movement for more seemly dress for women, the N. C. W. C. has, since the Pope's expression, virtually decreed a crusade among its 700,000 members and affiliates to carry out this design. Mrs. Michael Gavin, of New York, daughter of the late James J. Hill, who is president of the Council, has issued a statement on the organization's activities in this respect, and exhorted members to greater effort.

**Cards Pledge Proper Dress**  
The Council is now distributing cards on which are printed a pledge to observe a proper standard in the matter of dress. This pledge was incorporated in a resolution passed at the last national convention of the Council, and is as follows:

"Resolved: To pray for Catholic missions at home and abroad; to observe in private and public life the standards of Catholic teaching, particularly with regard to dress, reading and entertainment."

The cards have the following to say concerning Catholic morality and proper dress:  
"At its last annual convention, September 30 to October 4, 1923, the National Council of Catholic Women adopted a resolution urging Catholic women to pray daily for Catholic missions and missionaries and to observe in public and private life the standards of Catholic teaching, particularly with regard to dress, reading and entertainment."

"In accordance with the spirit of this resolution, the N. C. W. C. calls upon its members and their friends to enlist in a great crusade which has for its objects the spread of Catholic faith and the observance of Catholic standards of morality.  
"Will you join and get as many others as you can to join in accomplishing these objects and in carrying out this resolution of the 1923 Convention?"

**20,000 Cards Already Out**  
Twenty thousand of these cards already have been distributed, and the Council is continuing its campaign to get them into the hands of every Catholic woman, not only in the United States, but also in Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippines, Porto Rico and the Panama Canal Zone, where the Council has member or affiliated bodies.

"Ever since our Council was founded," says Mrs. Gavin, "it has taken a definite stand against immodesty in dress. At our first convention we passed a resolution to pledge our concerted efforts to restore those conventions of dress and action that have always been an intrinsic factor in the influence of good women."

The resolution to which Mrs. Gavin refers was passed at the convention in 1921, and was as follows:  
"Whereas: There is at the present time much freedom and laxity; and those conventions that have been looked upon as the outposts of safe conduct of civilized well-being have been thrown down, therefore, be it  
"Resolved: That we Catholic women do hereby pledge our concerted efforts to restore those conventions of dress and action that have always been an intrinsic factor in the influence of good women; that we set and uphold standards of conduct by which Catholic youth in all recognized society must abide."

**May Become World-Wide**  
It is pointed out that the crusade for modest dress for women possibly will assume a world-wide aspect, inasmuch as the N. C. W. C. is affiliated with the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues, made up of national organizations in thirty-three countries. This Union has, since it was founded, made proper dress for women one of its objectives. One of its recent communications to its affiliated organizations, reads in part:

"Why should we submit to fashion instead of dominating it? What we need is concerted action, as opposed to action by isolated groups. There must be a centralization of these groups with a single end in view—the development of a positive, education in dress. Let us develop our love for the beautiful, the good and the true."

"There are two ideals," it says, "which may guide the choice of a woman's costume: One which seeks through renunciation, a special perfection of a religious nature, and one which, under the normal conditions of life, seeks the most perfect possible use of the things of this world and the sentiments which are natural to men and women. It is entirely natural and proper that the attention of man should be drawn to a woman, and in many cases it is desirable that she win his admiration. It is for us to act in such a way that this admiration may be the manifestation of only the loftiest sentiments."

### Carfin Case Made Issue In Debate In Parliament

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, July 19.—Immediate action in Parliament has been taken by the invoking of an ancient law which is regarded as dead, to prevent the annual Corpus Christi procession at Carfin, Scotland, a little north of Glasgow, from being held on the sixteenth of the inhabitants are Catholics. Fines of \$250 for priests who took part were threatened, although the procession has been held for several years and similar processions were held all over the country on the same day the Carfin ceremony was planned.

"Some indication of the absurdity of the situation may be gained from the fact that the same law prohibits if any person joins a Catholic religious society, he is liable to banishment, and if the banishment is not accepted within twenty days, he is liable to be detained for life at the pleasure of the King. Yet Catholic societies thrive throughout the kingdom."

Driven to the point of explaining the absurdity of invoking a law of 1329 which had been made a dead letter by not being observed for years, the Scottish officials, when questioned in Parliament, fell back on an equally absurd defense.

Mr. Adamson, the Secretary for Scotland, asked if the process of being forbidden on the authority of the Lord Advocate had to be repeated that it had not. His only explanation was that the procession had taken place in 1923 which had been made a dead letter by not being observed for years.

**Holy Name Men To Lay Soldier List On Unknown's Tomb**  
(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, July 23.—A roster of Catholic veterans of the World War, living and dead, will be laid on the tomb of the Unknown American in Arlington National Cemetery during the National Convention of the Holy Name Society here September 18-21. This ceremony has been decided upon by officials of the Convention as "a sacrificial offering to the traditional patriotism of our Catholic manhood so amply demonstrated during the late World War."

Preceding the ceremony of placing the roster on the tomb of the unknown there will be a roll call by diocese of the numbers of Catholic service men respectively furnished to the armed forces of the nation during the war. The program will be carried out in the presence of thousands of delegates and visitors to the convention who will take part in the pilgrimage from the National Capital to the cemetery across the Potomac.

An idea of the magnitude of the project may be gained from the declarations of convention officials that although hundreds of thousands of names have already been made available through the cooperation of various Catholic agencies and organizations, there are still many thousands to be listed and classified. No names are to be used except those which can be verified from official records and which are certified as those of Catholics by their respective pastors.

To handle preparations for the patriotic demonstration at Arlington a special committee has been formed at Holy Name Convention headquarters here. Branches of the Holy Name Society, pastors, and others throughout the country are being asked to cooperate by sending in lists for their respective localities.

The Very Rev. M. J. Ripple, O.P., P.G., National Director of the Holy Name Society, has sent letters to Spiritual Directors and Parish Presidents of the various branches throughout the country, asking for their aid in obtaining a complete list of Catholic service men for use at the Arlington demonstration.

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### BISHOP FERI BIDS FAREWELL TO U. S. FRIENDS

New York, July 25.—In the current issue of the Catholic Missionary Review, the Rt. Rev. Joseph Ferri, newly appointed titular Bishop of the East Indies, bids a farewell to those with whom he has been associated in his work as Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The Bishop's message is as follows:

"It was in the early part of 1900, when I assumed a professor in the Seminary at Fribourg, that I was included in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. With the greatest difficulties I accepted a burden which had been declined by several priests far better able to carry it than myself. I am therefore, entering upon the twenty-fifth year of my service of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and looking back over those twenty-five years, I realize the truth of the saying 'Ignorance is bliss—ignorance of the future—bliss'."

**Many Obstacles Encountered**  
"Had I foreseen, twenty five years ago, the obstacles I should encounter, the opposition I should have to face, I certainly would never have undertaken so formidable a task. I am well aware that all my brethren in the clergy are bearing their share of the cross of the Saviour in their efforts to extend His Name. All those who want to do good must expect adversities. Having exercised the Holy Ministry myself under trying conditions in one of the poorest of the United States, I am acquainted with the anxieties and cares of a pastor of souls."

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Asked why an old ecclesiastical law had been invoked under the circumstances, the authorities had no answer. At this stage, Mr. Buchanan, a Conservative member, asked to leave to move the adjournment of the House to discuss the question.

The Speaker, however, refused to leave, saying the matter was not of the police and that there was no basis of action by the central authority. The Scottish Socialist group has appointed a deputation to interview the Secretary for Scotland.

**Draft of Universal Catechism Received By Dr. MacEachen**  
(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, July 25.—Dr. Rodolph MacEachen of the Catholic University of America has just received the first draft of the Universal Catechism from Rome, for revision and correction. This Catechism, which is to be used throughout the Holy See through a commission under the presidency and direction of Cardinal Gasparri. In a letter accompanying the draft Cardinal Gasparri authorized Dr. MacEachen to seek any advice or assistance he may deem advisable in the prosecution of the work from ecclesiastics in this country.

Dr. MacEachen was personally chosen by the late Sovereign Pontiff, of blessed memory Benedict XV, to prepare the materials for the Universal Catechism. At that time he occupied his own office in the Vatican. During a period of a year he made a thorough study of all the Catechisms used throughout the world. He was peculiarly fitted for this post because of his linguistic knowledge and his long years of experience in catechetical work. The undertaking was abandoned by Benedict XV because of conditions following the war. It was resumed by Pius XI who appointed a Commission for the work more than a year ago.

Dr. MacEachen expects to have the revision of the present draft ready in September. It will then be returned to Rome and the second draft issued in October. When the final revision has been made, it will be submitted to the bishops of the world. It will then probably be submitted for approval to the General Council to be held in 1928.

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### Appreciation of Rev. S. V. McPadden

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The appreciation, in part, follows:  
"In the very fullness of life and in the very fullness of his heart, Father McPadden has been called from earth. Sorrow fills the heart of everyone who knew and loved him, and to know him was to love him. Not only in the hearts of his parishioners, but in the hearts of the people of Geneva and in the ranks of high-aimed forward-looking Christians there is a void."

"Far seeing in his ideas and plans, firm and persistent in their execution, success followed him through life, though he would have been very last to accede to this claim. His example and works are a precious legacy to any people, in any time. Time, the great effacer, will temper the keen grief of today, but the soul and deeds of the man and priest will be with us and our children's children to inspire and animate. Only the clay is dead. While ear and eye and memory lasts we must feel his presence in his church and rectory, correct and beautiful in design, a rare monument to his culture and learning; in the remembrance of his life and just counsel in civic and social organizations, of his unnumbered acts of kindness; of his words of cheer to the sick and dying, of his help to the grooping and sore hearted. But a priest in his parish derives much comfort from the fruits of his labors among his people and the teacher of men is encouraged in the drudgery of college or seminary by the support of his faithful support. I enjoyed to the full the consolation, however, of one so beloved."

"Who would as I have done during the last quarter of a century, must have in his anxious hope and desire that his efforts are being furthered in a good cause. That through the apostolic men and women may be enabled to extend Christ's Kingdom from some very returns from his labors, and he can but hope that some day he will be able to say to the living Master: 'I have done my best.' He will never come into contact with the souls of men nor see any visible results of his endeavors."

**Offered Resignation Before**  
I am now about to return to my native country, France. Two years ago when the administration of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was transferred from Lyons, France, to Rome, I tendered my resignation as National Director in the United States, for my position was not then in accordance with its constitution. This resignation could not be acted on at that time. I intended it again a few months ago when I was in Rome for the distribution of aims to the missions of missions of the world, and this time it was accepted. Although I have been an American citizen for thirty-six years, I thought that the presence of a native American as National Director for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States would find more favor in the eyes of the clergy, and perhaps better aid the growth of the work in this country. I am happy to say that the Church authorities took the same view, and I pray earnestly that God will bless my successor in all his undertakings.

**Reward By Pope**  
"Our Holy Father, in the kindness of His loving heart, wished to show some recognition of my years of service for the missions, and so He elevated me—unworthy though I am—to the rank of the Episcopal. By conferring this dignity upon me, He, as it were, has set the solemn seal of His approval upon the manner in which I have conducted the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the last twenty years. I am grateful to His Holiness for this splendid honor, and only hope to serve, always humbly, as a true son of Mother Church, accepting this mark of approval in the spirit in which it has been given."

"I do not feel that it would be just or right to refrain from thanking those who have cooperated with me for so long in the work of the National Office. For their intelligent and faithful service, extending in some instances over twenty years, I owe a debt of gratitude, and they should share equally with me in any credit given for the success of our undertaking."

"In closing, my beloved missionaries, my dear co-workers, I pray you keep me in kindly remembrance in your prayers. In mine I shall never forget all those who aid the Cause, both home and abroad, and I shall daily ask the First Great Missionary to bless your efforts and you."

**Raze Victor Church Rectory**  
Victor, July 29.—The rectory of St. Patrick's church is being torn down, preparatory to the erection of the new church, the contract for which has been let. The new church and rectory will be built of brick and will occupy a site south of the old church, with the rectory at the rear on the south side of the church. Later on, the old church will be moved to the rear of the lot and used as a recreation hall by the parish.

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### 2,208,800 Chinese Catholics Reported

New York, July 25.—Father Kennedy, an Irish Jesuit and a veteran missionary in Shanghai, finds by recently compiled statistics that there are 2,208,800 Catholics in China. Speaking of the social standing of these Chinese he writes:  
"Many families belong to converts dating back to a century or two. All in general are solidly and thoroughly instructed in their religion; the home is Christian, and sanctified by prayer, the practice of virtue and good works; a considerable number assist daily at Mass and approach frequently the Holy Table. Compared with their pagan neighbors there is a new and supernatural view of life, and a change of conduct which impresses the most prejudiced on-looker. With more priests in the field, and an increased output from the native seminaries, millions will be gathered into the fold, and the Church extended in this vast and promising land of China."

**Funeral services were held from the respective churches on date given. May their souls rest in peace.**  
**Moran—James Moran, aged 75 years, died at his home in Henrietta, N. Y., on July 29. Funeral from St. Joseph's Church, Rush, August 1. Interment at Honeyoy Falls, N. Y.**  
**Kaiser—Mrs. Anna Kaiser died July 28th, at the Rochester General Hospital. Funeral from the home of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Fitzpatrick, No. 579 Meigs street, July 31, from St. Boniface Church. Interment in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.**

**Beattie—Frank M. Beattie, died suddenly at his home on the Latta road, Greece, July 28th. Funeral July 31st from the Church of the Sacred Heart.**  
**Brogan—James Brogan died at the home of his son on Town Line road, Brighton, aged 85 years. Funeral from the Church of the Good Shepherd, at East Henrietta, July 29. Burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.**

**Downey—Kerwan Downey, died at his home, No. 40 Thayer street, Palmyra, N. Y., July 27, aged 53 years. Funeral from St. Ann's Church, Palmyra, N. Y., July 30.**  
**Leonard—Fannie A. Leonard died July 27th, at the home of her brother, John H. Leonard, No. 83 Vermont street, aged 68 years. Funeral from St. Ambrose Church July 30.**

**Scuteri—Frank Scuteri, died July 27th, at the family home, No. 13 Prospect street, in his 25th year. Funeral from St. Lucy's Church July 29th. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.**  
**Weston—Alonzo S., died July 30, funeral August 2 from the residence of his son Fredrick B. Weston, No. 78 Alameda street, and from Our Lady of Victory Church. Interment in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery.**

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