

In vain will you find missions and build schools, if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapons of a loyal Catholic press.—Pope Pius X.

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Osservatore Romano Extols American Hierarchy for Its Activity in Field of the Press

QUOTES FROM BISHOPS

Editor Says America Is Teaching Catholic World That Enthusiasm for Newspaper Can Best Be Built Up by Propaganda and Authority

By Msgr. Enrico Pucci

(Rome Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Rome, March 20.—The "Osservatore Romano," official paper of the Holy See, in a recent issue extols the promising development of the Catholic Press in America and the active propaganda of the American Bishops to promote its growth and influence.

The Roman paper observes that the month of February has been chosen by the Catholic Hierarchy of the United States to be the month of the press, and quotes some letters written by the North American Bishops in aid of a better Catholic press; for instance, the letters of His Eminence Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York; Msgr. Hickey, Bishop of Providence; and the message of the Bishop of Harrisburg, the Rt. Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Chairman of the Press and Publicity Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The Editor's Comment
After the general mention of the Catholic Church's activity in North America in favor of the press, and particularly of the powerful work displayed in that field by the N. C. W. C., the Director of the "Osservatore Romano," Count Della Torre, comments on this activity in a leading article.

He warmly praises the action of the United States episcopate, clergy, and laity, and extols the religious importance and moral efficacy of the Catholic press. He also calls attention to the difficulties under which the Catholic press at present is conducted. Then he insists upon the necessity of building up the Catholic press in order to become its principal manifestation.

Marquis Excavating Site of Noted Church

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, March 20.—The site of the church of the Grey Friars at Cardiff is being excavated by the Marquis of Bute, who intends to lay it out so that it may be viewed by the public as a reminder of Catholic history. Many noted ecclesiastics and laymen were buried in the church, which fell into the hands of the despoilers at the Reformation.

Site of 595 Acres Acquired for Notre Dame "Prep School"

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

South Bend, Ind., March 20.—The Holy Cross Brothers are taking up definite plans for building operations on a magnificent site they have acquired near here for a Notre Dame preparatory school for boys. The school will be the fourth institution in charge of the Brothers in Indiana. With an area of 595 acres, situated on the Lincoln Highway twenty miles from here, the site is considered ideal. It gives the Brothers control of a forty-five-acre lake, around which it is proposed to group the buildings and there are excellent railway and interurban connections. The order plans to make the new institution one of the finest in the country.

"Healthiest School" Contest In St. Louis

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

St. Louis, March 27.—The third annual "Healthiest School" contest participated in by the parochial schools of this city and county, has been inaugurated with the approval of Archbishop Glendon.

Prizes will be given to the school having the highest percentage of its children up to normal weight when the contest closes April 15, and to the school which shows the greatest improvement in this respect over its showing for the previous year. The contest is arranged under the auspices of the Tuberculosis Society of St. Louis.

Card. Merry del Val Aids Pius X Church

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, March 17.—The Pius X memorial church which is to be erected at Alfreton, Derbyshire, has received a gift of \$100 from Cardinal Merry del Val. Father Joseph Head, pastor of the church, just returned from Rome, announced that when he mentioned the project to the Cardinal, his Eminence blessed the venture and gave the priest a check.

Leaves \$50,000 To Build Church

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, March 27.—Approximately \$50,000 is left to the Archdiocese of New York for the purpose of erecting a Catholic Church, under the terms of the will of the late Mrs. Mary Ellen McCabe, filed in the Surrogate's Court here this week. The sum mentioned is her residuary estate which includes valuable real estate holdings.

The will provides that a brother, Hugh McCabe, will receive a trust fund of \$20,000 provided he makes written application for it within five years. It is stated that his residence is unknown and that there is some evidence to indicate that he died in San Francisco many years ago. A legacy of \$25,000 had been provided in the will for a sister, Katherine McCabe, who, however, died before the testatrix.

New York Knights Of Fourth Degree To Mark Jubilee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, March 27.—The Silver Jubilee of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the Second New York District will be celebrated here April 18 and 19. This District includes the territory between Staten Island and Poughkeepsie. The celebration will open with a Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral with Bishop Dunn presiding. A theater party followed by a buffet supper will be held on the evening of the 18th and the Fourth Degree will be exemplified to a class of candidates the following afternoon. During the celebration three prizes will be awarded in the high schools students' essay contest on "The Constitution in the Making."

Cardinal Dedicates Philadelphia Cenacle

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Philadelphia, March 27.—The Cenacle of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, new Catholic center here, was dedicated by Cardinal Dougherty Sunday. It is the first institution of the order to be opened in Philadelphia. Its work will include the seeking of children on the streets or in their homes and encouraging them to attend Mass on Sunday and to assemble for daily religious instruction, preparatory to reception of the Sacraments.

President Coolidge Replies To Message Of Pope On Tornado

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, March 27.—Secretary of State Kellogg, on behalf of President Coolidge, has replied to the message of sympathy by the Pope through the Cardinal Secretary of State, on the occasion of the tornado disaster in the Middle West. Secretary Kellogg's message reads: "The President desires me to express the deep appreciation with which he received Cardinal Gasparri's telegram of March 22 conveying your Holiness's message of sympathy and spiritual comfort to the sufferers in the disaster that has fallen upon this country."

Masaryk's Reported Change of Mind About the Church

By V. Myravec

(Prague Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)
Prague, March 20.—The Slovak daily, issued this week a sensational article in which Mr. J. K. Masaryk described an interview with President Masaryk. It said that old age and the death of his consort wrought a great change in the great revolutionary and especially in his conception of religion and regard for the Catholic Church.

The interviewer found the President meditating upon religion. The religious question, said Masaryk, should be handled very carefully. "I am now busy studying Catholicism," he said.

"It realizes," continued the President, "that the development of the whole world declines from Protestantism and inclines to Catholicism. It is no use hiding that from one's self. All my studies have revealed it."

These statements of President Masaryk, who is a Protestant, are causing much surprise and admiration amongst the Catholics, since he left the Church when still a young man. His activity when a professor in the University of Prague was marked with strong antagonism toward the Catholic Church, and also his conception of the Czech history was utterly Protestant.

Mr. Masaryk writes in the Slovak that he admires Masaryk for his courage in announcing what he found out to be the truth. He wrote with nothing warren about those who call themselves Masaryk's followers and preach the ideals which he himself had already discarded.

CARD. MUNDELEIN TAKES LEAD IN CATHOLIC RELIEF WORK FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Chicago, March 26.—Abandoning results of his personal visit to the devastated area, Cardinal Mundelein, who arrived in Chicago last week, has taken the lead in Catholic relief work for tornado victims. He declared that he would wait, and at once upon his arrival plunged into the task of mobilizing all of the relief forces at his command.

His first announcement was that a general collection for relief funds would be taken up in all the churches of the archdiocese next Sunday. Then he called a conference of the officers and directors of the Associated Catholic Charities to meet at his home within an hour after his arrival to consider relief plans pending the collection of the larger fund. He communicated with Rt. Rev. Bishop Henry Althoff of Belleville, whose diocese covers the greater portion of the area of southern Illinois, stricken by last Wednesday's tornado, and asked information as to conditions.

Talk With Bishop Althoff
"I want to learn first hand just what is needed in Southern Illinois," the Cardinal said. "I am particularly distressed because so many children met death in such a manner. I realize there is now grave danger of disease, and great need of rehabilitation."

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British Ambassador Visits the Shrine

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, March 27.—Among the visitors at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in the course of the last week was Sir Emma Howard, Ambassador of Great Britain to the United States. Sir Emma, who visited the Shrine several months ago and expressed deep interest in the project, declared himself astonished at the rapidity with which the work had gone on since his last visit. He returned this week to observe the progress made and to show a guest the beauties of the Shrine.

Tuesday of this week the crypt was thrown open in one great expense for the first time. Hitherto, it had been partitioned off, while the work went on, by a great canvas wall. There now extends before the visitor a clear sweep of 204 feet, with an east-to-west open width of 102 feet, wholly unobstructed by pillars or other supports, one of the most remarkable architectural feats in existence. This vast auditorium lies entirely under the level of the church proper.

One of the first to view the Crypt in its entire expanse was Colonel Looker, a full-blooded Choctaw Indian chief from Oklahoma. He had returned to admire the beautiful pillars of Our Lady of the Indians, which was given its name on the occasion of a former visit. He paid to the Shrine.

Glasgow Catholics Honor Martyr on Spot Where He Was Hanged

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, March 20.—Five thousand Scottish Catholics assembled this week at the Market Cross, Glasgow, to commemorate the martyrdom, by hanging, of the Ven. John Ogilvie, S. J. As four o'clock struck—the identical hour of the identical day of the hanging in 1615—the men in the crowd which had collected on the site of the martyrdom removed their hats and offered silent prayer. Passers-by who wondered what the meaning meant, had their attention arrested by newsboys who carried placards bearing the words: "Priest Hanged at Glasgow Cross." The boys sold Catholic Truth Society pamphlets containing an account of the martyr's life and death.

An informal procession afterwards marched to St. Andrew's Cathedral, the participants singing "Faith of Our Fathers" and "Hail, Queen of Heaven."

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California Catholics To Hold Devotional

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Jesuit Seminary Given High

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