

St. Christina Relics Reverently Placed In Cleveland Chapel

Cleveland, Aug. 21.—The relics of St. Christina, gift of the Pope to Bishop Joseph Schrembs of the Cleveland Diocese, are enshrined temporarily in the chapel of the convent of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration here, following their arrival last week with the Bishop's return from Rome.

The box in which the relics came from Rome was opened Monday under the personal supervision of Bishop Schrembs, surrounded by ten Cleveland priests. The Bishop read a prayer and spoke briefly of the significance of the ceremony.

"We have here an absolutely authentic relic of a martyred saint of the Church which, if possessing little material value, is of inestimable spiritual value to the Catholics of this diocese, and indeed to this entire country," he said.

Bishop Schrembs was the first to venerate the relics, by incensing them and then kneeling in prayer. His first words were: "St. Christina, virgin, martyr, pray for us."

After Bishop Schrembs, the other priests who witnessed the ceremony also knelt in veneration to the sacred relics.

A card accompanied the relics from Rome. It bore the inscription: "The sacred body and the vase of blood taken from the cemetery of Pontianus."

Bishop Schrembs said the relics would remain in their present place of repose until he had made a decision as to a permanent repository. The formal transfer to this place will be a solemn occasion, he added.

A card from the Augustinian Sisters, Rome, who formerly had the relics in their possession, stated that they parted with them with regret but rejoiced in the fact that they were going to the United States. The Sister Superior said the Sisters had obtained many favors through the intercession of St. Christina, and expressed the hope that similar divine favors would be bestowed upon the Diocese of Cleveland through her intercession.

Installation of the relics in their present quarters followed the ceremony of reception of three young women into the community of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, which was concluded only a few minutes before.

The return of Bishop Schrembs from his Holy Year journey to Rome was noted by a special service of thanksgiving in the cathedral Sunday. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Smith, vicar general and administrator of diocesan affairs during the absence of the bishop, made an address of welcome. The response of the bishop included a resume of the outstanding incidents of his journey.

Americans At Dublin Horse Show, Pageant Of Irish Nation's Life

Dublin, Aug. 17.—Many American visitors have flocked into Dublin for the great Dublin Horse Show.

The name of the event gives no idea of its range, for it covers every phase of Irish life, industrial, social and artistic. This year the artistic section is specially important. There is a wonderful display of work in oil painting, embroidery, sculpture, wood carving and metal designs, as well as in stained glass and pictorial illumination. The extent to which the subjects are based on religious themes is a proof that the Irish Catholic Church is the chief national patron of art.

Father Conroy of Killoe, County Longford, is at the show with a model village of Irish peasants who unconcernedly go through their ordinary day's work and then amuse themselves singing and dancing—all in the presence of the sight-seers. This very human exhibit reveals how far the initiative of one priest has sufficed to revive the home arts of weaving and clothes-making, so that the peasants of his parish now supply virtually all their own needs.

The famous Irish outside cars have been a vanishing curiosity in latter years, but the show has tried to give them new life. One of its quaint spectacles is a procession of such vehicles eight miles long, all drawn by first-class horse flesh.

A Pageant of Irish Industry is the closing attraction.

Irish Religious Holding Important Rome Post Is Dead

Rome, Aug. 19.—An Irish religious who was very well known and appreciated in the Vatican, has died.

The Rev. Mr. Edward Thayne of the Christian Brothers had been for ten years the Secretary of His Excellency the Maestro di Camera of his Holiness. This office which is always a very important and delicate one, as in it must be regulated the audience granted by the Holy Father, was doubly so in this Holy Year in which every day a real crowd of persons either in groups or alone, asked to be able to see the Pope and receive His blessing. Rev. Thayne was well liked for his calmness and courtesy in receiving and trying to please everybody.

He died at the age of only 42, after a week's illness through blood poisoning. The Holy Father more than once sent him His Apostolic Blessing.

Bishop Gallagher Feted on Return; Diocese's Growth

Detroit, August 21.—The Rt. Rev. Michael Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit, returning Sunday from his annual visit to Rome, was greeted by cheering thousands of Detroit Catholics and escorted through the streets from the railroad station to the Diocesan Chancery building. In the evening the bishop was the guest of honor at a public reception given by the Detroit Council, Knights of Columbus. Mayor Smith was one of the speakers on his occasion to welcome the Bishop back to his episcopal city.

Besides his official visit to Rome, Bishop Gallagher's tour abroad included a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and a trip through Northern Europe. His itinerary included airplane trips and from Brussels to London and back, and from Brussels to Paris. He was accompanied on his European trip by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Doyle, Chancellor of the Diocese, and the Rev. Charles L. Linsky, diocesan Superintendent of Schools.

In Rome when Bishop Gallagher told the Pope about progress in the Diocese of Detroit, the Holy Father was so impressed that he told the bishop to chant ten De Deums, on his return to America, in thanksgiving for the blessings bestowed on his diocese. During the reception here Sunday night, it was pointed out that sixty new parishes have been established in the Detroit diocese in the last seven years, since Bishop Gallagher's appointment.

Bishop Gallagher, speaking at the reception, gave a vivid description of the ceremonies incident to the canonization of St. Teresa, which he witnessed in Rome. The Bishop corroborated the report that a shower of roses fell from great clusters near the domed ceiling as the act of canonization was completed. The Father General of the Carmelites who had charge of the arrangements for the ceremony testified later that no provision had been made for the incident. The bishop said that only a miracle would seem to account for the roses falling at the exact moment when the Pope pronounced the last words of canonization. Shortly before her death the sainted nun predicted that when in heaven she would let fall a shower of roses.

Strike Evil Papers By Plea To Dealers

Dublin, Aug. 17.—Against what he calls "the corrupting tide of evil literature" Dr. Gilmartin, Archbishop of Tuam, is making another strong stand.

"We cannot wait for legislation," he declares. "We must not remain inactive. I have in my possession a list of objectionable papers which are creeping into our local towns. Their sole attraction lies in pictures and news about crime. To read them is to inhale filth. We mean to ask traders not to stock or sell or even name any of those productions. I have no doubt they will agree.

"Such papers may still find their way to certain quarters. But we are determined that they shall not circulate—they can die with those who feed on them. There is plenty of good current, wholesome, interesting printed matter. But somehow it is not as well distributed as what is bad. We must organize more and more to put the good reading within the reach of young readers."

St. Emma's Institute Mystery Play Draws Hundreds To Belmead

Rock Castle, Va., Aug. 21.—Hundreds of friends and former students of Saint Emma's Industrial and Agricultural Institute here journeyed to Belmead-On-the-James Sunday afternoon to witness the first Mystery Play of the season, "The Pageant of the Assumption," given by the students of the school.

Ma. Francis Anthony McCann, Dean of Discipline, directed the pageant. It dealt with the death of the Blessed Virgin and her Assumption into Heaven, in a series of colorful scenes.

Students of the school at Rock Castle are taking great interest in dramatic work. Plans are now under way for the production of "Major Andre" for September; The Ship Scene from Daniel Doran's play "Columbus" for Discovery Day, and the "Fall Revue" for November.

Each month thereafter a special entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Literary Society or Dramatic Circle.

Anthony J. Barrett, the Director, is interesting himself in musical efforts. A glee club has been formed.

Distinguished Irish Delegation Coming To Congress in U. S.

Dublin, Aug. 17.—At the Inter-Parliamentary Congress in America in September the Irish Free State will be represented by P. McGiligan, of the Ministry for Industry and Commerce; T. Johnson, leader of the Labor party; General Richard Mulcahy, T. D., and Professor Hayes.

Gordon Campbell will accompany the delegation. Mr. Campbell is the permanent head of one of the Free State public departments and is the son of Lord Glenavy, chairman of the Senate.

May Bar Providence Churches To Women Indecently Dressed

Providence, August 21.—A warning that women who dress immodestly may be barred from the Catholic churches of the Diocese of Providence has been sounded by Bishop William A. Hickey. Speaking from the altar in the Cathedral here, the Bishop denounced present-day fashions as not only a source of scandal but, when worn in church, an insult to God as well.

The Bishop condemned beauty contests and other agencies conducive to improper dressing. The women of today he compared with those of pagan times who "faded their physical charms in costumes that not only degraded their wearers but were a source of sin for others."

"America today," he said, "seems to have entered a period where similar exhibitions of semi-nudity on the part of women are having a harmful effect upon the morals of the nation." Pointing out that Pope Pius has recently taken drastic steps to promote proper dressing in Rome, the Bishop declared there was ample ground for his threatened action in barring women improperly dressed from the churches here.

Habit Of Holy Ghost Fathers Assumed By Twenty Young Men

Ridgefield, Conn., August 21.—Twenty young men received the religious habit of the Holy Ghost Fathers and eleven others made their professions and took the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience at the Holy Ghost Novitiate here on the Feast of the Assumption. The Very Rev. E. Phelan, C. S. S. P., Provincial of the Holy Ghost Fathers, received the vows of the young aspirants.

Most of the young men who received the habit and made their vows here will go into the missionary work which is the chief labor of the Holy Ghost Fathers. The order now has 1,100 mission stations scattered over Africa and about forty parishes and mission stations for colored people in the United States. Although the Holy Ghost Fathers maintain some educational institutions, notably Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, they devote their efforts more largely to missionary work.

Rockne-Meanwell Coach School Draws 160 To St. Edward's

Austin, Texas, Aug. 22.—The close of the first week of the Rockne-Meanwell Coaching School, held at St. Edward's University here, found 160 coaches, representing about 20 states, actually enrolled for the work. The men are putting in eight hours each day, divided between basketball and football. All are enthusiastic over the course the two masters are offering.

A summary of the work of the first weeks shows that Rockne has covered in his lectures and field work a system of strategy and tactics, his plan of diet, training, care of injuries, style of equipment and methods of scouting. He has gone into detail in describing the Notre Dame offense and defense.

In Basketball, Doc Meanwell in his lecture and field work has covered conditioning, training, diet and equipment. The fundamentals of blocking, passing, stops and turns, pivoting and shooting have been covered in detail, together with the manner in which these fundamentals fit into the Meanwell style of play. He too has gone into detail in covering a system of strategy and tactics and his methods of scouting.

Scotch Parish Twice Outgrows Quarters Sign of Faith's Gains

London, Aug. 17.—Once abandoned and turned to secular uses, a Catholic church in Edinburgh has been re-purchased and will be used again for Catholic services.

When the church became too small for this growing congregation, a new building was put up in the parish of St. Patrick, Lothian street, and the old building was sold. Lately it has been used as a medical college and a saloon, among other things.

As the Catholic population of the district continued to grow, further accommodation again became necessary. A new parish has been carved out of the old one, and the old building has been brought back to form its center.

This is a sign of the remarkable progress which the Church is making in Scotland.

Baltimore Visitation Nuns Acquire Estate As New Academy Site

Baltimore, August 21.—Announcement has been made here that the Baltimore Academy of the Visitation has acquired the Francis A. White estate as the site for its proposed new Academy. The estate has a frontage of 500 feet on Roland avenue and 1,100 on Poplar Hill Road. There is a twenty-five room house with five baths, a gardener's cottage and a garage on the property at present.

The Sisters have changed their plans, previously announced, to erect their new Academy on the site preparatory school for boys here, at Roland and Belvedere avenues. Father D'Haene succeeds the Rev. F. where ground was broken on the Feast of the Visitation.

First Diocesan Catholic Rural Life Conference

Texas, Md., August 21.—At a meeting this week, fittingly held in this little town, the first diocesan Catholic Rural Life Conference in the United States was planned.

Baltimore will be the scene of the Conference, which will be for the Baltimore archdiocese and which will be held October 18. Archbishop Curley, the Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, and Charles J. Galpin, of the United States Department of Agriculture, will speak at a luncheon meeting. Rural Catholic education will be taken up by the projects of the archdiocese at one session, and social and civic activities in rural parishes will be considered at another.

Eleven priests attended the gathering here, which was called largely through the instrumentality of the Rev. W. Howard Bishop of Clarksville, Md., a member of the Board of Directors of the National Conference. He will be secretary of the executive committee for the forthcoming conference. The Rev. Albert E. Smith, pastor of St. Joseph's church here and editor of the "Baltimore Catholic Review," will be chairman, and the Rev. Patrick E. Conroy of Bryantown, Md., and the Rev. R. A. McGowan, Assistant Director of the N. C. W. C. Department of Social Action will be members of the committee.

Complete Sailors Home Proposed By English Catholics

London, Aug. 17.—The possibility of establishing a large home for Catholic seamen in England was discussed at a meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society here by Brother Moffat, who already is identified with a Catholic seamen's institution on a small scale in London's "dock-land."

The seamen's home which Brother Moffat thinks will be established in the not too distant future would have a chapel, an institute for non-boarders, sleeping accommodation for 300 men, dining, reading and billiard rooms, a lounge, an outfitter's shop, a barber shop and a bank where a man would deposit his money on being paid off, and make remittances to his relatives.

Rome Pilgrimage Exemption Ruling

London, Aug. 17.—Briar workers are not exempt from making the Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome in order to gain the indulgence, according to a new ruling obtained by the Archbishop of Glasgow who has issued it to all his clergy and people.

A former ruling, published here, was interpreted as meaning that the term "operarii" included brain workers who were dependent upon their work for their livelihood.

The Archbishop of Glasgow put a question to Rome to clarify the position, and now states that the exempted class consists of all working men depending for their bread on their daily work, unable to afford the time.

His Grace adds that "working men" (operarii) "in view of a reply from Rome, must be understood in the restricted sense of such as are employed in manual labor."

Vatican Household Mourns Passing Of Eminent Dominican

Rome, Aug. 17.—The sudden death of the Rev. Father Albert Lepidl, of the Order of Preachers, Maestro of the Sacred Apostolic Palace, has come as a great sorrow to the intimate court of the Holy Father.

This very ancient office, the holder of which was also called Theologian or Canonist of the Sovereign Pontiff, is one of the most important and historically illustrious of the Holy See. It has always been entrusted to a religious of the Dominican Order who lives in the Vatican and who chiefly exercises his office in the revision of books printed in the city of Rome.

Father Lepidl had been nominated to this office by Pope Leo XIII and was actually the oldest of the prelates belonging to the Pontifical noble Antichamber.

He was born in 1855 and at 17 had entered the Order of the Preaching Friars. He was a philosopher and theologian of highest fame, and among the first professors of philosophy at Louvain. Then he was Director of Studies in the Convent of Flavigny in France. In 1885 he was called to Rome as President of the Pontifical College of St. Thomas and as assistant to the Father General of the Dominicans who was at that time Father Feulwirth, now Cardinal. But very soon Leo XIII wished to have him near him in the high office of Maestro of the Sacred Apostolic Palace.

His death has been greatly lamented by all who knew him and his admirers his high ability, his frontage of 500 feet on Roland culture and his exemplary piety and virtues.

Underpaying Nuns In Irish Hospitals Arouses Prelate

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, Aug. 16.—The Local Government Department of the Free State has offered a series of payments for nuns in hospitals that has aroused the ire of the Bishop of Galway, the Most Reverend Dr. O'Doherty.

"I shall," he declares, "be quite content if the nuns in Ennistymon Hospital are treated in the same way as matrons and nurses elsewhere. But if the Local Government authorities wish to have the hospitals continued, I tell them plainly that they shall not be maintained by the sweat and blood of the nuns if such is their intention. But I have made up my mind that if the nuns are to remain, they must not be treated as drudges and slaves."

"I am pretty confident that a lay staff will not submit to unequal conditions, either."

The question has excited lively discussion, and some peculiar views have been expressed. Referring to the salary of \$480, a year paid to the Catholic chaplain of South District hospital, Dr. Crowe, a member of the Hospital Board, said it was too high and that chaplains should be made to feel the pinch of hard times the same as the general body of taxpayers.

Address In Ireland Taken As A Matter Of Boundary

Dublin, Aug. 16.—An address attached to a statement made by P. Stewart-Ross, a member of the Agricultural Commission, in Africa now visiting Ireland, has been taken as a matter of boundary.

"In South Africa we have our own problems and our own solutions. I think the time is at hand when the land and boundaries will be adjusted from the demands of reality. In South Africa we have four boundaries, and you have two. Instead of the British Commission, exactly the same way as South Africa is ruled."

These remarks are taken by some as being an implicit expression of views of his countryman and friend, Mr. Justice Feikens, the head of the Irish Boundary Commission. The Commission, which is at the end of its deliberations, consists of three individuals—two representatives of the North, and Mr. Justice Feikens as umpire.

Rome commentators regard the announcement of his friends as indicating that the umpire is a Partisan and that his vote will render any final ideas dominant in the Boundary Commission's report.

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