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St. Louis Cathedral Organ In Use For Eighty-five Years

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Triduum At Techny To Mark Order's Golden Jubilee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Techny, Ill., Aug. 28.—In gratitude to God for its fifty golden years, the Society of the Divine Word will hold a three day religious celebration at St. Mary's Mission House, Techny, Ill., September 6, 7, 8. On Sunday, September 6, the triduum will be solemnly inaugurated with a Pontifical High Mass, sung by Right Reverend Edmund Dunne, D. D., Bishop of Peoria. The mission sermon will be preached by the Rt. Rev. Magr. William Quinn, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Religious, Brothers and Sisters, will be the guests of the Divine Word Fathers that day. On Monday, the Pontifical High Mass will be sung by Rt. Rev. Francis J. Beckmann, S. T. D., Bishop of Lincoln. The mission sermon will be given by the Rev. Frank A. Thill, Ph. D., secretary of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade. A representative of practically every prominent Catholic school in Chicago will be out for the day. Birthdays of Society Right Reverend Edward F. Hoban, D. D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, will pontificate on September 8, the birthday of the Society. The clergy of Chicago and neighboring dioceses will attend the celebration. Fifty years ago, on September 8, Father Arnold Janssen founded the Society of the Divine Word. From tiny beginnings, it has developed into a great organization with members in all parts of the world. Father Janssen guided the Society he founded for thirty-four years. Today it has a membership of 4,412. This includes 780 priests, 340 Brothers, 400 seminarians, 85 medical novices, 285 lay novices, 150 postulants, 116 aspirants, and 1,750 college student candidates for the Society. The first mission was opened in China in 1882 with 158 Catholics. Today there are 105,000 in the true fold and 40,000 more preparing for baptism. Other mission fields include Japan, Philippine Islands, South Sea Islands, Dutch East Indies, South America and the Negro missions of the United States. There are over 500 members in foreign fields. The Servant Sisters of the Holy Ghost, founded by Father Janssen, work in the mission field with the Fathers of the Divine Word. There are 1,600 professed Sisters in this order, which is scarcely thirty-five years old. Departing Missionaries Two of the priests from Techny will leave for the Honan mission in China some time in October. One of the recently ordained priests will take up work in the Negro missions of Mississippi, leaving Techny the latter part of September. The departure celebration for these outgoing missionaries will be held in Holy Ghost Mission Church on the feast of St. Michael, September 29. It will be the golden jubilee family feast for all the members of the order at Techny. An outstanding feature of all these celebrations will be the missionary exhibit of the work of the Fathers in foreign fields. The museum will be thrown open to visitors, and the great collection of articles will form a fine object lesson in missionary education.

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"Prophet" of Belgian Congo Drowns 100 In Baptism Rites

Capetown, Aug. 27.—Officials in the Belgian Congo have been forced to use troops to halt the baptismal ceremonies of a fanatical native "prophet" which have resulted in the drowning of many of the man's disciples. Mwanaless, "the son of God," is the title the "prophet" has appropriated. He gathers classes for baptism and tells them that they are about to leave the earth and return cleansed. Thereupon he immerses the candidates for a long time. If they come up alive, they are pronounced cleansed. If they do not, Mwanaless dismisses their case by declaring their sins were too great for them to be saved. When the "prophet" had drowned more than 100, the Belgian Government sent investigators, and the natives killed them. Thereupon troops were dispatched and the villages taken, but the "prophet" escaped.

Christian Archaeology Institute Will Be Founded by Pope

(By Monsignor Enrico Pacci (Rome Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service) Rome, Aug. 24.—The Holy Father has the intention to found a Pontifical Institute of Christian Archaeology, the purpose of which would be the intensifying and coordinating of the results of the researches, now being undertaken everywhere by scholars, into the history of the first centuries of the Church. There already exists in Rome the Pontifical Commission of Sacred Archaeology which was instituted by the Holy Father, Pius IX, in 1851, when the discoveries by Giovanni Battista de Rossi began to show the enormous importance of the Roman Catacombs to the history of the Church and Christian religion. This Commission has had the custody of the Catacombs and publishes a bulletin of the highest importance to the scientific world. It is also recognized by the civil authorities as the exclusive custodian of that precious patrimony of the Catholic Church and of all that refers to it and exclusively depends on it. The Holy Father would like this Commission developed and enlarged, making it the nucleus of a Superior Institute of Christian Archaeology. Meanwhile he has begun by nominating several members of the Commission residing abroad, choosing among the most noted patrons of history and research relative to the early ages of the Church. These new members are: Msgr. Battifol, Professor of the Catholic Institute of Paris; Father Delattre, director of the excavations at Carthage and Christian Africa; Msgr. Leynaud, Archbishop of Algiers; Father Naval of Madrid; Father Griera of Barcelona; Rev. Prof. Sauer of the University of Freiburg; Msgr. Kirsch of Lausanne; Prof. Maere of the University of Louvain and Prof. Dolger of the University of Bonn. The headquarters of this Pontifical Institute of Archaeology will be in the Casa della Catacombe which is being built at the initiative of the Pope and thanks to the generous help chiefly procured by Bishop Schrems.

Bequeaths \$30,000 To Catholic Home

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cleveland, Aug. 28.—The will of Dr. A. C. McGannon, prominent Cleveland physician, bequeaths \$30,000 of an estate valued at close to \$60,000 to Our Lady of Victory Home in the Diocese of Buffalo, and to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nelson H. Baker, its founder and director. Dr. McGannon was drowned while on a fishing trip in Canadian waters several weeks ago.

P. J. Haltigan Is Given Freedom Of Irish City

Kilkenny, Ireland, August 24.—Patrick J. Haltigan of Washington, Reading Clerk of the American House of Representatives, was given the freedom of the city and greeted by a committee of the town corporation here. Mr. Haltigan's father was a native of Kilkenny.

Chinese "Reds" Hold Italian Missionary

Peking, August 22.—Father Bianchi, an Italian missionary, has been captured by the "Red" volunteers at Aihfung, according to a report received by the Italian Legation from the Italian Consulate at Canton.

Wilbur To Head Benson Banquet Honor Committee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Aug. 29.—Curtis D. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy in President Coolidge's Cabinet, will head the honorary Committee of One Hundred sponsoring the testimonial dinner to Admiral William S. Benson, President of National Council of Catholic Men, here September 19. Secretary Wilbur's acceptance of the headship of the Committee, which includes the most prominent figures in American public and private life, was announced late this week. The sub-committee which waited on Secretary Wilbur to invite him to accept the chairmanship was composed of Commissioner Frederick J. Thompson of the Shipping Board, Admiral Leigh Palmer, Admiral H. I. Cone, D. J. Callahan, B. F. Saul and Edward J. O'Connor. Simultaneously, it was announced that one of the three speakers at the testimonial dinner will be the Rt. Rev. Hugh O. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh. It already has been announced that Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War in President Wilson's Cabinet during the World War, will be one of the speakers. The third speaker, who will be an outstanding figure in the national life, remains to be chosen. Still another addition to the Committee of One Hundred was announced this week. He is Vance McCormick, of Harrisburg, Pa., former Chairman of the War Trade Board, member of the War Mission to Great Britain and France in 1917, advisor to President Wilson on the American Commission to Negotiate Peace at Paris in 1919, and member of the Yale Corporation. Meantime, reservations for the dinner are arriving at the office of Edward J. O'Connor, secretary of the Committee on Arrangements, at 1314 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, from all parts of the country. Numerous messages also are coming in from persons who will be unable to attend the dinner. These express the keenest regret and speak in the highest praise of Admiral Benson's services to his country. It is the intention of the Committee to have these hundreds of messages bound in an attractive volume to be presented to Admiral Benson as a permanent record of the affection and appreciation of his countrymen.

Noted Irish Educator Goes To Help Revival Of Faith In England

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, Aug. 24.—Ireland is losing one of her most notable educators of the last twenty years in the person of Father John Dawson, S. M., who has just departed for Hull in Yorkshire. Before going, Father Dawson was the recipient of a rich gift from many of the leading citizens of Dublin who were once his pupils. They listened intently to his response: "I am going to England with a feeling of great enthusiasm for the work I am about to do, because I regard it essentially as an apostolic work for the Catholic Church. Some years ago, Catholics in England were in a sadly handicapped position. They had very meager facilities for education and the practice of their Faith. Under such disabilities, it is not astonishing that many of our own Irish people who went there fell away. "But since then, the Catholic priests and people of England have been making a wonderful fight. They are reclaiming a country that had become indifferent and atheistic. If Christian belief survives in England today, it is principally due to the small body of Catholic people in the nation. The great need of the English Catholics is secondary education. Without it they can have no middle class population and cannot take their proper place in the country's affairs. "Three Bishops and Catholic laymen are leaving nothing undone to supply that want and to relieve Catholics of the necessity or inclination to send their children to Protestant schools. They are calling men and others to their aid, and willingly I go to provide education in a parish that has a prosperous Catholic population of about 20,000 souls, and not one Catholic secondary school. "Father Dawson becomes president of the new school about to be opened by the Marist Fathers in Hull."

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Political Chaos Now Prevails In State of Mexico

Mexico City, Aug. 28.—Gilberto Valenzuela, Secretary of the Interior, has presented his resignation to President Calles and other members of the Cabinet are expected to follow suit as a result of differences growing out of the gubernatorial election in the State of Mexico. Four different legislatures, each claiming to have been legally elected, were set up in the state last Sunday. President Calles decided in favor of Carlos Riva Palacio, the Labor candidate for Governor. Senor Valenzuela, in his letter of resignation, characterized this decision of the President as "openly contrary to my convictions and of the utmost importance to national politics." Prime Villa Michel, Undersecretary of the Interior; Col. Martin Barcegas and Ramon Ross, Governor of the Federal District, are among the officials who may follow Senor Valenzuela's lead. Senor Ross, a friend of former President Obregon, has been unpopular with the Calles regime since the recent labor disturbances in the Capital.

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North Irish View On The Boundary Issue Diverge

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