

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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PITTSBURGH PILGRIMS JOIN LAY SOCIETIES IN FAMOUS CHURCH OF ETERNAL CITY

Holy Father Congratulates Members of Party, Recalls Their City's Devotion to Blessed Virgin
By Msgr. Enrico Pucci, (Rome Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service).
Rome, September 14.—When a group of forty pilgrims from the diocese of Pittsburgh were received in audience by the Pope recently, His Holiness' attention was attracted by the scapulars of the Union of Pious Laymen and of the Laysisters of St. Francis Romana, worn by these American visitors to the Eternal City. His Holiness was then informed that the pilgrims had all become members of that order during their stay in Rome. Some photographs taken at the time the pilgrims made their vows were exhibited to the Pope, and he commented favorably upon them.
His Holiness addressed the pilgrims and, inasmuch as the audience took place near the feast of the Assumption, recalled that it was at Pittsburgh that the first chapel in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin was erected in the United States. He then congratulated the pilgrims that on the site of that chapel there now stands a fine Cathedral.
The Pope asked the pilgrims to

preserve always the good resolutions made during their Holy Year visits to Rome and called particular attention to the necessity of spreading the faith and combating immorality in all its manifestations.
The occasion on which the Pittsburgh pilgrims took their vows as members of the Laymen of St. Benedict and St. Francis Romana was the five hundredth anniversary of the entrance into religious life of the noble Roman Lady Frances Ponzani, who later was canonized under the name of St. Frances Romana, and whose vows were taken in the same ancient church in which this saint made her profession. This is the Church of Santa Maria Nova, popularly called the church of St. Frances Romana. It is served by the Benedictine monks of Monte Oliveto Maggiore, who also attended it five hundred years ago. The church is one of the most beautiful in Rome. It lies between the Forum and the Colosseum a few steps from the Arch of Titus and in the midst of the finest monuments of pagan Rome. It is, in fact, actually built upon the ruins of a Temple of Venus, the aspe of which is still perfectly preserved in the cloister of the Monastery which is attached to the church.

N.C.C.W. Sends Two Delegates To Rome Congress

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, Sept. 19.—The National Council of a Catholic Women is sending two delegates to the Sixth Conference of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues, to be held in Rome October 22-27. Mrs. Harry M. Benninger of Baltimore, a member of the National Board of Directors of the N. C. W. C. since it was first organized, left for New York Friday on the activities of the American Council.
Realizing the importance of stressing to the Catholics of all nations the obligation to care for the religious and social welfare of Catholic immigrants everywhere, which will be a major topic at the Conference, the N.C.C.W. has obtained the cooperation of the N.C.W.C. Bureau of Immigration in sending as its other delegate Miss Sarah Weadick, technical expert of the Bureau stationed for several years at Ellis Island and now at the Bureau's headquarters here. Miss Weadick will depart for Rome the last of September.

Necessity for cooperation of the various national Catholic women's leagues with the N. C. W. C. Immigration Bureau and for the development of definite agencies in all countries to provide such cooperation will be stressed by Miss Weadick in an address at the Conference. Special arrangements were made by officials of the Union to place this address on the agenda, because of its profound importance to all the countries which will be represented, especially since all have emigration problems linking up with the United States, greatest of immigrant countries. The Union also asked that 100 copies of the address be sent for distribution to all the delegates to the Conference.
For several years the N. C. W. C. Bureau has been urging the creation of Catholic emigration agencies in all Europe to serve as its contacts. There is to be before the Union a proposal that the Catholic women's leagues in all countries cause to be formed special committees to care for the religious and social interests of immigrants and to cooperate with the immigrant agencies of other countries. Miss Weadick also will take part in the discussion of this proposal.

Nun Travels 500 Miles by Sledge To Consult Dentist

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Regina, Saskatchewan, Sept. 18.—A Sister of the Gray Nuns order recently arrived here from the northern missions and had her first glimpse of civilization in five years. She traveled 500 miles by sledge, canoe and train. The necessity of consulting a dentist was one of her objects. She also enjoyed a short stay with relatives here.
She is Sister Carrier, and she is stationed at Notre Dame of the Sacred Heart, Beauval Mission, in the cold northland of Saskatchewan. She expressed absolute satisfaction with her station, even saying she would like to go further north.

Attended Mass Daily Travel in many Lands

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, Sept. 14.—Though his business caused him to make extensive journeys in Canada, Russia, Norway, Sweden, France and Italy, Mr. James Albert O'Neill, who has just died in Cardiff at the age of 84, attended Mass daily for fifty years without a break until his last illness.

Poland's National Holiday Dedicated To Blessed Virgin

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Warsaw, Sept. 10.—The Holy See has given permission for the celebration of May 3, the Polish national holiday, as the feast of Our Lady "Queen of the Polish Crown."
This feast was celebrated for the first time this year, as the result of a petition circulated through Poland and approved by the Cardinal Primate and the Hierarchy and a request was sent to the Holy Father asking that this solemnity be made the "tangible proof of the gratitude of the Polish people to the Mother of God for the resurrection of the nation and the triumph won against its enemies through her intercession on the Feast of her Assumption (August 15, 1920)." The petition also asked that "the two feasts, the national holiday and the religious feast, be united and become the immortal proof of the sovereignty of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother over grateful Poland."

Relics Of Norse King's Conversion In London In Saxon Days Passes

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, Sept. 14.—St. Olave's Church in Tooley Street, London, which stands on the site of a church built in Saxon times in honor of the saintly King of Norway, is being demolished, and the bodies of Catholics buried in the little churchyard are being removed to another cemetery a few miles outside the city.
St. Olave (or Olaf), King of Norway, was a pagan when he made an incursion into England, but after sailing up the river Thames with his fleet, formed a friendship with the Saxon King Ethelred, and was converted to Christianity.
At that time London was in the hands of the Danes, who had fortified London Bridge. King Olave attacked the bridge and destroyed it. This victory mainly contributed to the restoration of Ethelred.

King Olave returned to his own country filled with religious zeal and endeavored to convert his people to the Faith. They revolted, and the king was mortally wounded in battle.
When the news of his death reached London, the citizens decided to erect five churches in his honor, and one was built in what is now Tooley Street, on the spot from which he set forth to do battle with the Danes. Ultimately this building fell into disrepair, owing to its proximity to the river. A second church was erected in 1740, but was subsequently destroyed by fire. The present church was built eighty years ago.

In accordance with a bill passed by Parliament, the little churchyard is to become a public garden.

British Scientists More Conservative About Evolution

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, Sept. 14.—The meetings of the British Scientists' Association at Southampton which concluded yesterday, produced no sensational pronouncements on the relations of religion and science. Indeed the general tendency there exhibited was for scientists to become much more reticent and careful in their generalizations than they have been at times in the past.
Sir Oliver Lodge, preaching on Sunday at the Avenue Congregational Chapel, said our knowledge of the universe, as enlarged by scientific study, fell almost infinitely below reality. Science was quite unable to get to origins; the solar system might be fifty million years old, it might be fifty thousand million. The human mind appreciated things through the senses, but the greatest things were inferred, were ideal, and that was where reality lay.
The chief sensation of the conference was the discussion of the alleged "missing link" skull recently discovered by Mr. Turville-Peter in a cave on the shores of Lake Galilee near Capernaum. Sir Arthur Keith described the discovery as epoch-making. A model of the remains of the skull (only the forehead and one cheek bone exist) as exhibited, but Sir Arthur conjectured a reconstruction of the whole, and said it was not that of an ancestor of man but of a cousin, as it were, of an ancestor of man, but a creature much nearer to man than to ape. He thought it was twenty thousand to thirty thousand years before the time of Abraham. Sir Boyd Dawkins said he thought it was a link between ape and man, but much older than Sir Arthur Keith suggested.

Two Iowa Girls Are Given Scholarships At Service School

New Haven, Conn., September 19.—Miss Barbara Baum of Keokuk, Ia., has been awarded the Daughters of Isabella Scholarship to the National Catholic Service School at Washington. It is announced at the headquarters of the Daughters of Isabella here. Miss Baum is a graduate of Iowa State College of the class of 1918 and is a member of the Marquette Circle, No. 162 of Keokuk.
It is announced also that so much merit was shown by Miss Mary F. Bruner, of Waterloo, Ia., who also completed, that officials of the Service School have awarded her another scholarship, which was open to a B. Degree at the University of Iowa in 1922 is a member of Circle No. 195 of Waterloo.

Grand Rapids Unit, N. C. C. W., Expects 1,000 At Convention

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 19.—Catholic women of the Diocese of Grand Rapids are making extensive preparations for the convention of the Grand Rapids Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, October 11. Upward of 1,000 are expected to attend the gathering. Miss Elizabeth Brady, Diocesan Representative of the N. C. C. W., has circulated every pastor in the diocese in an effort to have at the convocation at least one woman from every parish.
Miss Margaret Lynch, Assistant to Miss Agnes Regan, Executive Secretary of the National Council, will be one of the chief speakers at the convention. The Grand Rapids Council has been affiliated with the national body since 1921.

Diocese To Have 13 New Churches

Great Falls, Mont., Sept. 15.—The Diocese of Great Falls will have thirteen new churches by the end of next year.
On his confirmation tour, the Rt. Rev. Mathias O. Lenihan, Bishop of Great Falls, will dedicate five new churches at Havre, Drew, Charley Creek, Brocton and Glendive. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael T. O'Brien, V. G., was delegated by the bishop to bless churches at Miles City and St. Philip, and next year Bishop Lenihan will dedicate new edifices at the following missions: Allen, Astor, Eskalaka, Selma, Sprague and Richie. The new church at Miles City cost more than 70,000, and those at Havre and Glendive \$50,000 each. They were built because the old churches became inadequate for the congregations.

Italian Duchess Gives Castle For Women's College

Milan, Sept. 13.—The Catholic University of the Sacred Heart founded here four years ago by the Italian Catholics has just received a princely gift. Duchess Strozzi Toppani Pallavicini has presented to the University her magnificent castle near Piacenza, and the land surrounding it, for use as a woman's college. The value of the property is approximately three million lire.
The Duchess is a venerable octogenarian. She recently informed the Pope that she wanted to make a gift in favor of some work which His Holiness considered to be especially opportune. Upon learning that the Father desired to establish a woman's college in connection with the University of the Sacred Heart, the Duchess immediately gave her castle for the purpose.

Notre Dame U. Opens Doors With A Record Enrollment Of 2,400

South Bend, Ind., Sept. 18.—The University of Notre Dame has opened its 1925 school year with a record enrollment of 2,400 students. Official registration days brought 2,200 students, and it was necessary to continue registration an extra day to enroll several hundred late arrivals. The increase has added to the problems of housing and boarding the students which have faced the University for several years.
The increasing enrollment has forced the administration to hasten a number of the buildings included in the plans for a Greater Notre Dame that the school has been working out for several years. Howard Hall, the first of three sections of a Freshman group of residence halls, was completed during the summer and accommodates 160 students. Work on the second and third sections of this group was started upon the completion of the first unit, and the second section is expected to be ready for the second semester.
A large addition to the Notre Dame gymnasium also was begun this summer and will be ready November 1. There will be a wood floor in the new section, and seating capacity for 5,000. The gymnasium also will provide an auditorium for special events. Among the outstanding events already planned is the appearance of John McCormack, Irish tenor, who will give a concert under the auspices of the South Bend Scholarship Club November 13. The Scholarship Club is a group of South Bend women who provide scholarships for students at the University and last year furnished fourteen such awards.
Professor Charles Phillips, who was in Mexico during the summer and wrote a series of articles on conditions there for the N. C. W. C. News Service, has returned to the University. Another prominent man who has joined the lay faculty is Prof. Edward G. Mahin, for eleven years professor in charge of analytical chemistry at Purdue University. He will be professor of analytical chemistry and metallurgy at Notre Dame. The Rev. John C. McQuinn has resumed his work at the head of the Department of Sociology after four years' absence on the Endowment Drive for Notre Dame.

Cincinnati Planning Drive For Central High School Group

Cincinnati, Sept. 17.—The first step has been taken in a campaign to raise a fund for the building of a group of central Catholic schools in Greater Cincinnati at a meeting of all the pastors of the city and of Hamilton county under the presidency of Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O. P.
The "drive" method for raising the money will be employed; this plan having been unanimously chosen by the pastors in preference to the parish assessment plan which has been in force heretofore.
The program for the building of the "high schools" will, in general, follow that outlined by the late Archbishop Moeller for the extension of educational facilities in the Cincinnati archdiocese. However, details of the program and the arrangements for conducting the drive were referred to a special committee of priests, to be named by Archbishop McNicholas.
Elder High School, the first unit in the group of central high schools which serves the Price Hill district, was completed two years ago. The second unit is proposed for erection on Victory Boulevard, Walnut Hills, the site for this school having been purchased last year.

Quebec Lauded For Fine Spirit By Protestant

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Sydney, Australia, Sept. 18.—Striking tribute to the fine spirit and influence of the Catholic Church in the Province of Quebec was made by John Bassett, of the House of Commons, one of the Canadian members of the Imperial Free Conference at Melbourne, Australia.
"Quebec is one of the most remarkable works of the Catholic Church in the British Empire," he said, "the influence of the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec is the result of good, honest, and able spirit of commerce and industry, and the result of the influence of the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec is the result of the influence of the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec."
Mr. Bassett also had much to say of Quebec, which he said was the result of the influence of the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec, and in standing for the common sense of the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec, and in standing for the common sense of the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec.

Completed Century

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, Sept. 14.—The completion of the century of the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec was celebrated by the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec, and in standing for the common sense of the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec, and in standing for the common sense of the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec.

Mary, Queen of Peace, Remains Of Roman

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, Sept. 14.—The remains of the Queen of Peace, Mary, were found in the ruins of the Roman city of Vindonissa, near the Swiss border, and in standing for the common sense of the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec, and in standing for the common sense of the Catholic Church in the province of Quebec.