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"Christmas Ship" Sent Laden With Gifts For Lepers

Colony at Cullion Gladdened by Generous Sympathy—Vow of Jesuits and Sisters of Saint Paul de Chartres on the Isle of Living Death

Woodstock, Md., Dec. 24.—Word just arrived at the Jesuit House of Studies here that the annual "Christmas ship," laden with gifts for the unfortunate dwellers on the little island of Cullion, left Manila early enough to reach the isle by Christmas.

Cullion, which lies south of Manila in the Philippines, holds the largest leper colony in the world. Its colony is 19 years old, and in that time it has received 15,000 lepers. At present it has 5,300. The "Campo Santo," or "God's Acre," contains the mortal remains of the rest.

Noble Work of Religious Cullion has been called the "Isle of Living Death." But devotion and sacrifice on the part of workers there have caused many of its sufferers to term it the "Gateway to Eternal Life." For Cullion has its Damians as well as its Molokai. From the inception of the colony, two Jesuit Fathers, a lay Brother and a devoted band of Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres have labored among its unfortunates. There are now 10 Sisters, and one of them, who comes from France, has never left the island since she went there 19 years ago. Father Millan, S. J., the superior, has been in the colony 10 years.

That these religious have attained remarkable results is written large in the history of the island. Reading the list of the dead, one finds besides almost every Filipino name the phrase "Con todos los Sacramentos," "with all the Sacraments." Statistics show that between 85 and 90 per cent of the Filipinos die fortified with the Last Sacraments, and that more than 50 per cent of the Moros and Chinese pagans are baptized before death. This despite the small number of religious workers.

Fr. Millan's Devotion to Afflicted. Care of souls is, of course, uppermost in the minds of the religious. But they go beyond that. They work to lighten the sufferings and to fend off despair bred of the loathsome and fatal disease. Father Millan, in addition to his spiritual duties, has charge of eight dormitories where 700 lepers, all of whom are destitute, live. No regular occupation is possible, but those in the first stages of the disease must have some distraction to ward off discouragement. The boys are taught weaving and other light trades. Games are organized. Father Millan, who is an accomplished musician, writes the music and words for entertainments on public occasions. He also has organized a band among the young men, which gives concerts once a week.

The Sisters have direct charge of the girls' dormitories. They instruct their charges in sewing and embroidery. With the status of government nurses, these women have shown the most heroic fortitude, to which all on the island attest. They care for the sick in the eight hospitals, and despite the loathsome disease with which they are dealing, they are happy and always cheerful, even in the most distressing circumstances.

It is these devoted men and women who will distribute the cargo of the "Christmas ship" on the isle of Cullion.

Pope Will Wear Ring Given By Americans In Closing Holy Door

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Newark, N. J., Dec. 23.—The ancient ring of Pope Pius VI which the Catholic Daughters of America recently presented to Pope Pius XI will be worn by that Pontiff on Christmas Eve when he officiates at the solemn ceremony of the closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's.

Information that this honor would be accorded the American order is contained in a letter recently received from the Vatican by Miss Mary C. Duffy, Supreme Regent of the Catholic Daughters. The letter also attests the pleasure of the Holy Father at the gift and expresses his thanks for the pious thought that inspired it. In return His Holiness sends his wish for continued prosperity for the order and his Apostolic Blessing, and assures its members that he will pray for them.

Right to Damages Not Affected by Vow of Poverty

By M. J. (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Dec. 23.—"Because a life is given, an unfortunate is no reason for considering that life of no value." With this comment, a Saint Quentin leper, who has just placed his thirty thousand francs on the curtailed activities of a little sister of the Poor, despite her vow of perpetual poverty.

The pleading in the case was one of the most curious a French court has ever heard. Sister Marie, a religious of Saint Quentin, separated by thousands of workers in that industrial city, had consecrated her life to the service of the poor sick. About a year ago, she was run down in the streets by an automobile belonging to a Senator. Her foot was fractured, and after months of treatment she remains infirm.

The Senator asked the company which insured his car to indemnify the victim. The company agreed to do so, but refused to add an indemnity for Sister Marie, contending that she had taken a vow of poverty and thus could not properly ask for damages.

It was a rebuke to this contention that the court has granted the substantial damages and pronounced its dictum that a life loses none of its value if given to the poor.

President Masaryk Gives 100,000 Crowns To Prague Cathedral

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Prague, Dec. 22.—President Masaryk has made a donation of 100,000 crowns (Czech) to the President of the Union for the Completion of the Cathedral.

The Prague Cathedral, begun by Charles IV, "Father of the Nation," has never been finished. The Committee is making every effort to raise funds to permit its completion in time for the celebration of the thousandth anniversary of Saint Wenceslaus, in 1929, and it is felt that the donation of the President of the Republic will be an inspiration to the faithful to aid in carrying out this plan.

Dr. Kerby Reappointed By President Member Of Board Of Charities

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Dec. 24.—President Coolidge's reappointment of the Rev. Dr. W. J. Kerby, Professor of Sociology at the Catholic University of America, to be a member of the board of Charities of the District of Columbia, has been confirmed by the Senate.

Dr. Kerby has been a member of the Board since 1920, when he was appointed by the late President Wilson. President Harding re-nominated him to succeed himself and President Coolidge has again honored him with another re-appointment. The Board of Charities has jurisdiction over penal, charitable, correctional and similar institutions in the District of Columbia, which receive financial aid from the Federal Government.

Bishop Count Named To Care For Russians; Is Of Irish Descent

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, Dec. 21.—Bishop Count Edouard O'Rourke has been asked by the Pope to undertake the care of the Russian emigrant children in Danzig and the neighboring German provinces. Their condition is known to be deplorable. Catholic convents and schools are welcoming the little ones. But as the resources of these institutions are now strained to the uttermost, the Holy Father has called upon the organizing capacity of Bishop O'Rourke.

The prelate is of historic Irish origin, being descended from one of the Irish leaders who departed from Ireland after the Battle of the Boyne and took military service with France. The Bishop's title of Count is explained by the fact that his grandfather was a general in the Russian Army and was ennobled for distinguished achievements.

Much Catholic reorganization has been effected by the Count in his capacity as Apostolic Administrator of Danzig.

American Bishop At Corner-Stone Laying In Italy

Naples, Dec. 21.—The Right Reverend John Lawler, Bishop of Lead, S. D., attended the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new Italian-American Church of Mary, Star of the Sea, to be erected at Posillipo, and imparted his solemn blessing to the new edifice. His Lordship is the first American Bishop to officiate at such a ceremony in this part of Italy. Other Americans present at the ceremony were the Rev. William McKeefry, of Martinsburg, W. Va., and the Rev. L. B. Pastorelli, of Baltimore, Md.

The founder of the church is the Rev. Antonio Pettillo, well known in many parts of the United States. In his address, Bishop Lawler paid a warm tribute to the work of Father Pettillo, who has labored for thirty-three years away from his native land, founding ten churches in different parts of the United States. Although he spoke in English, the Bishop's kindly expression and accents of deep sincerity, coupled with expressive gestures, found an immediate response in his Italian audience, which applauded at length when his tribute to the past labors of Father Pettillo was translated for them.

The address of the bishops was followed by a discourse by Father Pettillo who, after thanking the American bishop, spoke of the devotion which Italy has always professed toward the Great Mother of God.

"Devotion to Mary," said Fr. Pettillo, "is hereditary among our people and is one of the greatest glories of Italy, and there is scarcely a spot in Italy which has not received some particular token of Mary's love."

"In devotion to Mary," he continued, "the Italian finds relief for the homesickness which besets him in foreign lands. It brings back to him memories of home and childhood and represents all the poetry of life."

In keeping with the international character of the new shrine, the plans have been entrusted to a local architect, Mr. Nicola Spagnuolo, who has spent many years in the United States and is familiar with Italian-American styles of architecture. The designs submitted by Mr. Spagnuolo were greatly admired by Bishop Lawler.

The improvised altar, on which Mass was celebrated, was decorated with Italian and American flags, and many notables were present, including Magr. Achille De Lalla, Canon of the Cathedral of Naples, and his brother, Canon Giuseppe De Lalla, the Superior of the Salesian Fathers and many other priests and religious in addition to numerous civil authorities.

Permission for the ceremony was given by Cardinal Ascalesi immediately after the arrival of Father Pettillo with the American bishop and priests. His Eminence has expressed himself as being greatly pleased over the new shrine which, it is expected, will be the goal of the first visit of all Italians coming to Naples from the United States.

Twelve American Priests Ordained In St. John Lateran

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Rome, Dec. 21.—Twelve American priests, students in the North American College here, were ordained Saturday in the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Cardinal Pompili was the ordaining prelate.

Those ordained at this ceremony are: the Rev. Joseph Lux of Joliet; the Rev. Peter Cameron of Chicago; the Rev. Jules Daigle of Lafayette; the Rev. George Flannagan of Nashville; the Rev. Francis Keegan of Boston; the Rev. Howard Stepton of San Francisco; the Rev. Charles Falk of Los Angeles; the Rev. Daniel Markham of Albany; the Rev. James Cullen of Fresno; the Rev. Eugene Lorenz of Dubuque; the Rev. James Heblon of Toledo; and the Rev. Vincent Naes of St. Louis.

Cardinal Mercier Ill

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Brussels, Dec. 24.—Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium and noted figure of the World War, is suffering from grippe and his physicians have prescribed a complete rest, although they deny that his condition is critical.

The Cardinal's illness interfered with plans for his attendance at the presentation of the Golden Rose sent by the Pope to the "Queen of the Belgians."

Life Of Fr. Kolping Prepared By Priest President Of Unions

Cologne, Dec. 21.—Father Theodore Hueth, president of the Catholic journeymen's unions of Germany, has just published a biography of Father Adolph Kolping, the humble priest who founded the first of the unions, now scattered all over the world, and whose beatification recently was proposed. The volume marks the sixtieth anniversary of the death of Father Kolping, and Father Hueth states with regret that despite his great work, he is virtually unknown among Catholics.

A German delegation recently proposed to the Holy Father that the founder of the unions be raised to the altars of the Church, and His Holiness encouraged the project.

"Father Kolping must not be an unknown among us," writes Father Hueth. "We may expect, now that St. Peter Canisius, apostle of the schools, has been received among the saints, that with so many dangers threatening Catholic family life this apostle of the Catholic family also will be given the honor of the altars. Thousands of his spiritual sons are paying for that event."

Mother Who Gave Six To Religious State Dies In Iowa

Westphalia, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Bertha Zimmerman who died here recently had the supreme happiness of seeing six of her eleven children embrace the religious life, two sons entering the Society of Jesus in St. Louis, and four daughters the community of the Franciscan Sisters in Milwaukee. The youngest daughter is still at home. Those in religion are: The Rev. Joseph Zimmerman, S. J., superior of St. Francis Indian Mission, S. D.; Mr. Bernard Zimmerman, S. J., St. Louis University; Sister Jerome, Bauer, Iowa; Sister Benita, Sacred Heart Sanatorium, Milwaukee; Sister Emilie, Campbellsport, Wis.; and Sister Munda, Klevenville, Wis. Another son is associate editor of the Catholic Press Union, Inc., which publishes five Catholic weeklies, including the Catholic Bulletin, Cleveland, and the Lake Shore Visitors, Erie, Pa.

It was the modest boast of Mrs. Zimmerman that, besides her own six children who had entered the religious life, twenty-three of her immediate relatives have also left the world to enter the seminary or convent.

At the funeral services which were held in St. Boniface church here her son Father Joseph Zimmerman sang the solemn Mass of Requiem, and another son Mr. Bernard Zimmerman, assisted as subdeacon. The latter is to be ordained next June. The Rev. William Kletman was deacon at the Requiem. The sermon was preached by Des Moines Catholic Charities and editor of Rural Life.

"A good mother in the home exerts a greater influence upon her children than the priest in the pulpit," Father Schiltz asserted.

Ireland's Secondary Schools Put Above Any Found In Europe

Dublin, Dec. 23.—Conducted entirely by priests and religious communities, the secondary education in Ireland has just been described as "better than that of any other country in Europe." At Clongowes Wood College Union there was a stock-taking of the country's educational affairs, and the foregoing fact was brought into relief.

"The President of that world-famous Jesuit College observed: 'In Ireland our secondary education system develops self-reliance, self-training and self-discipline. These, coupled with intellectual training, form a magnificent basis for a boy's starting life. Ireland's education has only to expand on those lines. There is no need for any radical change. One danger, perhaps, is the intensified lurch towards competitive examinations, in which boys and young men run a risk of becoming mere examination numbers. The straining for marks is a tendency to correct. Examination results alone should not determine a boy's rewards. More value should be set on his cultural side—his interest in acting, music, literature, and art. These great concerns are rather absurdly side-tracked at present. Still the modern boy is getting a more efficient education than was given to his father. Our Catholic colleges are turning out as fine a product as was ever put on the human market. The Irish college boy is a far more self-reliant and trustworthy type than the pupil of the Continental schools.'"

"Lifer" Carves Miniature Church As Christmas Gift

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 24.—A miniature church carved by a life-terminer at the Maryland penitentiary has been presented to St. Vincent's Male Orphan Asylum. Each year at Christmas time the prisoners, Gerard Otten, sends a gift of his carving and handwork to one of the orphanages of the city. This year's gift is about thirty inches long, twenty inches wide, and thirty-six inches high. It is electrically lighted, contains pews, three aisles, a choir loft, altar, paces for tapers and altar adornments, a sacristy and is surmounted by a spire with a place where miniature bells may be hung.

"Pap" Otten, as the other prisoners call him, began serving his life sentence seven years ago. The sentence isn't as long as it sounds because "Pap" is seventy-five years old.

Priest Convocation Orator At N. Dakota For The First Time

Grand Forks, N. Dak., Dec. 26.—For the first time in the history of the University of North Dakota, the All-University Convocation address was delivered last week by a Catholic priest. The speaker was the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien, Director of the Catholic Foundation at the University of Illinois.

"The war mania is greatest menace to modern culture, and if it is not curbed it will prove the cemetery of the world's civilization," Dr. O'Brien declared. False glorification of war should cease and energies be used more in the furtherance of international peace and amity, he continued. Adequate defense is necessary as long as disputes are settled by the sword, but huge war machines are not needed. "In this work of preserving the noblest and best in American life, religion has a real contribution to render," he declared. "It is religion that affords the most effective and the most enduring basis for moral action."

Dr. Lapp To Preside At New York Social Action Dinner

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Dec. 24.—Dr. John A. Lapp, Director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, will preside at the annual banquet of the American Association for Labor Legislation to be held at the Pennsylvania Hotel here December 30, in connection with the nineteenth annual meeting of the Association. Speakers at the dinner include: Wesley C. Mitchell, Director of the National Bureau of Economic Research; Ernest G. Draper, Treasurer, Mills Brothers Co.; John B. Andrews, Secretary of the American Association for Labor Legislation and William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor.

The meeting of the Association will be held December 28-30. Officers of the organization are: Thomas L. Chadbourn, president; Henry W. Farnham, honorary, president; Adolph Lewisohn, treasurer, and John B. Andrews, secretary.

Labor Leader, Taken Ill At Bazaar, Cared For In Priest's Home

London, Dec. 21.—James Sexton, Catholic Labor member of Parliament, was taken ill and put to bed at the rectory of the Sacred Heart, Church, St. Helens. He went there to open a sale of work, but the pastor, Father Myler, found him so unwell that he called a doctor and ordered the labor leader to bed. Next day he was taken to his own home.

James Sexton is a great power among the dock laborers in the North. It says much for his devotion to the Church that though exhausted he tried to carry out his promise to open a bazaar, when it was physically impossible to fulfill it. His condition is not serious.

Priest Heads French Inscriptions Academy

Paris, Dec. 23.—A Catholic priest, Abbe Chabot, has been elected president for the coming year by the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles-Lettres.

Abbe Chabot is a scholar to whom the world is indebted for some valuable works on Semitic inscriptions.

Three Ex-Anglican Clergymen Join The Priesthood

Cardinal Bourne Officially at Two of the Ordinations—Fr. Knox Predicts Anglican Landslide To Catholicism

London, Dec. 21.—Three ex-Anglican clergymen were ordained priests here this week, one of them, the Rev. J. Dale, at the age of 75. Two of the ordinations were at the Oratory, with Cardinal Bourne officiating, and the other was at Downside Abbey by the Bishop of Cullion.

The three new convert priests are: The Rev. J. Dale, age 75, an Anglican clergyman who has been living more or less in retirement. His wife died some years ago. For some time he has been studying at St. Charles's House of Studies, Hatfield, an institution which receives convert clergymen after their reception when they have thoughts of going on to the priesthood.

The Rev. Ernest Edmund Kilburn, formerly vicar of St. Saviour's, Hoxton, and for two years during the World War chaplain on a hospital ship. He was received into the Church in 1923 and in the following year entered the novitiate of the Congregation of the Oratory. Cardinal Bourne ordained Father Dale and Kilburn.

Dom Fabian Pole, ordained at Downside Abbey by the Bishop of Cullion, is now a member of the Benedictine community there. He belonged formerly to the Anglican community of St. Andrew at Paisley, and he is the second member of that community to join the Benedictines at Downside.

When Father Kilburn celebrated his first Mass this week at the Oratory his server was the Rev. Anthony Holland who was formerly his curate at Hoxton and who is now studying for the priesthood. Later in the day Mr. Holland himself received the first two minor orders.

At the Oratory on Sunday evening another ex-Anglican clergyman, the Rev. J. E. L. Woodruff, Cong. Orat., preached on the vitality and reality of the true priesthood.

In the North of England, too, this week, convert Anglican clergy have been to the fore. Father Ronald Knox, the convert son of a former Anglican Bishop of Manchester, made an appeal at St. George's Hall, Liverpool, on behalf of the Convert Aid Society which exists to give assistance to Anglicans who sacrifice worldly position to follow their consciences.

Father Knox predicted that the next ten or twenty years would see something in the nature of a landslide from High Anglicanism to the Catholic Church.

He replied to his Anglican critics who had told him that his intellectual friends in the Catholic Church would not satisfy him. His report was, "There is nothing in the Church of England which approaches the position of a priest in the Catholic Church."

"I can never be sufficiently grateful," he said, "for the welcome given to me by Catholics since my reception."

French Sacristan Of Long Line Dead

Paris, Dec. 24.—Great crowds attended the funeral of Andre Thorelli, 70, many years sacristan at Notre-Dame de Clugny. Not only his record as a sacristan but his unusual faithfulness, but he enjoyed the unique distinction of coming from a family which has given to the church of Peyrat an unintermitted line of sacristans for a period of two hundred and forty-four years.

"Father Andre," as he was known, was worthy of this great tradition. A man of exemplary faith and courage, he was a model of sacristan. A blacksmith by profession, and father of seven children, he devoted his time to keeping in repair the tools, farming implements, etc., of the locality, and despite the economic upheaval occasioned by the war, he never raised his prices.

Msr. Baudrillart Made Assistant To Pontifical Throne

Paris, Dec. 24.—Msr. Baudrillart, Rector of the Catholic Institute of Paris, has been appointed by Pope Pius Assistant to the Pontifical Throne. This appointment was announced to the eminent prelate in a Brief containing words of high praise regarding the manner in which he has directed the Catholic Institute of Paris, particularly in doctrinal matters.