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Centenarian Mother Receives Eucharist From Son's Hand

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Paris, Feb. 15.—A rare ceremony, possibly without precedent, has just taken place at Rocquencourt, in the Tarn, where on the same day Abbe Bertrac celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination while his mother celebrated her hundredth birthday.

Madame Bertrac walked to church on the morning of her birthday and received Holy Communion from the hands of her son.

French Catholic Youths' Society Bars Politics

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, Feb. 15.—The federal council of the Catholic Association of French Youth has settled an extremely important question at its annual meeting: the relations of the Catholic Youth members with politics.

In order to understand the importance of the problem it must be explained that at the present time a large number of the new political organizations in France recruit their members among the young men and women. There is an extremely ardent youth section in the royalist "Action Francaise" group and another among the "fascists." The "democrats" also have such a section, and rather warm clashes sometimes occur between the adherents of these different factions.

Sometimes, in their zeal, members of the Catholic Youth Association have striven to swing their organizations to favor one or the other of these political movements. The federal council understood that it was necessary to protect the association against any initiative which might compromise or divide it. All members of the council agreed to affirm that the Association does not disregard politics but that it feels that it should be kept in its proper rank, which is not the first; in its proper time, which is not the period of adolescence; and in its proper place, which is not in associations of Catholicism and youth. Such, by the way, is the doctrine preached by the Supreme Pontiff in the letters sent successively to the different presidents of the associations in the past. In conformity with these directions, the Association does not engage in politics.

C. P. A. Convention To Be Held In Detroit

Brooklyn, Feb. 19.—The 1926 Convention of the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada will be held in Detroit, June 18-19, according to announcement made here by Patrick F. Scanlan, President of the Association. The dates and place were selected to make it convenient for members to attend the Convention and then go to the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, Mr. Scanlan said.

Last German Pilgrims Of Holy Year Arrive

Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine, Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.
Cologne, Feb. 15.—The last German Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome was received by the Pope on New Year's Day. This pilgrimage was composed of Catholics from Wurzburg, headed by the General Secretary of the Holy Year organization in that diocese.

The Pope addressed the pilgrims in German and praised the history and achievements of their diocese.

Cures At Lourdes Basis Of Notable Portuguese Case

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Lisbon, Portugal, Feb. 12.—The Supreme Court has set aside the decree promulgated June 17, 1924, by Minister of Public Instruction Helder Ribeiro, whereby the examination and thesis of Dr. Antonio de Azevedo do Souto were declared null and void. This decision settles a controversy of great Catholic interest which has been raging in the public press and in the university world for more than a year.

The origin of the trouble was the fact that Dr. Azevedo do Souto had taken for his thesis, presented to the College of Medicine as part of the requirements for the degree of doctor of medicine, a subject which was objectionable to the Minister. His subject was "Lourdes and Medicine."

Bearings of the Decision
The decision of the Supreme Court in this case is important not merely because it shows the impartiality of the tribunal in annulling a sectarian action but because it recognizes the autonomy of the university and declares the Minister of Public Instruction incompetent to take action in a matter which properly is within the jurisdiction of the university authorities.

The ministerial decree, in its first clause, declared that the thesis was unacceptable because by nature it was "purely confessional" and, consequently, "absolutely alien to the scientific character of the faculty." While the press registered numerous protests against the "sordid Japha" of the decree, the Minister of Public Instruction refused to budge. The decree was, in fact, a declaration of war against the Catholic youth of Portugal.

University Sustained Thesis
The Faculty of the College of Medicine met in extraordinary session ten days after the issuance of the ministerial decree and issued a formal statement declaring that the thesis was not in violation of the university regulations. The declaration also stated that the College of Medicine did not recognize the Minister of Public Instruction as competent to pass judgment on the character or value of theses presented for the degree of doctor of medicine or any other test taken by a candidate for the medical profession. The faculty passed a unanimous resolution refusing the charge that the thesis was by nature "purely confessional" and absolutely alien to the scientific character of the faculty, and protesting against the interference of His Excellency the Minister of Public Instruction in matters which are the exclusive concern of this faculty.

Dr. Azevedo do Souto, refusing to conform with the ukase of the Minister, appealed to the Supreme Court, which decided the case in his favor, giving full satisfaction to the plaintiff while at the same time safeguarding the independence of the judicial power and the scientific prestige and administrative autonomy of the University of Coimbra.

Five Parishes Unite To Aid Young People

London, Feb. 15.—Five London parishes have formed an association to promote social intercourse among the young people with the object of reducing mixed marriages. It is a common complaint among young Catholics that they have no opportunity to meet Catholics of the opposite sex. Their grievance has been removed in North West London where the priest of five adjoining parishes have formed a committee which will promote dances in each parish in turn.

Third Unit In Mail Course On Christian Doctrine Now Ready

Helena, Mont., Feb. 16.—The third unit of the Correspondence Course in Christian Doctrine prepared by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Victor Day, is now ready. It covers the Sacraments, Sacramentals, and Prayers, in the order followed by the Baltimore Catechism, treating thus sixteen lessons of the Catechism. It contains twenty-six weekly lessons, packed in individual envelopes, ready to mail to pupils. This unit has 206 pages of text and explanations and 163 pages of question sheets.

The first unit of the same Course is known as the First Communion Catechism. Correspondence Course. It treats thirty-five questions of the Baltimore Catechism, explaining them by means of Bible story and picture, and contains all a seven year old child should know to receive Holy Communion intelligently and reverently. These thirty-five questions are divided into thirteen chapters, each chapter being contained in a special envelope.

The second unit explains the first twelve lessons of the Baltimore Catechism, thus covering the Apostles' Creed. It is divided into eighteen weekly lessons, packed in individual envelopes, ready to mail.

This Correspondence Course is published under the auspices of the Rural Life Bureau of the N. C. W. C. Copies may be obtained by applying directly to Monsignor Day, Helena, Montana.

Hyde Park's Arch Built With Fund Due Irish Jesuits

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, Feb. 15.—In calling attention in the House of Commons this week to the omission from the King's speech at the opening of Parliament of any reference to Catholic disabilities—remnants of the penal days—Mr. F. N. Blundell, conservative member for Ormskirk, revealed an interesting historical fact which was not known to one person in a thousand, even in England. It is that the Marble Arch, a famous London landmark at Hyde Park, was built with money which by right belongs to the Irish Jesuits.

Mr. Blundell told the story to the House. The Irish Jesuits, he said, had a house in Paris, and during one of the communes it was burned down by the mob.

"In due course," said Mr. Blundell, "our foreign office pressed the new French government that succeeded the commune for compensation, and recovered £40,000 (about \$200,000)."

Jesuit Money Diverted
The matter was then referred to the law officers of the crown in order to decide in what way the £40,000 should be handed over to the Irish Jesuits. The law officers after careful consideration decided that as the Irish Jesuits were an illegal organization the money could not be handed over to them, and they therefore adopted the doctrine of cy pres and built the Marble Arch with the money.

Mr. Blundell called the attention of the House of Commons to the bill which was before it last session and in the previous session for removing the old grievances. He brought up the question now, he said, in the hope that if anyone had any objection to it the matter could be ventilated.

"I do not believe it has any enemies," he said. "I think it has a good many warm friends and a very large number of lukewarm friends. There is really no reason why it should have any enemies, because it does not injuriously affect any subject of the Crown at all."

Mr. Blundell's bill seeks to remove a number of statutes which are of an "entirely futile nature," and some others which still interfere with the Protestant succession of the English crown.

Justice to Catholics

The only reason the statutes were ever put on the books, Mr. Blundell told the House, was because there was an idea that Catholics were not a loyal body.

"That is not true at the present day," he declared, "and never was true."

Mr. Blundell's kite-flying produced no word of opposition. The bill can only be discussed during the present session if the government should see fit to adopt it. Mr. Blundell participated in the private members' ballot, which gives private bills a chance, but he did not draw a very favorable place.

France Honors Dr. H. Hyvernac, Coptic Scholar

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, Feb. 15.—Among the recent promotions to the Legion of Honor is one of much interest to Catholics on both sides of the Atlantic. It is that of Dr. Henri Hyvernac, the noted French scholar who is professor of Biblical Archeology and Semitic Languages and Literature at the Catholic University of America.

Dr. Hyvernac is a native of the Department of the Loire. After his studies at Saint Sulpice he was ordained in 1882 and went to Rome for his university degrees. But while studying theology and canon law he devoted himself likewise to Semitic languages, a study which he had begun in Paris and for which he had a marked predilection and special talent. After a short time he was appointed professor of this science at the College of the Propaganda, a position he occupied in 1888 when Msgr. Keane, the first Rector of the new Catholic University at Washington, came to Europe in search of professors. Dr. Hyvernac accepted the proposal made to him to go to America, and thus became one of the first professors. He is one of the few survivors of the original faculty of the University.

On account of the unusual branch of science which he professes, Dr. Hyvernac is not widely known to the general public, but in the world of science he is universally recognized as one of the greatest scholars of the present age, and has been honored by many of the leading universities of the United States, France, Germany, Italy and England.

Dr. Hyvernac again came into prominence when J. R. Morgan, who was considering the purchase of a rare collection of Coptic manuscripts, was anxious first to submit them to someone who could pass on their authenticity. Dr. Hyvernac was recommended to him as the expert who would best be able to do this work. After a long and minute study, Dr. Hyvernac declared the manuscripts to be authentic. Mr. Morgan bought them and then turned them over to Dr. Hyvernac for editing and restoration. The magnitude of this task which is not yet entirely completed, may be appreciated when it is known that the collection contains 60 volumes in folio, 10,000 photographs and numerous tables, indexes, etc. The work is being done in Paris, Rome and Washington.

In collaboration with Abbe Chabot, of the Institute of France, Dr. Hyvernac is also one of the editors of another gigantic work: the "Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Orientalium" which is printed in Paris and which is nearing the one hundredth volume.

In addition to his numerous articles in encyclopedias and reviews, Dr. Hyvernac has produced another monument of scholarship: the "Acta of the Martyrs of the Coptic Church," a Coptic text with a Latin translation.

Dr. Hyvernac represented the Catholic University of America at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Catholic Institute of Paris held here recently.

Death of J. A. Murray, Prominent Catholic Advertising Manager

(N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York, Feb. 22.—John A. Murray, advertising manager of "The Press Association of the United States and Canada," died Tuesday at his residence, 409 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., after a brief illness.

For many years Mr. Murray was widely known in the advertising world as the "Brooklyn Citizen." He was fifty-nine years of age. He was born in Carbondale, Pa., from which place his family moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., when he was very young. He was educated in the parochial schools of Brooklyn, N. Y., and at St. Francis College, Brooklyn. He was graduated from the New York Law School in 1896, taking his degree of LL. B. He was married thirty-three years ago to Mary A. Meagher who survives him.

Mr. Murray did much to place Catholic advertising on a high plane. He was an authority on advertising and as such, was invited in 1922 to give a conference to the members of the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada at their convention held in Cleveland.

Sen. Wm. E. Borah Sees Nation's Future Menaced By Federalized Education

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, Feb. 22.—Senator Wm. E. Borah of Idaho has given the N. C. W. C. News Service permission to publish a letter which he wrote recently to a public school superintendent in Idaho who asked his support for the Curtis-Reed bill. The Senator's letter follows:

Dear Madam:
I have your letter in which you advise that the new educational bill has been introduced and stating it provides for a department of education with a secretary in the President's Cabinet. You further express the hope that my influence and my vote may be found in support of the bill.

I regret to say to you that I cannot support the bill and shall do everything within my power to defeat it. It is simply inconceivable to me that people, who have reflected upon this subject of building up bureaucracy at Washington, now wish to put under the control of the bureaucrats the development of the minds and character of the young people of our country. I cannot imagine anything more deadening to initiative, to responsible citizenship and to the welfare of the common people than to centralize here in Washington under the arbitrary and dictatorial dictatorship of some bureau the problems of education. If there is anything which has given more to our country and which gives assurance of the future happiness and prosperity of our people and the permanency of our institutions, it is the very opposite of everything which this bill would tend to establish.

I venture to say also that in less than ten years after the establishment of this bureaucratic dominance of educational affairs, teachers of this country would be the most belligerent and aggressive force in the country for its repeal.

Of course, I perfectly understand that this present bill is "to collect and distribute facts and statistics," and so forth, and forth. But that is the "poor of the realm" under the "benevolent" who have watched the building up of the department at Washington, will not be misled by that proposition for a moment. The way they all start. But before many years the building up draws in everything that is within possible reach and the result is tepid and tame in the beginning, becomes wide-spread and dominant in the end.

I speak plainly, because this is a matter about which I feel and am uncompromisingly.

Very respectfully,

Wm. E. Borah

England Donates Over 50,000 Books To Louvain Library

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, Feb. 15.—The collection of Oriental and general books bequeathed to Louvain Library by the late Bishop Casartelli has just been dispatched, and with the consignment the John Rylands Library of Manchester has gone over the top with its promise to give 50,000 volumes to the reconstructed library which America has done a great deal to restore.

The final shipment—the twelfth—consisted of sixty-eight cases containing 5,671 volumes. This brought the total to 55,782 volumes.

When the appeal was launched to help Louvain reconstruct its library, the bulk of the money was subscribed by America, while England pledged itself to provide \$50,000 books.

Cardinal O'Donnell And Irish Delegation Coming To Chicago

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dublin, Feb. 16.—Cardinal O'Donnell and several other members of the Irish hierarchy will attend the Eucharistic Congress at Chicago next June. Arrangements for the organization of the Irish delegation, which will include important representatives of the landed, professional, commercial and labor classes, are in the hands of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland. The university bodies of Cork, Dublin and Galway will send a strong contingent. It is expected that a feature of the Irish Delegation will be the numerous attendance from Belfast. Priests all over the Ireland are desirous of getting to Chicago for the occasion if at all possible. The time of year will be favorable to their intention as during the period from May to July clerical duties in Ireland are comparatively light.

Retreats For College Women In Porto Rico

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Holy Trinity, Ala., Feb. 13.—The Rev. Thomas Judge, C. M., M. S. B., and the Rev. Joseph Tomerlin, M. S. B. T., have left the mother house of the Missionary Servants of the Blessed Trinity here for Porto Rico, where they will give a series of retreats to Catholic young women attending the University of Porto Rico, a state institution.

The Catholic women students at the University, who number almost a hundred, live at the Academy of the Blessed Trinity, a boarding and rooming club conducted especially for them under the direction of the Sisters, Missionary Servants of the Blessed Trinity. The motherhouse of the Sisters' order also is located here.

St. Xavier Prepares Room In New Building

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Cincinnati, Feb. 15.—St. Xavier's Prep School is preparing a room in the new building for the use of the students. The school is one of the most prominent educational institutions in the city. The new building is a fine example of modern architecture and will provide ample room for the students. The school is preparing to move into the new building as soon as possible.

Little Flower Shrine To Rise In Detroit

Detroit, Feb. 15.—A new shrine to the "Little Flower" of Lourdes is to be erected in Detroit. The shrine is to be a beautiful structure and will be a place of pilgrimage for many Catholics. The project is being carried out by a group of dedicated Catholics.

First Radio Address On The Eucharistic Congress Broadcast

Chicago, Feb. 11.—The first series of radio talks on the Eucharistic Congress was broadcast from Station KTW, which was the first station to broadcast the talks. The talks were given by a group of experts on the subject.

Thousands Of Pilgrims Expected At Chicago

Thousands of pilgrims are expected to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago. The Congress is a major event for Catholics and will attract pilgrims from all over the world. The organizers are expecting a large turnout and are making arrangements to accommodate the pilgrims.