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## Catholic Women Frame Program For Convention

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Washington, D. C., Sept. 3.—Many delegates already have been appointed for the Sixth Annual Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., October 10-14, according to a statement made here by the officers of the N. C. W. C. The convention is to be held in Milwaukee in response to a special invitation received last year from His Grace, Archbishop Sebastian G. Messmer, and will coincide with the meeting of the Archdiocesan Council of Milwaukee, thus giving delegates from other parts of the country an opportunity to observe the functioning of a well-regulated archdiocesan council.

In addition to the reports and discussions of immigration work, Americanization, girls' welfare study clubs and rural activities, special sessions will be devoted to the consideration of organization problems, Social Work, will address the convention.

Dr. John A. Lapp, recently elected head of the National Conference of Social Work, will address the convention on "National Organizations—Work and Resources" and Dr. Edward A. Fitzpatrick, Dean of the Graduate School of Marquette University, will speak on "Social Service and the Community." The session on social service will also include a paper on "Hospital Social Service," to be given by Sister Mary Helen, head of the Social Service Department of Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, the first nun to graduate from the National Catholic School of Social Service.

The social service work of the National Council of Catholic Women receives a special emphasis this year through the celebration of the seventh centennial of the death of St. Francis of Assisi and also through the first celebration of the new feast of Jesus Christ, Universal King of Society. The Rev. Albert C. Fox, S. J., president of Marquette University, will speak on the meaning of this new feast, describing the manner in which women can aid in bringing about the rule of Christ.

The convention will close on the night of Wednesday, October 13, with a banquet at which Father Celestine, O. M. Cap., will speak on "St. Francis and Women in Social Work."

The Most Rev. Archbishop Messmer will be the celebrant and the Rt. Rev. Francis J. L. Beckman, Bishop of Lincoln, will preach the sermon at the Pontifical High Mass which will formally open the convention on Sunday, October 10. The rest of the day will be given over to a luncheon to the National Board, an automobile sightseeing tour, arranged by the Milwaukee committee, and to an evening reception at which delegates will be formally welcomed by Archbishop Messmer and Mayor Hoan, and at which the Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland and Episcopal Chairman of the N. C. W. C., will make an address.

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## POPE'S EYES TO BE TREATED BY U. S. DOCTOR

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Chicago, Sept. 3.—Dr. J. I. Lucey, a Chicago optometrist, has been invited to visit the Vatican next summer to examine the eyes of Pope Pius XI and prescribe several pairs of glasses for him.

Dr. Lucey was asked to make the trip this summer by Cardinal Bonzano, papal legate to the Eucharistic Congress. He was unable to leave on such short notice, however, but promised to spend three months abroad next summer during which time he will carry out Cardinal Bonzano's request to have him visit the Pope.

Dr. Lucey is a member of the staff of Michael Reese hospital. He treated the eyes of Cardinal Bonzano when the papal legate was here for the Eucharistic Congress.

## Unusual Family, Five of Whom Are Religious

Paris, Aug. 26.—There has just come to light here the record of a most unusual family from the Aveyron, the Caussanel family whose combined ages are 644 years. There are eight brothers and sisters in the family. All are still living and are between 71 and 91 years of age.

The eldest member of the family, who is 91, was for some time the mayor of his community and still works in the fields. The second, 87 years old, was formerly Vicar General and Director of the Seminary of Meaux. The third, a daughter, is a religious of Saint Vincent de Paul. She is 84. Another brother is a Lazarist and still another, a Jesuit, is a missionary in Tuticorin, in British India. The youngest daughter is also a religious of Saint Vincent de Paul.

This shows that the Caussanel family can boast not only of the great ages of its members but also of the large proportion of its members—five out of eight—who have embraced the religious life.

## Mexican Government Plot To Besmirch Priesthood Seen in Cassock Order

Mexico City, Sept. 3.—It is reliably reported that the Mexican Government has placed an order for a large number of priests' cassocks with the Government tailor shops, where all the uniforms for the Mexican army are made.

This strange project for a Government which has made laws virtually outlawing all religion, Catholics here believe, can have but one meaning: that Calles and his aides propose to send out bogus priests throughout the country who will conduct themselves in such a manner as to attempt to blacken the name of the clergy in the eyes of the people. If this be true, say the Catholic leaders, it will constitute the most daring and most despicable project yet devised by the Callesistas to banish religion from Mexico.

It has been suggested that if this is the purpose of ordering the cassocks, the Government might use the schismatic church which it tried to set up and which failed utterly to materialize, in working out the scheme. Thus the cassocks might ostensibly be given to schismatic "priests," and their recipients then try to delude the people into thinking that they were Catholic priests. Conduct unworthy of the priesthood might then be blamed on the Catholic clergy.

## Dying Nun Given Last Sacraments In Railway Station

London, Aug. 30.—A priest gave the last sacraments to a dying nun at Euston station here whilst a large crowd of holiday makers, touched by the dramatic scene, stood by reverently.

Sister Antony, Superior of the Sisters of Charity in an East End convent, had rushed for a train, with a companion, to visit a convent at Rock Ferry, Cheshire. When she had taken a seat she complained of feeling faint and got out for air. She then collapsed and ambulance men gave her attention.

A railway porter, member of the congregation of the nearby church of St. Aloysius, took in the situation and dashed round to call a priest.

In a few minutes Fr. Basil Barton arrived and the crowd fell back, the men removing their hats, whilst the priest gave the last sacraments to the dying nun.

## Pope Presented American Flag

Rome, Aug. 31.—Pope Pius has in the last few days been the recipient of two gifts—an American flag presented by an American woman, and an automobile.

Mrs. Charles A. Robinson, of New York, who is flagday of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was the donor of the flag, which was presented when she and Mr. Robinson were granted an audience today. His Holiness admired the gift and told his visitors that he would place it in his personal collection of flags.

The automobile is the second which has been given the Holy Father and was presented Friday. It is a Bianchi limousine, and His Holiness will use it for rides about the Vatican gardens.

## Calles Declares He Will Continue To Curb Religion

Mexico City, Sept. 1.—Mexico's new Congress opened today with a declaration by President Calles, in his formal message, that he proposed to continue unabated his war on the Catholic Church, and that a bill to limit the number of priests in the Federal district and territories will be introduced in the Congress, which he controls.

Episcopate Outlines Its Policy Simultaneously, the Catholic Episcopate, in a statement, said it would appeal, but "without hope of success," to the Congress for relaxation of the persecution under which it labors. It justified this appeal by asserting that "the only other course open, starting a religious war, is contrary to the spirit of the Catholic Church," and that the Church wishes to educate the Mexican people to defend their rights "not by arms, which give an ephemeral victory, but through pacific, legal methods, giving lasting peace." The appeal is further to be made, the Bishops added, to show the world that the Church indorses peaceful means in the struggle.

While the Bishops, in this and previous statements, were affirming that their every move in the controversy has been legal and peaceful and will continue to be so, Calles viciously attacked the Church and its clergy and charged them with flouting the Constitution. Frankly admitting that the religious controversy is the "palpating question" in Mexico, at this time, he charged that the whole situation "has been created by the clergy which has always been rebellious against the institutions of the Republic."

"Selling a moment which they thought propitious for their ends," he said, "the priests have disavowed the Constitution and the laws based thereon regulating the exercise of religion."

Calles Unyielding Despite his recognition of the gravity of the religious situation and his bitter attack on the clergy, he then blandly asserted that "there is nothing at the bottom of the so-called religious question," and declared that churches need have no cause for alarm, that "no persecution of religious beliefs was intentionally made." He then announced that the bill to limit the number of priests would be pressed before the Congress, and concluded with the following declaration that he would continue his policies:

"The executive in my charge is firmly determined to allow the lines of conduct already traced, for the enforcement of principles and the supreme law. In so doing, it is absolutely convinced that in spite of obstacles and constant opposition to its work, nevertheless the Mexican people in the great majority will give the Government support necessary to terminate it."

## Archbishop Harty Proposes a Remedy For Irish Emigration

Dublin, Aug. 30.—Archbishop Harty of the Diocese of Cashel, received a warm civic welcome at Thurles, Tipperary County, on his return from a tour of the United States following the Eucharistic Congress. His Grace traveled over a great part of America, including the Pacific Coast.

"Everywhere," said His Grace, "we were struck by the prosperity of the country, and in particular by the fine educational facilities. Everywhere we found the people working—working in a way in which, I am afraid, the Irish are not prepared to work at home. I believe that if our people could be got to work here in Ireland, as they are compelled to work when they cross the Atlantic, there would be no need for so many emigrants annually to leave our shores. I am glad, too, that the day is gone when the Irish might be described as 'hewers of wood and drawers of water.' In every branch of life in America, in trade and in official circles, Irishmen hold responsible positions."

His Grace added that some people cherished a hope that the Eucharistic Congress in 1930 would be held in Ireland, to celebrate the Fifteenth Centenary of the coming of Saint Patrick.

MARY ANDERSON'S BROTHER-IN-LAW DIES

London, Aug. 30.—Mary Anderson's brother-in-law, Alphonso de Navarro, died suddenly this week when on a visit to a New York friend at the latter's shooting lodge at Brechin, Scotland. He was taken ill on returning from a short walk and died almost instantly.

## English Motor Chapel Protects Attendants From Bad Weather

London, Aug. 30.—An improved motor-chapel, providing shelter for a congregation, took the road this week and will be used by the Fathers of the Catholic Missionary Society on a campaign in Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire.

The trouble with the old motor-chapel was that when a crowd was gathered for Mass or a lecture, it got wet or dispersed when rain appeared—as it appears at all sorts of unexpected moments in these islands.

When a halt is made the sides of the car are let down, providing a platform for the speakers and disclosing an altar for Mass. On the roof of the car, covered over when traveling is a canvas marquee which is extended and pegged down when a stop is made. The center of the roof of the car, and the tent is supported by poles at its extremities.

For the first time in the history of these summer tours of the motor-chapel, layfolk are taking part this year. Lady Winifred Elwes, widow of General Elwes, the famous tennis player who was killed at Boston, Mass., will be one of the speakers.

## Protestant Pay Honors To First Montana Priests

Stevensville, Mont., Aug. 31.—There has just been held here a colorful ceremony in the course of which a bronze commemorative tablet was unveiled at St. Mary's Mission, the first church established in Montana, and sometimes called Montana's "Grade of Christianity." The tablet was donated by the Anaconda Copper Company, and the ceremony was under the auspices of the Helena Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Indians in picturesque native costume, and prominent personages of Montana took part. The day started with a band concert and a parade of the Indians, who are of the Salish tribe. Dean A. L. Stone of the school of Journalism of the University of Montana then spoke on "Our Pioneers," eulogizing Fathers Peter De Smet and Anthony Ravalli, pioneer priests who enjoy a high place in Montana history. W. D. Mitchell also spoke, and Mayor John McLaughlin presided.

The marker was then unveiled. Father Louis Thellman of St. Ignace Mission pronounced another eulogy of the two pioneer Jesuit priests, speaking both in English and in Salish, and thereafter the Indians sang an old war chant, substituting Christian words and sentiments for the ancient warlike ones. They then uttered a prayer in Salish for the success of the soul of Father Ravalli, whom many of them remembered as their parish priest. Two small children, one white and one Indian, lifted two flags from the plaque, and Henry Buck, pioneer of this town who was an intimate friend of Father Ravalli, accepted the memorial.

Thousands after the ceremony visited the mission and the "little cemetery" at the rear where Father Ravalli rests. Montana units of the N. C. W. C., aided by many Protestants, had renovated and improved the cemetery. A luncheon was then served at the home of the resident priest, Father Jas. P. O'Shea.

In the course of his address, Dean Stone declared that "no monument shaped by human hands can do justice to the achievements and to the sacrifices of Father Ravalli and his associates, whose armor was the cassock, whose lance was the Cross and who won a conquest no less splendid than that of the Crusaders."

"And it is a pleasant thought today," he added, "that the first trail into Montana was blazed with the Cross."

## Old Venice Church Damaged By Fire

Venice, Aug. 21.—Serious damage was wrought by fire Saturday to the church of San Giorgio Maggiore, one of the famous edifices of Italy. In the church are several paintings by Tintoretto.

Restoration work was going on at the time of the fire, made necessary by damage to the cupola suffered in the course of a bombardment in the World War. Scaffolding caught fire, adding the flames. The cupola suffered most, but it is believed that the famous paintings were not injured.

## Card. Dougherty's Home Is Entered And Safe Robbed

Philadelphia, Sept. 3.—A burglar on Tuesday night entered the archiepiscopal residence of His Eminence, Cardinal Dougherty, and stole two archiepiscopal rings, and valuable securities which were the property of His Eminence's housekeeper. The total value of the loot was in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Cardinal Dougherty and his household were absent in the country when the crime took place. Wednesday morning, virtually everything taken was recovered when two men were arrested and charged with committing the crime and attempting to dispose of the loot. One of the men, Lester Price, of New York, who, detectives say, admitted committing the robbery, held without bail for the action of the grand jury. The other, Mitchell Novak, who has admitted attempting to sell the securities, has been released on bond.

Securities Traced by Lawyer Police made the arrests and recovered the stolen goods through the shrewdness of Charles Klein, an attorney. Novak came to him early Wednesday morning and he had to have tried to induce him to dispose of them for him. Klein, his suspicions aroused, told him to come back at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He immediately took steps to trace the securities, which were registered. He found through a bond house that they belonged to Mrs. Mary Peter, the Cardinal's housekeeper.

When Novak reappeared detectives met him and eventually he escorted them to the Y. M. C. A. where he roomed, and pointed out to him the man who had given them to him. Price was immediately arrested.

According to Price's story, he came to Philadelphia Monday from New York and staid around the Y. M. C. A. He tried to get work, he said. It was while he was walking around that he came to the Cardinal's residence. He says he entered by a side door which was open, but as a matter of fact the door gives evidence of having been jammed open. Price's story continues that, seeking only a place to sleep, he slept for some hours, then awakened and observed the safe. He says he was surprised that it opened when he opened it, although detectives are convinced he was experienced at spinning safe dials. He took the securities and rings and a small amount of money which he found, he says, and made his way from the house.

Going back to the Y. M. C. A., Price says he encountered Novak and they went out and breakfasted together. Later, he continued, he threw the jewels into the hallway of an empty house. Police verified his statement and it was there that they recovered the jewels. He then gave Novak the securities, which he was to try to sell.

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## Catholic Press Welfare Committee Meets September 11

Chicago, Sept. 3.—President Simon A. Balducci of the Catholic Press Association has issued a call for a meeting of the Catholic Press Welfare Committee in Washington, Saturday, September 11. The Welfare Committee consists of Patrick F. Scanlan, former president of the C. P. A., Malignor Thomas V. Shannon, of Chicago, and Father H. F. Cassidy, assistant editor of "The Hartford Transcript." Bishop Philip R. McDevitt of Harrisburg, Pa., Chairman of the Department of Press, Publicity and Literature, Father John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and Mr. Balducci also will attend the meeting, which will consider many important matters connected with the Catholic Press.

## Church's Wedding Given To Marriage On Actor's Judgment

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, Aug. 17.—Two well-known village players celebrated their wedding this week at 10 years of age by getting married in a church. Mr. and Mrs. Frank, through a wedding ceremony, registered when they were 10 years of age.

New Mr. Frank has become a famous actor and he wanted to get married in a church. The ceremony was performed by the Church of England. The bride was 10 years of age and the groom was 10 years of age. The ceremony was performed by the Church of England.

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