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Catholic Industrial Conference Program For Detroit Meeting

Washington, June 24. — Names prominent in the fields of industry and labor appear on the program of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems, whose fifth annual session will be held at Detroit, July 1 and 2. The program has just been announced here by the Rev. R. A. McGowan, secretary of the Conference.

For the opening meeting, the subject is "Cooperative Relationships in Industry." J. M. Larkin, assistant to the president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, and Charles F. Willis, circulation manager of The Federationist, Chicago, will be the speakers.

"The Machine Problem" will be the topic for the afternoon session, at which one of the speakers will be the Rev. J. B. Culemans of Moline, Ill. Father Culemans, a widely known student of social problems, will discuss "The Social and Psychological Effect of the Machine on Workers and Industry."

Friday evening there will be a banquet at which Quinn O'Brien, prominent attorney and Catholic layman of Chicago, will speak on "The Social Teachings of Ozanam," and the Rev. William A. Bolger, C.S.C., professor of sociology and economics at Notre Dame University, will outline "A Conservative's Industrial Program." The chairman at the banquet meeting will be James FitzGerald, executive secretary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Detroit.

Saturday morning, the second day, a business meeting will be held at which Frederick P. Kenkel, director of the Central Bureau of the Central Verein and president of the Conference, will make an address. Following the report of the secretary, officers will be elected.

Dr. John A. Ryan of the Catholic University of America, director of the N. C. W. C. Department of Social Action, will preside at the afternoon session, July 2. The program will consist of a symposium on the case of the unskilled worker. The "case" presented will be provided by the Rev. William A. Cummings, director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Interesting discussions touching upon the "Actual Earnings of the Unskilled in the Basic Industries," the "High Wage Theory of Prosperity," the "Various Ways of Supplementing the Insufficient Wages of the Father of the Family," and other points will follow. Among those taking part in this discussion will be several widely known speakers.

"American Economic Radicalism" will be the subject of the discussion presented at the closing meeting of the Conference by the Rev. R. A. McGowan, the secretary of the Conference. This paper will be discussed by Dr. George Derry, president of Marygrove College, Detroit; Judge Philip H. Donnelly of Rochester, N. Y.; Edward F. McGrady of the American Federation of Labor, and the Rev. J. W. R. Maguire, C.S.V., of St. Viator's College, Bourbonnais, Ill. The Rev. Joseph Reiner, S. J., of Loyola University will preside.

Following the constitutional provision of the Conference, which has proved popular with employers and labor leaders alike, there will be "no vote taken on questions of industrial policy" at the gathering.

Membership in the Conference, Father McGowan, said, has increased considerably in the course of the last year.

Gregorian Chant Authority in U. S. For Lecture Course

New York, June 27. — The most eminent authority on the history of Gregorian Chant, the Right Reverend Abbot Dom Ferretti, O. S. B., president of the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music at Rome, arrived in this country June 24 on the S. S. Conti Biancamano.

Dom Ferretti is to give a special course of lectures on Gregorian Chant at the summer session of the Plus X School of Liturgical Music in New York. This school, devoted to the restoration of the chant to its former place in the liturgy of the Church, has brought from Europe, during the ten years of its existence, a number of distinguished Church musicians to lecture on sacred music.

Dom Ferretti's course at the Plus X School will be based on a series of lectures which are part of the course on the chant given by him at Rome. It will include a discussion of Ambrosian and Gregorian Chant and an analysis and comparison of the Greek and Gregorian modes.

IRISH DOCTOR KNIGHTED. Dublin, June 18.—His Holiness has conferred the Order of Knighthood of Saint Gregory, on Dr. J. Walsh Benson, of Middleborough, England. Dr. Benson is a native of Adare, Limerick County. He is a Justice of the Peace, being the first Catholic to receive that honor in Middleborough.

Bavarian Girl's Stigmata Now Include the Wounds of the Crown Of Thorns

Vien na, June 25. — Theresa Neumann, the Bavarian peasant girl who for a year has carried the stigmata of the Lord on her hands and feet and in her side, and who has been the wonderment of physicians and men of science, has now developed still more of these holy wounds.

Blood-covered marks of the Crown of Thorns have appeared on her brow.

Meantime, the fame of the case has grown apace. Konnersreuth, the village where the girl lives, has for months been the destination of hundreds—priests, physicians, scientists, serious-minded investigators and the merely curious. Theresa and her strange wounds have become known as "the wonder of Konnersreuth." Investigators seeking a natural solution of the case have been baffled; skeptics have gone away in sober wonderment; only a very few try to dismiss the case with cursory remarks.

Until five months ago, the only nourishment the girl took was a little tea and fruit juice. Since that time, however, she has been able only on rare occasions to take liquids, and a apparently a small piece of a wafer which she takes daily—she is unable to swallow the entire wafer—alone keeps her alive.

Attitude of Church Towards Case. Speculation as to possible explanations of the phenomenon are now mingled with discussions of how the Church regards the case. It has been pointed out by some that the ecclesiastical authorities will not necessarily make a pronouncement, and that in any case the Church is ever extremely cautious over such manifestations, being disinclined to hold them up as evidences of saintliness in a premature manner.

It is a remarkable fact that out of 321 stigmatized persons known in history since St. Francis of Assisi, only 62 have been canonized. It also is significant that never has a case of real stigmatization been historically proved among the Christian sects outside the Catholic.

The Rev. Dr. George Wunderle, widely known scholar and professor at the University of Wuerzburg, after a study of the case at Konnersreuth, has published a treatise in which he warns of rash judgments and exaggerations in the case, no matter how well meant.

Dr. Wunderle vigorously repudiated any intimations of fraud in the phenomenon, asserting that the presence of the wounds and their bleeding on Fridays have been established beyond doubt. He also discards any such theory as hysteria or hypnotism. "A devout person might plunge so thoroughly into the Passion of Christ, supported by the simple grace of God, that the external marks of the stigma, might appear upon the body. He cites the Mediaeval mystics.

While he admits his reasoning has its defects, leaving a certain amount of the inexplicable and mysterious, he argues that it is not necessary to suppose a supernatural occurrence in the case of Theresa Neumann.

Views of Noted Theologian. A highly esteemed theological writer, the Rev. Carl Vogl, editor of the "Courier of the Holy Virgin of Albstadt," likewise has visited Konnersreuth and made a careful study of the girl's case, together with the Rev. Dr. Wutz, Professor of Exegesis in the theological faculty of Eichstätt, Bavaria. Some of his observations are as follows:

"At the very first glance, I saw the stigmata on the almost transparent, slender hands of the girl, in the exact center of the back of the hand, in the size between a five and ten-penny piece. The wounds formed on Good Friday of last year, and ever since have remained unchanged in form and size.

"No medicine or ointment can bring relief to the girl. On the contrary, by using them her pains are so increased. It is an extraordinary peculiarity of the wounds that they do not suppurate or fester, and that there is not the slightest inflammation around them.

"To my question whether washing her hands does not cause her much pain, she replied, 'Oh, no, not at all. I can rub the wounds with the towel without feeling any pain!'

"The stigmata on her feet I did not see, but I was told that there, also, the traces of the big nails can be perceived on the instep. These wounds are not open, but the heart wound is. According to medical statements, the latter is about one and one-eighth inches long and three-eighths of an inch deep and wide. From the heart wound, as well as from the eyes, blood flows freely during the ecstasies every Friday, while the wounds on hands and feet began to bleed again as recently as this year's Lent. On Friday I saw on her head, also, the bleeding wounds of the Crown of Thorns.

Girl's Religious Zeal. "So far, Theresa, owing to her great weakness, had answered me only with short, abrupt words and with her eyes half closed. But to my astonishment, I noticed her be-

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come more and more animated when I dared to put to her some questions about the Passion of Christ. Full of holy zeal and inspiration, her large eyes opened wider and wider, and I could see that she was devoted with heart and soul to, and full of interest in, this conversation. Without hesitation or reflection, she was able to answer immediately all sorts of questions, some of them difficult ones.

Student Problems To Engage Newman Club Conferences

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

Pittsburgh, June 21.—Newmanism and its relation to a number of spiritual and educational student problems will be considered by delegates of more than a hundred Newman clubs from non-Catholic colleges and universities of Canada and the United States, which, as units of the Federation of College Catholic Clubs, convene here for their twelfth annual conference next Monday for a three-day session.

The conference will open with Mass in St. Paul's cathedral. The Rt. Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh, will deliver the sermon. Conference sessions will be held in Cathedral Hall, morning and afternoon. There will be a session for chaplains, and another for alumni and alumnae.

Among student problems that will come up for discussion are the following: "Newmanism and Courses in the 'Things of Faith'; "Newmanism and Dangers to Faith and Morality at College"; "Newmanism and Student Character Building"; "Newmanism and Student Pledges of Catholic Loyalty"; "Newmanism and the Mass"; "Newmanism and the Use of the Missal in English"; "Newmanism and Holy Communion"; "Newmanism and Books Every Catholic Should Read"; "Newmanism and Prohibited Books"; "Newmanism and Public Lectures in the College"; "Newmanism and Catholic Missions"; and "Newmanism and Social Service."

Men delegates to the conference will stop at Pittsburgh's new hotel, Webster Hall, while women will be accommodated at a campus fraternity. Social events on the separate conference nights will include a dance in the Knights of Columbus clubhouse; a boat ride on the Ohio River; and a dinner-dance at the Pittsburgh Field club.

Preparation are being made for delegations from various parts of the country. Headed by Thomas R. Swain, of Woodside, New York, president of the Federation, a large delegation from New York and Philadelphia will arrive in Pittsburgh on the Iron City Express Sunday morning.

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Fr. B. Guldner, S. J., 83 Years Old, Dies

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

Philadelphia, June 20.—The Rev. Benedict Guldner, S. J., one of the best beloved priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and for a number of years attached to the Church of Gen, died last night in St. Joseph's Hospital. He was in his 83rd year.

Shocked by the news of the death of his intimate friend and associate, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael C. Donovan, who died here on June 12, Father Guldner was stricken with paralysis as he was preparing to celebrate Mass in the Domestic Chapel early in the morning of that day.

Father Guldner was born in Germany March 10, 1846. He entered the Society of Jesus May 26, 1866, and his sixty-first anniversary as a Jesuit was celebrated last May at a Gen Rectory attended by many priests of the city.

He came to America in 1865, and after entering the Jesuit novitiate at Auxilium-Recollet, near Montreal, Canada, studied philosophy at Woodstock, Md., and philosophy and theology at Laval, France, where he was ordained a priest September 9, 1878.

He taught rhetoric and classics in various Jesuit colleges in Canada and the United States for ten years, and also taught philosophy and medical ethics at Georgetown. Before coming to St. Joseph's College, this city, he was at Fordham University, New York. He had been connected with St. Joseph's at intervals since 1907. For several years he edited the Woodstock Letters, a Society of Jesus publication. He was author of several articles for the Catholic Encyclopedia, and contributed to various magazines.

Infirmities of age caused him to give up parish activities several years ago. Father Guldner was confessor of many priests of Philadelphia and of the late Archbishop Prendergast.

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Fr. J. M. Cassin, 80, Priest 53 Years
Santa Rosa, Calif., June 20.—The Rev. John M. Cassin, pastor of St. Joseph's church, who celebrated his eightieth birthday on June 11, will this week celebrate his fifty-third anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He has held his present charge for 36 years, previously having been stationed in San Francisco.

Very Rev. H. Stoff Definitior General Of Franciscans
San Francisco, June 18.—At the general chapter of the Order of St. Francis, convening in Assisi, Italy, June 4, the Very Rev. Hugo Stoff, O. F. M., of St. Boniface's church here, was elected to the post of Definitior General in the Franciscan Order and will shortly leave for Rome to take up his new duties.

RETREAT HOUSE ADDITION
Los Altos, Calif., June 18.—The Rev. Joseph Stank, S. J., announces the letting of the contract for a new dormitory building at the Jesuit Retreat House at Redwood San Inigo. The new addition will contain several study rooms, each with a desk and a lamp, and a large library. The new building is to be ready for occupancy in October.

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