In vain will you found 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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2,423,019 Pupils In U. S. Catholic Schools In 1926

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

Washington, Sept. 23.—There were 2,423,019 students in the Catholic educational institutions of this country in 1926, according to a survey by the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Education, results of which have just been announced.

This total enrollment represents an increase of 109,836 over the number of students in all the Catholic schools in 1924. There were 2,313,183 students in the Catholic schools of this country in 1924.

The Catholic educational institutions in the United States of all classes, including seminaries, colleges, normal, secondary and elementary schools, totaled 10,087 in 1926. There were only 9,783, or 304 less, in 1924.

Students in the Catholic schools in 1926 were fairly evenly divided as to sex. There were 1,012,426 male students and 1,079,387 female students, while 331,206 were not classified as to sex in the reports. In 1924 there were 865,138 male and 928,821 female students, while these reports failed to classify 519,224 of the total enrollment.

Instructors in the Catholic schools numbered 77,344 in 1926 as compared with 71,705 in 1924. In 1926, 7,254 of these instructors were religious men, 60,962 religious women and 9,128 of the laity. In 1924, the religious men and women who were instructors in the Catholic schools totaled 64,005, while the lay teachers numbered 7,700.

Chicago Had Largest Enrollment

The Archdiocese of Chicago reported the largest total enrollment for its schools. There were 196,819 students in the Catholic schools of that See in 1926. The Archdiocese reported a total enrollment of 185,460 students in 1924.

Only three other Sees reported total enrollments of 100,000 or more. They were the Archdiocese of New York, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Brooklyn. The Archdiocese of New York reported a total enrollment of 135,292 for the year 1926, as compared with a total of 132,427 in 1924. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia reported a total of 132,581 students in all of its schools in 1926, as compared with a total of 125,404 in 1924. The Diocese of Brooklyn reported 106,739 students in 1926 and 95,366 in 1924.

The Archdiocese of Boston reported a total enrollment of 93,367 students in 1926, and 88,978 in 1924. The Diocese of Detroit reported 91,606 students in 1926, and 86,703 in 1924. The Diocese of Pittsburgh reported 89,795 students in 1926, and 85,373 in 1924. The Diocese of Newark reported 85,932 in 1926, and 82,534 in 1924.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee reported 55,549 students in 1926, and 52,748 in 1924. The Archdiocese of Baltimore for 1926, reported a total of 53,618. For 1924, it reported 51,610. The Archdiocese of St. Louis reported 53,479 in 1926, and 51,930 in 1924.

The Diocese of Cleveland has 74,451 students in its schools in 1926, according to the survey, while it reported 66,310 in 1924. The Diocese of Buffalo has 58,163 students enrolled in its schools in 1926, and 55,418 in 1924.

No other See reported as many as 50,000 students enrolled in its schools. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati, however, reported 49,935 in 1926, as compared with 48,560 in 1924, while the Diocese of Hartford reported 49,867 students in 1926, and 48,665 in 1924.

The Diocese of Rochester had 30,730 students in 1926 and 28,710 in 1924.

Dr. Seipel, Austria's Priest-Chancellor, To Visit U. S. Again

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

Vienna, Sept. 26.—Chancellor Ignace Seipel of Austria will visit the United States as the guest of the American Peace Society next year, according to a statement given out by him here yesterday.

In accepting the invitation of the Society, the distinguished priest said:

"I the more readily accept this invitation of the American Peace Society to the centenary celebration at Cleveland in May, 1928, as I have carried none but happy recollections of my visit to the greatest democracy of the world and its warm-hearted people."

New Irish College In Rome Is to Be Dedicated Oct. 23

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

Dublin, Sept. 21.—The Governor-General has made arrangements to be present in Rome at the ceremonies to mark the opening of the New Irish College there. These will take place on Sunday, October 23.

The Catholic Truth Society has organized a pilgrimage for the occasion, which has already attracted large numbers. Cardinal O'Donnell will attend the ceremonies, as will a large number of the Irish Hierarchy, most of whom are now in Rome paying their visit "ad limina" to the Holy Father.

The Irish College has for some months been installed in its new buildings, which provide nearly twice the accommodation of the former house. No formal ceremony however, was held to mark the transfer, owing to the impossibility of the Cardinal attending before October.

Approach to Paris Basilica Is to Be World's Grandest

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

Paris, Sept. 19.—The city of Paris is planning the construction of a magnificent approach to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart that crowns the heights of the hill of Montmartre, its white towers dominating the capital. This approach will take the form of a series of terraces and gardens, crowned by an immense stairway of fifty steps that will sweep up the slopes of the "Butte" to the entrance of the great church itself.

Although in anticipation of this plan a large space had been left unoccupied on the steep crest of the hill of Montmartre, before the portals of the sanctuary, it is estimated that the completion of the entire project will require about four years' time. But the whole scheme is conceived on so monumental and grandiose a scale that it will, when finally completed, be a fitting companion piece to the architectural beauties of Paris, and one of the most moving and inspiring spectacles of the whole Catholic world.

Greatest Chimes Player On Tour Of United States

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

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Thousands congregated about New York's Capitol here Sunday to hear a musical rendition which was doubly notable. First, it marked the initial concert on Albany's unique municipal carillon of sixty bells; second, it was the first appearance in this country of Jef Denyn, Belgian Catholic master who is recognized as the greatest chime player in the world.

The Albany carillon is said to be the only municipal set in the United States. Subscriptions by 25,000 persons made it possible, and each of the sixty bells is a memorial to some Albany family or citizen. Included is the Gov. Alfred E. Smith bell.

The masterful handling of the carillon by M. Denyn, who is to make several more appearances in the course of his American tour, won warm applause and the highest commendation.

By Rev. J. Van der Heyden, (Louvain Correspondent, N.C. W. C. News Service)

Louvain, Sept. 15.—Jef Denyn, the master chimeplayer of Belgium, who has gone to America for a tour, is director of the only school for carilloneurs in the world, and was a personal friend of the late Cardinal Mercier, in whose metropolitan church of St. Rumold he has been the official bell player for more than forty years.

He has a daughter who also plays the chimes and before her marriage often played in her father's place when he was absent from Mechlin. On her wedding day, seven years ago, all of her father's pupils, as a tribute to her skill at the lofty and ponderous instrument, kept St. Rumold's carillon ringing the whole day long. The citizens of Mechlin were delighted, for from the lowest to the highest they have the greatest pride in M. Denyn.

A tour that will last till the end of October is planned by M. Denyn in America. Following his first exhibition in Albany, N. Y., he is to be heard at Cohasset, Mass.; in New York City, at Princeton University and in Morristown. He is accompanied on the tour by M. Prosper Verhayen, secretary of the Mechlin Carillon Players' School.

Young Mexicans' House Is Raided And 13 Arrested

Los Angeles, Sept. 22.—Thirteen members of the Association of Catholic Mexican Young Men were arrested here in a raid conducted early Monday morning on a house occupied by members of the Association. Later, ten of the youths were freed.

Los Angeles police conducted the raid. As far as can be ascertained, they showed no warrant. Apparently they were in search of arms and ammunition, but they also seized all papers and correspondence found in the building. Every room was carefully searched, and minor excavations were made in the basement, as a part of the search.

As the police arrived, at about 4 o'clock in the morning, Jose Quinones and Jose Amador were preparing to depart for El Paso, Tex. Both were summarily seized, as were also Carlos de Silva and a youth named Rojas.

Thereafter, the police proceeded to search the house thoroughly. Drawers were pulled out, locks being broken wherever they interfered. All papers were taken, and the thirteen young men were placed in the city jail.

Tuesday morning, ten of the youths were freed, those held being Jose Amador, Jose Quinones and Carols de Silva. The charge is understood to be possession of arms in contravention of the State alien law. Bail was set at $2,000.

Insufficient evidence was found, it is understood to warrant a Federal charge, but it is said that Federal officers are investigating the case.

It is thought by many that the raid is only one of a series which will follow, in an attempt to develop charges similar to those preferred against the Rt. Rev. Juan Navarette, Bishop of Sonora, recently arrested in Tucson.

Some of the young men arrested had been actively engaged in the publication of La Voz de La Patria, an anti-Calles weekly, and had attacked the present Government of Mexico in local debates. Although four revolvers were found in the luggage of Jose Amador, they were wrapped in a package and were not loaded.

La Opinion, Mexican paper published here, shares the view that the authorities seek to connect the young men seized here with the case of Bishop Navarette. In its issue of Tuesday, it says:

"This search, we are informed, was made because of a suspicion that the Association of Catholic Young Men of this city took part in a conspiracy said to have been formed in Tucson by the Bishop of Sonora, the Rt. Rev. J. Navarette."

Atheistic Pupils' Parents Will Be Notified In N. Y.

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

New York, Sept. 27.—Aside from notifying the parents of children expressing atheistic sentiments, no action will be taken by the school authorities of New York against the Junior Atheistic League, in its efforts to conduct a membership campaign among high school students of the metropolis.

Such was the decision of the school administrators when they were informed that the junior organizaton intends to propagandize among students, relying mainly on a parody of the Bible published in pamphlet form.

Harold G. Campbell, associate superintendent of schools, in direct charge of high schools, said the authorities were powerless to interfere with the campaign so long as there was no interference with school routine or discipline, or no infringement of the by-laws of the Board of Education.

Whenever Atheistic sentiments are expressed by a student, Mr. Campbell said, it will be a matter for the parent solely.

News of the campaign came from Freeman Hopwood, general secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, which is sponsoring the Junior League activities.

Groups of young atheists already have been formed in several of the city's high schools and individual members have enrolled in most of the others, according to Mr. Hopwood. Virtually all of the organizing is being done secretly, without the knowledge of teachers or other school authorities, and often without the knowledge of parents, who may be church members, he added.

Pope Donates Altar To New Basilica On Mt. of Olives

Rome, Sept. 13.—At the order of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, 75,000 lira has been set aside for the erection of the high altar in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart now being built in the Mount of Olives in the Holy Land.

This sum has been remitted to Msgr. Germain, Archbishop of Toulouse and presiding officer of the committee for the building of the Basilica, who has announced that the Grotto which is to form the crypt of the Basilica will be completed very shortly. It is expected that the ceremony of dedication of the crypt will take place before the end of September.

Nun and Nineteen Children Burned In Mission Fire

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

Prince Albert, Sask., Sept. 11.—Nineteen little boys and a nun, Sister Lea, were burned to death and a priest, the Rev. Father Gagnon, O.M.I., was seriously injured when fire destroyed the isolated Beauval Catholic Mission, on Lac la Plonge Monday night, according to word brought by a launch which made the 130-mile trip to Big River, Sask., today. Forty-six children were saved.

Sister Lea died in an heroic effort to save her charges. She escaped from the burning building but dashed back into the flames in a rescue attempt. Father Gagnon was injured in a fall and overcome by smoke as he sought to rescue the small victims.

The launch came on a hurried trip for supplies and clothing and those on board were only able to give the most meager details of the tragedy. Dr. A. Amyot, of Regina, who had gone to the Isle Lacrosse, sixty miles north of Lac La Plonge, to open a new Grey Nuns' hospital at that place, has hastened to the mission by aeroplane.

According to fragmentary reports the fire broke out at midnight in the boys' dormitory. The flames seized upon the frame structure and shortly were roaring hungrily through the building.

The leaping flames and their reflection from the waters of the lake lit up a scene of indescribable horror. The children who made their way to safety from the blazing building huddled in the circle of light and heard the screams of those trapped in the flames. There was nothing that could be done to help, as the furious heat prevented any attempt to enter the mission, and soon the structure was a mass of smoking ruin.

It is understood that all the children at the mission were Indians, but their names were not obtained.

The Beauval Mission, which includes Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, with approximately 80 boarders, is in charge of the Rev. Father Martin Lajeunesse, O. M. I. of the Oblate Fathers. Ten ecclesiastical students, two Brothers and ten Grey Nuns from Montreal are also stationed there. The nuns are under the supervision of Sister Superior Raymond.

The mission is one of the oldest in the far north. The buildings were of lumber construction, were heated on the hot-air principle and the institution was operating its own power and light plant. The fire was the third to occur within the last few years.

Growth of Dutch Catholic Schools

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

The Hague, Sept. 19.—Every year the official Catholic School Bureau publishes a school annual of some thousand pages, replete with facts and data about the schools from the lowest to the highest. The annual containing the statistics about the schools in 1926 has just been issued from the press. Roman Catholic elementary and grammar schools have increased from 1,057 in 1916 to 1,972 in 1926. There were 345,7[illegible] pupils attending those schools in 1926 as against 211,071 in 1916. The number of teachers rose in those years from 6,2[illegible] to 10,075. Of the latter 3,455 are members of religious orders and 6,620 are lay people, of whom 4,7[illegible] are married. There are 345 kindergartens attended by 57,5[illegible].

The Catholic population of Holland is about 2,[illegible].

Fearless Priest Of Pueblo Beards Klan Assembly

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

Denver, Sept. 11.—No single incident since the Ku Klux Klan first raised its head in the State of Colorado has caused such widespread comment as that occasioned by the heroic actions of the Rev. Joseph F. Higgins, pastor of St. Patrick's parish, Pueblo, who, at a recent "open" meeting of the hooded order in that city, not only attended the gathering alone, but publicly questioned the much-vaunted Americanism of the organization and passionately demanded permission to address the assemblage. While his request was refused, the courage of the priest won for him the respect of all in attendance.

More than 3,000 persons, 300 or 400 in masks, were present at the meeting, which was called in honor of Hiram Wesley Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Klan. The principal speakers were W. F. Zumbrunn, national attorney for the organization; the Rev. Fred Arnold, of Canon City, grand dragon of the Colorado realm, and the Rev. George F. Lowe, a Pueblo minister.

Priest Asks to Be Heard

Sickened by the violent tirade of Zumbrunn, who in his address resorted to all the shopworn diatribes against everything Catholic, plus an attempt to besmirch the well-known tolerance and fairmindedness of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh by quoting what was said to be part of a speech made by the famous aviator's father while a member of Congress, Father Higgins, who had purposely gone to the meeting to refute the oft-made charges that Pueblo Catholics were completely cowed by the demonstration, rose in his seat as the applause for the attorney was dying.

With shrieking members of the organization on his every side, the priest walked down the aisle to the front of the theater and asked the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Arnold, for the right to five minutes' address.

At the sight of the cleric's garb, Arnold was nonplussed, as was everybody on the stage. For a few seconds a deathly silence pervaded the house.

"I am not masked," said the priest in a low well-modulated voice. "I am Father Joseph Higgins, a Catholic priest. I am here unaccompanied—a lone eagle like Lindbergh. Is there enough red-blooded Americanism in this audience to allow me to speak? I doubt it."

Somewhat flushed, Arnold declared that he would give Father Higgins five minutes, provided the priest would allow [illegible] to occupy the priest's pulpit for the same length of time.

Father Higgins replied that the conditions were entirely different. He said his pulpit [illegible] in a Catholic church, that the Klan meeting was being held on city-owned property, that it had been advertised as an open session, and that advantage had been taken of it to insult Catholic clergy and others' rights as citizens.

Denied Right to Speak

Arnold then informed the priest that the right to speak would not be granted.

"I did not expect that it would," said Father Higgins. "I doubted that there was enough red-blooded Americanism and fair-play in this audience to listen to the truth. Good evening."

When Father Higgins had [illegible] the audience was all sitting. When he walked out practically everybody was standing. The air was charged with excitement. All in attendance were so dumbfounded that there was not a move to interfere with him.

Guatemala Still Persecuting Church

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

Washington, Sept. 21.—Advices received here from reliable sources in Guatemala say that no priest is permitted to enter the Central American republic without the special permission of the President, and that Latin-American Freemasonry bitterly opposed to the Catholic Church holds full sway.

If a priest arrives at the border and seeks to enter, say these advices, he is held up until the [illegible] has been consulted. If that official arbitrarily decides he does not want the priest to enter, he is [illegible].

Guatemalan priests who have been expelled from the country [illegible] have left it [illegible] in disguise.

Mussolini to Restore Rhodes' Cathedral And Bishop's House

Rome, Sept. 13.—It has been decided to reestablish the Archiepiscopal seat at Rhodes which has been discontinued for four hundred and five years.

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