

Large Class Confirmed At Holy Family Parish By German Bishop

Sunday afternoon, February 25th, at 4 o'clock, Rt. Rev. Christian Schreiber, bishop of Meissen, Germany, confirmed a class of 400 children and 40 adults in Holy Family Church.

The bishop, who is in this country on a lecture tour, is a widely known theologian and philosopher. This knowledge together with the wide experience he has had in the reorganizing of the diocese of Meissen gives a background for sermons that are said to be interesting, colorful and instructive. While in this country Bishop Schreiber has been received by many high dignitaries and government officials including the President of the United States.

Dr. Schreiber has served as professor of philosophy at the Seminary of Fulda and later as professor of theology. Later he was appointed director of the seminary which post he held until his consecration as bishop of the re-established diocese of Meissen.

Many problems confronted Bishop Schreiber in the building up of his new diocese. There was no seminary for the education of the priests, not even a single Catholic high school for boys in a diocese of some 200,000 Catholics. There were no funds available and no real estate at its disposal. The priests, when the diocese was started, literally suffered hunger and many of them would have starved to death had it not been for the donations and stipends received by the bishop from the faithful in America.

Economic conditions are improving slowly in Saxony. The revenues of the church have increased only slightly. The financial burden weighs heavily, as heretofore, on the shoulders of Bishop Schreiber. Because of the lack of sufficient income, Bishop Schreiber has a difficult time in carrying on. How he is meeting his problems forms an interesting story.

SS. Peter And Paul's

Lenten devotions are held every Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:45 o'clock.

Sunday will be communion day for the members of the Women's Sodality. They will receive in a body at the 8:15 o'clock mass.

School collection will be taken up at all the masses on Sunday.

The monthly meeting of Ladies Auxiliary No. 44, Knights of St. John will be held on Monday evening, March 5th, at 8 o'clock. No lunch will be served during Lent.

Announcement was made last week by Comptroller Clarence E. Higgins of the appointment of Wendell E. Andrews, a prominent member of the congregation, as being extended to Mr. Andrews.

Graham McNamee, Here March 8th in K. of C. Auditorium

Proceeds of Radio Entertainment Will Help Equip Stage

Graham McNamee, America's greatest Radio announcer, and a select company of famous Radio entertainers will give a splendid show in Columbus Auditorium on Thursday evening, March 8th at 8:15 o'clock.

This entertainment will be open to the public, ladies and gentlemen, but a special invitation is herewith given to all Knights of Columbus, their families and friends, to attend. With Graham McNamee will be the following entertainers: Genia Zieleska, soprano; Giuseppe DiBenedetto, tenor; Theodore Webb, baritone; Devora Nadwornay, contralto; Arcadia Birkenholz, violinist; The Utica Jubilee Singers, of Mississippi, colored singers known the country over and Phillips Carlin, Radio announcer.

All seats reserved. Tickets on sale now at the new Home, and also at the Music Lovers' Shoppe, 29 East Avenue, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 6, 7 and 8th. The proceeds of this entertainment will help equip the Stage of the New Auditorium. Make reservations early. Phone Stone 1492, or call at the Home.

Rev. Eugene Pagani Passes at Catskill

Rev. Eugene Pagani, who for many years served in the Rochester Catholic parishes, died on February 20th at St. Anthony's Seminary, Father Pagani, a member of the Franciscan order, was born in Italy on January 2, 1843. He studied for the priesthood in that country, where he entered the Franciscan novitiate in 1858. He was ordained subdeacon and deacon, and in 1866 he came to America.

Father Pagani was ordained to the priesthood in 1866 by Bishop Timon of Buffalo. A few years later he entered the Rochester diocese and served in different parishes. Thirty years ago he lost his eyesight and served at St. Mary's Hospital. He left Rochester in 1915 for St. Anthony's Seminary. Funeral services were conducted on February 23d, and burial was made in New York.

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Communism Menaces Chinese Catholics In South Provinces

One Hundred Fifty Christians Are Massacred Near Hongkong By Red Rioters of Country Towns (Fides Service China Inquiry Hongkong, China)—One hundred fifty Chinese Christians living within seventy miles of Hongkong have suffered death at the hands of Chinese Communists within recent months. The fatalities were chiefly in two small districts of Kwangtung which have an aggregate population of 700,000 people. Catholics to the number of 7,000 are held in the ruthless sway of the Communist element in control.

A veritable persecution has raged in Hoifung and Lukfung. In the killing of Christians a brutal variety of martyrdom has been inflicted. Deaths are reported from burning, drowning, shooting, hanging up by the toes, beating and the horrible "slicing" of the victim with knives.

It was in his area that ten Italian and Chinese priests and nuns were captured in December. They were rescued by a British cruiser. The Reds, however, are taking revenge on the Christian population. Refugees are numerous in Hongkong who tell dreadful tales of cruelties. Executions have been made a daily occurrence and the fanaticism is directed against Chinese bones and all forms of religion, as well as the Christian.

The only place in South China where the semblance of normal government exists is in Canton. Even Canton has had four changes of administration since last November. Communism has been shelved apparently, but when the Cantonese first united with the Reds there was a campaign through the small towns which agitated anarchy and revolt. Years of poverty had inclined the villagers to turn to Communism through conviction. Now with Canton repentant, the towns yet cling to Red doctrines.

Mission property in Canton has fared well. Buildings occupied by Communists were vacated with but very little damage, although a threat of burning had been made.

Outside the capital city of Canton, bandits prey on the countryside. On the rivers, pirates are in undisputed possession. Established Hongkong shipping firms pay tribute for unrestricted passage.

Except for the province of Kwangtung South China does not compare well in its records of conversion with provinces of the north. Southern China, as understood to embrace Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Fukien, Kweichow and Yunnan, contains one-fifth the estimated population of the country, but its Catholic population measures only one-tenth of the whole. Figures for 1926 give 238,942 Catholics in South China and 2,394,962 for the nation in its entirety. In sixty years the Catholics in China have increased seven-fold, but in the southern area the increase has been only four and one-half times larger.

Priests in the five provinces, on the English island of Hongkong and the Portuguese territory of Macao, number 490, of whom 153 are Chinese. In many individual mission stations conditions are almost normal. For the most part, however, the workers are merely performing the heroism of living under fire and doggedly marking time.

Missionaries in Doubt About Daily Quinine Rations

(Fides Service) Lagos, Nigeria—Quinine, for many decades a staple of missionary fare in the broad malarial zone of the earth's surface, may lose its prestige

under the pressure of recent attacks. In great areas of the equatorial belt, in Africa, Central and South America, parts of Oceania and China, and even in the Near East missionaries have been dependent upon daily rations of quinine to stave off tropical fevers and malaria. Priest, brother or Sister, each early in their careers learned to observe meal time with a bitter pill or powder.

Now comes Sir Leonard Rogers, in his book "Recent Advances in Tropical Sciences", with the statement that in cases of quinine treatment of malarial victims 57 per cent. suffer relapse. The conclusion of Sir Leonard that quinine is not a specific for malaria is supported by a train of other medical authorities. The illness is caused largely through mosquito bites.

It is likely that missionaries would like to be rid of the company of their disagreeable friend, though the drug has acquired a tradition in mission life. The story is told of seasoned veterans who measured their doses to induce a trembling. "When I begin to tremble from my quinine, then all will go well," was the slogan.

Massacres of 1927 Disturb Peace in Solomon Islands

(Fides Service) Tangarua, (South Solomon Islands, Oceania)—Marist missionaries who for thirty years have labored in this area, and who speak with pride of the peace and tranquility introduced among the natives, were reminded during 1927 that many fierce hearts are yet unamed.

Two incidents, in particular, reveal the brutal instincts of the tribes. In April four police were murdered and in October two white government agents and fourteen police were assassinated.

The four negro policemen lost their lives on the island of Guadalcanar, where they had been sent to arrest a polygamist leader. They were received graciously, and assigned a cabin in which to sleep. At a signal they were barbarously murdered and their bodies burned in the cabin.

On the island of Malaita, in October, two Australians and twenty native police entered a village to collect the annual tax of about one dollar, payable by all men between 16 and 60. There was no suggestion of evil intent from the villagers until the attack was begun by striking one of the Australians from behind with a club.

The report broadcast was to the effect that these cannibalistic heathens had cut the limbs from the two Australians and fled into the forest. The bodies were buried by a white labor agent who happened to reach the town. He notified authorities.

Catholic missionaries have been in this region since 1898 and have more than 12,000 Church members out of a total population of 167,000.

New National Directors of Pontifical Mission Society

(Fides Service) Rome, Italy—The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith in two more countries has been organized along national lines and national directors appointed in Venezuela and Poland.

National directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith now total twenty-four, seventeen of whom are in Europe, two in North America, three in South America, one in India, and one in New Zealand. The newly appointed directors are Monsignor Raphael Lovers in Venezuela and Monsignor Casimir Bajerowicz in Poland.

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