

To Honor Pope Pius X With Larger C. U. Schola Cantorum

Washington, May 4.—Officials of the Catholic University of America are planning to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Motu Proprio of Pope Pius X, which will be observed throughout the world on November 22, of this year, with the establishment on a sound basis of the already existing Schola Cantorum at the University. It is felt by those in charge of this work that the memory of Pius X can be honored in no better way than by promotion of the reform in Church music inaugurated by that Pontiff.

The Schola Cantorum, it is pointed out, has been set up at the Catholic University to fill a long felt need in the field of Church music, which has suffered from a lack of means for equipping choir directors, organists and teachers of music. Firmly established, and with a suitable building, an adequate staff of teachers and a number of scholarships, the Schola will each year train a number of priests and seminarians, both regular and secular, from the Catholic Sisters' College and a large group of lay students interested in music. It is hoped, these products of the Schola, it is added, will furnish a nucleus which will grow through the movement for the promotion of liturgical music will grow throughout the country.

In furtherance of this program, the Catholic University of America Schola Cantorum plans to appeal to the hierarchy, the clergy and Catholics at large throughout the country for assistance in erecting and equipping a suitable building, and founding professorships and scholarship in music. The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore and Chancellor of the Catholic University, has heartily endorsed the project, authorizing the Rev. D. W. J. Des Longchamps, director of the Schola, to take "all necessary steps looking to the building up of such a school." "It believes that the time is ripe for the establishment of such a school," His Grace said.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, retiring Rector of the Catholic University, one of whose ambitions has been the establishment of a Schola Cantorum at the University, is urging Dr. Des Longchamps on this project, said: "In no more fitting manner can we celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Motu Proprio of the saintly Pius X than by the establishment of such a school. The appeal for the Schola Cantorum will interest the Catholic hierarchy and clergy as well as our lay Catholics—among whom there is a large number of patrons of music. The appeal or drive made at this time ought to provide for a first-class School of Music, with the necessary building, professorships and scholarships for students of music."

The present Schola Cantorum is located in the home of the late Rev. Dr. Thomas Edward Shields in Brookland, D. C.

Committees Named To Plan Catholic Charities Meeting

St. Louis, May 2.—John E. Riley, chairman of the local executive committee in charge of arrangements for the fourteenth annual convention of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, here, on September 16 to 20, has announced the following sub-committees and their chairmen: Finance, Philip C. Scanlon, chairman; membership, John M. Travis, chairman; Mrs. E. P. Voll, vice-chairman; exhibits, Mrs. H. Bresser, chairman; Mrs. A. A. Cervantes, vice-chairman; registration, Mrs. A. E. Harrington, chairman; Miss Frances A. Clesse, vice-chairman; sisters' conference, the Rev. F. J. Ritchie, chairman; physical equipment, Joseph J. Grunden, chairman; local speakers, Robert J. Keefe, chairman; publicity, Miss Bertha Bruning, chairman; Joseph A. Brockland, vice-chairman, and the Rev. J. P. Donovan.

Mr. Riley expects the arrangements for the convention to be completed several weeks before the date of its beginning.

Mgr. P. J. McGivney, Chaplain of K. of C., Stricken in Paris

Catholic's Election As President Urged As Blow To Bigotry

Baltimore, May 4.—Convinced that it would deal a death blow to bigotry, William Cabell Bruce, United States Senator from Maryland, earnestly desires that a Catholic, all other things being equal, be elected to the Presidency of the United States this year, he declared in an address to the Baltimore Archdiocesan Holy Name convention held at St. Mary's Industrial School, here, a few days ago.

"I do not make that declaration from partisanship and I do not make it because I believe that a Catholic is a better candidate than a Protestant any more than I believe for a moment that a Protestant candidate is any better than a Catholic," the Senator said. "I take this declaration wholly because I want to put an end to the intolerable condition of having a man's religious affiliations enter into the judgment of his qualifications for public office."

"I know that if a Catholic should become President of the United States we would, thank God, put an end forever to the bigotry which would keep a man from office because he dares to worship his God according to the dictates of his conscience."

"Once let a Catholic serve as President of the United States, then never more in history will we hear of a President referred to as a Catholic President of a Protestant President. People will learn not to say such things. They will learn how vicious, how ignorant, how silly it is to speak of them."

"Two of the greatest Supreme Justices of the United States were Catholics—Roger B. Taney of Maryland and Edward Douglass White of Louisiana. They served in their office of Supreme Justice as men of great and recognized judicial ability, as Americans, as men with the highest sense of honor. They are referred to by Americans as two great Supreme Justices, not as two great Catholic Supreme Justices."

Senator Bruce bitterly denounced anti-Catholic movements that have raised their heads in this country, adding: "I am a member of the Democratic party. I believe in its principles. I want to be proud of that party, but I wish to say here and now, as I have said publicly in Washington, that if the Democratic party should ever be tempted to align itself with the bigots who seek to tear down the standards of religious toleration in the country, I would at once forewarn my allegiance to that party and leave it in sorrow and disgust."

"I have been active in the political life of Maryland for 40 years," the Senator continued, "and it fills me with pride to say that never in all that time have I ever known of discrimination against any political candidate because of his religion."

"We have in the Orphans' Court in Baltimore three men who have been elected and reelected by the people, and these three men are Protestant, Catholic and Jew. That, thank God, and I say it fervently, is as it should be."

"Let us see to it that bigotry finds no place in our midst. Let all of us, Catholic, Protestant and Jew, dwell together in peace, unity and love. By their fruits shall we know them. We know what the fruits of intolerance have been in States where men have been persecuted for their religion. We know what the fruits of good-will have been in the States in which every man's right to aspire for office, irrespective of his creed and race, have been recognized."

"Since Maryland passed the Act of Toleration, the greatest glory of our country, this State has always been the foe of religious hate and persecution. Our State's love of religious freedom is the true diadem of the glory with which this proud, old and lovely commonwealth has been adorned."

The Senator warmly praised the work of the Holy Name Society. He said that he believes the best conception of a Christian is of him in the role of a soldier. "The Christian," he said, "is forever engaged in warfare against sin and wrong. He takes the oath of allegiance to the greatest of all Princesses. He takes his orders from the greatest of all Generals. It is his duty to obey his superiors and to be loyal to his associates in this noblest of warfare."

Catholic Lawyers Named To Places On English Bench

London, April 28.—The Hon. Sir Frank Russell, fourth son of the late Lord Russell of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice of England, has been appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal, and a fellow Catholic lawyer, Mr. Reginald Mitchell Banks, has been named Recorder of Gigan, in succession to Sir E. Boyd Merriman, the new Solicitor General.

Miss Helen Carroll World War Worker Subject of Book

Washington, April 30.—The current issue of "Carry On," official bulletin of the Women's Overseas Service League, announces that St. Clara Academy, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin, is compiling a book on the life of an alumna Mary Helen Carroll, who died July 1, 1920, at Mercy Hospital, Chicago, as a result of service overseas during the World War, and asks that its readers furnish the school with information regarding Miss Carroll's life overseas.

Mary Helen Carroll, youngest sister of the late Rt. Rev. John D. Carroll, D. D., Bishop of Helena, Montana, and of the Rev. Charles Carroll, D. D., also deceased, was born in Dubuque, Iowa, November 29, 1873, and at the age of four astonished her family by playing the melody of a harmonized version of a litany to which she had listened at vespers in St. Raphael's cathedral of that city. At the age of nine, she was a musical prodigy and it was her talent as a musician that caused her to be in Paris as a student at the Sorbonne when he war broke out in 1914. Her name may be seen on a wall near the entrance of the Sorbonne enrolled as one of its war workers.

Miss Carroll saw service with the French Red Cross at Soissons and Chateauaud. Suffering from gas and shell-shock, she was a patient in a hospital on the outskirts of Paris. Her confessor, Abbe Malbaux of the Church of St. Sulpice in speaking of her said: "You could see a little old priest with a bottle of wine and a stick of bread under his cloak, hurrying after his Mass to visit a little American girl who was in his hospital and both sick and hungry."

On Good Friday, 1918, Miss Carroll was sufficiently recovered to attend Mass at the Church of St. Gervais. Because she felt a draft of air which she feared in her weakened condition, she picked up her chair and moved to the opposite side of the church just in time to escape the favor made by the long range shell of the Big Bertha by which the building was wrecked and many killed and injured.

As soon as her health permitted, Miss Carroll transferred to the American Red Cross and was sent to Le Mans to do Home Service work. While here she was associated with the Rt. Rev. John J. Mitty, now Bishop of Salt Lake, Utah, but then an army chaplain. In speaking of Miss Carroll, Bishop Mitty said: "It was like getting a breath of home to meet her. She was one of God's noblewomen and did a tremendous work for the American soldiers overseas. Army and Red Cross officials have paid high tribute to her work."

Miss Carroll acted as "Big Sister" to 300 war brides on her return journey to the United States and continued in Red Cross work until her health gave way. In 1920, suffering from complete exhaustion to fall her vital powers, she died a few days after entering the hospital. Her body was brought to her old home in Dubuque and lay in state in the cathedral she had attended as a child. Three soldiers, three sailors and three marines stood as guard of honor around the her during the Solemn Requiem High Mass and the Most Rev. James J. Keane, Arch-bishop of Dubuque, delivered an oration in which he reviewed the life-history and service of this child of the parish who had come home to rest.

On last Decoration Day, the American Legion placed an iron marker and a flagstaff on Miss Carroll's grave and an American flag was donated and placed there by the American Legion Auxiliary. The Alumnae Association of St. Clara Academy is raising funds to endow a scholarship in her honor.

Bishops In South Africa Organize Native Workmen

London, April 28.—A new union for native workers which has just been formed by the Bishops of South Africa to take the place and counteract the activities of the Industrial and Commercial Union of Workers, is interesting social workers here.

The I. C. U. W. has been condemned by the Bishops, and the condemnation has been ratified by the Sovereign Pontiff. The objects of the new union are to further the economic and social welfare of the native races and to safeguard Catholic principles. Non-Catholics will be admitted to membership, but will have no vote in deliberations. Native officials under the guidance of a priest in spiritual and moral matters will control the union. The *Kindabel* Zabantu, Trappist native paper, is the union's official organ.

Mgr. Peter Christ, Of Scranton, Dies

Scranton, April 30.—The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Peter C. Christ, vicar-general of the Diocese of Scranton, died last night at St. Mary's hospital here, where he had been a patient for ten days. Monsignor Christ was in his 75th year and for forty-nine years had served as pastor of St. Mary's church, South Scranton.

Monsignor Christ was a native of Chambersburg, Pa., and had he lived would have celebrated his golden jubilee as a priest in December. Funeral services will be held on Thursday.

Bishop Walsh's First Pastoral Urges Aid For Mission Works

Newark, May 5.—The first important diocesan function since the installation of the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Walsh as Bishop of Newark a few days ago will be the Mission-Sunday Vesper Service to be held at the new Sacred Heart cathedral on the afternoon of Sunday, May 13. At this service Bishop Walsh will launch the fourth annual diocesan campaign for membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, of which the Rev. Dr. William A. Griffin is the diocesan director.

On the day of his installation in the See of Newark, Bishop Walsh sent out his first pastoral letter to the clergy and people, calling upon all to persevere in their support of the Home and Foreign Missions of the Catholic Church. The Newark diocesan branch of the Society was established over three years ago by the late Bishop O'Connor. Since then branches have been formed in every parish, and almost a million dollars have been given to the missions. The membership drive this year will extend from May 13 to May 19. The membership of the Society throughout the diocese is now more than 65,000.

"Every work of God under human conditions is necessarily hampered," Bishop Walsh said in his pastoral. "The progress of the work depends upon so many agencies, any one of which may impede its advance. Work for the Kingdom of God must be unremitting, for too often, due to the enemies of the Church, what religion gains in one part of the world, it loses in another. The work of the Propagation is a conspicuous example of this principle. During the last year in China alone much of the labors of one half a century were wiped out. Our own Sisters from this diocese, working in far-off China, were driven from the mission which they had established, forced to flee at the very risk of their lives, and on their return to their field of labor, saw the work of years in ruins. Hence it is that the annual mission Sunday becomes, in reality, a clarion call from God to stir up again the missionary zeal in our own hearts, and in the hearts of all under our care, so that the work of spreading God's Kingdom may not suffer from lack of faithful cooperation on our part."

Calles Has Earned Censure of World, London Paper Says

London, May 1.—The Daily Express' editorial in which that important London secular paper says President Calles of Mexico has earned the censure of the civilized world, then urges conciliation on both sides of the religious controversy with a view to peace, reads as follows, after an introduction in which the Express declares it has made an impartial study of the matter: "What is the attitude of the Daily Express towards the question which has been illuminated in its columns? That attitude is clear and unequivocal. It has been arrived at by an honest study of the facts, and is uninfluenced by threat or cajolery: 'President Calles and his Administration have incurred the censure of the civilized world for indulging in cruelties and persecution unjustified by the requirements of government.'"

"The internal government of a country is no concern of any other nation. But persecution is the concern of humanity. No one will pretend that there have not been Catholics in Mexico whose obstinate tactics merited the death sentence, but that does not hide the truth that President Calles has exceeded the bounds of legitimate punishment, and has developed a brutal crusade of persecution."

"In all fairness, let it be admitted that his provocation may have been great, but it is the duty of national leaders to keep their heads. That President Calles has failed to do. Instead of striking at malefactors he has struck at a faith. 'History should have warned this man. There is nothing so deathless as the blood of a martyr. Where one falls by the bullet of the oppressor ten more rise to carry on the struggle. President Calles' extermination and terrorist tactics were as doomed to failure as were those of the Spanish Inquisition in the sixteenth century. The religious faith of a people can no more be vanquished by a firing squad than by the thumbscrew or the stake."

"What of the future? Mr. Mason's final cable reveals that there is a basis for peace. Here is where the Church has it in its power to serve both Mexico and humanity at large by submitting to national requirements that stop short of denying religious freedom and practice. 'The Church should do this, remembering that it is sometimes easier for the persecuted to be generous than for the tyrant. Let President Calles call a halt to his army of police, spies, and executioners. He has a chance now, in the full glare that is thrown on Mexico, to show that he can serve his country even at the expense of pride. 'If this is done, the Mexican persecution will speedily take its place among the grim records of the past, while men and women of all creeds will breathe the easier that such cruelty is no more.'"

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French Bishop Born On St. Patrick's Day, Wears Shamrock

Dublin, April 30.—Bishop Poirier of Tarbes, France, in addressing a pilgrimage of Irish schoolboys to Lourdes, recently, declared that he loved Ireland for many reasons one of which was that he himself was born on St. Patrick's day. "On that day," said the Bishop, "I always wear a little sprig of shamrock."

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Basutoland Chiefs Give Warm Greeting To Envoy of Pope

London, April 30.—Enthusiastic scenes marked the arrival in Basutoland of Bishop Hinsley, who is making a trans-continental tour of British African possessions in his task of cooperating with the Government in the reform of native education, states a message from the cathedral city of Rome.

Committee To Raise Statue of Cardinal Gibbons Appointed

Washington, D. C. May 2.—The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, has been appointed honorary chairman of the committee which will have full charge of plans for the erection by the Knights of Columbus of a memorial statue here of the late Cardinal Gibbons, as authorized by Congress, April 23, according to announcement made today by Charles W. Darr, State deputy of the order in the District of Columbia.

Dr. E. L. Moorhead, Of Chicago, Dead

Chicago, April 27.—Chicago today mourns the death of Dr. Edward L. Moorhead, one of the city's most distinguished surgeons and chief of staff of Mercy Hospital. He was 63 years old. Dr. Moorhead was one of the founders of the St. Anthony de Padua Hospital. He served as clinical professor of surgery at Rush Medical School and was head of a like department at Loyola University. He was active in the reorganization of the Loyola medical school and received the honorary doctor of laws degree from Loyola in 1926. Dr. Moorhead succeeded the late Dr. John B. Murphy as chief of staff at Mercy Hospital in 1916. For many years he had been a member of the board of the Catholic Hospital Association, and was chief of the hospital committee for the archdiocese.