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—Pope Benedict XV.

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—Bishop O'Hern.

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Mexican Government Officially Recognizes Catholic Schools; Join Our Subscription Club and Win Your Share of \$10,000 in Prizes

Field Is Still Open For Men and Women To Win Rich Prizes

Please Call Main 3761 on Telephone and Ask About the Great Opportunity Offered to Everybody to Win a Share of \$10,000 in Prizes—\$2,000 Cash for First Prize, and Four Fine Automobiles Free

JOIN AT ONCE AND MANY EXTRA VOTES MAY BE EASILY OBTAINED BY EVERYBODY

By K. M. McMahon (Subscription Club Campaign Manager)

It is an "All Star Cast" without a single headline this far in the Catholic Courier and Journal Subscription Campaign. Every member of the cast is playing an important role as the end of the first act draws near.

The stage is set ready for the thrilling moment when the curtain will descend at 10 o'clock next Thursday night, November 11, closing the scene in which one of the members will be elevated to stardom by having won a substantial prize. This member will receive \$100 by having displayed unusual qualifications during the opening scene.

Each member may better his or her position by gaining 25,000 additional votes on every combination of subscriptions totaling 5 years reported before 10 o'clock Thursday night, November 11. These bonus votes will count heavily towards the winning of the grand prize at the close of the subscription campaign on December 21.

Before the Big Show
The extra cash award and bonus votes are only side issues in the main event in which more than \$10,000 in prizes and commissions will be distributed to the men and women participating in the pleasant and worthy work of increasing the circulation of the Catholic Courier and Journal.

In just a few days, the extra cash prize will have been won, and on

December 21, the \$2,000 in cash, the first Grand Award, will go to the member having placed the most important role, while the second will receive a 1924 Marmon 8 Sedan. Three others will receive such fine automobiles as an \$1180 Dodge 6 Sedan, the third prize; 1925 Oldsmobile Sedan, for the fourth; and a \$275 Chevrolet 6 Coach, for the fifth. The sixth highest member will receive \$200 in cash.

Besides the foregoing there are \$100 cash awards and the very best any active member can receive is a 15% cash commission.

Positively Best Ever
The offer of 37,500 extra votes on every combination of subscriptions totaling 5 years, is positively the best offer to be made during the campaign. Each member should realize the importance of getting in the best links now, for at no time after November 11 will the subscriptions count for so many votes as they do during the bonus vote offer.

The published list of standings clearly shows that there is lots of room in every one of the 6 districts and it is expected that the results of the efforts put forth between now and Thursday night, the 14th, will go a long way towards deciding the final outcome, for, after all, it is the vote strength of each individual that will be the deciding factor in this great prize drama.

It Is Votes That Count
There is the same need for votes

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Sister Hayes Celebrates Her 61st Year As Member Of Sacred Heart Convent

Head of Rochester Diocese Gives Generous Praise to Work of Sisterhoods—Announces Coming of Carmelite Sisters to Rochester

Sister Mary Hayes of the Convent and Academy of the Sacred Heart, 8 Prince Street, celebrated on last Friday the completion of 61 years of service as a member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, and also the golden jubilee of her profession in this Sisterhood. The Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, and other officials of the Diocese, and many priests, sisters and lay people honored her on this happy occasion and paid tribute to her in her convent home. The day was one of great happiness for her and her friends, and it was an occasion of great rejoicing at the Convent and Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Sister Hayes renewed her vows at the 7:30 o'clock Mass, celebrated in the Convent Chapel by the Rev. Leo C. Mooney. At 9:30 o'clock a solemn high jubilee Mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Nolan, Chancellor of the Diocese and Chaplain of the Convent. The Rev. Leo C. Mooney was deacon of the Mass, and the Rev. Ernest Magee, sub-deacon. The children's choir of the Academy sang Montini's "Missis Brevis" and there were a number of relatives, friends and former students of the Academy present at the service. The chapel was beautifully decorated with yellow chrysanthemums, and the parlors and reception rooms of the convent were decorated with yellow and white chrysanthemums and autumn leaves.

Bishop O'Hern Pontificates
Bishop O'Hern and nine priests of the Diocese went to the Convent in the afternoon. The Bishop entered cappa magna, and the priests followed in procession, wearing cassocks and surplices. They included the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Vicar General of the Diocese; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Nolan, Chancellor of the Diocese; and the Rev. Fathers Stauber, Mooney, McCall, A. T. Dissett, J. F. Dissett, Reynolds and Magee. Bishop O'Hern pontificated at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Among those attending were John J. Sullivan, nephew of Sister Hayes, and his wife

and six sons and one daughter, an acolyte. Two sister-in-laws of Mr. Sullivan, the Misses Rose and Julia McCall, were also present. The Rev. George T. McCall of Waterloo, a brother-in-law of Mr. Sullivan, assisted Bishop O'Hern at the Benediction.

Bishop O'Hern spoke appreciatively of the great work that is being done for religion and humanity by the various Sisterhoods, especially the teaching orders. He also announced the coming of the Carmelite Sisters to Rochester in the near future, and told something of the work, their lives and sacrifices. Bishop O'Hern spoke in part as follows:

"This occasion brings to mind that in this beloved country of ours there are more than 110,000 Religious serving God in Religious Communities. Under their care are more than 2,000,000 children; besides the homes for aged, hospitals, etc., which are under their direction.

Great Hospital Work
The youth, boys and girls, studying in the parochial schools, academies, high schools and colleges—more than 2,000,000 are listed—receive instruction and a formation of character through the teaching of our Religious Orders. And 68 per cent of the hospital beds in the country come directly under the Religious Sisterhoods. The Catholic hospitals alone are more numerous than all the municipal, county and State hospitals put together.

Bishop O'Hern said teachers have been called the coadjutors of the Bishop. He emphasized and commended the importance of their work, said the Sisters have never failed to live up to the high ideals of the Church.

Bishop O'Hern spoke appreciatively of the children of Mary of the Sacred Heart, and called them a strong right arm of the Church, they are so full of faith. Then he announced the coming of the Carmelite Sisters:

The Carmelite Sisters Coming
"In a short time we shall have the

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Joan of Arc Commemoration



Five-hundred years ago Joan of Arc, the sainted Maid of Orleans, passed through the village of St. Denis, France. This historic event was commemorated recently by a ceremony in the Basilica of St. Denis, held under the direction of the Duke of Montmorency. A stone marker will be placed in the chapel of St. Michael, where Joan of Arc gave up her arms after the siege of Paris.

Radio Religious Talks By Priest and Minister Three Sunday Evenings

Rev. Leo C. Mooney and Rev. Dr. Justin W. Nixon Will Present Different Viewpoints to Promote Better Understanding—The First Talks in Full.

A series of three talks on religion by a priest and minister over the Radio, Station WHAM, arranged for three successive Sunday evenings, had its beginning last Sunday evening, when the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and the Rev. Dr. Justin W. Nixon, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, each spoke for 15 minutes. Dr. Nixon gave the viewpoint of the liberal Protestant, and Father Mooney the viewpoint of the Catholic Church.

At 7 o'clock on Sunday evening, November 10, and again at 7 o'clock on November 17, the second and third talks of the series will be given over WHAM. It is the purpose of both speakers to say nothing that will be offensive or controversial, but to state, each in his own way, fairly and squarely, the Protestant viewpoint and the Catholic viewpoint.

The Catholic Courier & Journal obtained the manuscripts of the talks last Sunday evening from the speakers, and it is our pleasure to give them here in full, as follows:

Dr. Nixon's Talk
The first subject Father Mooney and I are to talk about is the subject of authority in Religion. We have selected this subject because no other subject will bring out so clearly the basic difference between the position of Catholicism and the position of a liberal Protestant. This is our subject for this evening. I am to make my statement, and then Father Mooney will make his.

"The subject of the seat of authority in religion raises certain fundamental questions, such as: Where is the authority? Where do I find religious truth? What is the test of religious truth? and 'How shall I discover religious truth?' In answer to these questions, it seems to me that the Catholic church has made a pretty clear reply. The substance of that answer, I believe, is contained in a sermon by Father Francis X. Talbot of the Society of Jesus, preached in the church of St. Ignatius in New York City on the occasion of the publication of the encyclical of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI on 'The Promotion of True Christian Unity.' I take this sermon from a little magazine called 'The Catholic Mind,' published by the America Press, issue of Feb. 22, 1928. This is what Father Talbot says, commenting on the Pope's declaration:

Quotes Father Talbot, S. J.
"Christ came to our earth to offer redemption to mankind. Christ founded a Church that was a visible society. He intended that this Church which He founded should last till the end of time, and He promised to watch over and to preserve this Church through all the ages of the world. Christ founded one Church, and only one. He gave to that one Church, one constitution and that most definite and exclusive. He appointed one single head on earth

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Father Mooney's Talk
The first thing that strikes the inquirer after religious truth is that there is such a difference of belief in regard to religion. Some claim that one religion is true, some another.

"We must not be surprised that there is such a great divergence of opinion about religion. Nearly every faith in history has been subject to various opposite opinions. When Columbus affirmed that the world was round, a great many people of his day said it was impossible. Only a few believed. But the world's roundness did not depend on the various beliefs and opinions. The world's roundness was a fact independent of all opinions to the contrary. So in like manner the difference of religious beliefs show this much, that religion is a fact and a reality. Men do not contend over a phantom.

What Is Religion
"So that raises the question, what is religion. The word religion is derived from two Latin words, re-ligare, to bind back; that is, to bind us back to God. Broadly speaking, religion signifies a relationship of man to God.

"To determine more accurately the notion of religion, it is necessary, first of all, to establish clearly, who is God, what is man, because God is the object of religion and man is the subject of religion. According to the doctrine of the Catholic Church, God is the creator of heaven and earth and all things. Which is to say, that God is the First cause of all things; and all things that exist, exist only as they participate in the creative act of God. Man, who is the subject of religion, is a creature—something created by God—composed of body and soul.

Holigion the Sum of Truths
"Therefore, in the strict sense of the word, we define religion as the sum of truths, which declares the relations of man to God; and, the

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Meet the Hierarchy



Rev. Leo C. Mooney

Mooney Smith is head of the Diocese of Nashville, Tenn. He has 41,750 square miles of territory in his Diocese, nearly six times as much as the Rochester Diocese. The Catholic population in his Diocese is approximately 29,000, cared for by 60 priests. There are 33 churches with resident pastors, and 19 mission churches; one Catholic college for boys; five academies for girls; 28 parochial schools, and nearly 7,000 children in Catholic schools.

Confirmation At Three Churches On This Sunday

There will be confirmation services at three churches in Rochester on Sunday, November 10th—the first at 2:30 o'clock in SS. Peter & Paul's Church, with the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., officiating.

The second confirmation service will be at 2 to 4 o'clock in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Bay and Trossa Street, with the Rt. Rev. Ernest Walsh, D.D., of Charleston, S. C., officiating.

The third service will be at 7:30 in the evening, in St. Andrew's Church, Portland Ave. Capacity congregations are expected at all of these services.

The First Death In Vatican City

Rome, Nov. 8.—The first death in Vatican City, recorded recently, was that of Teresa Desantis, aged 76, mother of a Papal civil servant. Removal of the body to a cemetery on Italian soil resulted in some complications. Officials considered the body as coming from a foreign country and to be subject to special laws. This made necessary the exchange of communications between the Treasury Department of Italy and the Governor of the Vatican City.

Government Decree Regarding Schools Is a Liberal One

Catholic Institutions Will Again Be Permitted to Grant Degrees and Titles to Students—State Inspection Provided For—Theological Seminaries Will Not Be Recognized

SCHOOLS PERMITTED TO PLAN OWN WORK WITHOUT INTERFERENCE BY THE STATE

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Mexico City, Nov. 8.—Titles and degrees awarded students of free schools in Mexico will be recognized by the government in future, by terms of a decree just made effective by President Emilio Portes Gil, following a conference with the Secretary of Public Instruction. The decree restores to State status recognized Catholic and other free schools, and is looked upon in Mexico as an indication of the government's intention to encourage private education by the Church and other bodies. In 1926 the free schools, most of which are Catholic, were refused recognition.

The decree, a lengthy document covering the education situation in thorough detail as regards recognition of independent school titles, is liberal in its provisions. The only schools whose degrees will not be recognized are theological seminaries, which are excluded by the Constitution of 1917. The Constitution does not recognize theological seminaries, but allows them to exist, and the President cannot alter its provisions.

Can Plan Their Own Work
Among the provisions of the decree that permitting schools to select their curricula without interference or limitation from the government. Limitation in matters of school jurisdiction will not be permitted the government agencies except in cases where the schools fail to adhere to the law as set forth in their charter. The procedure now to be followed

by schools desiring to have their titles recognized by the government will consist in preparing and presenting to the President, through the Secretary of Public Education, a petition explaining its requirements for admission, its course of studies and whatever other information is relevant.

Incompetency a Bar
The only bar to granting of recognition, after the filing of the petition is presented, the decree sets forth, will be incompetency on the part of the institution or the faculty. The purpose of the petition is to allow the President to determine the degree of competency.

After the concession has been granted the school, it cannot be recalled unless it has been proved that the faculty is incompetent in question has occurred. The Secretary of Public Education is given the right to suspend the school at any time, in case of conditions of the school being found to be unsatisfactory.

The free schools are to be subsidized from the government, which it is believed, will divert a greater portion of its educational funds to technical and industrial schools of the country. The government aims to devote the greater portion of its time to development of the industrial schools, leaving education in other fields largely in the hands of private school organizations.

ed at both services, and all through the day the church will be open to receive visitors and parishioners who will want to see the beautiful interior.

At 12:30 o'clock dinner will be served in the school hall for the Bishop and visiting priests.

The church has been decorated throughout by Professor Gennaro Raggi, a world-famous Italian artist who specializes in work of this kind. He has been at the task for the past five months, and no detail has been overlooked to make the church surpassingly beautiful and appealing to the eye. The Rev. J. Emil Gaffey, Ph.D., rector of the church, has given unparagoning of his time and efforts in supervising the work. The decorations are of the Lombardy Romanesque type of art. Included among several large mural paintings is a copy of Leonardo De Vinci's "Last Supper."

Sunday will be a day of great rejoicing for the people of St. Peter & Paul's Church, and it is being that they should give musical expression to a work so beautiful in design, so perfect in completion and so artistic and ennobling for this house of God.

Further celebrating the completion of this splendid work, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred upon a class of more than 200 children at 2 o'clock in the afternoon by Bishop O'Hern. Capacity congregations are expected.

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