

POPE PIUS XI FAVORS THE CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

The Minister General of the Society of the Atonement, Very Rev. Paul James Francis, S. A., has today received a telegram from Rome to the effect that His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, will inaugurate the observance of the Church Unity Octave by saying his Mass on the Feast of St. Peter at Rome, January 18, 1930, for the intention of the octave, viz: the return of all separated Christians to the Unity of the Catholic Church.

This is not the only indication of the Holy Father's deep interest in the Church Unity Octave. His Holiness has assigned for the general intention of the Apostleship of Prayer for January—Ut omnes unum sint—which translated into English means "That all may be one." His Holiness has also given the same prayer of Our Blessed Lord on the night of His Betrayal as the Mission intention for January. Undoubtedly the Holy Father had in mind the Church Unity Octave in assigning this intention for the month as is evidenced by the explanatory notes sent from Rome to the editors of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart in the various nations of the world in which the Church Unity Octave is specially referred to and emphasized.

It is estimated that there are 30,000,000 members of the Apostleship of Prayer and if all these, in obedience to the Holy Father's wish observe the Octave and pray for the return of all Christians now separated from the Apostolic See to Catholic Unity the prayers of such a tremendous multitude ought to produce profound and far-reaching results.

Inspired by the example of the Holy Father himself no doubt we

Cardinal's Robes Forgotten, Mass Is Delayed 45 Minutes

London, Dec. 13.—When Cardinal Bourne arrived at the Church at Edmonton for a state visit it was found that his robes and mitre had not been packed on the car. And the service was due to begin.

Abbot Smith, C. R. L., who had prepared a 10-minute sermon, was asked to go into the pulpit and "hold the fort" until he got the signal to stop.

A telephone message was sent to Archbishop's House, Westminster, and a fast car speeded through 12 miles of London streets with the robes.

Abbot Smith was preaching for 45 minutes when they arrived. Then Mass began, and the congregation wondered why the sermon preceded the Mass, and why the discourse was so long.

Bryn Mawr Spiritual Aid

Villanova, Pa., Dec. 13.—The Rev. Joseph M. Dougherty, dean of the Villanova School of Science, has been appointed spiritual director of Catholic students at Bryn Mawr College. Father Dougherty will organize a chapter of the Newman Club immediately.

Holland Primate Dead at 79 After Stroke on Altar

Louvain, Dec. 13.—The Catholics of the Netherlands are mourning for the loss of their Primate, His Grace the Archbishop of Utrecht, the Most Rev. H. Van de Wetering, stricken at the altar while ordaining young levites for the service of the Church.

The ceremonies were almost ended when the Primate suddenly collapsed. Taken to the sacristy, he soon came to again, and realizing that a doctor was feeling his pulse, he said smiling: "Well, this is the first time in my life that a physician does this to me." "It's Our Lord's bell ringing!" It was indeed; for a few hours later, a second stroke instantly ended the Archbishop's career, while he was quietly praying.

Archbishop Van de Wetering was born November 22, 1860 and ordained August 15, 1874. He stood at the head of the Church in the Netherlands for 35 eventful years. During these years, the Catholic subjects of Queen Wilhelmina worked their way out of centuries of oppression to the blessed freedom and high standing they now happily enjoy. When the departed spiritual leader ascended the episcopal throne sanctified by St. Willibrord, the English Apostle of Holland, his Catholic fellow-citizens were counted for nothing, just tolerated in their father's land. A year after his consecration, they assumed a part of the burden to claim the rights that were denied them. Today that party is the strongest in the commonwealth and one of its leaders, Sir Ruys de Beerenbroek, wields for the second time the reins of the government as prime minister.

SOCIAL ACTION

The National Council of Catholic Men in Washington is looking for five persons with special qualifications. These persons must have a set of the Catholic Encyclopedia. They must either not need it at all, or they must have convenient access to another besides their own. They must be willing to give their set away. The men's Council can place five sets of the Catholic Encyclopedia in five libraries in Mississippi. It acts at the request of Mississippians.

New construction in time of threatened unemployment works out this way. Directly it helps men in the construction industry, the materials men and the builders, both the employers and employees. But one industry keeps going that affects all the rest. The men in that industry buy goods from others and the goods must be manufactured and distributed. Public works now is oxygen for a sick man.

The idea of a farm co-operative, a consumers' co-operative, a credit union or a labor union is the same. There is such a thing as justice in prices, wages and interest. The common estimate of what is justice in prices, wages and interest is pretty close to the truth. But you cannot make the common estimate of justice, or when you learn it enforce it, without organization.

The Catholic Association for International Peace has begun its monthly news letter on international relations. A lively looking four-master it is from nine different points of view. It is good for two groups, adults interested in international affairs, and students in history, sociology, economics and politics courses. Members of the Catholic Association for International Peace get it free. Others part with some change. Group subscriptions are vulgarly cheap.

The National Catholic School of Social Service for women, imports students this year from Porto Rico, Mexico, Guatemala, the Philippines and Germany. They are taking the two year course along with forty or so graduates of American colleges and they will return to their home countries to help make the world safe for humanity.

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may anticipate a more wide-spread observance on the part of the faithful everywhere and a universal outpouring of prayer all over the world for the return of the wandering sheep to Peter's Fold, during the eight days from the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome, January 18th, to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25th.

There is just now pending in Rome the petition of some 1,300 prelates of the Catholic World asking the Vicar of Christ to make the observance of the Octave universal by his Sovereign Authority.

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Thus, on the occasion of the International Eucharistic Congress held in Amsterdam in 1924, he said: "Had we not had our excellently organized press to lean upon, we should not now hold the place we hold in the land. Thirty years ago we could not even now fill us with amazement. That prosperity we owe, in a great measure, to our high-class press, whose mighty influence we could not possibly overestimate."

Men Sentenced Who Tried to Kill Jesuit Priests

Ranchi, India, Dec. 13.—(Fides-N. C. W. C.)—The Diwan of Jabpur State has condemned the two men who attempted the murder of Father Demonceau, Jesuit missionary of Ranchi diocese, to 20 years' imprisonment. Several accomplices received immediately appealed to the higher court.

The attack took place last Easter Monday morning, April 1. Two Jesuit Fathers Demonceau and Andries, were hacked with tiger axes and sabres in a bloody encounter which followed the attempt of Boko, a Zemindar or local land lord, to kill Father Demonceau. Father Andries came to the elder priest's rescue and succeeded in routing Boko and his accomplices after receiving 11 major and 30 minor wounds. The two priests only recently were sufficiently recovered to give evidence at the trial. The attack was the outcome of an implacable hatred of the Catholic Church by the local landlord.

Church to Be Built in Brazilian Jungle

Manaus, Brazil, Dec. 13.—(Fides-N. C. W. C.)—In the virgin forest on the Brazilian-Peruvian border a Catholic church will rise during the coming year. The corner stone was laid by the Very Rev. Monsignor Evangelista da Gofalona, O. M. Cap., Perfect Apostolic of Upper Solimoes on the Feast of St. Francis. Into the wilds journeyed the Perfect and his missionary priests, accompanied by choir of the College of Our Lady of the Assumption, Sao Paulo de Olivenca, and a large group of the faithful, for the simple ceremony.

The Perfecture of Upper Solimoes in the northwest corner of Brazil includes great stretches of primitive territory, inhabited by aboriginal tribes. The Catholics total 23,764.

Tia Juana Church Opens After 3 Years

Mexico City, Dec. 13.—The Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at Tia Juana, Mexico, has been reopened after three years. The Rev. J. R. Nunez, of National City, Calif., has assumed direction of the parish.

The church was closed at the beginning of the religious persecution in Mexico. Although a church was opened shortly at San Isidro, small town four miles from the Mexican border in California, it was found that Mexican Catholics had difficulty in crossing the line for Mass.

Catholic Guild Gives December Book List

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 13.—The December list of books chosen by the Catholic Book-lovers' Guild is headed by "The Miracle of Pelle," by J. L. Campbell. Other Guild selections are "The Masterful Monk," by Owen Francis Dunne; "Naxos," by Marie Gasquet; "Richeiten," by Hilaire Belloc; "Soldiering for Cross and Flag," by Celestine N. Bittle, O. M. Cap.; "The War that Was," by Marcellus Donald Redfish; and "Some Spanish American Poets," translated by Alice Stone Blackwell.

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