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Bishop, Priest, Three Nuns Killed by Chinese Bandits When Ransom Is Not Paid

Early in 1926 Bishop Versiglia

After a year a critical situation in

China called for his presence there

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

the nephew of Dom Rinaldi, Su-perior-General of the Salesians,

entered that order, he was the

ninth member of his immediate

family to enter the religious life.

He has eight brothers and sisters

who are members of either the

Saleslans or the Daughters of

Mary. Dom Rinaldi, who was

followed into the order by two of

his brothers, has seen 16 mem-bers of the Rinaldi family become

There is scarcely a family in

their native village of Lu-de-

Montferrat, between Genoa and

Turin, that has not given a son or

a daughter to the Church. There

are only 4,000 inhabitants, almost

all members of large families.

The village boasts of one, bishop

and 304 priests, monks and nuns.

It is a striking confirmation of the

proverb, "Where the families are

numerous, the Faith is preserved

and nourishes incessantly the

Noted Educator.

Montreal, March 7 .- The Rev.

Thomas I. Gasson, S.J., head of Bos-

ton College from 1907 to 1914, and

real, at the time of his death.

placed in charge of the Retreat House at Staten Island, N. Y. He

Father Gasson was born on Sep-

ember 28, 1859, near Knowle Cas-

le, Seven Oaks, Kent, England. On

November 17, 1875, he entered the

Society of Jesus at Frederick, Md.,

and later studied philosophy at Woodstock, Md. He taught the freshman, sophomore and junior

classes at Baltimore and from 1886

to 1888 taught at St. Francis

Subsequently to this came his four years of theology at the Imperial

Royal University at Innsbruck, Aus-

tria, and in July, 1891, he was or-

dained a priest by the Prince Bishop

of Brixen in the Tyrol. Returning to the United States he was instruc-

tor at Frederick, Md., later finishing

sesthetic studies of the Jesuit

course. He was appointed to Boston

College as professor of philosophy

In 1907 he purchased the site for

a splendid executive and a capable

Noted Jurist, Dead

In Washington, D.C.

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Washington March 7 William

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and brilliant teacher.

Xavier College, New York.

and ethics.

came to Loyola in 1924.

source of vocations:"

Salesians.

Vatican City, March 7 .-- When

To Become Religious

Ninth In His Family

(By N.C.W.C. News Service) Early in 1926 Bishop Versiglia London, March 7.—The Salesian went to America and established Bishop, Msgr. Versiglia, Father Car- headquarters at the Salesian Church avario and three Chinese nuns, who of the Transfiguration, in Mott were captured by Communistic ban- Street, Chinatown, New York City, dits on February 26th, have been where he delivered a series of leckilled, according to a Hong Kong tures, some of them in Chinese. dispatch just received.

The bandits, the dispatch relates, attacked a boat on which the mis- and he returned. sionary party was traveling at Suipin. After an initial demand 15. \$500, which was refused, the brigands fought the boat crew and others in a successful attempt to carry off the Bishop, priest and sisters.

The party was taken into the mountains, according to the dispatch, and there murdered. other priests who went to the stronghold of the bandits in an effort to obtain the freedom of the five mission workers were too late to save

The party was visiting missions in Yingtak District when the bandits attacked it. Several Chinese Christians are reported also to have been captured, but their fate has not been

Bishop Versiglia was born in Piedmont, Italy, nearly sixty years ago. He was ordained in 1894 and became a Bishop in 1920, when he was placed in charge of the Vicariate Apostolic at Shiuchow, China.

The Bishop first went to China in 1905 as a priest. He founded the first Salesian mission in the country and established many other works, most of them for the benefit of Chinese children. The difficulties that faced him were tremendous, but he overcame them with great success, as is attested by the fact that there are now more than 100 Salesians in China caring for the spiritual needs of 4,000 Christians in schools and missions. Bishop Versiglia also established the Order of Chinese Sale-

The Bishop studied at the Gregorian University in Rome, and en-tered the Salesian Order in Turin. This order was founded by Dom

Three Catholic Schools Closed By Gil's Order

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Mexico City, March 7-Secretary of Interior Portes Gil has ordered three Catholic schools to be closed on the grounds that they have violated the clause in the Constitution which prohibits religious education, according to announcement just made here. It was not stated in what way the schools are alleged to have violated this clause.

The schools ordered closed are located in Chihuahua, Puebla and

Alhambra Fixes Its Dinner-Dance Date for April 22d

Musa Caravan, Order of the Al-hambra, will hold its annual dinner lance in The Sagamore on Tuesday evening, April 22. Lieut. Edward F. Burke of the Rochester Police Department has been appointed chairman of the event, and he will be assisted by a large number of active Alhambrans.

The annual dinner-dances of the Alhambra are always popular events, and they attract a large patronage. Chairman Burke is planning to have in exceptionally fine affair this year, with features that will appeal to all

Collections For Indian and Negro Missions Sunday

The annual collection for the Indian and Negro Missions in this country will be taken up on Sunday in all churches in the Diocese. The Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, urges all the faithful to give generously to this

The importance of this work may be judged by the fact that, according to a report just published, the Dies in Montreal spiritual needs of 211,437 Negroes and 84,995 Indians are being cared for by Missionaries. There are 189 Negro mission churches and 327 for Indians. A total of 33,851 Negro students are enrolled in 204 schools, while 6,901 Indians are being taught in 81 schools. Negro confor 50 years a noted educator in Catholic colleges and universities. verts totaled 3,049 for the year, an increase of 238 over the previous

died here on Thursday, February 27th, in his 71st year. He was dean Two hundred priorits devote their of studies and lecturer of ethics and efforts to work among Indians, while philosophy at Loyola College, Mon-208 watch over the needs of Netreal, at the time of his death.

Father Gasson made a notable record as rector of Boston College from 15 child caring home, while charitable activities of other sorts are being and the missing conducted throughout throu

at Georgetown University, Washing-sions area in the United States. ton, from 1914 to 1922, when he was The Commission in charge these missions is governed by a board of directors comprising His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, chairman; His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal Hayes; and The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore. The Rev. F. B. Tennelly. S. S. D. D., is secretary.

Recent Outrages Against the Church in Tabasco, Mexico

(Continued from Page One)

"They are destroying the Cathedral, opening doors where the altars were; the tower has; been demoluntil the place where the clock bell was has been exposed; and it is claimed that Tomas Gur rido Canabal (considered the power behind the throne of Ausencio Cruz, Governor of Tabasco) intends to destroy the side chapels, so that the the new college at Chestnut Hill, Boston, supervised the plans for its building will not present the aspect of a church. All the bells have development and erected the first been removed, and it is said they plan to make a statue of General Obregon from them. The big organ has been removed and taken to the nationalistic school of the govern-

This letter, from the capital of the state, is the work of a man with great interests in Mexico, and with many friends in various sections of it, and is regarded here as authori-

Church Windows Destroyed Another letter, dated Teapa, Taasco, reads:

"They have taken the pulpits so the beasts can eat in them; the ornaments for several uses; the glass windows, so beautiful, have been sold and others destroyed; the well as the alters; and they are go ing to demolish the towers.

Despite promises by the federal government that worship would be permitted throughout the republic, nothing has been done to better conditions in the state, where Cruz and Canabal have set up a virtual mon-archy.

Nothing definite has leaked out of the investigation into the attempted assassination of President Pascual C. D. A. Class Is Ortiz Rubio, which has been handled by military authorities. The latter have just handed over to the attor ney general the files on the case supposedly by direction of the presi-

Why the army should have handled the investigation is causing considerable gozsip here. The law states America, attended the dedication that none but civil authorities has ceremonies of the new Church of the the power to handle cases of this Frecious Blood, Lexington Avenue nature.

are offered in rumors in Mexico thanked the members of the Cour City. One is that before the President took office some differences had arisen between some of the members of the political party, and that the ester will hold a ceremony of inattack was one of vengetace by the itlation for 25 new members on Sun-discontented members of the party, day afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Others hold to the theory that the Columbus Club. Degrees will be

Principal Admits Barring Catholic At State's Probe

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

Albany, N. Y., March 7-William J. Hoffman, Harriman school principal, admitted at a hearing before Dr. Frank P. Graves, state commissioner of education, held yesterday, that he had told Miss Anna Mulholland he could not employ her as a teacher because of her Catholic

Hoffman also admitted at the hearing that his attempt to shift the for the affair to the local board of education, by saying he was acting under instructions, was "a deliberate lie." He explained that he had said he was acting under directions from the board summarize his "impression" of the general community preference for Protestant teachers in Harriman. Apparently not convinced that the

school board had no part in barring Miss Mulholland, representatives of Catholic organizations questioned Hoffman sharply on this point. "Do you swear you have no agree

ment to protect the board?" asked Michael F. Walsh of Brooklyn, State Advocate of the Knights of Colum-

Principal Takes All Blame "I have not," the principal answered. "I take the blame. I know it was an error. I am ready to

Despite Hoffmans statement and denials from members of the board, it was indicated that counsel for the Rev. Patrick F. MacAran, Harriman priest who first brought the case to light, will petition Dr. Graves to oust the members of the board, Pending filing of briefs, the decision on revocation of Hoffman's

license was withheld. Hoffman said he wrote Miss Mulholland that if she were a Protestant she should come to Harriman and a contract would await her, but that if she was a Catholic she should telegraph him. She wired, stating her Faith, and in return was sent a letter which explained that while he (Hoffman) would personally welcome her, the board of education "has given me instructions not to pick any one unless he was a Protestant."

Teaching for Eight Years Hoffman, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, said he has been teaching in New York and Pennsylvania for a period of eight

All teaching applications, he asserted, requested information on the religion of a teacher. He added that he had never seen Miss Mulholland's application, because a locally known teacher had applied and been accepted immediately.

Frank Watson, president, and three other members of the school board testified. They said they did not know of the Hoffman letters, and that they repudiated them, but that no steps had been taken to penalize or oust the principal.

"So I take it," said Eugene A. Donahue, counsel for Father Mac-Aran, "that a violation of the United States Constitution and of the spirit of the State Constitution just merits a little criticism from voir board?

Alexander Thompson, a member of the board, testified that Harriman has had Catholic teachers, adding that his children were taught by

Ordinary of Mass Has Been Recorded For the First Time

The entire Ordinary of the Mass of the Gregorian Chant has just or the first time in been recorded for the first time in America by the Plus X School o Hiurgical Music of the College of the Sacred Heart, according to an announcement by the Victor Division of the RCA Victor Company,

The appearance of these recordings at this time coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Motu Proprio on church music issued by the late Pius X, and recently made a part of the new Apostolic Constitution on Sacred Music by Pope Plus XI, in which he urged the more generat use of the Oregorian Chant in all Roman Catholic churches. The records now, for the first time, make accessible to every section of America, authentic examples of the Greg orian music.

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To Be Initiated Sunday Afternoon

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