

"In vain will you find schools, if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapons of a loyal Catholic press."  
—Pope Benedict XV.

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## President Ortiz Rubio of Mexico Gives Cordial Greeting to Papal Delegation

### Venezuelan Bishop Refuses to Retract Defense of Marriage

Forcibly Exiled from His Country Because He Criticized the Marriage of a Divorced Catholic Citizen, the Bishop Emphatically Refuses an Offer to Return if He Retracts

#### STAUNCHLY DEFENDS STAND OF CHURCH ON THE INVOLABILITY OF MARRIAGE

Trinidad, April 25.—The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Oca, Bishop of Valencia, Venezuela, who was forcibly exiled from his country last October, has emphatically declined the terms offered to him by the Government of his country for his return.

The Bishop's exile was brought about because he wrote a strong article defending the sacredness of the Sacrament of Matrimony at a time when a wealthy and socially prominent citizen of Valencia divorced his wife and married another woman. The parties to the marriage brought action against the Bishop on the ground that he was opposing the laws of the country, which permitted divorce. He was summoned to the capital, and Government officials asked him to resign. He refused, declaring that the State had no authority over his holy office. Later he was forcibly seized and was compelled to board a British ship and go to the Isle of Trinidad, where he now resides.

article on marriage, explaining that it was not his intention to hold the law of the Church on marriage superior to the law of the State; that, if he returns, no public reception shall be held in his honor by priests or people; that he take an oath of allegiance to the Government, and that he promise not to make his ad limina visit to Rome.

All four of these conditions he emphatically refuses to accept. He says his statement on marriage is an explanation of the attitude of the Church towards marriage, and it cannot be retracted. If his people want to give him a reception he cannot prevent them, because such a reception would be more for the Church than for himself. He declines to take an oath of allegiance, because he has always been faithful to his country, and it is his duty to make his ad limina visits to Rome, and he will perform his duty at all times.

In the meantime the Bishop is caring for some 4,000 Spanish-Catholics in Trinidad, and he says he will continue a missionary for his countrymen as long as he is forbidden the right to live in his own land.

### St. Bernard Alumnus Will Be Catholic Hour Speaker, On Radio, Beginning Sunday

Washington, April 25.—The Rev. Dr. George Johnson, associate professor of Education at the Catholic University of America, and a former student in St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, will be the speaker on the National Catholic Radio Hour, beginning next Sunday, April 27th. He will succeed the Rev. Dr. Fulton Sheen of Washington, who has been the speaker for several Sundays past. The hour is from 8 to 7 o'clock every Sunday evening.

Three new stations will be on the hook-up for this hour: Sunday-KYW of Chicago, WOV of Omaha and WBAP of Fort Worth, Texas.

Thirty-four stations are on the hook-up now. The broadcasting is done from the National Broadcasting Co., Station WEA, New York. Dr. Johnson will deliver a series of six addresses, dealing with the moral order. The Paulist Choir will sing.

Many Letters Received

Several thousand letters have been received praising the Catholic hour programs.

A minister of the Dutch Evangelical Reformed Church, writing from the State of New York, praises the "Hour" highly. "While I am of another faith," he said, "I am, and have always been in the deepest sympathy with your wonderful Church. My religious and Catholic pastors have always been so happy."

The minister includes in his letter a tender tribute to the Blessed Virgin. "As a Protestant," says a correspondent writing from Providence and addressing the letter to Dr. Sheen, "I have been much interested in your inspiring talks on the radio Sundays. My mother and I know so little of the Catholic Faith, and your explanatory questions and answers have endeared us to the Faith which is endeavoring to stir and strengthen the wavering of paralyzed souls."

Another non-Catholic listener-in, writing from Atlantic City, N. J., declares that the broadcasting of the "Catholic Hour" will bring a better understanding among all religions.

### Oldest Knight



PATRICK RAYHILLY

### The Last Queue Has Disappeared In Hongkong, China

(Fides Service)  
Hongkong, China, April 25.—With the recent death of To-met, the faithful sacristan of the Hongkong Catholic Cathedral, the last queue in this modern city disappeared. To-met persevered in retaining the long "pig-tail" of his ancestors in spite of the dictates of the new republic and in face of ridicule and even threats of death for treason.

### Grand Old Man Of Canadian Senate Buried, Aged 102

St. Hyacinthe, Que., April 25.—Last honors were paid Senator Georges Casimir Desaulles Tuesday as his cortege passed through the streets of the city which had been his home for more than 102 years. The "grand old man" of the Canadian Senate, who died on Saturday, was buried in the cemetery here after a religious service in St. Hyacinthe's Cathedral.

### A Wonderful Family



Thousands of American tourists will undoubtedly see some or all the members of this famous family during the coming summer—the Anton Lang family, famous for the parts they have acted in the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Anton Lang, who played the Christ for a long time, and his wife are shown in front, with their children around them.

### Msgr. Seipel Resigns From Leadership of Party Because of His Poor Health

Vienna, April 25.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ignaz Seipel, former Chancellor of Austria, resigned unexpectedly last week from the chairmanship of the Christian Social party. His health has been somewhat precarious for a long time, and he has been kept alive for years only by the most rigid dieting and the constant use of insulin. He gives this as the reason for his resignation.

Msgr. Seipel is credited more than any other man in Austria with saving the country from economical and political ruin in the terrible days following the close of the World War. He is considered one of the strongest men in Austria in governmental and political affairs, and his resignation as chairman of his party is looked upon as a great loss to the party, and to Austria.

### St. Augustine Praised By Pope in Encyclical On Anniversary of Saint

Vatican City, April 25.—An encyclical letter was issued Tuesday by Pope Pius on the fifteenth anniversary of the death of St. Augustine.

It exalted St. Augustine from two points of view—one as a doctor of the Church, the other as a saint—and called attention to the Eucharistic Congress which opens May 7 in Carthage, where St. Augustine was a Bishop 1,500 years ago.

The Pontiff declared that St. Augustine's teachings were important, even today, particularly his opinions in the book "City of God," in which he discussed the relationship between Church and State.

### Churches Unite To Fight Atheism, Three Counties

Ellenville, N. Y., April 25.—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen have joined a movement just started in Ellenville for a tri-county organization to campaign against atheism in Orange, Ulster and Sullivan Counties which will try to promote harmony among worshippers of the major religious denominations.

Those who have had a part in bringing about organized opposition to atheism are the Rev. Perry Van Dyke of the Dutch Reformed Church of Ellenville, the Rev. William Dooley of Holy Name Catholic Church of Kingston and Dr. Simon Cohen.

The organization to promote good-will among the members of various denominations, which is headed by Westlake Coons, has as committee members Herman Levine, Dr. Van Dyke, the Rev. Father Joseph Mastaglio and Secretary Barnard.

To lead a noble, beautiful and a useful life, we should accept and follow the ideals both of religion and of culture. In the midst of the transformations of many kinds which are taking place in the civilized world, neither the uneducated nor the irreligious mind can be of help. Large and tolerant views are necessary; but not less so is the enthusiasm, the earnestness, the charity of Christian Faith.—Bishop Spalding.

### King of Albania Puts Catholics in His Cabinet

Vienna, April 25.—Better days appear to be ahead for the Catholic people of Albania.

The change that has taken place in the internal situation in this former Turkish province is reflected in the fact that two prominent Catholics are members of the new Albania Cabinet, and, together with two Ministers who are members of the Greek Orthodox Church, form a Christian majority in the Government.

Five years ago the Mohammedan ruler, Achmed Zogu, started severe persecutions against the Church. Priests and people were thrown into prison, Catholic papers confiscated, and prominent Catholics murdered. Little by little, however, the Mohammedan ruler has undergone a change of heart, and now he is very friendly to the Church and its officials.

### Action to Make A Legal Holiday Of Good Friday

(By N.C.W.C. News Service)  
Cleveland, April 25.—The proposal to establish Good Friday as a legal holiday in Ohio will be taken up with the state legislature by a committee representing Catholics and non-Catholics sometime during the next session of that body, which meets again in January, 1931.

It was decided to take this action at a meeting of representatives of Catholic and non-Catholic churches held recently in Cathedral Hall, for the purpose of urging a general observance of Good Friday. A resolution asking the school board to close the schools from noon to 3 o'clock on Good Friday was adopted, and 18,000 placards announcing that the stores displaying them would be closed from noon to 3 o'clock on Good Friday were distributed.

Merchants in the southwestern section of the city generally observe Good Friday, and this year the Northeastern Business Men's Association agreed to do likewise.

### Meet the Hierarchy



RT. REV. HUGH C. BOYLE, D.D.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh, Pa., presided over by the Rt. Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, D.D., is just a little larger than the Diocese of Rochester in area. But its Catholic population is nearly triple, numbering approximately 600,000 souls. There are 700 priests in the Diocese; 426 churches; 228 parishes, and 90,000 children; 58 parochial high schools, with 4,000 students; 11 private high schools and academies; three colleges; five orphan asylums, eight hospitals and three homes for the aged.

### Woman Who Gave Million to Church Dies in England

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
London, April 25.—A woman who during her lifetime gave \$1,000,000 for the building of churches here has just died in the person of Miss Frances Elizabeth Ellis, Cardinal Bourne, who made public reference to her munificence this week, said that she was responsible for the setting up of between 30 and 40 new missions.

Miss Ellis was a convert. She lived a retiring life and was quite unknown to the general public. In addition to her \$1,000,000 gifts for churches, she also made a large donation to the late Pope Pius X.

### Friendly Relations Of Church and State Happily Evident

Press of Mexico Is Giving Space to Pastorals of Bishop Fulcheri's View on Right Relations Between Church and State Praised Editorially by Excelsior, Leading Mexican Newspaper.

#### RELATIONS BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE ARE BECOMING DEFINITELY CORDIAL

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Mexico City, Mex., April 17.—The Most Rev. Leopold Ruiz y Flores, Apostolic Delegate in Mexico, and President Ortiz Rubio have had a cordial meeting.

There is every reason to believe that the visit of the Archbishop to the President is but the beginning of friendly relations through which the understandings of last June will be translated into a formal agreement regulating in a satisfactory manner the relations between the Church and the Mexican Government.

A further indication of an increasingly happier relationship between the civil and the hierarchical elements in this country is the fact that the secular press in Mexico City is so favorably disposed toward the utterances of the bishops as to give considerable space to pastoral letters in their news sections and to give comment in their editorial columns.

A case in point is the publication in full of the recent pastoral letter of the Most Rev. Fulcheri y Pietramanta, Bishop of Zamora, in Excelsior. The letter is an extensive outline of the Catholic Church's attitude on the question of relations between the Church and State. Excelsior uses the latter as a basis for its editorial comment on the relations between Church and State, and clarifying the social duties of Catholics.

The newspaper gives sympathetic attention to this social doctrine, along with the pastoral which was published by the Archbishop of Mexico and others in its editorial columns.

Bishop Fulcheri's pastoral letter outlines the doctrine of the Church on the independence of ecclesiastical and civil authorities, explaining that, according to Catholic teaching, the authority of the civil authority is not to be exercised in matters which are civilly determined, but which are to be governed by ecclesiastical authority.

"Catholics, as such," the Bishop writes, "seek not to have their civil authority exercised in matters which are civilly determined, but which are to be governed by ecclesiastical authority."

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### Moscow Churches Filled By Great Congregations For Easter Sunday

Moscow, April 25.—All churches in Moscow were filled by great congregations for the Easter Sunday services. There was no disorder, no counter demonstrations, no anti-religious activities, and no religious Doubtless an order had been given, which constitutes no insignificant measure of the change that has come in the past two months.

Although many of Moscow's innumerable churches are closed or diverted to other than religious uses, many still are open, and from the great central cathedral built to commemorate the victory over Napoleon down to a tiny lane with painted domes and minarets in a quiet side street they presented an unbroken spectacle of crowded worship.

Carried Lighted Candles

Long before midnight, the hour set for the Easter masses, tens of thousands of devout could be seen making their way through the darkened streets, with lighted candles to guide them over the broken pavements to their favorite churches.

Seen against the battlemented towers of the Kremlin, Russia's ancient sanctuary and now seat of the Communist Government, and with the golden domes of the city's "forty-four" churches in the background, the sight was a most impressive one.

Easter Sunday

Easter still touched the hearts of Russian as an observance of the Church year. Scattered through the city may be at other times, but on Easter Sunday the nation's millions were united again at Easter. For the three whole days give themselves up to a celebration that makes Easter, the symbol of immortality, a golden holiday for the Christian.

The only noticeable shift in changed conditions this year was the absence of bells and cannon. A recent decree of the government silenced them forever. But their silence was partly atoned for by the magnificent singing of the choir choirs, whose deep voices, swayed and joined by instruments, were heard upon the midnight air and imparted rare beauty to the service.

The upturned faces of the worshippers, most of them poorly clad, were illuminated against the dark background of the city's illuminated houses and the flickering shadows cast by their candles gave the scene touches of mysticism that struck observers with dramatic force. Americans were observed in these places at several points.

### Los Angeles K. C. Going to Europe On July the 4th

One of the largest parties ever to leave Los Angeles on a Tour of Europe will start their trip on July 4th, from Los Angeles, under the auspices of Los Angeles Council, No. 621, Knights of Columbus. The party will leave New York at midnight on July 9th, and will visit the principal cities and religious and historical places of interest in France, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Germany, England and Ireland. While in Nice, France, the party will make a one-day trip to Monte Carlo. The outstanding features of the tour this year will be the Passion Play at Oberammergau and a private audience with His Holiness, Pope Pius XI. The party will return to the United States from Queenstown, Ireland, on September 1st, via Montreal.

Further information may be obtained by writing to the Secretary, Thomas B. Flanagan, 1709 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Creighton Defeats Harvard

Omaha, Nebraska, April 25.—By an audience vote of 230 to 51, Creighton University defeated Harvard University in an international debate on Prohibition held Wednesday in the Creighton auditorium. Harvard favored state control of liquor; Creighton opposed it.

### Vatican State Frees Priests He Is Released

Vatican City, April 25.—The Vatican has freed the priest who was arrested in the United States for the murder of a woman in the Vatican.