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"In vain will you find missions and build 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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## Archbishop of Portland Files Answer In Suit For Parochial School Permit

### Irish Bishops Issue Pastoral in Behalf Of Congress in 1932

Letter Says All Ireland Will Celebrate with Uplifted Hearts the Fifteenth Centenary of Coming of St. Patrick to the Land at Time of the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin

#### CALLS EUCHARIST SOUL OF IRELAND DURING DARK AND TRYING PENAL DAYS

Dublin, Dec. 12.—In the first joint Pastoral issued by the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland since 1922, a fervent appeal for support for the Eucharistic Congress is made to the people. The Pastoral is signed by Joseph Cardinal MacRory, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland; Edward Joseph, Archbishop of Dublin, and Primate of Ireland; the Archbishops of Cashel and Tuam, and all the other Bishops of the country. The Pastoral was read at all public Masses throughout Ireland on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30.

The dawn is already upon us of the year 1922, which will be an eventful one for this country. The pastoral says: "For in that year Ireland will celebrate with uplifted hearts the Fifteenth Centenary of her National Apostle, St. Patrick, and will be the centre of world-wide attention as the scene of the International Eucharistic Congress, that is then to assemble in Dublin."

God's Glory and Nation's History.—"Supremely religious as these united celebrations will be, and international in their Eucharistic appeal to the Catholic world, they will have a special interest for Ireland, not merely because they are to be carried out in Dublin, and will constitute a National event of unique magnitude and grandeur, but also because they embody ideas and awaken memories that stir the faith and plenty of every Irishman! For

it was St. Patrick brought us our Blessed Lord, The Bread of Life, in the Holy Eucharist; and the International Eucharistic Congress of 1932 will be at once the celebration of God's glory and a nation's history.

"When St. Patrick knelt the Paschal Pile on the Hill of Slane, in view of the royal court then assembled on Tara, he kindled a fire in the Heart of Ireland that has never gone out, and the undying radiance of which, through the long and chequered centuries of her succeeding history, has made her name familiar and famous throughout the Catholic world. Her chiefs and princes on that occasion, as if by a gentle instinct, recognized the native Apostle as the ambassador of a King higher than themselves, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the

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### Government Regulations In British Africa Cause Catholic Schools Trouble

Stringent Rules Make It Impossible For Many Schools to Meet Increased Financial Cost—Secret Hostility Is Felt.

(Fides Service)

Vatican City, Dec. 12.—"How will the Government drive for more education in British Africa affect Catholic schools?" remains a live issue among the missionaries. The goodwill of the authorities in London was noted during his tour of visitation by His Excellency Archbishop Arthur Hinsley, now Apostolic Delegate in East Africa, but the application of the new program is recognized as representing hardships for numerous Catholic missions.

Some of these hardships come from unfriendliness more or less veiled on the part of local officials, who often are not merely antipathetic to educational activities of Catholics, but of all missionaries. Some of the difficulties arise from the physical impossibility of poor missions to meet the higher standards which the Government wishes to establish.

Some Schools Closed

Disquieting evidence of this latter sort comes from Swaziland in South Africa, where the number of schools for 1930 compared with 1929 has been reduced by 13. The Province counting 47 now in place of 60. Financial inability to meet the Government requirements is given as the reason, it being noted that Protestant missions are less unfortunate in this respect. "We simply have not the means to build and furnish schools as have the Protestants," states the Fides Correspondent, "nor can we pay the prohibitive salaries of the teachers with our miserable income."

In parts of South Africa the Gov-

ernment is seeking to abolish denominational instruction in native schools and to establish inter-denominational united schools. The Catholics have drawn upon themselves bitter attacks by holding out for a principle which they seek to maintain throughout the world, the independent education of Catholic children in a Catholic atmosphere. However, educational authorities seem appreciative of good accomplished wherever found. As an instance, the Fides Correspondent of Kronstadt reports a highly satisfactory report of the school of the Sisters of Notre Dame of Namur, Kronstadt by the Departmental Inspector for Native Education in the Orange-Free State. Special mention was made of the "unselfish and hard work of the Sisters."

### Condemned To Death, Asks To Be Baptized

(Fides Service)

Salem, India, Dec. 12.—A touching request by a condemned man for the baptism which his father had prevented him from having as a child was received recently by the Rev. J. Mercier, Vicar of the Cathedral of Salem, South India, who visits regularly the great Central Penitentiary at Salem, Madras Presidency, South India. Passing the cells of those condemned to death, he was stopped by a pitiful cry: "I pray, let me be baptized before I die." The story of the man revealed he had studied in a mission school, but had been prevented from being baptized by his father.

The Central Penitentiary at Salem houses the criminals of the Madras Penitentiary with its 42,300,000 inhabitants. Entree to the prisoners' cells is granted to the priests of the Cathedral. Catholics number 35 among the 1,200 general prisoners and two among the 79 leper convicts in a special section. Mass is said once a month, with confessions the previous day, and rosaries and books are distributed gratis to the men.

### Chinese General Visits The Tomb Of Bp. Versiglia

(Fides Service)

Shichow, China, Dec. 12.—"Peace seems to have returned," is the joyous note of latest reports from Shichow, Kwantun, China, scene of the murder of Bishop Versiglia in February, 1930. Following the victory of the Cantonese, the communist brigands have scattered.

Further arguments for the future are seen in the recent visit of General Tchou-Mens-Shu, Governor of Canton, to the Catholic College of Shichow conducted by the Salesians of Don Bosco. The Governor promised great consideration for missionary works, and spent several minutes in silence before the tomb of Bishop Versiglia.

### Rosa Ponsella Leading Soprano Of America Now

NEW YORK—New laurels are coming to Rosa Ponsella, little Bridget Coni, who made good in the city. As star of the Metropolitan Opera her work is exciting the praise of critics. Not so many years ago she was a choir singer in a Connecticut church. Although she worked in a factory, she was determined that she would be developed. A encouragement came, from her pastor. As she advanced she went abroad to study. Today she is called America's "outstanding dramatic soprano."



ROSA PONSSELLA

### Actor's Chapel Is Rededicated In New York City

Cardinal Hayes Officiates at Service in Remodeled St. Malachy's—Many Actors Present.

New York, Dec. 12.—With Cardinal Hayes officiating, and with Bishop Dunn and nearly 100 priests present, and a capacity congregation that included many distinguished actors, the newly remodeled St. Malachy's Church—popularly known as the "Actors' Chapel"—was rededicated Sunday. The church is located on 49th Street, between Broadway and Eighth Avenue, and most of the Catholic actors in New York City attend services here.

The church was reopened after many months of remodeling and redecorating, and with an additional seating capacity of 500. Cardinal Hayes officiated at a Pontifical Mass, and he made a brief talk at the conclusion of the Mass. He commended the work of the Rev. Edward J. Leonard, pastor of the church, and described the church itself as "a temple of God in the greatest playground of the world."

World of Make-Believe—"Here this church stands in the midst of a world of unreality," Cardinal Hayes continued. "This world of make-believe and time of fads and fashions and pleasures. Some of it is legitimate and some of it is illegitimate. This tabernacle is situated on the crest of a hill. The hill runs down to the city, and it is a valley of truth and grace. In this church the voice of Christ calls to men and women to adjust their pleasures to their eternal salvation."

Bishop John J. Dunn celebrated the Mass. He was assisted by three former pastors of the church, the Rev. Patrick Quinn of Mount Vernon, the Rev. William J. Bonahue of Tarrytown, and the Rev. John Mas (alias of Ellenville, N. Y.).

Noted Actors Present

Among the clergy who attended the services were Msgr. Thomas O'Keefe and Msgr. Joseph P. Chadwick, who served as deacons to the Cardinal, and Msgr. Joseph P. Delaney. Members of the lay and theatrical profession included Sir Harry and Lady Armstrong of the British Consulate, Donald Brian, president of the Catholic Actors' Guild of America, Mr. and Mrs. William Gaxton, Wallace Ford, Edward J. Kelly, Pedro de Cordova, Gene Buck, Wilton Lackaye, Eva Condon, Frank Craven, Fritz Scheff, Blanche King, Brandon Tyan, Eloise Taylor and Nell Kinsley.

### Beautiful Monstrance



In the New York art galleries the Guelph treasures, valued at more than \$5,000,000, are on exhibition at this time. Among them is an elaborate silver monstrance, pictured above. This monstrance is 600 years old, and was recently brought to this country with the other Guelph treasures.

The Church of St. Apollinaris in Ravenna, Italy, is perhaps the most important existing early Christian basilica. It was begun in 534 and is noted for its very singular circular tower, which is 120 feet high.

### Quin Ryan, Radio Announcer, Wins Much Popularity

CHICAGO—Few radio announcers excepting Ted Husing and Graham McNamee are better known to radio listeners than Quin Ryan, who is a native of Chicago. He is a voice carried all over the country. He announces anything and everything from church music to football games and newspaper comics. He started out as a Chicago Tribune reporter, became a columnist on another paper, and eventually returned to the Tribune when it started its radio station.



QUIN RYAN

### Bandits Free Priests Taken On April 26th

Father Laffin and Linehan, Two Irish Missionaries in China, Are Turned Loose—Others Also Set Free.

Shanghai, Dec. 12.—Fathers P. Laffan and J. Linehan, Irish members of the St. Columban's mission attached to Hanyang, who were captured on April 26 when 4,000 bandits sacked Sien-tsoo-shan on the Han River, looted the mission property and carried off all the foreigners, have been released. The details were lacking, but both are now safe aboard a gunboat at Yochow.

Other Priests Freed

Bishop Mignani, Catholic prelate who was captured by Reds and allowed to come here to collect ransom for priests and nuns captured with him telegraphed from Kiangsu that six Chinese priests and five Chinese Sisters had been released, but that the Reds had sent five foreign Sisters and four foreign fathers to Tang, Kiangsu, under escort. It was feared here that the hardships of a march through the hilly country would be a great strain on the older nuns. Tang is 40 miles east of Kiangsi. The missionaries were captured on Oct. 14.

Two Women Captured

Bandits recently captured an American woman missionary, Mrs. R. C. Hayward and her British nurse, Miss E. Stonehill. Mrs. Hayward is a resident of Seattle, Wash., where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Farquharson, live, according to the records of the China Inland Mission here. Mrs. Hayward and her husband are attached to the mission at Langchow conducted by the China Inland Mission, and left this country in 1925. She was on her way to a hospital to be operated upon for cancer when captured with her nurse.

### Minnesota Nun Fatally Burned In Chapel Fire

Burning Oil from Exploded Sanctuary Lamp Set Fire to Her Clothing in Convent Chapel.

Stillwater, Minn., Dec. 12.—Sister Juconda Landisch, 50-year-old Benedictine nun, died a few days ago from burns suffered when she attempted to extinguish a fire in the chapel of St. Mary's Convent in Stillwater on Dec. 8.

Two other nuns, Sister Ebarista and Sister Philothia, were burned seriously when they attempted to save Sister Juconda. The remaining occupants of the convent made several trips up a burning stairway with buckets of water before the fire was extinguished.

An explosion in the small chapel awakened the nuns, Sister Juconda, who had arrived at the convent Friday from the Benedictine house at St. Joseph, Minn., was the first to reach the chapel.

A sanctuary lamp filled with oil and left burning before the altar had exploded and oil from the glass container had been splattered about the room. Sister Juconda's heavy garments caught the flames and before other Sisters could come to her aid she was burned, fatally. She died in a Stillwater hospital a few hours after being brought there.

### Diocese Charges That City Discriminates Against Our Schools

Suit Is Brought to Have Portland, Oregon, Zoning Law Declared Unconstitutional—City Offers Various Objections in Explanation of Refusal to Permit Erection of School

#### DIOCESE ASKS COURT TO ENJOIN CITY AND COMPEL THE ISSUANCE OF PERMIT

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12.—Attorneys for Archbishop Edward D. Howard, D.D., head of the Portland Diocese, have filed their answer to the contention of the City Attorney of Portland that other reasons than discrimination against Catholics were the cause of the city's recent refusal to grant a permit for the erection of a parochial school in All Saints' parish in this city. The diocesan attorneys contend that discrimination is the real cause, and they ask the Circuit Court to issue an injunction requiring the city of Portland to issue the permit for the proposed parochial school. A decision by the Court is expected shortly.

Discrimination Charged.—The refusal of the city of Portland to grant the permit for this parochial school is believed by diocesan authorities to be a continuation of the bigoted feeling which was back of the so-called Oregon School Law, enacted a few years ago, prohibiting parochial schools in the State, and declared unconstitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court.

The city of Portland recently passed an ordinance prohibiting the erection of all schools in residential sections unless a permit were issued for each school by the city. Permits for public schools have been issued without question, but the permit has been refused for this parochial school. It is the first school for which the city has refused to issue a permit since the enactment of the ordinance.

City Attorney Explains.—The city attorney denies that there is any discrimination against Catholics in this matter. He says the proposed school would be erected on a street heavily traveled and that it would be dangerous to the safety and

### Father, Catholic, Denied Right to Take His Daughter From Her M. E. Grandparents

Court of Appeals Refuses to Give World War Veteran Possession of His Child—Religion Is Involved.

Albany, Dec. 12.—The Court of Appeals, in a decision just handed down, affirms the decisions of lower courts that Fred J. Croissant, a Jefferson County highway engineer, and World War veteran, cannot remove his 12-year-old daughter from the home of her grandparents to bring her up in the Catholic faith.

The affirmation by the Court of Appeals upheld the decision of Supreme Court Justice Edward N. Smith and the Appellate Division.

Father Was Overseas.—The case dated from January, 1929, when Croissant invoked habeas corpus proceedings to obtain possession of his daughter, Marjorie. The girl was born while Croissant was on his way overseas in 1918. The child's mother, a Protestant, died a few weeks later, and the infant was taken to the home of her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens of LeRoy. The Stevens are Methodists. They have kept the girl ever since.

Justice Smith, in announcing his decision, said the question of religion could not interest the court and

### 70 Missionaries Arrive in African Port in One Month

(Fides Service)

Dar-es-Salaam, East Africa, Dec. 12.—Seventy Catholic missionaries—priests, sisters and brothers—passed through the African port of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika Territory, on their way to various missions, during the month of October, 1930. Many of the new arrivals had spent some time in England to familiarize themselves with the English language, and several obtained their qualifications for teaching in English colonies. The distribution of the missionaries as to society is as follows: Congregation of the Holy Ghost, one priest; Congregation of the Sons of the Sacred Heart, Verona, Italy, one priest; Benedictines of St. Quillain, one priest, three brothers and nine sisters; Capuchins of the Swiss Province, four priests and five sisters; Society of Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers), 19 priests, 18 brothers and 11 sisters. The five religious societies mentioned care for 307,389 Catholics in Tanganyika Territory.

### New Seminary Is Dedicated In Indo-China

Hui-Chu, Tonkin, Indo-China, Dec. 12.—His Excellency, the Most Rev. Columbo Dreyer, Apostolic Delegate to Indo-China, officiated at the recent inauguration of the Central Tonkin Seminary at Hui-Chu, Indo-China. This institution will be attended by students for the preparation from the three Vicarates of Tonkin, which have a Catholic population of approximately half a million souls. The building cost 1,500,000 francs, the greater part of which was given by the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide.

### Pope Receives Japanese Prince And His Suite

Vatican City, Dec. 12.—The Pope recently received Prince Noruhito and his suite. The Prince had just returned from his mission to the Holy Land. The Pope received him in the audience hall and spoke to him for some time. The Prince and his suite are in the Vatican for a few days.