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**Priest-Editor Says Paganism Is Growing Here**

Rev. Francis X. Talbot, S.J., Calls Upon Catholics to Stem the Tide of Diabolical Teachings.

New York, Dec. 19. — More than 250 members of the New York Circle of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae attended the annual Communion breakfast of that body in the Hotel Plaza here last Saturday morning and heard the Rev. Francis X. Talbot, S. J., literary editor of "America," make an appeal for Catholics to stem the tide of diabolical teachings in this country and put forth every effort to check the growth of neo-paganism in America.

"We are at a turning point," Father Talbot said. "For 150 years Protestantism has been the strongest element in the United States and now this non-Catholic but Christian culture is vanishing. It is a wave that is receding. And now another wave is coming up, a wave that is dangerous to us and to Protestantism—the neo-pagan culture. Instead of God-fearing people, we have those on the horizon who have no belief in God.

Assaults Neo-Paganism  
"This neo-pagan culture is as direct as the old pagan culture, but more diabolical. The old Greeks and Romans had natural wisdom and natural goodness. They feared God, though not Christ, for Christ had not come. This pagan culture knows Christ and rejects Him. It is growing, and is more and more menacing. We have today legislation that ignores Christ, books that deny the existence of God, and scoff at it and plays that travesty natural-goodness and exalt unnatural vice.

"We are living at a most important point in the history of this country. There is an opportunity for us to effect a turn in the right direction. Why don't we Catholics arouse a tidal wave that will bring Catholic culture fairly and squarely into the United States today?"

"We have come to the point where we Catholics are the greatest number of all the religious bodies in the country. We are growing in wealth and power. Now is the acceptable time for us to attempt to accomplish much. Now is the time for our various organizations to strike and strike hard in order to put the Catholic idea before our people."

The alumnae received communion from Cardinal Hayes at St. Patrick's Cathedral before the breakfast. He was assisted in the celebration of the Mass by the Rev. J. Francis McIntyre, assistant secretary to the Cardinal. Cardinal Hayes was unable to attend the breakfast, but conveyed his greetings through Msgr. Thomas G. Carroll, chancellor of the archdiocese.

Hails Ideals of Group  
Msgr. Carroll said the ideals of the Catholic Alumnae were of immense importance at this time. He knew of nothing that was more needed at this time, he said, than an objective standard of morals in the social world. He said it was "time to go to those who had had a Catholic education to see how people listened to a new prophet of the new and novel," to one who says something contrary to the old Catholic teaching. There is no historical warrant, he said, for people taking as "right" what pleases them, and vice versa.

He hailed the alumnae as an organization "which is bound to fight for the old standards and for nothing based on a more complete understanding of the Word of God."

Lady Armstrong Honored  
Lady Armstrong, wife of the retiring British Consul General and a trustee of the New York Circle, presented on behalf of the group to Miss Corinne Roche, who retired at the conclusion of yesterday's luncheon after four years as regent, a painting, on ivory and encased in bronze, of the Madonna and Child. Before handing over the gavel to her successor, Mrs. George T. Bradford, Miss Roche moved that Lady Armstrong be made a permanent trustee of the circle. This motion was unanimously adopted.

**Training School Will Be Started Among Cannibals**

(Fides Service)  
Kaduna, West Africa, Dec. 15. — A Teachers' Training School among the wild and even cannibalistic tribes of Northern Nigeria is to be instituted at Shendam, by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Porter, of the Society of African Missions of Lyons, Prefect Apostolic of Northern Nigeria. The most promising boys are to be selected from the 10 native village schools in the Plateau Province and given a three years course to fit them for evangelizing and educating the pagan towns.

"The standard of education is at a very low ebb in the Northern Provinces of Nigeria, as the pagans do not appreciate the value of education and in certain instances are bitterly opposed to it. A few of the tribes are still savage, and given to cannibalism. The priests of the Irish Province of the African Missions of Lyons are in charge.

Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.—Confucius.

**CHRISTMAS**  
By EDWARD SANDFORD MARTIN  
In Menard Family Herald

THOUGH doubtless doubt and scoffs  
And pass on earth seems still far off  
Though learned doctors think they know  
The gospel stories are not so  
Though greedy man is greedy still  
And covetous choice good-will  
While rich men sigh and poor men fret  
Dear God we can't spare Christmas yet  
Time may do better—maybe not;  
Meanwhile let's keep the day we've got  
On Bethlehem's birth and Bethlehem's star  
Whence our expectations rise  
Christmas, when our children love  
Where for us may run the line  
Where human merges with divine,  
We're dull indeed if we can't see  
What Christmas feelings ought to be,  
And dull again if we can doubt  
It's worth our while to bring them out.  
"Glory to God, good-will to men!"  
Come! Feed it, show it, give it cheer!  
Come to us, Christmas, good old day,  
Soften us, cheer us, say your say  
To hearts which chafe, too eager, keep  
In bonds, while fellow-feeling sleeps.  
Give Christmas, when our children love,  
We love you, and Life is shown  
Our care, our fears, our small distress  
Open our hands and stir the fire  
Of helpful fellowship within us,  
And back to love and kindness win us!

**Very Rev. Lewis J. O'Hern, Brother of Bishop O'Hern, Dies in Washington, D.C.**

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worked intimately with them all and was a friend and comrade to them all. The sermon was a beautiful and touching tribute to a priest who had well earned the best eulogy it was possible to give him.

The Mass was sung by the Paulist Choristers under the direction of Father Finn, and it was sung with such sweetness and beauty that it made a deep impression upon all in attendance.

After the final blessing by Cardinal Hayes, the body was placed in the crypt of the church, there to await God's call on the last day, there to rest and sleep the sweet sleep of death.

From the Rochester Diocese  
—A large delegation of priests, Sisters and laymen were present at the funeral from the Rochester Diocese. These included the Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D.D., Archbishop of Vancouver; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Vicar General; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Nolan, Chancellor; the Rev. Andrew B. Meehan, president of St. Bernard's Seminary; Mother Sylvester, from the mother-house of the Sisters of St. Joseph; Sister Marcella, principal of Nazareth Academy, and other Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Mercy.

Rev. J. J. Bresnahan, Rev. John P. Brophy, Rev. George V. Burns, Rev. Edward J. Byrne, Rev. Joseph S. Cameron, Rev. John M. Duffy, Rev. J. Emil Gefell, Rev. Joseph H. Gefell, Rev. Joseph E. Grady, Rev. Francis Luddy, Rev. Benedict Maselli, Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Rev. Charles F. Shay, Rev. F. W. Stauder, Rev. John B. Sullivan, all of Rochester.

Rev. William Byrne, Ithaca; Rev. Thomas F. Caraher, Perry; Rev. Martin J. Clancy, Honeyoy Falls; Rev. Andrew Dissett, Lyons; Rev. Joseph Dissett, Stanley; Rev. E. Joseph Esser, Trumansburg; Rev. Paul Gaffney, Industry; Rev. Rev. James Griffin, Corning; Rev. Patrick A. Kelly, Hammondsport; Rev. Francis J. Lane, Elmira; Very Rev. Walter J. Lee, Geneva; Rev. Raymond Lynd, Nunda; Rev. John E. Maselli, Dansville; Very Rev. John McGrath, Auburn; Rev. William McPadden, Geneva; Rev. Charles E. Muckle, Avon; Rev. George V. Pedmore, Spencerport; Rev. Edward B. Simpson, Phelps.

**Musa Caravan Plans a Party For Christmas**

Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra, will have a Christmas party in Columbus Civic Center on Monday evening, December 22nd. It was announced this week by Grand Commander Herman G. Hetzler.

Following a short business session, the meeting will be turned over to Master of the Oasis Charles G. Mahon, who will have charge of the entertainment. Jack Werz, nationally known self-defense expert, will give demonstrations and a talk on self-defense. "Santa Claus" will be present and there will be a Christmas tree.

**St. John Knights And Auxiliary of The Cathedral**

Held Joint Christmas Party, and Each Organization Elected Officers for the Coming Year.

Cathedral Auxiliary, No. 262 and Commandery No. 106, Knights of St. John, affiliated with St. Patrick's Cathedral, joined forces for their Christmas party, held after the ladies' meeting Monday evening. Rev. Benedict Ehlmann and members of the Commandery were the invited guests of the ladies. Refreshments were served and gifts exchanged.

The Auxiliary has elected the following officers for the coming year: Spiritual advisers: Rev. Charles F. Shay and Rev. Benedict Ehlmann; President, Maude Murphy; first Vice President, Loreto Stock; second Vice President, Helen Guider; Recording Secretary, Margaret Welch; Financial Secretary, Clementine Scahill; Treasurer, Mable Hall; Messenger, Agnes Toner; Sentinel, Martha Newman; Guard, Anne Suedt; Trustee, Barbara Mertyn; Madelyn Dougherty, Lucy Mortyn; Representative to the District, Mary R. Keller; Physician, Maurice Culhane, M.D.

Commandery No. 106 elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Chaplain, Rev. Charles F. Shay; Assistant Chaplain, Rev. Benedict Ehlmann; President, Charles J. Keller; first Vice President, William P. Ryan; second Vice President, William P. Stock; Recording Secretary, Edward Flass; Financial Secretary, Major Joseph J. Keller, A.D.C.; Treasurer, Peter J. Feeney; Trustees, John Ryan, William Ryan, Leo Keller, Charles Shippy, Charles Keller, Captain, F. Heriberto; First Lieutenant, John F. Ryan; Second Lieutenant, C. J. Keller.

Plans are being made to hold a joint installation of the newly elected officers of the Commandery and Auxiliary.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kenning of St. Paul Boulevard have returned from a ten-day trip to New York.

Miss Anne Finucane of Clover Road is home from the Sacred Heart School at Kenwood to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Finucane.

Miss Marie Collins returned to-day from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Collins of St. Paul Street.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lawless, Miss Mary and Miss Betty Lawless of East Boulevard have issued invitations for dinner on December 22, at the Oak Hill Country Club.

Earl W. Scherer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Scherer of Jefferson Avenue, is home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Scherer is a senior at the University of Notre Dame.

Miss Betty McNeil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. McNeil of Avery Street is home from Trinity College, Washington, D. C., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Geraldyn E. Gallery of Folsard Avenue entertained at bridge recently in honor of Miss Sophia Miller of Rising Place, who will enter the Convent of Notre Dame, Baltimore, Md., in January.

Austin W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Smith of Raines Park will return Saturday from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., where he is a student, to spend the Christmas recess with his parents.

Mrs. Caesar Sounfett of Oxford Street entertained at luncheon Saturday at the Geneva Club in honor of Mrs. Fausta Vittoria Mengarini of Italy, who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Louis D'Amador of North Street.

Miss Mary Dowling of Warwick Avenue, Miss Dorothy Bohrer of Thorndyke Road and Miss Mary Elizabeth O'Connell of Windsor Boulevard will return Saturday from the College of New Rochelle for the holidays.

Chief of Police Andrew J. Kavanaugh gave a talk to the Zonta Club on Tuesday noon this week, at a meeting of the Club at the Rochester Club. He was heard with appreciation, and was given a cordial vote of thanks at the conclusion of his talk.

Jerry Kennedy, a student at Hamilton College, Clinton, son of Mrs. William F. Love of Westminster Road, will be home for the holidays. He will attend the Junior League dance in Syracuse Monday evening.

Charles Kennedy, a student at La Salle Military Academy, Oakdale, L. I., will return to his home Saturday.

The following students are home from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., for the Christmas holidays: Miss Helen McCool, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCool of Brockport; Miss Mona Sheehan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sheehan of Gorline Street, and Miss Eleanor Guntert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Guntert of Post Avenue.

Pope Receives Premier  
Vatican City, Dec. 15.—The Pope last Friday granted an audience to Prime Minister James Henry Scullin of Australia and Mrs. Scullin, Charles Bewley, the Irish Free State representative at the Vatican, acted as interpreter.

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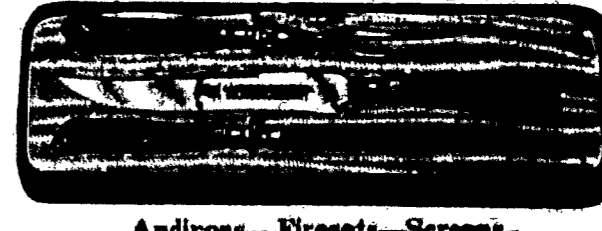
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