

Catholic Women Do Worthy Work For Unemployed

Feed Many Thousands of Poor Every Day, and Provide Food, Clothing, Fuel and Help Get Jobs for Many.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Means employed to feed, clothe and sustain the morale of their jobless co-religionists were stressed by Miss Agnes G. Regan, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women and assistant director of the National Catholic School of Social Service, in a radio talk "Catholic Women and Welfare," under the auspices of the Women's Division of the President's Emergency Committee for Employment, from Station WRC, Washington, D. C., on a recent afternoon.

The local groups of the Catholic Daughters of America, the Daughters of Isabella, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, Catholic Women's Union, and other parish societies, said Miss Regan, are co-operating with the Junior League, the Y. W. C. A., the Jewish Welfare Board and the Red Cross to accomplish various and diversified emergency relief measures.

Widespread Activity
Women in Catholic groups, Miss Regan said, have contributed thousands of dollars to aid unemployed men and women who have employed men and women to do work in the home and to do construction jobs at their charitable institutions. They have maintained free employment bureaus, found jobless men and women to do needed work, prepared and distributed food, clothing, fuel, and other necessities to the needy, collected clothing, gave free hospitalization to the sick, fed the hungry, assumed the insurance responsibility of many unemployed men and women and sponsored many other helpful projects, she said.

Several organizations report the maintenance of the employment bureaus. One in the far Northwest reports the finding of jobs during December for 26 men and in January for 29. A League of Catholic Women in the Middle West reports the placement, in co-operation with the Y. W. C. A. and the Jewish Welfare Board, of 400 women—also provision of hospital care.

Helping the Red Cross
Many groups report active co-operation with the Red Cross in their work. Of particular interest is the tremendous number of women reported by certain groups who volunteered their services to do the hard labor entailed in the preparation and distribution of food to the needy. In some cases, such volunteers have carried this work on steadily for the past month.

One organization reports 15 workers who are doing clerical service in the free employment bureaus, and relief agencies. Great numbers have volunteered their services in the collection and distribution of food and clothing. This is done to safeguard the self-respect of families who have never before asked aid.

Members of religious communities in the Catholic Church and hospitals have lent their aid through the collection and repair of clothing, and in the hospitals through the free care of the sick and the distribution of food. One hospital in Philadelphia reports an average of 1,800 persons a day supplied with meals for the past two months. This could be multiplied many times.

Fund Provided To Perpetuate Early Irish Mass.

Dublin, Feb. 27.—The Government has set aside an annual grant of \$10,000 for the reproduction in facsimile of the great early Irish manuscript, the Book of Kells. This grant is made in the result of the recommendations of the Ancient Manuscripts Commission.

The great bulk of the ancient Irish manuscripts, such as the Yellow Book of Lecan and the Annals of the Four Masters, were written in the twelfth century. The most celebrated of these works is the Book of Kells, a copy of the Four Gospels, the subject of which deal with the life of Jesus, such as genealogy and Christ's history.

American and German scholars, who visited Ireland last year, said the Book of Kells is the most important manuscript in the world and that it is the only one of its kind.

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Free Shoe Repairing Bureau Conducted by Windsor, Canada, K. of C., Wins Immediate Success

More Than Five Thousand Pairs of Shoes Repaired For Needy Persons During the Months of December and January.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 27.—Last November Windsor Council, Knights of Columbus, voted a fund of \$1,500 for the establishment of a free shoe repair bureau for needy residents of Windsor, Walkerville, Sandwich, LaSalle, East Windsor and Riverside. The bureau was founded and was opened to all poor people, irrespective of race, creed or color. In two months, December and January, more than 5,000 pairs of shoes were repaired free of charge by the Bureau, and the work is still going ahead with amazing progress.

Swamped with Work
In the first two weeks of operation, the bureau was literally swamped with applications for aid. The services of police several times were required to line-up the crowds which gathered. Col. Vinton, Ontario superintendent of the Red Cross, declared that it was the finest relief enterprise he had ever seen and that he intended to suggest similar bureaus be organized in cities throughout Canada.

The \$1,500 appropriated for the

Second Vatican City Census Shows Total Population of 882, With Two Native-Born Residents

Population Increased 304 in One Year—No American Resident There Now—Forty-three Cardinals Have Died in the Past Eight Years.

Vatican City, Feb. 27.—The statistical bureau of the Governor of Vatican City completed its second census of the smallest sovereign State in the world on Dec. 17, 1929, and a month later published the results, together with certain observations on the personnel of the College of Cardinals, the telephone and postal services, and official changes made in the last twelve months, as for example:

The term State del Vaticano, or Vatican State, which appears in the list of Latin treaties ratified June 7, 1929, will henceforth only be used in the diplomatic correspondence of the Secretary of State as denoting the sovereign State, which includes not only the 108.7 acres, known as Vatican City, but also the thirteen acres in Rome which, by virtue of the Lateran treaties, are under its jurisdiction. The designation "Vatican City" will be used on all other occasions, where it is necessary to indicate the See and Church of Rome or the Papal Government and its congregation.

The Official Paper
L'Osservatore Romano, although it continues to be published week days in Vatican City, is no longer termed the "official organ." That term is applied to the Acta Apostolicae Sedis, for whose contents alone the government of Vatican City holds itself responsible. In the daily paper the responsible parties are those who sign the articles—from the Pope down. Thus editorial comment in the Osservatore may be official, or it may not.

The population of Vatican City, which in 1928 numbered 582, now has increased to 882, including the number of foreign residents which has remained exactly the same—230. When the first census was completed, Dec. 1, 1925, the citizens of Vatican City numbered 528; now they number 622. The two thousand designated as "citizens by birth" are still alive, and their number has not been augmented. The origin of the other citizens was as follows: Italian 339, now 495; Swiss (The Swiss Guard) 111, now 113; French 11, now 8; German 8, now 5; Spanish 2, now 2; United States 1, now 0; Belgian 1, now 0; Norwegian 1, now 2; Austrian 1, now 1; Dutch 1, now 0.

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Eucharistic Congress Authorities in Dublin Are Collecting Photos of Churches Named in Honor of Ireland's Patron Saint.

Mymensingh, Bengal, Feb. 27.—From Rev. Timothy Crowley, C. S. C., D. D., Bishop of Dacca, himself a Limerick man, comes news that may be of interest to Irish hearts: "I had a very mortifying experience two weeks in this way: I was asked on behalf of the Eucharistic Congress authorities in Dublin to send a picture of the churches in the Dacca Mission dedicated to St. Patrick. Had I been asked to send pictures of chapels dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, to St. Joseph, to St. Anthony, to St. Francis Xavier, how pleased I should have been to comply with Mr. O'Reilly's demand. But it is a Church of St. Patrick he wants. I am sorry to say I cannot do it, but there is not one such in all of Eastern Bengal. The Bishop of Bengal is hoping someone will donate sum of \$2,000 to build Church Named St. Patrick.

There is only one real failure possible, and that is, not to be true to the best one knows.—Oscar Furrer.

One learns more metaphysics from a single contemplation than from all the philosophy.—Lowell.

14,000 Bowlers In Buffalo For Big Tournament

Buffalo, Feb. 27.—Some 14,000 bowlers, the greatest number of entrants ever assembled for a sporting event, are here ready to fight for cash prizes totaling \$92,661 when the annual international tournament of the American Bowling Congress opens today for a run of several weeks.

With 2,222 five-man teams, a record has been established in point of team entries. Their end of the pot of gold will be \$41,785. Then there are 3,650 doubles slated for action and they will shoot for \$23,128. In the singles there are 1,302 bowlers enrolled and they will compete for awards totaling \$27,748.

In addition to these there will be the \$1,500 consolation prize, or 3.1-3.2 per cent. of the total entry fees, to be apportioned among the 176 highest totals registered in the combined three regular events. Many bowlers from Rochester and vicinity are going to take part in the tournament.

Basketball Bounders

More Leary's Aquinas charges are coming along like a house on fire, playing a great game. A recent score, Palms, as taken by the score 23 to 12. Aquinas, snapped the lead right at the start, and never let go of it.

Creighton University team, all the way from Omaha, Neb., defeated Syracuse University 30 to 24 Saturday evening, after having lost to Syracuse on the previous evening 44 to 23. This is the third consecutive season these two gentlemen have divided their two-game series.

Notre Dame defeated Butler Saturday evening, on the Notre Dame court, 27 to 19, showing that the Notre Dame boys can play basketball as well as football.

Fordham took a fall out of New York University Saturday night by the close score of 27 to 26. It was a half-rising game, except for bad heads.

Villanova had the long end of a 22 to 13 score in a game with the last Lafayette team Saturday night.

CATHOLIC BOWLING LEAGUE

The Knights of St. George, in sixteenth place, the Catholic Bowling League last week, dropped to seventh this week, giving way to St. Andrew's team. There is no other change in team standings for the week. The St. Boniface team climbed a little farther place on the top of the ladder, with the Holy Redeemer team showing no thought of coming up in the race for the top. The team standings, as of February 22, are as follows:

	W	L	P.C.
St. Boniface	39	24	.619
H. R. A. A.	37	26	.587
Y. C. A.	32	30	.516
O. L. F. H.	31	32	.492
St. Andrew	31	32	.492
St. Andrew	30	33	.476
K. of St. Geo.	29	34	.460
St. Francis	22	41	.348

Asks Ministers To Stop Talking About Politics

New York, Feb. 27.—Religious leaders should spend less time in arguing, under the guise of religion, about political and social questions with which they are not experienced, Dr. Frederick B. Robinson, president of the College of the City of New York, told the Holy Bible Class in Riverside Church, Riverside Drive at 120th Street, yesterday morning. He distinguished between real religion, which is a personal experience, and methods of approach that are often mistaken for religion. He said: "I believe there is a necessity for more real religion and personal devotion on the part of religious leaders, and less time spent in arguing on political and social questions with which they are not experienced. We have professors for that who know far more about it than do the religious leaders to erect a religious spirit in the hearts and minds of the students."

St. Augustine's Mission To Open On March Eighth

Vincennes Fathers will conduct a two-week mission in St. Augustine's Church of Chin Avenue, beginning on March 8th, one week from Sunday. The first week will be for women, and the second for men. Everybody will be welcome to attend this mission, non-Catholics as well as Catholics, and the attendance will be exceptionally large. It is expected. The Rev. John H. O'Brien, rector of the Church, urges all parishioners to be faithful in their attendance.

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Who is dumb? He who does not know how to say kind things at the proper time.—Hindu.

A little learning is not a dangerous thing to one who does not make it for a great deal.

Revive the Building Industry And It Will Solve Unemployment, Ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith Says

When You Build a House You Set In Motion Many Thousands of Wheels, Mr. Smith Says—Get Rid of Bad Tenements, He Urges.

New York, Feb. 27.—In a radio talk over the Columbia Broadcasting System the other evening, Ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith made a plea for the revival of the building industry, and especially for the destruction of old and unsanitary tenement houses and their replacement with modern, sanitary buildings. He said the building industry must lead the way in every economic revival, and that when you build a house or block you set in motion many thousands of wheels in industry in every direction.

Building Helps Many Men
After pointing out that building construction engaged the work of many men in varied lines of activity, Mr. Smith made his suggestion concerning the ear-marking of funds for housing.

"The type of housing which I have in mind may be built for cooperative ownership, for individual ownership or in large blocks of apartments for rental," he added.

"In many parts of the country limited dividend companies have been formed which could utilize millions of dollars for the construction of this type of housing."

Remember Ugly Areas
While we go on modernizing our cities and building great skyscrapers and fine hotels and big apartment houses, let us remember the ugly areas where the masses of our population must live. Let us utilize this great opportunity when people's hearts are opened to the material needs of others to urge employment committees everywhere to take into consideration the use of funds to help get rid of bad tenements and build suitable homes for the poor.

"The type of people who are unemployed to-day have, many of them, never been out of a job before. They need the encouragement of work to do and not just charitable relief in the form of food and clothing. Work can be found for them if constructive relief is considered."

Nuns Have Made Splendid Record For Themselves and Their Orders By Their Work on the Battlefields

Their Devoted Work in the Civil War, Nursing Friend and Foe, Won Them World-Wide Praise—Friend of Lincoln Praised Them

Splendid work has been done at various times in the history of America by nuns of various religious orders when wars were needed on the battlefield or in the camp by the fighters of Uncle Sam.

Catholic Sisterhoods brought a training and a spirit to the work during the Civil War that gained the gratitude of the wounded and the admiration of observers, and gave a standard to those who would likewise serve.

The then Register of the Treasury, L. E. Childtenden, in his book, "Recollections of President Lincoln and His Administration," wrote of these Sisters: "Of all the forms of charity and benevolence seen in the crowded wards of hospitals, those of some Catholic Sisters were among the most efficient. I never knew whither they came or what was the name of their Order." After reciting facts in support of his statement, he continues: "More lovely than anything I have ever seen in art, so long devoted to illustrations of love, and mercy, and charity, are the pictures that remain of those modest Sisters going on their errands of mercy among the suffering and dying."

In the Spanish War
At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, although female nurses had not worked with the Army since Civil War days, the office of the Surgeon General was determined to rely upon their assistance. No specific means of selection had been decided upon. The Daughters of the American Revolution formed a committee known as the Hospital Corps. This committee was headed by Anita M. McGee, M. D. The offer of assistance to the Surgeon General's office finally resulted in the appointment of Dr. McGee as Acting Assistant Surgeon in charge of the nurses.

Catholic Nurse Honored
Miss Beatrice MacDonald, a Catholic, was the first woman of the A. E. F. wounded and the first woman to receive the Distinguished Service Cross. She was on duty with a British Casual Clearing Station, August 17, 1917.

Knute Rockie's Old Boss Is Wondering What Happened to Boy Who Used to Work for Him

Shoebogyan, Wis., Feb. 27.—Out here where the wolves and coyotes used to dig potatoes for the farmers, and where the air is as healthy as a pine tree on top of a mountain, there is a farmer with a golden memory of a shag-haired boy who used to milk his cows, dig his potatoes and eat his pork.

Which leads up to the fact that Knute Rockie recently met a school teacher from Manitowish, Wis., while in Texas. Knute remarked that he had worked on a farm in Manitowish County, Wis., 25 years ago when he was a boy in his teens. "It was the Henry Eberhardt farm," he remarked.

Henry Eberhardt was consulted. "Yes, there was a young fellow by the name of Knute working for me one summer vacation," he recalled. "By the way, what's become of him?"

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260 Missionaries Go to Mission Lands from U. S. and Canada in 1930

(Fides Service)
Vatican City, Feb. 27.—Canada and the United States gave to the mission territories of the world in 1930 a total of 260 priests, brothers and Sisters, according to unofficial lists which, necessarily, are incomplete.

The United States leads with the gift of 142 sons and daughters to the Foreign Missions, from 27 different religious orders or congregations. The countries to which they went include China, Japan, Africa, Alaska, India, Central and South America, and the scattered islands of the Pacific Ocean.

Canada gave to the cause 118 priests, brothers and nuns from 22 religious orders or congregations. To the above list of countries, Canada adds Indo-China, Syria and the great Canadian Northwest, a vast and distant mission territory.

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