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—Bishop O'Hern.

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The Catholic World Over

At Bogota, N. J., the Knights of Columbus Council has observed the bicentennial of Washington by electing George Washington as Grand Knight. His wife, Mrs. Martha Washington was elected president of the ladies' auxiliary.

Two men on bicycles recently rode 900 miles from Brussels to Lourdes on a pilgrimage to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. They covered the distance in four days. Last year a man traveled the same distance on foot and two years ago a young man walked from Charleroi, pushing a little cart before him on which was lying his invalid mother.

Two hundred and thirteen vocations in the first 50 years of its existence is the record of the Students' Sodality of St. Aloysius' College, Mangalore, India. Of these 153 belong to the diocesan clergy while 56 are members of the Society of Jesus

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Urge Interest Revival In Abstinence

Catholics Honoring Father Mathew Hear Plea For Cause of Total Abstinence; Advocated by Pope

Philadelphia — Emphasizing that they were discussing a religious and not a political issue, Most Right Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, and Rev. Daniel S. Coonahan, rector of St. Callistus' Church and president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America urged a revival of zeal in the Catholic total abstinence movement at a great outdoor demonstration in Fairmount Park recently.

Addressing the large throng assembled about the fountain dedicated in 1876 in honor of Father Mathew, apostle of the Catholic total abstinence movement, who induced more than 7,000,000 persons to sign the pledge, Bishop O'Hara appealed for "fresh energy in the Mathew movement."

Bishop O'Hara advocated total abstinence "not because use of strong drink is evil in itself but because human nature too easily passes from moderation to over-indulgence."

Depend on Moral Suasion

The Catholic total abstinence movement proceeds by moral suasion and has nothing to do with laws, said Bishop O'Hara. He added that the Catholic movement "in no way is affiliated with the organizations which are militant against manufacture, importation or sale of alcoholic beverages, though to some persons the ends might seem superficially the same. The Catholic total abstinence movement, he said, always has remained "a religious movement."

Bishop O'Hara commented that those interested in the movement have "seen with dismay and sadness a decline in interest."

"It is not for us to analyze the causes," he went on. "Some expressed the view it was ludicrous to maintain societies for total abstinence from alcoholic beverages, when the law led us to suppose such things were not available."

Quotes Pope Pius X

He added the Catholic total abstinence movement has "the highest ecclesiastical indorsement." He pointed out that Pope Pius X in 1906 declared that there is "no greater enemy to the commands of Christ than the abuse of strong drink."

Name Delegates For Rochester Meeting

Albany — Delegates to attend the convention in Rochester, N. Y., of the Catholic Central Verein of America on September 4, 5 and 6, were selected at a recent meeting of St. Joseph's Society of St. Lawrence Church, Troy.

Fred A. Vielkind and Joseph B. Bushwinger will be the delegates and John Hart and Henry Brahm, the alternates.

Confers First Music Degree

Quebec—Laval University has conferred its first degree of Doctor of Music on Canon Pelletier.

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K. C. Meeting To Attract Thousands

Niece of Cardinal Gibbons Will Unveil Statue, Feature Event of Golden Anniversary Convention

Washington—More than 100,000 persons are expected to attend the ceremony of the unveiling of the memorial statue of His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, Sunday, August 14 opening the Golden Anniversary Convention of the Knights of Columbus. The monument, a gift of the K. of C., will be presented to the United States Government. Fifty thousand Knights will attend the convention, which will be held August 14 to 17, inclusive.

The official program of the convention, just announced, will open with a parade of the Knights, including Fourth Degree, escorted by military and naval units, at 1:30 P. M. Sunday. His Excellency the Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will deliver the dedicatory address at the Cardinal Gibbons Memorial at 3 o'clock. The Most Rev. John M. McNamara, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, also will speak. The blessing will be pronounced by the Apostolic Delegate. A banquet will be held in the evening.

The formal opening of the convention proper is scheduled for 10:30 A. M., Monday, at the Mayflower Hotel, following Mass at St. Matthew's Church. The President of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia will deliver an address of welcome, to which Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody will respond. State Deputy Frederick J. Rice will preside. At noon automobiles will leave for Arlington National Cemetery and for Mount Vernon, where

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Cleveland Women Plan New Projects

Cleveland—Three new projects—development of a child-placing program, diocese-wide promotion of a more earnest study of international peace, and a youth cooperation movement—were announced by Mrs. W. J. Bushea, newly elected president, at the first meeting of the new officers of the Cleveland Diocesan Council of Catholic Women just held here. The meeting marked the seventh anniversary of the establishment of the Cleveland Diocesan Council.

In the child-placing program, Catholic women of the Diocese of Cleveland will be asked to aid the institutions and orphanages in providing homes for orphaned and dependent children. This work was carried on successfully last year by the Cleveland Deanery Council of Catholic Women, at the suggestion of the Rev. C. Hubert LeBlond, diocesan director of Catholic Charities. Miss Florence Mason, of the Children's Bureau of the Associated Charities, is the chairman in charge of this work.

Mrs. Frank McGowan, of Canton, is the chairman in charge of the promotion of study of international peace, and Miss Mereda Duffy, representing the Catholic Collegiate Association on the diocesan board, is chairman of the youth cooperation movement. The development of the last named movement is due in part to the initiative of the high school and college sodality groups of the Cleveland Diocese. At a high school sodality convention recently held here, and attended by upwards of 500 young men and women, the sodalists themselves asked the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to point out to them in what way they might participate in the work of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James A. McFadden, Auxiliary Bishop-elect of Cleveland and Chancellor of the Diocese, addressed the meeting and urged upon the members attendance at the convention of the National Council of Catholic Women to be held at Charleston, S. C., October 9 to 12. Mrs. Bushea will head the delegation going from Cleveland to the convention.

Girl to Unveil Memorial Statue

The unveiling of the statue of James Cardinal Gibbons, shown above, which is to take place in Washington, D. C., on August 14, will be a highlight of the Golden Anniversary convention of the Knights of Columbus, who are presenting the memorial to the country. Inset: Miss Margaret Gibbons Burke, of New Orleans, La., a grand-niece of Cardinal Gibbons, who has been selected to unveil the statue.

Blind Convert Exerting Influence Among Natives in Kaying, China

Kaying, China—Three years ago the Maryknoll priests of the Catholic Mission here gave shelter to a convert who appeared to be merely an object of charity, but who today is proving to be one of the mission's most valuable assets.

Approximately five years ago this young man, Vong Tsing Tsong by name, was studying in a local high school, when he suffered the loss of his sight. Although a pagan, he met this affliction with admirable courage.

One of his friends was studying the Catholic doctrine. Tsing Tsong asked to accompany him to the instructions. After the first visit he expressed a desire to be enrolled as a catechumen also. How was a blind man to study the catechism? The Maryknoll missioners solved the difficulty by having the Chinese boys in their Kaying Seminary read and reread the catechism while Tsing Tsong committed it to memory. He mastered it in an amazingly short time.

Brimming with zeal the blind convert returned to his native village, resolved to lead others to the Faith. However, his family absolutely refused to support him unless he assisted them in the manufacture of articles for superstitious practices, such as paper money used at pagan funerals, and so forth. The blind young man went back to the Maryknoll priests and explained his plight. Charity demanded that he be given shelter at the mission.

Studies Church Doctrine

Tsing Tsong then began to attend all the lectures given in the mission school for catechists. Owing to his close attention and uncanny memory he soon acquired a fine grasp on the doctrine. Naturally eloquent, he now surpasses all the other catechists of the Kaying Mission in the art of interesting pagans in the Faith. He occupies a small room close to the main gate of the Catholic compound and it is a rare occasion when there are not at least two or three pagans in his room. A number of Baptisms have already been the fruit of his zeal.

In the course of the last Chinese New Year festivities Tsing Tsong decided to give a series of informal talks about the Catholic Church. As this is the only time of the year when many of the Chinese people have leisure for recreation, the Maryknol-

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Death Claims Father Byrne, Noted Lazarist

St. Louis—The Very Rev. Peter Vincent Byrne, C.M., former president of Kenrick Seminary here and founder of De Paul University of Chicago, died late Thursday last week at De Paul Hospital. Father Byrne, who was 86 years old, had been a priest for sixty-three years.

Born in Ireland, he came to this country as a youth and received his preliminary education at Syracuse, N. Y. After studying at Niagara University he was ordained at New Orleans in 1869.

Father Byrne came to Kenrick Seminary in 1893 from St. Vincent's Church of Philadelphia. He remained here for three years. He later founded and was president of De Paul University of Chicago. He was also connected with St. Vincent's College at Cape Girardeau, Mo., and St. John's College of Brooklyn, N. Y.

After holding the most prominent posts of the Vincentian Order, Father Byrne went to Perryville, Mo., where for the last sixteen years he had been connected with St. Mary's Seminary.

The funeral was held at 9 o'clock on Monday morning at Perryville, where the central house of the order is located. Surviving relatives of Father Byrne reside at Syracuse, N. Y.

Father Scanlan Sings Silver Jubilee Mass

Katonah, N. Y.—Two of his brothers assisted as deacon and subdeacon and a third brother, Patrick Scanlan, editor of The Brooklyn Tablet, was seated in the congregation when the Very Rev. Arthur J. Scanlan, president of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Theological Seminary at Dunwoodie, celebrated Sunday the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination at a jubilee Mass in the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption here.

The Rev. Martin A. Scanlan, pastor of the church, was deacon and the Rev. Joseph Scanlan of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Fordham, the Bronx, was subdeacon. Bishop-elect James Kearney, recently appointed to the Salt Lake diocese, was in the sanctuary. The glee club of St. Mary's High School here sang the Mass. In the congregation were the Sisters of the Divine Compassion and the Sisters of Charity of Mt. St. Vincent.

Japanese Mission In Seatte Has 176 Conversions

Seattle—The recent appointment of the Rev. John C. Murrett, of Buffalo, N. Y., to the Maryknoll Fushun mission field in Manchuria has drawn attention to the remarkable development of the Maryknoll Mission for Japanese in this city, while under Father Murrett's direction.

When Father Murrett came here, in 1926, there was only one adult Japanese Catholic Catholic in the city. Since his arrival 176 Japanese converts have been received into the Church.

Eight grammar grades have been added to the kindergarten for Japanese children at the Maryknoll Mission.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, built by Father Murrett, was the first ecclesiastical building in this country in which the Japanese architectural style was adapted in church design.

The Maryknoll Mission has the distinction of having established the world's only Japanese conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Last year the Mission opened a Home for Aged Japanese. Father Murrett has also founded a monthly Japanese Catholic paper, Shinri ("The Truth").

Flying Over South Seas Missioner Brings the Sacraments to Natives

Techny, Ill.—The Rev. William Ross, S.V.D., who has been stationed for six years at Madang, New Guinea, recently returned to his mission after a perilous 280-mile trip by boat and airplane to the gold fields at Salamanca, of the South Sea Islands.

Because of the great distance and scarcity of missionaries, a priest is able to visit the Catholics in this district only once or twice a year. Thus, the work of conversion is extremely difficult.

The gold fields, situated at Wan, Eddie Creek and Black Cat on the Bulala River, were opened in 1925 and, after seven years, there is a population of 5,000 whites, of whom only 10 per cent are Catholics. Of the 2,000 natives at work in the mines, 15 per cent are Catholics.

There are no railroads in this section but a fleet of 16 airplanes come and go regularly.

Wan, where one of the gold fields is situated, is 35 miles inland and is in a beautiful valley 4,000 feet high. It is a busy center with a district office of the Government, a modern hotel and hospital and quaint little homes. Practically all supplies, not grown or manufactured there, are brought in by plane.

Eddie Creek, another gold field, is 7,000 feet high and at times bitter cold.

Owing to the multiplicity of languages and dialects on the mainland, the missionaries are developing a "pidgin" English and are using a primer, Catechism and Bible history in that dialect with great success. It is expected that a "pidgin" English paper will soon be published.

State Branch Central Verein Issues Call

"Prepare for Catholic Action" Theme for State Convention, States President Maron in Invitation

"The Message of Men of Good Will: Prepare for Catholic Action!" is the motto for the thirty-fifth annual convention of the New York State Branch of the Catholic Central Verein to be held here from September 3 to 5, invitations to which have just been issued by Dr. August G. Maron, of Brooklyn, president.

All parts of New York State will be represented by Catholics coming here to participate in the sessions which will be formally opened with a solemn pontifical Mass to be celebrated by the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., in St. Joseph's Church, Sunday morning, September 4.

F. P. Kenkel to Speak

Sunday evening, the customary mass meeting will be held in Columbus Civic Center with F. P. Kenkel, K.S.G., director of the Central Bureau of the Central Verein, at St. Louis as principal speaker.

A number of important social problems will be presented at the business sessions on Monday, September 5. Separate sessions for the Catholic Women's Union will also be held on that day.

In his call for the convention, Dr. Maron says:

"Once again the time for our convention is rapidly approaching, and it is gratifying to announce that Rochester has extended a hearty invitation to meet in their city for the fourth time. Nothing will be left undone to assure us a hearty welcome and to make this convention the outstanding one in the history of our organization.

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Plan Athletic Center For Catholic Boys

Chicago — A down-town athletic club for Catholics here soon will be a reality.

A long-term lease has been signed by the Catholic Youth Organization for four of the seven floors of the Congress Bank Building which hereafter will be known as the Catholic Youth Organization Athletic Center. The building is modern and is especially well fitted with equipment and space for athletic and recreational facilities. It contains fifty-two modern bowling alleys, gymnastic equipment, rubbing rooms, showers, hot rooms and other adjuncts of an up-to-date athletic club.

His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, in announcing plans for the early occupancy of the C. Y. O. Athletic Center, pointed out that last year alone the C. Y. O. attracted 200,000 boys and young men into its athletic programs, which covered the entire area of the archdiocese, embracing six counties.

"Bowling and boxing will be given special attention in the operation of the center," explained His Eminence. "This does not mean that the Church is promoting boxing with the idea of turning out professionals, but it does mean that we are going to teach boys how 'to take it on the chin,' if necessary, or more, accurately, teach them how to face the world and its knocks bravely and with self-assurance.

"I know of no better method of combating present-day indifferentism and the false standards of soft living and easy money, as reflected by innumerable stories and movies glorifying gangsters and social outlaws than by developing added interest in and greater appreciation of athletics.

"There was more than merit in the old Greek idea of 'a healthy mind in a healthy body.' There was common sense."

The staff of the center will include a number of former Notre Dame athletes, it was announced.

Redemptorists' Double Anniversary Celebration Takes Place This Year

Founding of Order, 200 Years Ago, and Coming to America, 100 Years Ago, Being Commemorated Throughout World During Jubilee Year

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY PLANS TRIDUUM IN NOVEMBER AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Rochester community of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, better known as the Redemptorists Fathers, will join with their confreres wherever the Order has priests and brothers in observing this year of 1932 as a jubilee year for the Congregation. Two hundred years ago on November 9, 1732, the order was established by St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori, Doctor of the Church, at Scala, near Amalfi, Italy, and just one hundred years ago the first Redemptorists arrived in America. They landed in New York on June 20, 1832, but it was ten years later, in 1842, that they established themselves in New York City.

A triduum in honor of the founding will be conducted in St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, in November, to commemorate the jubilee, according to the Rev. Louis J. Vollmer, C.Ss.R., rector of the Redemptorist church here. The Redemptorists came to Rochester in 1111 and will commemorate the centenary of their arrival in Rochester in three years. In 1841 they took permanent charge of St. Joseph's Church, here.

The celebration of the founding of the Redemptorists will be held throughout the world wherever the order is established. In this country the celebration of the anniversary will be combined with the celebration marking the completion of a century of successful missionary and parochial labor by the Redemptorists in America.

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K. C. Councils Plan Merger In Brooklyn

Facilities of Columbus Council to Be Available To Other Councils When Merger Is Completed

Brooklyn — Since last October representatives of many councils of the Knights of Columbus in Brooklyn have been discussing a merger. The conferences were initiated by a group of grand knights and were continued by committees from each of fourteen councils.

As might be expected, certain of the councils were opposed to a merger because of their desire to maintain their individual identity and associations which had existed for many years. Others and by far the majority considered that the welfare of the order would be better served by a few strong units than by the 22 individual councils which now exist in the Borough of Brooklyn.

The records show a rapid decrease in the membership of the order in the last ten years and it is a known fact that in Brooklyn the Catholic men have not shown the same lively active interest in the order that marked the pioneers. Many have expressed the opinion that the present general attitude would be changed if the facilities provided by Columbus Council at 1 Prospect Park West

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Laymen's Retreat In Madras, India, Is Well Attended

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Madras, India — A closed retreat for laymen, conducted by the Jesuit Fathers and preached by the Rev. Father C. Leigh, S.J., of Trichinopoly, was held at Loyola College, Madras, from May 14 to 18. It was attended by 126 men, including nine from Bangalore, which is 220 miles distant.

Several laymen who attended the retreat have recorded their impressions in the "Catholic Leader" and spoke in the highest terms of the beneficent influence of the retreat. One attendant wrote: "You know that I am an indifferent Catholic but I thank God that He gave me an opportunity to put the affairs of my soul in order before it was too late. I wish every Catholic might be given the opportunity at least once in his lifetime to make a retreat in order to know in truth how he stands before God."

Situated as the college is, far from the bustle and noise of Madras City, and with 400 rooms in the college hostels—each room provided with a table, chair and cot—it forms an ideal spot for a retreat. In the years to come there is every hope that the 400 rooms will be occupied for the retreats, which will be held regularly.

Bandits Slay And Capture Missioner

Rome—A telegram from Shanghai announced the assassination of the Rev. Conrad Rapp, O.F.M., Vice-Prefect of the Prefecture Apostolic of Yenki, Manchuria. The distant mission of Yenki, Southern Korea, is still the scene of occasional skirmishes between Chinese and Japanese soldiers.

The roving groups of bandits who infest the region take advantage of these slight hostilities to make numerous raids on the Manchurian villages, spreading fire and death.

Evidently Father Rapp was the victim of one of these bands. He was on his way to Taiyuanfu to represent the Prefect Apostolic, Monsignor Theodore Buchmann, funeral of two missionaries, Fathers Mueller and Anthony, who died [illegible] several days ago at Yenki.

According to [illegible] from the "Vicariate Apostolic of Shansi," Father Dominic Fan, O.F.M., missionary in the district of Hsiaoyi, was taken prisoner by bandits on May 15. A letter has been received from him stating that he is acting as doctor for the bandits. Up to the present, however, it has not been possible to establish any further communication with him and [illegible] about his whereabouts.

Machine Has Become Master of Men, Says Dominican Speaker

London—The machine has become the master of men in the modern world, declared the Most Rev. M. S. Gillet, O.P., Dominican Master General who is visiting here, in an address to the Aquinas Society.

The machine, he said, has made the whole world one economic unit. The world can maintain its present civilization by living as one whole society. In this whole the constituent parts are nations.

They must, he said, render social justice to international society, and international society must render distributive justice to individual nations.

Society must think in terms not of the individual or collective and state, he said, but of the whole person of Christian tradition, the Dominican General said.

The first natural aspiration of human persons in the family, he continued. This unit represents the equality of individual [illegible] personal relations regulated by justice and charity.

Social justice is the debt [illegible] the constituent units of society to society as a whole. It [illegible] that distributive justice is the debt due from the whole society to its constituent parts.

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London—Mainly [illegible] circulation [illegible] Nayan and E. [illegible]

Mussolini Says Italian Word For Birth Control Is "Crime"

Vatican City—When the term birth control came up in an audience which he had with Premier Benito Mussolini here, the Most Rev. Bernard J. Mahoney, Bishop of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, said that he did not know whether there existed in the Italian language any word indicating such an ugly practice.

Premier Mussolini immediately replied that there is a word, both in Italian and in English, which fits this practice very well. It is, he said, the word "crime."

Bishop Mahoney said that he had four reasons for his visit to Premier Mussolini. The first, he declared, was to know the man whom His Holiness Pope Pius XI called a "Man of Providence."

The second reason, he said, was to tell the Premier that he has many admirers in America, especially because his decisive action is so much appreciated.

In the third place, Bishop Mahoney said, many in America speak of Premier Mussolini as another George Washington, because Washington said that without religion there can be no civilization, and Premier Mussolini has done many things for religion, re-establishing the crucifix in the schools, strengthening and expanding religious instruction in the schools, and bettering the condition of the priests. The Bishop also spoke of Il Duce's admirable activity against divorce and birth control.

His fourth reason for the visit, Bishop Mahoney said, was to thank the Premier for the honor Commenda Corona D'Italia conferred upon him. Premier Mussolini listened with great pleasure to Bishop Mahoney's statements.