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Papal Delegate's Farewell Message Blesses America

Archbishop Fumasoni-Biondi Expresses Admiration and Affection for Bishops, Clergy and Laity of United States

On the eve of his departure for Vatican City to receive the red hat of the Cardinalate, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate desired to express a farewell to the Catholics of the United States and to the country and its people among whom he has spent the last ten years. The N. C. W. C. News Service presents herewith His Excellency's message.

By His Excellency the Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Cardinal-Designate, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

In bidding farewell to America, I do so with a sense of gratitude to God for the abundant blessings He has measured out to me during the decade of my service here. Natural to me, that farewell is spoken with a certain feeling of sadness in the knowledge that the duties, the associations, the friendships, the plans so dear to me during the past years must yield to the new life of tomorrow.

I have had the privilege, as the representative of our beloved Holy Father, Pius XI, of making the constant growth of the Church in this great Republic, of seeing the beauty and strength and influence of our Holy Faith manifest themselves under various aspects for the eternal glory of God and the welfare of America.

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Lourdes Cure Is Claimed For 7-Year-Old Boy

London—A noted oratorian priest of the Edgbaston Oratory has just published the facts of what he claims to be the remarkable cure of a 7-year-old boy at Lourdes.

Several months have elapsed since the boy discarded a plaster cast in which his foot was encased by doctors who diagnosed his case as tuberculosis.

The boy, Thomas Malony of Ladywood, Birmingham, began to limp last July. The foot became extremely painful and the boy was taken to the Queen's Hospital.

Formerly active, young Malony grew silent and pale and gave the impression of a decline.

With his foot in a cast, the doctors ordered rest and quiet and declared that with open-air treatment a cure was possible in two years.

In September, he was taken to Lourdes. On the third day, after a daily visit to the baths, all pain disappeared, his spirits and color returned and the plaster cast was removed.

The limp continued for some weeks, but is now gone. The hospital doctors say the foot is cured, but although they order rest and quiet, Tommy insists upon disregarding the warning and is more active than ever.

Meditation should be made in the morning, because in order that it may prove effective it requires that we be fully awake and alert with all our mental faculties on their mettle.

Apostolic Delegate



The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Filippo Bernardini, Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., who has been chosen to be Apostolic Delegate to Australasia. The residence of the Apostolic Delegate to Australasia is in North Sydney, New South Wales. (Harris & Ewing.)

Pope Believes World Crisis Relief Is Near

In Address to Lenten Preachers in Rome Expresses Firm Hope for Mankind at Holy Year's End

Vatican City—The belief that relief from the world-wide crisis now bearing down on the nations of the earth is not far distant was expressed by His Holiness Pope Pius XI in an address to the parish priests and Lenten preachers of Rome. The Holy Father prayed that the Holy Year of Jubilee would help many souls to enjoy the advantages of the Redemption, and expressed the firm hope that "when the Holy Year is about to end mankind will be better in all directions."

His Holiness told the priests and Lenten preachers that he was particularly glad to greet them on the eve of a time especially dedicated to the salvation of souls and on the eve of an extraordinary year of Jubilee which can do so much to bring many to redemption and to respond to the desires of Our Lord on the Cross. He would be a great consolation to him.

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Death Rate Exceeds Birth Rate Figures in Vienna Indicate

Vienna—At a meeting of the Vienna City Council, Professor Tandler, councilman in charge of public hygiene, gave an alarming description of the reduction of the population of the Austrian capital. As late as 1900 there were 52,364 children born in Vienna and an average of 31.6 births to every 1,000 inhabitants. Today Vienna has not even one-third of that birth-rate.

In 1931, only 16,517 births were registered in Vienna, or nine births to every 1,000 inhabitants. At present Vienna loses 10,000 of its inhabitants annually by the very fact that more people are dying in this city than are born. There is no doubt that the serious economic depression affecting large sections of the population is to a large extent responsible for this merciless dying away of a large city, while equally to be blamed is the passionate propaganda conducted on the part of the socialists and free-thinkers in favor of birth restriction.

Albany Priests Giving Series of Lectures On Encyclical Under Auspices of K. of C.

Albany—Under the auspices of the Albany Council, Knights of Columbus, a series of public lectures on the famous Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius IX on the subject of Social Reconstruction are being delivered by the priests of the diocese, members of the Guild for Catholic Truth.

The Rev. John J. Collins, secretary of the Guild and Editor of the Question Box of "The Evangelist," delivered the first lecture on Sunday evening, March 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The subject of his lecture was "The Causes of the Breakdown of the Social Order." The Rev. Gerald Kirwin, assistant pastor of St. Teresa's Church, Albany, will deliver the second address on the evening of Sunday, March 12. His topic will be "Economic Life and Rights."

Archbishop Opens Catholic Religion Lecture Series

Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey Inaugurates Course in Columbus Civic Center to Which All Are Invited

His Excellency, Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, D.D., on Tuesday evening inaugurated a series of lectures on "The Catholic Religion" as a feature of the educational program of the Center. The lecture took place in the Fourth Degree room with about seventy men and women present.

The next lecture will take place at Columbus Civic Center, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock to which all are invited. Archbishop Hickey stated that the course was opening up by his assistance the most fruitful of St. Thomas Aquinas who from the date of his canonization has been regarded as one of the Church's greatest scholars. He gave a brief summary of the life of the greatest theologian of the Church and pointed out how the Holy Father had made him the patron of all Catholic schools, colleges and seminaries.

The lecturer explained briefly the philosophy of Aristotle and its effect upon St. Thomas Aquinas, showing how the great saint had adapted the philosophy of Aristotle to the teachings of Christian doctrine. He also spoke of the influence of the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas on great Catholic scholars, pointing out that undoubtedly the philosophy of Dante was influenced to a very

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Lourdes Apparition 75th Anniversary Celebration Opened by Papal Legate

Paris.—The seventy-fifth anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin in the grotto of Massabielle at Lourdes to Bernadette Soubirous, on Feb. 11, was solemnly commemorated with His Emence Charles Cardinal Binet, Archbishop of Besancon, present in the dignity of Papal Legate.

His Emence arrived at Lourdes in the special railway car reserved for the transportation of sovereigns. He was received with great reverence at the station by the Mayor and the Municipal Council of Lourdes, a large delegation of clergies and an impressive cortege of French and foreign prelates, including three Archbishops, twenty Bishops, of whom two are Italians, and the Most Rev. Gabriel Breynet, Vicar Apostolic of Mackenzie, Canada.

Upon the Cardinal's descent from the train, M. Cazagne, the Mayor of Lourdes, welcomed him in the name of the city and expressed its pleasure that the Holy Father, who twice had made pilgrimages to Lourdes, was being represented at the diamond jubilee festival by a Cardinal Legate.

In response, His Emence, after having expressed his gratitude to the municipality of Lourdes, gave voice to his pride in being selected to represent the great Pope, Pius XI, who according to the words of President Doumergue, will rank in history as one of the greatest of Pontiffs. Amid the acclamations of the crowds that lined the streets, the Legate rode in a landau, drawn by four horses, in company with the Most Rev. Pierre Gerlier, Bishop of Tarbes-et-Lourdes, and Mayor Cazagne to the esplanade of the Basilica, escorted by guides of the Pyrenees wearing their traditional costume. Many automobiles followed the carriage of His Emence and all the church bells pealed.

At the Basilica of the Rosary, the Papal Bull nominating the Cardinal Legate was read, after which Bishop Gerlier welcomed the Legate, expressed filial gratitude to the Holy Father, and sang the praises of the Blessed Virgin.

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On the subsequent Sundays, lectures will be delivered by the Rev. Joseph A. Dunne, S.T.L., Rev. John J. Finn, S.T.L., and the Rev. Thomas F. McBride.

This series of lectures is a consequent of the conferences on Industrial Problems held in Albany last December. At the final session of that conference, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, D.D., Bishop of Albany, urged the continuation of active interest in the work started by the Industrial Conference and urged the priests of the diocese to acquaint themselves with the Catholic thought on these economic problems.

O what great mysteries of love and grace for us are the Passion of Jesus and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Religion Lecturer



The Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D.D., Archbishop of Vincennes, who is conducting a course on "The Catholic Religion" in Columbus Civic Center, for laymen and laywomen on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock and Sunday afternoons at 4 o'clock.

National Holy Name Head Coming Here Sunday for Diocesan Meeting

Catholics Resent Outrages Against Priests in Mexico

Persecutions Reported in Guadalajara. Protest Is Staged While Officiating in Parish Church

Mexico City—Reports reaching the capital indicate that the persecution of Catholics in Guadalajara is increasing and that they are being subjected to "ill sorts of outrages." The distressing state of affairs in the state of Jalisco, and particularly in the city of Guadalajara, has culminated in the stabbing at Tlapalapa of the Rev. Martin Lameza by Luis Garcia, a native of Guadalajara. Father Lameza was reported to be in a very serious condition and hopes for his recovery are slight. Garcia was beaten by the infuriated congregation so severely that he died a few hours afterwards.

The affair happened on February 18 as Father Lameza was officiating at the six o'clock service in his parish church.

Other priests noted. On February 17, Catholics of the city of Guadalajara assembled in great numbers in a public demonstration before the prison in protest against the arbitrary arrest the day previous of the Rev. Luis Espanola, Vicente Gutierrez, Felix Batastout and Francisco Vasquez Chaves and demanded their liberty. This police.

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Narberth Society Work Lauded By Cardinal-Elect

Philadelphia.—On the eve of his departure for Rome, where he is to be elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals on March 13, the Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, D.D., Apostolic Delegate to the United States, has written to the Catholic Information Society of Narberth, expressing his genuine pleasure at the work of the organization, approved by His Emence, Cardinal Dougherty, and bestowing his blessing on the progressive unit of the Lay Apostolate in this country.

The letter of the Cardinal-Designate, under date of February 11, follows:

"Catholic Information Society of Narberth,
P. O. Box 35, Narberth, Penna.
"My dear Catholic Gentlemen:
"It was with genuine pleasure I learned of the purpose of the Catholic Information Society of Narberth and of the efforts the Society has made during the past four years, with the approval of His Emence, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, and under the direction of the Reverend Pastor, to promote a better understanding of Catholic truths among the non-Catholic neighbors. The leaflets, issued by the Society, breathing, as they do, a spirit of charity and good-will, should do much towards overcoming prejudice and cultivating a better feeling.

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Cardinals-Elect Make Safe Voyage to Italy

Genoa, Italy.—The Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States and Mexico, and the Most Rev. Rodolfo Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, both Cardinals-elect, arrived here Saturday aboard the Conte di Savoia from America.

Catholic Evidence Guild, Baltimore, Sponsors Outdoor Stations of Cross for Non-Catholics

Baltimore.—Stations of the Cross will be held publicly in Baltimore for the non-Catholics at 3 o'clock on the Sunday afternoons of Lent.

The devotions will be held in Peterson Park. The stations will be in the form of pictures. Each station will be explained by a priest and prayers will be recited.

The Rev. Dr. John J. Russell, moderator of the Catholic Evidence Guild of Baltimore, under whose auspices the Stations will be held, conducted the first devotions Sunday.

Corpus Christi Has Noon-Day Lenten Services at 12:20

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., pastor of Corpus Christi Church, announces noon-day services are being held during Lent at Corpus Christi Church, Main Street East, corner Prince Street.

Services start each noon at 12:20 and consist of a prayer service. Each Tuesday noon services in honor of the Miraculous Medal are conducted by the Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, Catholic Chaplain, University of Rochester, Women's College.

Each Friday noon, there are Stations of the Cross. The Wednesday evening services are being followed by the Marist Holy Name Society of the Cross are conducted each Friday evening.

Executive Heads of N. C. C. M. Urge Study Club Use

Frederick J. Mix of Rochester Attends Sessions in Washington; Catholic Hour Program and Budget Passed On

Washington.—The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Catholic Men was called at Washington, Sunday and Monday by Dr. Thomas H. Parcell, President, of Kansas City, Mo. The meeting would regularly have been held in April, A. and C. Clark, in the fall, that organization, part of the Executive Committee, agreed to attend the inaugural conference, the time was fixed as March 5 and 6.

There were in attendance Dr. Parcell, Joseph M. Kelly, Vice President of Providence; Francis Lubert, Treasurer of St. Louis; Dr. Benjamin S. Swift, Secretary of Charleston, W. Va.; Bernard Rothwell, Boston; Frederick J. Mix, Rochester; Richard Reid, Augusta, Georgia; Charles F. Dolle, Cincinnati; and Walter Johnson, Keaton, Ohio.

The session held in the afternoon of March 6 was attended by the Most Rev. Joseph Schrems, Bishop of Cleveland, the Episcopal Chairman of the N. C. C. M., and by the Rev. Michael J. Reddy, Assistant to Father Burke, Executive Secretary of the National Welfare Conference. The committee received the report of the Executive Secretary and discussed the program of the Catholic Hour, and passed upon the budget for the operation of the routine work of the N. C. C. M. Dr. Parcell presented a plan to enlarge the organization by obtaining a greater percentage of auxiliaries.

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Holy Name Society Urged to Pray For New Administration

New York.—The Rev. Thomas P. Conlon, O.P., national director of the Holy Name Society, has sent letters to all the branches of the Holy Name Society urging all the members to receive Holy Communion on the second Sunday of March and to include this special devotion: "O God may enlighten our hearts, President, cabinet and Congress and that these leaders of our nation will seek and see the light of Heaven and be guided by it in leading our beloved country out of the darkness and desolation of depression."

Thousands who had no idea what the devotions of the Stations of the Cross mean have been called as they have taken part in the services.

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Fr. T. P. Conlon Noted Dominican To Give Address

Director of All Holy Name Societies in America Is Internationally Known as Order of Ability

The principal speaker at the convention of the Rochester Diocese Holy Name Union in Park Square, March 11, will be Fr. Thomas P. Conlon, Director of All Holy Name Societies in America. Fr. Conlon is internationally known as an Order of Ability.

Fr. Conlon is a Dominican of the Order of St. James. He was born in Ireland and came to America in 1911. He is the author of several books on the Holy Name Society and has been a frequent speaker at national conventions of the Order.

His address is 1200 Broadway, New York City. He will be in Rochester from March 10 to 12.

C. U. Alumni Cardinal Honored

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