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CENTENARY OF CHURCH DRAWS TWO CARDINALS

Ceremonies To Mark First German Catholic Church Founding In State

(N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York—An event of much interest to Catholics, particularly of German descent, will occur on May 7, when the Church of St. Nicholas, here, celebrates the one hundredth anniversary of its founding. An unusual feature of the celebration, which will be opened with a solemn Pontifical Mass, will be the presence in the sanctuary of two Cardinals, His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, and His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, who comes especially from his Chicago See to his native city to assist at the Centennial of the parish in which he was born and attended school.

The Church of St. Nicholas was founded in 1833 by the German population of New York City. As early as 1808 the German parishioners of St. Peter's Church, the first Catholic Church in New York City, petitioned their Bishop to permit them to organize a parish wherein they "might attend divine service with utility to themselves." Their efforts were not successful however until 1833, when through the efforts of the Rev. John Raffelner and the encouragement of Bishop Du Bois, a vacant building was rented at Pitt and Delancey Streets, previously a meeting house for Ana-Baptists. The first Catholic service held there on Sunday, May 4, 1833.

The increase in German immigration soon taxed the capacity of this small building and a church site was purchased in Second Street, in 1834, from John Jacob Astor for \$8,000.

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POINTS OUT IMPORTANCE OF SOLIDARISM

The nature and importance of Solidarity was pointed out by former County Judge Philip H. Donnelly, in a talk before the Men's Club of St. Margaret Mary's Parish at the Club's Communion breakfast held in the school hall last Sunday morning.

"You have perhaps heard of Liberalism," said Judge Donnelly, "you have heard of Socialism, but wonder how many have heard of Solidarity.

"The world for the past three and one-half years has been and is now in the throes of an unprecedented depression. Eminent economists and statesmen have been seeking a remedy for our economic ills, but the remedy seems to have eluded them. They have sought this remedy in almost every quarter, in almost every field except the field covered by Solidarity.

Defines Term

"Solidarity might be defined as that system of political economy

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34 BOOKLETS, 1 WEEKLY PUBLISHED ON REPORTED APPARITIONS AT BEAURAING

By REV. ANTHONY COPPENS

(Belgian Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)
Brussels.—Out of the widespread discussion of the reported apparitions of the Blessed Virgin at Beauraing, 34 booklets and one weekly magazine, have so far been published on the subject.

The official report of the alleged manifestations has been handed over to the Most Rev. Thomas L. Heylen, Bishop of Namur. The Bishop has attached a 50 days' indulgence to a little prayer composed in honor of "Our Lady of Beauraing" composed by Trappist monks of Rochefort.

The report of the children, who claim they saw the apparition, that Our Lady had said, "I will convert sinners," is rendered interesting by an incident that has occurred in connection with the Beauraing question.

MSGR. HARTLEY PONTIFICATES FIRST TIME

Bishop Imparts Papal Blessing; Praises Msgr. Hartley For Sacerdotal Career

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Hartley, P.A., president emeritus of St. Bernard's Seminary, pontificated at a solemn High Mass, Easter Sunday in St. Patrick's Cathedral by reason of the special privileges accorded him as primate apostolic. The Cathedral was crowded for the services.

Monsignor Hartley, made his first public appearance as primate apostolic and used the chalice presented to the late Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, first bishop of Rochester. It was the first time in the history of St. Patrick's Cathedral that two mitres were used at the same service, that of Monsignor Hartley and that of the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester.

The Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, titular archbishop of Viminacium, was present in the sanctuary.

Bishop O'Hern, on Sunday used the crozier presented to Bishop McQuaid on the 40th anniversary of his consecration and the mitre that was formerly the property of Archbishop Quigley of Chicago.

In his address to the congregation, Bishop O'Hern read Easter greetings extended by Archbishop Edward J. Hanna of San Francisco. Bishop O'Hern also had telegrams of Easter greetings from Patrick Cardinal Hayes of New York, William Cardinal O'Connell of Boston and Dennis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia.

In his brief address before imparting the Papal Blessing Bishop O'Hern spoke in tribute to the 48 years of service of Monsignor Hartley in the Holy Priesthood and of the congratulations which had come to him from priests and people. He also spoke of Professor F. Eugene Bonn, veteran choirmaster, at St. Patrick's.

The sermon delivered by the Rev. Benedict Ehmann, professor at St. Andrew's Seminary, was on "Bohshivism and the Risen Christ."

P. T. A. Groups Drive On Obscene Literature

(N. C. W. C. News Service)
Fargo, N. Dak.—The Parent-Teachers Association of North Dakota will cooperate in a campaign against indecent literature. Mrs. J. W. Snyder, vice-president of the State Council, told a meeting of the P. T. A. group here.

The local P. T. A. group voted to institute a drive to bar indecent magazines from Fargo newsstands and Mrs. Snyder said that the movement would be amplified to statewide proportions among P. T. A. groups.

Death of Quaker Convert In New York Recalls His Founding of Catholic School

(N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York.—How a convert from Quakerism to Catholicism became co-founder of a noted Catholic school is recalled by the death at West Brighton, Staten Island, of William Miller Jones.

Mr. Jones, who was buried following a requiem Mass celebrated by the Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S.J., dean of St. Peter's College, Jersey City, at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Grymes Hill, Staten Island, was co-founder of the Notre Dame Convent School at Grymes Hill.

Mr. Miller-Jones, who was 80 years old, was born of a Philadelphia

DIOCESAN UNION OF SODALITIES MEETS MAY 14

Guest Speakers Will Include Father Lord and Miss Willmann of St. Louis

The second annual Rochester Diocesan Sodality Convention is scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 14, at the Columbus Civic Center. Invitations have been issued by Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, to the members of all the Catholic Churches in this city, Elmira, Ithaca, Corning, Hornell, Geneva, Auburn, Seneca Falls, Brockport, and Spencerport. Delegates representing the entire Diocese are expected to attend.

Rev. Robert J. Fox, Moderator of the Parish Sodality Union, and Miss Helen R. Guntert, President of the Union and General Chairman of this Convention, together with large committees have announced the following program for May 14.

All are invited to attend Holy Mass, which will be celebrated at 8:30 a. m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral with Bishop O'Hern officiating. The delegates are also urged to receive Holy Communion in a body, and pray for the success of the Convention, immediately after Mass, breakfast will be served in Cathedral Hall.

Then the Diocesan Sodality Convention will open its first session at Columbus Civic Center Auditorium beginning at 11:00 a. m. and continuing until 12:15 p. m. Intermission will extend from 12:15 p. m. to 2:00 p. m. At that time the afternoon session will reopen. The Convention will close with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 p. m.

The principal guest speakers of the Convention will be Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., National Organizer of the Sodality movement, of the U. S. A., and Miss Dorothy J. Willmann, National Executive Secretary of the Parish Sodality Union. They will arrive directly from the national headquarters in St. Louis. The nature of the addresses of the Conferences will be announced later.

An information booth will be placed at the entrance to the Auditorium for the convenience of Convention delegates.

Includes All Sodalists

The Convention includes all Parish Sodalists throughout the Diocese and all those interested in Sodality Work. The purpose of this Diocesan Sodality Convention is threefold: to establish a Sodality in every Parish in the Diocese; to acquaint the Sodalists with the work of the Parish Sodality; and finally to encourage and inspire the already numerous active workers of the Parish Union.

The Catholic World Over

Los Angeles.—(NCWC)—A chorus of 300 voices, trained and led by the Rev. William J. Finn, O.S.P., director of the Paulist Chorists, of New York, will present Verdi's "Requiem" as one of the features of the twelfth annual "Symphonies Under the Stars" at the Hollywood Bowl this summer.

Dubuque, Ia.—(NCWC)—Catholics of Dubuque united to form an organization which will be known as the Catholic Youth Movement at a meeting just held here. The aim of the new organization will be to unify all existing Catholic boy work activities, prevent overlapping, and care for boys hitherto neglected by existing agencies.

Bucharest.—(NCWC)—Through its representative at Bucharest, the French Government has conferred the decoration of Officer of the Legion of Honor, upon the eminent Unit Bishop of Oradea, the Most Rev. Valerius Trajan Freniu, who is well-known not only in Roumania but in France, Italy and the United States for his apostolic zeal, his outstanding patriotism and his exceptional generosity with regard to all good works of a religious or simply human nature.

Sunning City, China.—(NCWC)—Dr. Harry Blaber, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the first American Catholic physician to labor with Maryknoll missionaries in China, reports satisfactory progress at the Catholic hospital which he directs in this city. Dr. Blaber states that the Catholic hospital now has a well equipped operating room with all the necessary instruments for performing any major operation. Aid in equipping the Mission hospital was furnished by the Catholic Medical Mission Board in New York.

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Governs Filipinos



Mayor Frank Murphy, of Detroit, a prominent Catholic layman, who has been appointed by President Roosevelt to the post of Governor General of the Philippine Islands. Mr. Murphy is 41 years old, a World War veteran, and a former instructor of law at the University of Detroit.

PERSECUTION RELIEF ASKED BY MEXICANS

By CHARLES BETICO
(Mexico City Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Mexico City.—The Catholics of the city of San Cristobal de Las Casas, State of Chiapas, have sent to the Ministry of Gobernacion a memorial asking the revocation of unconstitutional anti-clerical legislation enacted in the State.

The memorial reminds that the Legislature issued a decree, February 10, limiting the number of priests in the State to four and that the Governor drew up a circular for the Municipal Presidents, establishing that only two Catholic priests and two scholastics would compose the number of four.

"Such orders," the memorial says, "are in every sense unconstitutional, since they violate the freedom and right which the Federal Constitution recognizes in Article 24, and suspend service throughout our State, since two Catholic priests can not serve a half million faithful. We have no scholastics in the State."

"The Governor of the State, besides," the memorial continues, "has suspended the priests authorized for the ministry and has named others, designating places of residence where they were unable to live, and in a word, the Decree and the Local Circular cited have suspended service in the State, to the profound sorrow of all the faithful."

The memorial was signed by 650 Catholics.

The false interpretation of the Law of Cuits by the local Legislature of Tabasco, Vera Cruz, Chiapas and Yucatan is taken to indicate that the persecution against the Catholic Church in these States (which border on one another) is the result of the premeditated accord of their Governments. It is significant to note that in the same measure that Communism is propagated, persecution of Catholics has increased in the four States.

Canadian Missioners In Field Now Number 1,595

(N. C. W. C. News Service)
Quebec.—Joint statistics furnished by the various religious communities of Canada show that 1,595 Canadian missionaries are now at work in foreign fields. Of this number 430 are priests, 221 Brothers and 944 Sisters.

Repository of Passion Relics To Be Specially Venerated During Holy Year

(N. C. W. C. News Service)
Rome.—Among the sanctuaries possessing relics of the Passion which will be the objects of special veneration throughout the Holy Year, one of the most important is the chapel called the Sancta Sanctorum.

This little church of Roman style is the only ancient vestige of the former Lateran palace remaining intact and receives its name from the many precious relics reserved there.

Before the chapel is the Scala Sancta, consisting of 28 white marble steps said to be those that once led to the praetorium of Pilate at Jerusalem. They are supposed to have been brought to Rome in 1251 by St. Helena and, according to tradition, of the early martyrs.

UNITED STATES CATHOLICS NOW NUMBER 20,268,403 1933 DIRECTORY STATES

Computation Puts Increase For Year at 22,012; Converts Number 41,226; Gain of 967 Over Preceding Year's Increase In Clergy, 1,485

(N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York.—Figures compiled in The Official Catholic Directory for 1933, published by P. J. Kennedy & Sons here, put the Catholic population of the United States proper at 20,268,403.

This total for 1933 indicates an increase of 22,012 over 1932. Last year the increase over 1931 was 21,298. In ten years, according to the summary, the increase in the Catholic population of the country has been in excess of two million, and in twenty years more than five million.

The number of converts this year is given at 41,226, or 967 more than the number in the 1932 Directory, which in turn was 741 in excess of the figure reported in 1931.

Data from Five Countries
All information contained in the directory is derived from reports submitted to the publishers by the ecclesiastical authorities of the countries concerned—the United States, Canada, Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales—or carried over from previous reports.

The general summary contains comparative data of the number of prelates, clergy, churches, seminaries, colleges, academies, schools, school attendance, orphanages, homes for the aged, poor hospitals, convicts and general Catholic population.

The Hierarchy now numbers 118 for the United States, including 14 Archbishops—four of whom are Cardinals—and 103 Bishops.

The Directory lists the names and addresses of 29,722 members of the clergy, an increase of 1,485 over last year. The number of secular priests is given as 21,016, an increase of 1,367, and the priests of Religious Orders now total 4,766, an increase of 118. The total number of churches increased 162, now totaling 15,566 and including 12,627 churches with

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FOREST WORKERS SPIRITUAL CARE GIVEN CONCERN

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington.—The sites for the first 50 National Forest Conservation camps and the routine through which unemployed men will go in entering upon the reforestation work have been announced here.

Men selected for the Emergency Conservation Work will be sent first to army camps and depots in various localities to undergo a period of training to condition them for work in the forest areas. While at these camps, the men will have available to them whatever facilities for spiritual care and recreation the Government is in a position to offer.

After 10 days or two weeks in these conditioning camps, the men will be sent out in groups to the reforestation camps proper. No group will contain more than 200 men, and each group will go out in charge of an army officer. At the present time no provision has been made for the spiritual care of the men in the reforestation camps themselves. This, it is believed, will be left largely to the religious authorities in the localities in which camps are established.

The National Council of Catholic Men, through Henry L. Garavati, Executive Secretary, is in contact with the various Government agencies concerned with the Emergency Conservation Work, in order to keep advised as to any steps that might be taken to provide for the spiritual care or recreation of men in the reforestation camps.

People Are Talking

THIS WEEK we ask to be pardoned if we again mention the change in the topographical area of the diocese. On all sides we find favorable commutations of the change which has been made for the benefit of our readers and our writers.

OUR TITLE DESIGN at the top of this page, has had many guesses. Again we state that it represents the complete coverage by this newspaper of the diocese of Rochester from the See city, represented by the church tower.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE is being constantly improved and will be in typographical form in a content for several weeks. Additional editorial material, interest have been noted in the staff of the newspaper.

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