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Because people have felt that they should bend every effort toward sharing their benefits with those in need, the missions have been able to carry on during these terrible times of stress. Whether worse or better times are in store, may the faithful not only keep up, but increase their quota of prayer and alms for the extension of God's kingdom upon earth.—Msgr. William A. Griffin, LL.D.

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WELCOME APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

Kabwe, Upper Kasai, Belgian Congo—Streamers and festoons with triumphal arches of palm leaves adorned the buildings and grounds of the Scheut Fathers' seminaries at Kabwe when the Apostolic Delegate, His Excellency Archbishop Joseph Dellepiane, came to visit it recently. The Delegate flew by plane to Upper Kasai.

Professors and seminarians received him at the gate and sang a hymn of welcome composed for the occasion.

"My first visit to Kabwe," he told the 24 major seminarians while inspecting their seminary, "was in 1930. When I departed I left my heart here. I have seen th budding minor seminary spring up and blossom. I have kept in touch with the growth of the major seminary. The wishes which I expressed three years ago have been realized to the full."

The minor seminarians, like the older lads, greeted the Delegate with an address in Latin. His Excellency replied to the 85 boys telling them that the seminary programme should be the acquiring of piety, good will, docility and generosity, besides the regular curriculum of studies.

"Here is an intelligent employment of the funds supplied by the Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle for the Native Clergy," he remarked back in the major seminary. "I want a photo of this to show to the Holy Father."

Wherever he came upon seminarians he received a rousing salute. "When I am in Kasai, and especially when I am in the seminaries here, I forget all my worries" were his departing words.

The Congo has four major seminaries with 100 seminarians, and 15 minor seminaries with 797 students. Native Congo priests number 38.—(Fides)

STUDENTS' MISSION CRUSADE

Encouraging assurances of co-operation in the Eighth National Convention of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade at Cincinnati, August 8-11, continue to reach the national headquarters. Reports indicate that the largest single delegations will come from the Academy of Our Lady, Chicago, and Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn.

The largest diocesan representation is reported for Cleveland; a special train will bring the delegates from that city. Detroit Diocese ranks second. The delegate registered from the most distant point is a student of Maryclift High School, Spokane, Washington.

Twelve Archbishops and Bishops are expected to attend and there is a probability that still other members of the Hierarchy will come.

Though unable to attend in person, the Diocesan Director of Belleville (Ill.) Diocese, Very Rev. M. J. Gruenewald, is paying for five delegates as his contribution to the success of the Convention.

FOUR SACRAMENTS IN ONE DAY

Calcutta, India.—A young man of the Santal Parganas, Archdiocese of Calcutta, India, recently received Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony, all in one day.

When the Jesuit missionary, Father Grech, in charge of the district, was baptizing the first converts several months ago, this young man came forward to forbid the baptism of a young woman who presented herself, saying that she was his wife and that he did not wish her to be a Catholic.

The missionaries then set about to convert him but very nearly lost heart at his persistent refusals and especially when they discovered that he had a second wife in another village. The catechist, however, made friends with him and offered to teach him to read. The opportunity was seized; the Santals are eager to learn.

After six months he was able to read with considerable facility, and the catechism was introduced as a reader. He read it once, twice, three times. At last he yielded to the priest: he wished to become a Catholic. He promised to renounce his second wife and he proved faithful to his word.

He was baptized, made his First Communion, and had his marriage blessed, all on the same day, and since the Archbishop happened to be present he was confirmed also.

His life, from a human point of view, is not happy since he is continually persecuted by his pagan parents. His newly found faith, however, has brought him many joys, and he is always cheery.

Radio Announcer Enters French Convent

Paris.—(N.C.W.C.)—French radio listeners have been accustomed to hearing the voice of a young woman, who, under a borrowed name has told them publicity stories concerning certain French products.

Last week, listeners-in were surprised to hear their familiar announcer tell them, in a trembling voice, that she was speaking to them for the last time and bidding them farewell. She has become a "Little Sister of the Poor." The pleasing and gentle voice which came to them from the mysterious radio will henceforth be devoted to lightening the sufferings of the poor.

PAPAL DELEGATE WILL ADDRESS N. C. C. W. MEET

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sermon at the Mass to be celebrated by the Apostolic Delegate.

The Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland and Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, will formally open the business sessions of the convention Monday morning, when he will address the delegates.

Archbishop Murray will also deliver an address at the meeting Sunday evening, when the speakers will include the Most Rev. Joseph Rummel, Bishop of Omaha; the Most Rev. Emmet M. Walsh, Bishop of Charleston; the Mayor of St. Paul, a representative of the St. Paul Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, and Mrs. George V. McIntyre of Chicago, First Vice President of the N. C. C. W.

Archbishop Murray will also preside at a session Monday evening when the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Milwaukee, will speak on "Mobilizing Youth," and the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Great Falls, will speak on "The Parish and the National Council of Catholic Women."

Study Recovery Act

Considerable interest is expected to develop in a session on "Problems in Industry" to be held Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. McIntyre presiding. Included in the features of this session will be a study of the Industrial Recovery Act and an exposition of the Statement on the Present Crisis issued by the Bishops of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The thoughts developed in this session will be carried over to a session on "The Home at the Crossroads," to be held Tuesday evening, with Mrs. R. R. LeBlond of Cincinnati presiding. Sub-topics at the latter session will be "Increased Leisure—An Asset or a Liability" and "United Action to Meet Common Need."

A Monday afternoon session will see a discussion of "The Responsibility of Diocesan Councils to the National Council," with Miss Cecilia Yawman of Rochester leading the discussion. Mrs. William Bushea of Cleveland will lead discussion on "National Committees" and Mrs. A. S. Musante of San Francisco that on "Regional Conferences." Dr. Anne M. Nicholson, field representative of the N. C. C. W., will discuss "Problems in Diocesan Organization."

The work of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and that of the Catholic Instruction League will be explained in detail at a session Wednesday morning, when the general topic will be "Religious Education." Miss Katherine R. Williams of Milwaukee will preside. Mrs. Thomas J. Horrigan of Meriden, Conn., will preside over the session on "Girls' Welfare" also to be held Wednesday morning.

makes life worth living for the praiser and the praised, and the world better off for both.

A Papal Press Inspection

His Holiness Pope Pius XI photographed as he recently inspected the new printing presses that will be used for the publication of "L'Osservatore Romano," semi-official organ of the Vatican. (Wide World photo.)

? QUESTION BOX ?

(Send questions you desire answered to the Question Box Editor Catholic Courier, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y.)

What is the difference between a Bishop and Archbishop?"

An Archbishop is a Bishop who has been selected by the Holy Father and given certain rights and jurisdiction over a group of dioceses, each of which is governed by a Bishop. In some instances the dignity is given to a Bishop as a mere honor and he holds the title to some archdiocese which no longer exists. An Archbishop receives no new Sacred Order or consecration, but is invested with the pallium, or circular band of white wool, which signifies that the Pope has given him a participation in the supreme pastoral power of the Church.

"May a married person become a religious?"

No. A married person cannot be admitted to the religious life without special permission of the Holy See. Marriage is one of the listed impediments to entrance.

"What penalty is incurred by a Catholic who goes through a form of marriage before a minister?"

Excommunication, from which he can be absolved only when duly repentant, by the Bishop. It is said to be a "reserved" case for which an ordinary confessor must apply to the Bishop for jurisdiction to absolve.

"Where can I obtain a list of all the books condemned by the Catholic Church?"

Nowhere. The Church forbids her members to read all bad books. Thousands of such books are pouring from the presses every year. From time to time the Church condemns certain books by special mention. A list of these, called "The Index of Prohibited Books" containing the names of all prohibited up to January 31, 1930, was issued last year in Rome by the Vatican Polyglot Press. Any Catholic bookseller can order the book from Rome.

"If a woman breaks her engagement to marry a man and marries another, is the marriage valid?"

Yes. Even though the engagement were broken unjustly the validity of the subsequent marriage would not be affected. Moreover all Catholics should know that since April 19, 1908 no promise of marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church, unless it is signed in writing and attested by the signature of the parish priest or Bishop or of at least two witnesses.

"Can a dispensation be obtained, allowing a Catholic to marry a non-Catholic who is a Mason?"

Yes, if he is willing to make the promises required, and there are serious reasons for granting the dispensation.

"Is a non-Catholic allowed to act as a sponsor in Baptism?"

No. The Church expressly excludes all who belong to any heretical or schismatical sect or are not baptized.

German Catholic Leaders Greeted By President Paul Von Hindenburg

By DR. MAX JORDAN
(N.C.W.C. News Service)

Berlin.—Particularly gratifying to German Catholics is a letter addressed by President Paul von Hindenburg to the leader of the Berlin Catholic Action, Dr. Klausener, in reply to a telegram of greetings sent to the Chief Executive on the occasion of the recent Catholic Action general assembly. The President acknowledged the message in a personal letter, written in long hand, in which he expressed his cordial thanks for the Berlin Catholics faithful remembrances.

His Eminence Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, sent a message conveying the Apostolic Benediction in acknowledging a telegram addressed to His Holiness Pope Pius XI on behalf of the assembly by the Most Rev. Christian Schelber, Bishop of Berlin.

Reports that have been spread about to the effect that Chancellor Adolf Hitler was contemplating joining the Protestant Church have been refuted in an official statement just given out to the press. The statement said definitely that the Chancellor is a member of the Catholic Church and has no intention of leaving it.

His Catholic Faith

It had been known for some time, and this correspondent was able to report as far back as March 10, that Chancellor Hitler felt very keenly about his Catholic origin. In the course of recent negotiations between the Catholic Hierarchy and the Chancellor, Herr Hitler pointed out repeatedly that no doubts should be entertained in that respect, that he was a Catholic, that he wished to be considered as such, and that he had the interests of the Catholic Church very much at heart.

The continuance of friendly relations between the Catholic Church and the new German Government has been indicated by four important Episcopal pronouncements.

The Most Rev. Johannes Baptista Sproll, Bishop of Rottenburg, Wuerttemberg, dispatched a circular letter to the clergy admonishing all priests that they should desist from all expressions of opinion that might be interpreted as lacking in respect for the new political leaders of the country. The letter had been preceded by negotiations of the Bishop with the Wuerttemberg Department of the Interior which had the result that several Catholic priests who had recently been arrested in the State were released. The priests who had recently been arrested in the State were released. The priests concerned will be transferred to other parishes.

The Most Rev. Conrad Groeber, Archbishop of Freiburg, has also exhorted his clergy to do their very best in helping to maintain the peace and in supporting the authority of the government by avoiding all seeming criticism of its leaders.

In Paderborn the local head of the National Socialist Storm Detachments had an interview with the Most Rev. Kaspar Klein, Archbishop of Paderborn, to declare that he considered friendly relations with the Church as of utmost importance. The Archbishop expressed his gratification and promised to do all on his part to further this aim.

GERMANY HAILS NEW CONCORDAT WITH HOLY SEE

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based and no further measures were to be adopted against them while the Catholic associations formally recognized as such in the new Concordat were officially given permission to continue their work. The Government's principal aim in the Concordat was to obtain safeguards against the mingling of political interests with religious purposes and the Hierarchy has declared full support of this aim.

On the Church's side, the principal efforts were directed at securing full independence of Catholic activities, especially for the many organizations connected with the Church and at assuring Catholic religious instruction in the schools.

It has become known that the Holy Father himself took an active personal interest in these important negotiations, and it was probably due to this that an agreement was reached within so short a period is paralleled in similar negotiations between the Church and foreign governments.

That an atmosphere of mutual trust was immediately created through the conclusion of the Concordat was shown by the appointment of the Most Rev. Wilhelm Berning, Bishop of Osnabruck, to membership in the new Prussian State Council. The State Council is to consist of no more than 50 members, and one of its three groups is to be made up of representatives of the Church, of industry and labor, science and the arts, and of other men specially deserving of public honor.

Youth Groups Independent

Most of the measures recently adopted against individual Catholic organizations have been formally withdrawn and their properties returned. Only in a few instances investigations as to presumed political activities under religious guise still continue.

Orders have been issued that the Catholic youth groups must not be interfered with by other youth organizations. Under the Concordat, all Catholic organizations devoted to religious purposes, and especially the youth groups, will be free and independent in all their movements. Arrangements will, it is expected, soon be made by the proper authorities for the coordination of groups which are to now have varied tasks outside of the immediate realm of the Church. All groups formerly connected with the Center Party remain dissolved.

The Bishops of Eichstaett and of Wuerzburg have addressed a circular to their clergy warning them not to express any criticism of the new Government and to refrain from political allusions in their sermons and during religious instructions.

The Bishops of Wuerzburg and of Rotterdam have, at the same time, expressed themselves strongly in favor of continued full support of the Catholic Press, whose task, the Bishops say, is more important than ever. Many Catholic papers have already declared their intention to back the new Government unreservedly, with due regard for Catholic principles.

The intentions of the National Socialist party to conform with the spirit of the Concordat was exemplified by an incident in the town of Weingarten, Wuerttemberg, when a statue of the Blessed Virgin was confiscated by the police and carried out of the Catholic Church while religious services were being held. The National Socialist party authorities, having been advised of this measure, immediately stepped in. It was found that a mistake had occurred, and the statue was then returned to the altar.

The Catholic weekly Allgemeine Rundschau, in Munich, edited by Dr. Georg Moenius, was suppressed by the police for a period of three months.

Guests Registered At Camp Madonna

Among the guests at Camp Madonna for this week are: Elizabeth Enright, Elizabeth, Bernice and Mary McMahon and Virginia Mead of Victor, Jeanne and Mary Louise Miles of Buffalo; Mary Jane and Ann Dollinger and Patricia Dailey of Albion; Adelma Fahy, Marion and Rita McGuire, Betty and Patricia Kayes, Rosemary O'Malley, Mary Fitzgerald and Jean McGreevy, all of Geneva; Kathleen Cunningham, Marie and Betty Vetter, Ellen and Katherine Foley, Marion McNerney, Mary Jane Garner, Marguerite Hazard, Patricia Bracken, Elizabeth McDonald, Mae Virginia Miller, Jane Mead, Catherine Lotspike, Patricia McQuade, Helen Fancher, Patricia Norton, Elizabeth Berry, Marie Weber, Eileen Corcoran, Margaret Dorsey, Peggy Ripton and Suzanne McKitrott of Rochester.

PROTEST BANS BEAUTY CONTEST

Pittsburgh.—(N.C.W.C.)—Following the protest representatives of Catholic organizations, a bathing beauty contest which was to be the feature of a picnic here, August 7, has been called off. The committee in charge announced that a "parade of mermaids" had been stricken from the program.

LAW SCHOOL DEAN NAMED

Santa Clara, Cal.—(N.C.W.C.)—Edwin J. Owens, professor of law at Boston College, prominent Boston attorney and graduate of Harvard University, will become acting dean of the University of Santa Clara College of Law early in August. Professor Owens was graduated from Holy Cross College in 1919 and received the degree of bachelor of laws from Harvard in 1922.

AFRICAN PLAGUE CLAIMS NUN

Lower Niger, Uganda.—(N.C.W.C.—Fides)—Sister Mary Margaret, O.S.F., nursing sister of the Mill Hill mission, has died at Nsambya of pneumonic plague. She contracted the malady from an African patient whom she was tending and who had died a few days previous. Sister Margaret was one of the few certified nurses in the community and had been at her post only 18 months.

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