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Rector Elevated to Episcopacy



Photo taken immediately after the consecration ceremony of the Most Rev. James Hugh Ryan, rector of the Catholic University of America, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington, October 25. Left to right: His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U. S.; Most Rev. James H. Ryan, titular Bishop of Modra; Most Rev. Joseph Chartrand, Bishop of Indianapolis, who officiated as consecrator; Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore and Chancellor of the Catholic University. (Photo by Reni.)

SODALTALK

Recording the Activities of Rochester Parish Sodality Union

The second Parish Sodality Union meeting of the year was held Monday evening, November 6, at the Columbus Civic Center. The Rev. Benedict Ehmman spoke on the Catholic Evidence Library opening in the Columbus Civic Center and invited all the Sodality members to make use of it. It is to serve the people of Rochester as a Central Bureau of Catholic Information. It should be a boon to the members of the Sodality study groups for it is so planned that material on almost any subject of study groups in the line of Catholic thought can be obtained there as well as a complete bibliography.

The Glee Club of Blessed Sacrament Sodality entertained the delegates with songs. Their generosity in coming and the fine rendition of their songs were certainly appreciated. The Rev. Robert Fox, Director of the Union, read a letter from Archbishop Mooney acknowledging the Spiritual Bouquet sent him by the Parish Sodality.

Mrs. Sally Julian, chairman of the meeting called upon the heads of the committees to give a report. The reports offered many suggestions to the Sodality for future activities. One statement made by a committee head suggests a clever poster. No K K K's in this Sodality! The K K K's refer to Kickers, Knockers, and "Kluggers."

Elections for President and Corresponding Secretary were held. Mrs. Mary Leary and Miss Marcela Sigler were elected to the respective positions.

A poster and mission exhibit were also features of the meeting. Did you ever have a scrapbook party? Some evening get the mission group together to make scrap books. It's loads of fun if you don't mind glue on the furniture and paper clippings and magazines strewn the floor.

As usual Union meeting provided plenty of news for your Sodality correspondent: Holy Rosary notebook lists the activities of the Sodality for November. Excerpts read thus: The Apostolic committee has just finished a most successful old clothes drive.

On November 9, the Mercy Committee is holding a card party at the home of Arlene McKague for the purpose of raising funds to defray expenses of postage and cards sent to the sick of the parish.

The proceeds from the Baked Food Sale to be sponsored by the Catholic Literature Committee on November 11 will more than purchase a new book rack, we hope. During November the Sodality are having a Poor Soul's Mite Box. Stray pennies and sacrifice pennies will be collected as an offering for a Mass for the Sodality intention—Our Poor Souls.

Our Lady of Victory Parish is holding a Parish Bazaar, November 24, 25, 26. The Sodality has charge of the Fishpond.

St. Bridget's Parish is also having a bazaar November 24, 25. Sodality are supervising the candy booth arrangements. A card party is being given, November 17 to raise money with which to buy candy. It is a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul or a vicious circle.

Blessed Sacrament Sodality are entertaining St. Peter and Paul Sodality on November 14. The Blessed Sacrament Sodality promise their guests a minstrel show with plenty of chuckles.

Fairs and Bazaars are in season. St. Boniface Parish is also having a fair.

Immaculate Conception Sodality are carrying on a very successful membership drive. It will be brought to a close at the Communion breakfast in December.

Mt. Carmel Sodality are planning a card party for November 19. The proceeds will go to a worthwhile parish project.

We are proud to hear of the splendid work being done by the Sodality of Holy Apostles parish in the way of Catechetics. The Apostolic Committee is to be congratulated. The Young Ladies Sodality has elected the following officers for the coming year: Mildred Magin, Prefect; Maude Sullivan, Vice-Prefect; and Lillian LeRoy, Secretary.

Sodality of Sacred Heart parish are planning a Mothers and Daughters banquet for December 8. Their schedule includes a play for December to obtain funds for the Christmas baskets.

St. Peter and Paul Sodality are having a food shower to collect supplies for the Christmas baskets. A card party on November 15 also headlines their program.

Members of the Eucharistic Committee of St. Patrick's Cathedral Sodality are planning a Communion Breakfast for Sunday, November 19. Miss Mary Gluz is in charge of arrangements.

The Catholic World Over

Confirmed in Wheelbarrow Cape Town.—(N.C.W.C.)—When the Most Rev. Herman Meyling, O. M. I., Vicar Apostolic of Kimberley, was administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to 46 natives at Warren Mission, an old wrinkled native woman, nearly 90, who was unable to walk, was wheeled into the church by her husband in a wheelbarrow. She was borne up the aisle and while sitting in the wheelbarrow was confirmed by the prelate.

Pleas for Starving Russia Vienna.—(N.C.W.C.)—"Help in the last hour!" begins a message addressed by the Russian Orthodox Bishop Seraphim, found a refuge in Vienna, to the international public. He implores Christian Europe to come to the assistance of the starving population of Southern Russia. With warm words he expresses his thanks to His Eminence Theodor Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna, for the Cardinal's proclamation to the whole world, in which he described the terrible distress of the population doomed to starvation in the Soviet Union and solicited some relief work in favor of those unfortunate people.

Need Priests in Africa Montreal.—(N.C.W.C.)—The Very Rev. Oscar Morin, P. B., Prefect Apostolic of Navrongo, the northern territory of the Gold Coast, Africa, who is in Montreal on a visit to his brother, has given some interesting information on conditions in the African missions. More than 100,000 souls living along the Volta River in the English Gold Coast and the French Ivory Coast are clamoring for missionaries, he declared.

Held Day of Mourning Warsaw.—(N.C.W.C.)—As a protest against the terror and famine in Ukraine, a day of mourning and protest has just been held in Eastern

Galicia with the consent and approval of the Greek Catholic Bishops. A conciliatory Mass, with appropriate sermon, was said in every church. Word has been received here from Moscow that 68 priests, most of them Poles, who had been confined in the Bolshevik prison at Jaroslavl, have been transferred to the Solowki Isles. Many of them are seriously ill and suffering from lack of food. An epidemic of typhoid fever is raging in the Solowki Isles.

Silence kept in a spirit of devotion brings great solace to the suffering souls.—Anon.

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mission. You could see more than I can write. Since many years you have sent us much help and daily we remember you in ours and the children's prayers. Once more our deep gratitude for your generosity and sympathy in all the last years. I ask for your Holy prayers and blessing. With religious respect, I remain in Christ. Yours most gratefully, Sister M. Jona Sauter.

Mission Sunday is over. Did you renew your membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith? Even though your offering be small, remember that it is welcome—and many small offerings will mean great relief for our missionaries.

Do you realize the wonderful spiritual benefits your membership will bring to you? Have you thought of the fact that each day in St. Peter's Church in Rome, Holy Mass is celebrated for the deceased members of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith?

Why not send for one of our mite boxes in which to save your pennies and small change for the missions? These boxes will remind you that a little sacrifice now and then for the poor, missionaries will help them to accomplish their great work. Let us send you a mite box. When you have filled it, return it to us, and we assure you that every coin you have saved therein will be sent to some poor missionary, who will remember you in his prayers and good works.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. We wish to remind our readers that we have on sale a limited number of beautiful Christmas cards. They may be procured at \$1.00 for a box of twelve.

ABBE MAKES DISCOVERY. Paris.—(N.C.W.C.)—A discovery which will undoubtedly render a great service to potato cultivators has just been made by a rural pastor, Abbe Calles, who serves the parish of St. Maxens in the Charente. With potatoes in central France being ravaged by a dangerous insect, the doryphore, Abbe Calles observed that petunias leaves attracted the insect, which, after eating them, died. Potatoes near the petunias were untouched. The Abbe urges planting petunias in the middle of the potato field.

MONKS NOW IN HOSPICE. Paris.—(N.C.W.C.)—After traveling 13,750 miles, the two Monks of the Great St. Bernard, Fathers Melly and Coquis, accompanied by two laymen attached to the hospice, have arrived at Weial, in the Chinese Province of Yunan, where they have established their provisional residence on the borders of Tibet, India and China, it has been learned here. They departed from Marseilles 10 months ago.

Will Cooperate. Berlin.—(NCWC)—Rudolf Hess, deputy leader of the Hitler Party has just announced the formation of a new Catholic group here called Arbeitsgemeinschaft katholischer Deutschen (Society of Catholic Germans) under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor Franz von Papen. The board of directors consists of State Secretary Hans Dausser (Munich), Major Hermann von Detten (Bamberg) and Governor Raufur sur Bassen (Cologne), all members of the National Socialist Party. The latter has given official recognition to this new body as being the only competent organization to promote closer cooperation between the Hitler Party and Catholics generally and to further relations between the Catholic Church and the State by eliminating all possible misunderstandings and disturbances.

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

"Can the infant son of a divorced Catholic be baptized in the Catholic Church?" Certainly if there is some guarantee that he will be brought up as a Catholic. The child should not be excluded from the Church merely because one (or both) of his parents has not been a faithful member.

"Is the course of studies for the priesthood the same in all parts of the world?" The Code of Canon Law prescribes at least two years for the course of philosophy and four years at least for the theological course, including both dogmatic and moral theology, Sacred Scripture, Church History, Canon Law, Liturgy, sacred eloquence, and ecclesiastical chant. In some places a longer time is spent. The priesthood may not be conferred until after the middle of the fourth year of the theological course.

"May a Catholic who has attempted marriage outside the Church receive the Sacraments?" Not until, having repented and confessed the sin, he or she promises not to live with the other party until they have been really married.

"Is a person excused from paying his debts if he cannot do so?" While he is unable to pay, his obligation is suspended, but it still binds, until he again becomes able to satisfy his debts.

"When should Holy Communion be received, before or during the Mass?" The proper time to receive Holy Communion is during the Mass after the priest's Communion. Sometimes, for the convenience of people who otherwise could not receive, Communion is given before Mass, but those who can wait until the proper time should do so.

"What are ' votive lights?'" They are candles or lights burned before a statue or picture of Our Lord or some Saint to do them honor or as a prayer for help. They are, as it were, a substitute for the person who offers the prayers. Usually they are not blessed.

"Are all converts required to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?" There is the same obligation that rests on every Catholic boy and girl. Confirmation, when received, in a Protestant denomination is not a Sacrament.

"When did Cain marry?" This question is often proposed by ignorant persons who try to show that there is some error in Scripture. In Chapter V, of Genesis it is stated that Adam and Eve had many sons and daughters. One of these latter was Cain's wife. Adam lived eight hundred years after the birth of his third son. The difficulties that people arise from their own false assumptions.

"Is there any accurate information as to the location of the Garden of Eden?" No. It is generally supposed that it was destroyed by the Flood. But at intervals, some scholar proposes a new theory as to its site.

Succure Miseris (Dedicato)

By Elizabeth Flynn Shmoo

October's sun dips in the West. While at her shrine they kneel, And angels censer heavenward send The plumes that sad hearts feel; A world benighted by its sin, Hung on thy words today—"O Mary, Helper without end Seek Her, and homage pay!"

God called thee in youth's cherished hour, And heard thy heart's request— A living chalice of His Blood, In consecration blest.

Meek follower of the Crucified, God give thee length of days, To trace upon a pagan world Our Lady's deathless praise.

To rescue from the endless flame His star shone o'er thy way, And bade thee garner souls for Him, Unto life's latest day. To cleanse them in that deepening flood—"T'hat flowed from Calvary's Hill, Embracing a whole world of sin. That He His Name might fill.

Earth's thorns entwine, but hilles Sweet Lean from the hedge of time, And whisper to thy pure young heart, Of Mary's truth sublime. For ere—this prayer I send on high, By autumn winds upblown— Thy soul bask in her fragrant love, Her mantle 'round thee thrown!"

PROPOSE EAST AFRICA SYNOD. Kisumu, Africa. (NCWC)—A Synod, to be attended by all the Catholic Ordinaries of Tanganyika Territory, Kenya Colony, Uganda and Nyasaland, has been proposed for 1935 by the Apostolic Delegate, His Excellency the Most Rev. Arthur Hinsley, Apostolic Delegate to Africa. This Synod, the first for East Africa, would be held at Rubaga Hill, one of the seven hills of Kampala, Uganda, and would bring together the heads of 20 flourishing mission territories, representing 1,000,000 Catholics. The total population of this area is 12,000,000. The idea was launched at the recent Conference of the Ordinaries of Kenya, held at Nairobi.

PUBLISH MOTHER SETON BOOKLET. Emmitsburg, Md.—(N.C.W.C.)—A new booklet on Mother Seton, has been published by the Sisters of Charity at St. Joseph's College, here. The pamphlet contains a biographical sketch of Mother Seton's life and a tribute to her virtue written in a letter by the Rev. Simon G. Brute, the spiritual guide of the foundress and Superior of the Daughters of Charity in the United States.

Cologne.—(NCWC)—The report of the N. C. W. C. News Service from Denver that The Catholic Register has suggested the preparation of a Catholic book of devotions from which the laity would voluntarily read each day, just as the priest reads his Divine Office, meets with special interest among German Catholics because such a book is already in existence in this country and is being widely used by the laity. The Latin-Brevier, or Lay Breviary, was prepared some years ago by the Benedictine Fathers of the famous Abbey of Maria Laach, near here. The publishers are the Augustinusverlag in Berlin.

Prague.—(NCWC)—The 1935 congress of the Pax Romana, international Catholic students' association, will meet at Prague and Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. The date has not been announced.

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