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## BERNADETTE CANONIZATION LINKED TO HOLY YEAR AND LOURDES GROTTO JUBILEE

By MSGR. ENRICO PUCCI  
Vatican City—The figure of Bernadette Soubirous Friday ascended to the supreme honors of the altars only eight years from the time when she received title of Blessed. It was then the Holy Year Ordinary of 1925 and now we find ourselves verging towards the decline of the Holy Year Extraordinary with which Pius XI has wished to remind men of the nineteenth century of the Divine Redemption. This observance coincides with that of another year of Jubilee, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the appearance of the Immaculate Virgin to the little, unknown shepherdess, Bernadette, on the banks of the Cave in that Grotto of Lourdes, which, in three-quarters of a century has become so splendid a throne of the mercy of Mary and such a powerful center of attraction to all the Christian family.

In speaking with the Sisters of Nevers—the monastic Order in which Bernadette took the veil—we were told by them that the Beatification as well as the Canonization of this favored child of Mary might have happened much sooner but for circumstances in which must be recognized the hand of God, who caused the deferring of the Beatification to the Holy Year of 1925 and the Canonization to this Holy Year of 1933 so that the Jubilee of the Redemption might be united with that of Lourdes.

The story of Bernadette is widely known to all, so intimately is it connected with that of Lourdes. Born on January 7, 1844, daughter of peasants who lived not only in poverty but in the utmost misery, at 14 years she had not yet made her First Communion. It must be observed however that at that time, especially in France, it was the custom to defer admitting children to the Sacred Table to a much later age, not before 12 and sometimes at 15 and 16 years of age. This custom Pope Pius X changed with his rules regarding the reception of First Communion by children as soon as they had reached the use of reason. Notwithstanding her distance from the heavenly Banquet, Bernadette was most pious and recited the Rosary with angelic fervor.

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## THE CATHOLIC WORLD OVER

Mexican Priest Jailed

Mexico City—(NCWC)—The Rev. Luciano Rovelo has been sentenced by the Judge of the District of Durango to three months in prison and a fine of 20 pesos for having celebrated Mass in the open-air in the vicinity of a place called Plutarco Elias Calle, near the city of Durango. The owner of the land, Lazaro Quesada, who wanted the Mass celebrated as a blessing for his fields, received the same sentence.

Says Mass in City Prison

Paris—(NCWC)—At Aix there is a confraternity known as "Friends of the Prisons" which brings to the prisoners—the solaces of religion, words of kindness and pardon, and shows to them the way that is always open to regeneration through expiation. To associate himself with this confraternity and to lend his encouragement, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Coste, Archbishop of Aix-en-Provence, celebrated Mass in the city prison and delivered a sermon especially for the inmates.

To Examine Holy Sindon

Vatican City—(NCWC)—After the exposition of the Holy Sindon, which took place in Turin, universal interest was aroused in that precious relic, in which, as the Gospels narrate, the Body of Jesus was wrapped before being laid in the tomb from which He was to rise gloriously. At other times, on the occasion of these solemn periodical expositions, accurate investigations have been made resulting in conclusions rigorously controlled by science, showing its authenticity.

Haiti Prelate 50 Years

Cap-Haitien—(NCWC)—The Most Rev. Francis Keruzan, titular Bishop of Serdipolis and former Bishop of Cap-Haitien will mark the 50th anniversary of his consecration in January. The jubilee will be celebrated here, where the aged Bishop resides, on January 6 and 7. Bishop Keruzan retired as Bishop of Cap-Haitien in 1929.

Swiss Press Meets

Fribourg, Switzerland—(NCWC)—Matters of interest to the Catholic Press, its mission and the reasons why it should receive the widest support were discussed at a meeting of the Swiss Catholic Press Association in the Canton of Soleure.

## Appointments of Clergy

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The Rev. Joseph Balcerak from pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, to pastor, St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester.  
The Rev. Ladislav L. Szecpanski from assistant pastor to pastor, St. Casimir's Church, Elmira.  
The Rev. Peter P. Jankowski from assistant pastor, St. Stanislaus to assistant pastor, St. Michael's Church, Newark.  
The Rev. John F. Wolock from assistant pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church to assistant pastor, St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester.  
The Rev. Alexander J. Stec from assistant pastor, St. Michael's Church, Newark, to assistant pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Rochester.  
The Rev. Stanislaus H. Blazewski from assistant pastor of St. Stanislaus Church to assistant pastor, St. Casimir's Church, Elmira.

MOST REV. ARCHBISHOP  
EDWARD MOONEY, D.D.,  
Bishop of Rochester.

## CATHOLICS WIN IN SPAIN DUE TO 3 FACTORS

Women's Votes, Press and  
Lay Groups Bring Radical  
Regime's Downfall

By REV. MANUEL GRANA  
(Madrid Correspondent, N. C. W. O.  
News Service)

Madrid—Spanish Catholics will have more than 200 deputies in the new Parliament. The Socialists had 110, the Catholics scarcely 20. This Catholic victory is due to many causes, negative as well as positive. Among the latter were the individual and party efforts and the electoral campaign of the coalition group, Accion Popular, which has done a remarkable job of organization. Its young promoters, Gil Robles especially, have proved to be astute and dynamic leaders of a distinctly new type. They also mobilized middle Spain. A great part of the credit also is due to the special editions of the Catholic press, its personnel, buildings and its prestige, all placed at the disposal of the champions of the Catholic cause in Spain.

Women's Vote Counts. Last but by no means least, the feminine vote must be listed as a positive cause. The Socialists included woman suffrage in the Constitution, believing that more working women than others would vote, and that they would vote the Socialist ticket. But during the last two years the Socialists have so humiliated and offended the religious sentiments of the Spanish women, that they have turned their back upon the anti-religionists. An ironic sight was that of nuns, wearing the habits of their Orders, voting under a regime which had commenced with the burning of convents. The women of Spain not only went to the ballot box to cast their votes, but they contributed their prestige and their labor to pre-election campaigning among the masses.

The negative factors contributing to the Catholic victory are already well known. The disastrous policy of Azana and his Socialists, which had ruined the national economy had wounded the Catholic feelings of the greater part of the people. The dictatorial and revolutionary boasts of their stubborn leaders also were resented. The arbitrariness of the former government had overturned the measure; suspension of the press, deportations, waste of public funds, failure to punish gunmen and other disturbers of the public peace, undisciplined social aid and protection when it suited them and barbarous control when their interests were in danger.

The election, aside from inevitable incidents—the deaths of six, various attacks and attempts at coercion was carried out with a general orderliness such had not really been hoped for. Judging from the violence of the campaign, it was greatly feared that the election would cause much bloodshed. The campaign had been waged with intensity both in Madrid and in

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The latter made public Sunday, which was sent to all members of the State Legislature, declared that those who signed it "as churchmen, feel

## Doctor Sheen Resumes Radio Talks Dec. 24

Washington, D. C.—(NCWC)—The Rev. Dr. Fulton J. Sheen, internationally known writer and orator, will begin his fourth annual series of addresses in the nationwide "Catholic Hour" on Christmas Eve. Dr. Sheen is professor of the Philosophy of Religion at the Catholic University of America.

The National Council of Catholic Men and members of the "Catholic Hour," in making the announcement, add that Dr. Sheen's coming series of addresses will cover 15 weeks, terminating Easter Sunday. This year's series, it was announced, will trace the life of our Lord, beginning on Christmas Eve with the event of the Nativity. The title of the opening address will be "The Infancy of Littleton."

Dr. Sheen has achieved notable success in past radio series. Known by millions of listeners for his "Catholic Hour" addresses, he is familiar to hundreds of thousands of others by reason of his books and lectures. According to the statement of the National Council of Catholic Men, upwards of half a million copies of his radio talks have been distributed upon request. The statement adds that "this tremendous popularity is due to the combination of a consummate art and a modern apologetical approach—an approach, that is based on a profound learning in the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas, adapted, by virtue of an almost equal knowledge of current philosophy, to the modern mind." "That this approach is effective," the statement continues, "is attested by the tens of thousands of commendatory letters received from non-Catholic members of the radio audience, and by the gratifying number of conversions achieved through it."

## Credit Plane as Chief Aid in Prefecture Gain

Cape Town—(NCWC)—The Garip Prefecture, which is in the care of the Sacred Heart Fathers—the only mission in southern Africa which has a mission airplane—has made striking progress in the past year since the acquisition of the plane. In the course of the year the missionaries nursed some 33,000 outpatients and 800 in-patients in their hospitals, medical stations, and dispensaries. They paid \$4,000 but visited in locations and services. They are maintaining two hospitals, 10 medical stations and dispensaries, four mission doctors, 11 nurses, and 10 probationers.

## CHRIST SOLVED YOUTH PROBLEM SAYS PRIEST

Fr. Vincent Mooney Urges  
Support For 'America's  
Cheated Children'

New York—(NCWC)—The youth problem is one that has come down to us from ancient times and its real solution was provided for by Christ Himself, the Rev. Vincent Mooney, C.S.C., Director of the Catholic Youth Bureau of the National Council of Catholic Men, said in an address delivered at the fourth regional conference of the Knights of Columbus Boys' Workers and Columbian Squires' Leaders, here, Father Mooney spoke on "Christ and Boys' Work."

Until the coming of the Saviour, Father Mooney told the regional conference, the rights of childhood were not recognized by human society. "Before Christ came," he said, "there was no child care such as we know today. Denied all legal rights, the children or men were the victims of chance. Children's hospitals did not exist; child welfare legislation was no concern of self-centered parents who were compelled or empowered by the State to destroy or abandon unwanted children."

Childhood's Bill of Rights. "Christ changed all that. Just as He elevated matrimony to the dignity of a sacrament at the marriage feast of Cana, so too did He elevate the standards of child welfare. Just as He emphasized the rights of labor and the stability of the home, so too did He give to a starving world a new Bill of Rights for childhood. "May you find in the example of Christ the King the inspiration to carry on in the service of youth, May

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## Newspaper Offices Aid Missionary in Quest of Hinterland Catholics

London—(NCWC)—The traveling missionary of the Southwick Diocese, Fr. George Winham, discovers isolated Catholics by inquiring at newspaper offices for the addresses of the people who buy Catholic newspapers. In that way, he has located dozens of Catholics who far distant from churches, have lost contact with the clergy. He gets the Catholics together, arranges to say Mass, moves on and returns in perhaps a month or more. Father Winham has just said Mass in the oak-raftered parlor of the Crown Inn Stone-In-Oxney, Kent. It was the second Mass at Oxney since the Reformation. Twelve persons attended, one of them an old man who waited for an hour and a half to get there.

## Bishop Chartrand Of Indianapolis Is Dead at Age 63

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Indianapolis, Ind.—(NCWC)—The Most Rev. Joseph Chartrand, Bishop of Indianapolis, died unexpectedly Friday night at the age of 63. Bishop Chartrand, a prelate of outstanding ability and achievement and one of the best-beloved members of the Hierarchy, was elevated to the See of Indianapolis on September 7, 1918, succeeding the Most Rev. Francis Sias Chatard. He was the sixth Bishop of Indianapolis, and served amid the esteem and affection of the city of Indianapolis in general.

## Alfred E. Smith First Recipient of College's Catholic Action Medal

St. Bonaventure, N. Y.—(NCWC)—The St. Bonaventure College Catholic Action Medal will be conferred upon Alfred E. Smith, former Governor of New York, by His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, in New York City on December 17, Gaudeat Sunday. Mr. Smith is the first recipient of the medal, which will be conferred annually to men exemplifying in an outstanding way Catholic principles in life. The ceremony will be attended by dignitaries of Church and State.

## CHURCH IS PROUD OF K. C. SAYS APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

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## PERSECUTION RIGOR GROWS IN MEXICO

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

Mexico City—The rigor of the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico increases. The latest official act is the approval by the Committee on Constitutional Points of the Chamber of Deputies of the proposal of the Jalisco representation in the Chamber that Article 3 be changed by the substitution for "secular" education of "an education that may be in accord with scientific investigations." Furthermore the Committee proposes that seminaries be allowed to function "only under the vigilance of Mexican Religious Corporations, allowing only one seminary for each religion or sect that is meeting the requirements in the Republic."

It remains to be seen whether the Committee's proposal will be approved by the majority of the Deputies. EF Universal, in an editorial entitled "An Assault through a Cat's Hole on the Third Article of the Constitution," severely criticizes the Committee's proposal and declares that it is formulated in ambiguous terms and may be regarded as an ambush against the secular school. The phrase "in accord with scientific investigations" EF Universal considers "superfluous or having a special meaning, because pedagogical work is in consonance with the teachings which are the results of the most modern scientific investigations."

## Pries's Effort Wins Town New Industry

Chatham, N. Y.—The efforts of the Rev. John J. Finn of St. James Church and president of the Chamber of Commerce, have brought a new industry to this town. With the cooperation of Chatham residents more than \$12,000 was subscribed in less than 42 hours to assist the new manufacturing company of a building designed especially for its needs.

## FR. COUGHLIN AGAIN FLAYS GOLD STANDARD

Detroit—(NCWC)—In his regular Sunday radio talk Sunday, the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower, again supporting President Roosevelt's monetary policy, assailed the gold standard and asserted that it was responsible for the economic depression which began in 1929.

The industrialists of the country, Father Coughlin said, were at the mercy of gold standard capitalists and money had become "not the medium of exchange but the medium of control." He spoke in praise of a resolution recently adopted by the National Association of Manufacturers supporting President Roosevelt's policies. The gold standard, capitalist, Father Coughlin charged, promotes the philosophy of production for profit and not for use.

## Southern Station Ends Rutherford Programs After K. of C. Protest

Newport News, Va.—(NCWC)—Following protests made by the Newport News Council of the Knights of Columbus, Station WGH, here, has discontinued the "Judge" Rutherford broadcasts. The stations' action in discontinuing the Rutherford programs was the result of representations made to its officials by the Knights of Columbus calling attention to the anti-Catholic characteristics of the broadcasts.

## LEADS CATTLE TO NUNS

Washington—(NCWC)—Through the generosity of James G. Strunk, former Representative from Kansas and now Assistant Treasurer of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, the Sisters of Mercy will have the use of a herd of blooded Holstein cattle on their farm a few miles outside of Washington which supplies milk to their various institutions. The herd consists of 25 cows, 19 calves and a prize-winning bull.

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ADD 6,719 NEW READERS TO CHICAGO WEEKLY

Chicago—(NCWC)—Catholic high schools and colleges of the Archdiocese of Chicago, within a few months, have added 6,719 readers to the weekly list of The New World, archdiocesan newspaper. It has just been announced here. Active support of the archdiocesan publication only recently was taken up by the educational institutions. Their efforts in Catholic Action are part of the widespread and successful Catholic youth movement now progressing under the immediate direction of the Most Rev. R. J. Sheil, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. Immaculate High School, with 742 new readers, leads the schools. It was announced. Mercy High School is second with 586, and St. Xavier High School with 480. Providence, Aloysius, St. Ignatius, Visitation, and other schools all have added more than 100 readers. Thirty-seven schools have joined in this campaign to increase the circulation of The New World.