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THE CATHOLIC WORLD OVER

With the announcement this week through the N.C.W.C. News Service that the German sterilization is doomed to failure in the opinion of the Rev. Joseph M. Dougherty, O.S.A., dean of the school of science of Villanova College, comes also a dispatch stating that the first move to enforce Oklahoma's amended sterilization law was made last week. The State Board of Affairs requested the Warden of the Oklahoma State Prison and the superintendents of three hospitals for the insane to apply it to habitual criminals and the hopelessly insane. As though it were an answer to the German and Oklahoma proposals comes word from Monsignor Newsome, administrator of Bedford Court Mental Hospital, London, that only five per cent of the mental defectives of this generation have one or both parents who are mentally defective.

"Some of the greatest experts on mental deficiency," Monsignor Newsome is quoted as saying, "say that sterilization is not one halfpenny worth of good and that the problem must be dealt with in another way."

The work of the Church embraces all races. This is evidenced in a news story stating that the Most Rev. Daniel F. Desmond, Bishop of Alexandria, La., has accepted for work in his diocese the first three graduates of St. Augustine's Seminary for colored youths at Bay St. Louis, Miss. The prospective graduates of the Seminary have just been made Deacons and are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood next May.

The hard times must have had some effect on infidelity for the number of divorce cases in Reno for 1933 was 600 less than the total recorded for 1932. Figures there reveal it is to be hoped that the economic stress is not the only deterrent but that people are getting back to a realization of real values.

Another encouraging sign of the times comes in the announcement that the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences in Paris has just called to its ranks, by a particularly flattering vote, one of the French champions of the fight against birth control, Edouard Jordan, professor at the Sorbonne. An avowed Catholic, Professor Jordan in his book, "Eugenics and Morality," has courageously discussed and argued against, in the name of morals and faith, the theories of scholars who advocate birth control.

A Bishop's idea of rest in Africa is to climb up and down the mountains of Tanganyika Territory to assist the missionaries, an item from Bagamoyo, Africa states. Bishop Louis Munsch, 65 years old, of the Holy Ghost Fathers, recently was recalled from retirement as Vicar Apostolic of Kilima Njaro, to assist in Confirmations, and after having confirmed 543 new Christians at Malombo, he traveled by foot over the Ufururu Mountains to confirm at Mgeta. The path which he had to take over the mountains reaches an altitude of 5,248 feet, and the journey requires nine hours when done by a strong young man.

Believing that Catholic lay people are keenly interested in the study of their religion, the laity of the Diocese of Great Falls, Montana, set out three years ago to organize the Study Club Movement and so successful have been their efforts, that now there are 448 individual, well-organized and thoroughly affiliated Study Clubs in the See, and one parish, with its mission stations, boasts as many as 41 individual units. The movement is organized on a diocesan basis, with the central offices at the headquarters of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, through which organizations the work is developed. It is a mark worth shooting at.

Fruits of missionary endeavors. Among the Prefects Apostolic named by recent decrees of the Congregation of Propaganda in Rome are two Chinese priests. Father Peter Wang, secular priest of the Vicariate of Nanyangfu, has been named Prefect Apostolic of Chumattien, Honan Province, China. Father Silvester Wang, O.F.M., Chinese Franciscan, has been named Prefect Apostolic of Fengsanzu, Shensi Province.

Jerusalem.—(NCWC)—An English antiquarian and expert has been engaged by the British High Commissioner for Palestine to survey the condition of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, which is said to be in urgent need of repairs. It is estimated that the repairs would cost about \$335,000.

Brooklyn Tablet Urges State To Consider Parochial School Aid

Financial relief for parochial schools is asked in an open letter to Governor Lehman and the State Legislature printed in the current issue of the Brooklyn Tablet, official publication of the Brooklyn Diocese.

The Legislature in the present session will face the education issue and an important phase of this question is the Catholic side, the letter states, for "the Catholic population of the State is about one quarter of the whole. The number of religious public schools maintained by Catholics total 994, the number of pupils 45,531, 323 and the number of teachers is about 13,283; an investment of many millions of dollars is represented."

Containing that "religious public schools" of the State are suffering "untold" hardships, the letter says that in former years the supporters of Catholic, Lutheran and other "religious public schools" were willing to bear "this heavy burden, but today the economic situation makes it too heavy to carry."

"Assuredly if State schools, which draw upon the compulsory taxes and assessments and which are made the recipients of State appropriations, are in difficulty, how much harder

TROY SCHOOL FIRST TO CLOSE IN DIOCESE

Double Taxation Blamed For Closing of Parish School

Troy, N. Y., (NCWC)—The parish school of St. Jean the Baptist, here, will close its doors after the January examination. It has just been announced by the pastor, the Rev. Paul A. Leduc. The school has a registration of 96 pupils and a teaching staff of four Sisters of St. Joseph, with the Rev. Adolphe Bouchard, assistant pastor, acting as principal. St. Jean's is the only French parish in Troy.

In expressing regret at the enforced closing, Father Leduc said the financial burden had proven too great to bear, since the parish was suffering a deficit each year of about \$1,800.

Concern was expressed by residents of the neighborhood as to whether Public School No. 10 would have the facilities to care for the added enrollment which the closing of St. Jean's school will entail.

In an editorial prompted by the closing of the school, the first in the Diocese of Albany, The Evangelist, diocesan weekly, refers to the action as the "first fatality of the double school tax on Catholic people."

"It happens, too," the editorial says, "that the Catholic people of Troy carry the full school costs of nearly half the school children of the city, besides paying their share of the taxes to educate the rest of the city's children in public schools."

Most Rev. N. Bares Is Selected As New Ordinary of Berlin

Berlin.—(NCWC)—The appointment of the Most Rev. Nikolaus Bares, Bishop of Hildesheim, as Bishop of Berlin is universally acclaimed by Catholics here.

Bishop Bares, who is 63 years old, is known throughout Germany as one of the most devout Shepherds of the Church. He was born in the Rhineland and has always shown a particular interest in the ministry of the younger generation. He succeeds the late Most Rev. Christian Schreiber, first Catholic Bishop of the Berlin See.

CHINESE BOY BAPTIZED

Quebec.—(NCWC)—On Christmas Day, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in the chapel of the Chinese Mission, Father Pacone, O.F.M., baptized Georges Fong, 11-year-old pupil of the School of St. Sauveur, Commander J. G. Ernest Cote is the godfather of the Chinese youth.

COMEDIAN'S SON IS CONVEINT

London.—(NCWC)—Son of "Little Tich," one of the most popular English comedians of the last generation, Paul Ralph has been received into the Catholic Church. The reception took place at Farm-street Church, by the Rev. F. Woodcock, S.J.

Catholic Guild Is Formed In Scotland For Both Employers and Employees

London.—(NCWC)—A Catholic building guild embracing both employers and employed in all phases of building construction is being formed in Glasgow. It will be the first organization of its kind formed in Great Britain in modern times, for all the existing Catholic guilds appeal only to employees.

A committee has been set up to draft a constitution which will be submitted to the Archbishop for his approval, with an invitation to appoint a chaplain.

ORDINATIONS SURVEY SHOWS 1,011 IN 1932

Seminaries In U. S. Furnish N. C. W. C. Education Department With Data

Washington (NCWC)—Ordinations in the 93 major seminaries conducted throughout the United States totaled 1,011 during 1932. It is revealed in the biennial survey just made public by the Department of Education, National Catholic Welfare Conference. This is an increase of 99 over the total for 1930, when the last survey was made. The number of graduates ordained as members of religious Orders was 336, while 675 were ordained as members of the diocesan clergy.

In 1932, the number of students enrolled in courses in theology was 4,828. Of this total 1,665 were students training for religious Orders and 3,263 were students training for the secular, or diocesan, clergy. A total of 2,891 students were enrolled in courses of philosophy. This total included 1,463 religious Order students and 1,428 aspirants to the diocesan priesthood.

Excluding duplicates the total number of students training for religious Orders were 3,045 and for the diocesan clergy 4,682. The grand total of 7,727 students in 1932 was an increase of nearly 100 students over the total of 7,632 in 1930.

Reports 1,356 Graduates
In 1932, the seminaries reported 1,356 graduates. The number of these graduates who received degrees was as follows: Bachelor of Arts, 489; Bachelor of Science, 1; Bachelor of Philosophy, 11; Bachelor of Sacred Theology, 89; Master of Arts, 100; Master of Science, 5; Licentiate of Philosophy, 1; Licentiate of Sacred Theology, 33; Doctor of Sacred Theology, 2; or a total of 797 degrees.

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MANUSCRIPT OF GREEK BIBLE SAFE IN LONDON

Famous 'Codex Sinaiticus' Purchased from Russia, Attracts Throng

London.—(NCWC)—Long lines of waiting persons crowded the entrance hall of the British Museum here to see the famous Codex Sinaiticus, newly arrived from Soviet Russia and purchased for the nation at a cost of \$500,000, when it was displayed within a few hours of its having been handed over by the Soviet representatives.

Many of the visitors came from the provinces for a glimpse of the manuscript. On the second day the rush continued and the visitors to the museum numbered 7,041 as compared with 2,059 on the same date last year.

The Catholic papers express relief at the safe custody of the manuscript. The Tablet says that "Hallelujah! Russia has long ceased to be its 'Bible house' and expresses hope that Catholic seats of learning will figure among the list of subscribers to the purchase price."

"Catholic Press Comments"
The Catholic Times remarks that the dailies here are so proud of the fact that Great Britain now possesses the Codex "that they had no time to comment on the Soviet's disgrace at parting with it. Any really civilized nation would feel that it had reached the depths of poverty if it had to sell its art treasures, but the Soviet tells the Codex with ill-concealed cynicism. Money for airplanes and machine guns to be got out of religious trash—that, one feels, is their attitude."

"We owe them thanks," the paper goes on, "for not having destroyed it, and for letting it pass into the possession of people who will treasure it and treat it with the reverence it deserves."

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FAMED LITURGICAL CHOIR OF PIUS X SCHOOL COMES HERE FOR DEMONSTRATION CONCERT

Products of Pius X Liturgical School, New York City To Demonstrate Church Music Rendition Decried In Pope Pius X 'Mota Proprie'

To illustrate what correct principles of musical education may accomplish and to demonstrate that only those choirs can sing well polyphonic and Gregorian music who have been especially trained in youth, the Choir of the Pius X School of Liturgical Music, College of the Sacred Heart, New York City, will be in Rochester Friday of this week to give a demonstration concert to priests, nuns and choirmasters at Nazareth Academy Auditorium, at 4 o'clock.

This choir has an extraordinary reputation in its field. It is said to demonstrate the work that has been accomplished at the Pius X school, which was established in 1912 as the program of Pope Pius X in the country as outlined in the "Mota Proprie," a decree issued by the Pope in 1908.

That the movement has the sanction of Archbishop Money is evidenced in a letter to the Rev. John J. Duffy, superintendent of Catholic Schools in which the Archbishop stated: "I assure you that the program of liturgical music has my approval and will receive every encouragement it is in my power to give."

Director Leonard Meyer
The director of the Choir, Leonard Meyer, a religious of the Sacred Heart, arrived in Rochester Monday accompanied by Miss Mary Thompson, a teacher in the Pius X school, to give a series of lectures and practical demonstrations in the schools. Bishop of Rochester, New York, will not appear in the program of the choir, the choir will be singing at the Nazareth school, at 4 o'clock Friday.

Father Duffy is announced as the guest of honor at the concert.

"Mota Proprie" should be provided our parishes, as it is an excellent means of spiritual instruction in liturgical singing. Today

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Radio Broadcast Is Arranged For Holy Name Sunday

New York.—(NCWC)—The Rev. Thomas F. Conlon, O.P., National Director of the Holy Name Society, will be in charge of a special program observing Holy Name Sunday, to be broadcast over the W.A.N.O. Columbia network Sunday, January 14, during the "Church of the Air" period from 1 to 1:30 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.

Father Conlon will speak on "Modern Apollonia of Christ." The Holy Name Society, under the direction of Constantino Yes, will contribute the "Hymn to the Holy Name" by Bishop Anderson, "Infant Jesus" by P. A. You, and "Pange Angelum" by S. G. You.

FR. SCHRANTZ EDUCATOR DIES IN 88TH YEAR

Archbishop Money Pays Respects To His Former Teacher's Memory

Numbered among the members of the American Hierarchy who were his pupils, Archbishop Money on Monday attended the funeral services at Catonsville, Md. for the Very Rev. Charles B. Schrantz, former president of St. Charles College and one of the best-known educators in the country who died Thursday of last week at the age of 88 years.

Solemn high Mass of requiem was celebrated in the chapel of St. Charles College by the Very Rev. Dr. John F. Fenlon, S. S., Provincial of the Sulclian Fathers in the United States, assisted by the Very Rev. Eugene F. Harrigan, S. S., president of St. Charles College and also a student at the college when Father Schrantz was president, as deacon; and the Rev. Lawrence A. Brown, S. S., vice-president of the college, subdeacon.

Other members of the Hierarchy who studied under Father Schrantz are: The Most Rev. John J. Swint, Bishop of Wheeling and the Most Rev. James E. Cassidy, Auxiliary Bishop and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fall River.

Has Long Career
Father Schrantz had been stationed at St. Charles College, except for a few brief periods, for 62 years. Born at Diekirch, Luxembourg, on May 20, 1845, Father Schrantz made his ecclesiastical studies at Rheims and Paris. He was ordained December 17, 1870. He entered the Sulclian Society at Issy, France, in 1871 and came to this country to take up his work at St. Charles in September, 1873.

Father Schrantz, besides being a learned, beloved and respected teacher, also contributed to Catholic magazines. He was a master of language as well as a writer.

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Supreme Court Orders Trial of Bishop Jas. Cannon, Jr. and Aide

Washington.—(NCWC)—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and Miss Ada L. Burroughs, chairman and treasurer, respectively, of the Anti-Smith Campaign Committee of Virginia in 1928, must stand trial on the charge of conspiracy to violate the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, the United States Supreme Court ruled Tuesday by a vote of 8 to 1.

The first eight counts of the indictment against the defendants were struck out by the Supreme Court, which found them invalid. However, the Court held that the ninth and tenth counts were sufficient to justify trial.

When the case of Bishop Cannon and Miss Burroughs was originally brought up in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, the court upheld their demurrer alleging the indictments to be faulty on the grounds that (1) the counts did not allege facts sufficient to constitute a crime, and (2) that the Corrupt Practices Act was unconstitutional because it invaded the rights of States in seeking to regulate the election of State electors. The District Supreme Court sustained the demurrer on the first ground, stating that it was unnecessary to rule upon the second. The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia reversed the first court, and Bishop Cannon then appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Justice Sutherland read the majority opinion, which stated Tuesday that the ninth and tenth counts of the indictment were sufficient for trial. "The power of Congress to protect the election of President and Vice President from corruption being clear," Justice Sutherland also said, "the choice of means to that end presents a question primarily addressed to the judgment of Congress."

The charges against Bishop Cannon and Miss Burroughs are an outgrowth of the 1928 Presidential campaign, when former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York was the Democratic candidate and was bitterly opposed by Bishop Cannon.

Following the Supreme Court's decision Tuesday, Bishop Cannon was quoted as saying "they will have a tough job proving any conspiracy in this case." He also was quoted as expressing a desire to go on trial as speedily as possible.

Rutherford Agents Pose As Friends Of Rev. C. E. Coughlin

By N.C.W.C. News Service
Catholic editors in widely scattered sections have issued warning to their readers against a petition for "freedom of the air," which they assert is being circulated in the interest of "Judge" Rutherford's radio talks while the agents represent to Catholics that they are seeking to keep the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, noted radio speaker, "on the air."

The common practice, judging from the different reports, is to circulate the petition through agents who go from door to door. In Cleveland, the report from that city states, an agent began his talk to a Catholic housekeeper in this way: "Madam, you are a friend of Father Coughlin, aren't you? You don't want him taken off the air, do you? Well, I have a petition right here for you to sign. We must protect the rights of the common people." The housekeeper, becoming suspicious, asked: "Aren't you one of the Watchtower people?" The solicitor admitted the charge and fled.

From Providence, Chicago and Denver have come other reports of similar petitions. An agent in one of these centers is reported to have represented to a Catholic household that unless "freedom of the air" is maintained, even "Father Coughlin may no longer be able to broadcast." As a result of the activities of these agents, reports state, a number of Catholics have been led to fix their names to what one paper calls "a petition ruse" to have Rutherford, foe of established churches, returned to the air.

Fate of Capitalism Up to Congress

Says Fr. Coughlin
Detroit.—(NCWC)—Congress must determine "whether the system of democracy as we know it and the system of capitalism shall be retained," declared the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin Sunday in his station-wide radio broadcast.

Declaring that "the holding of gold in the hands of these parasites in war and peace" has been "the main cause" that has "plunged us" into where we are, Father Coughlin urged the warring of gold from the banks, nationalizing it, and proceeding with drastic revaluation.

Saying that the theory behind the entrance of the United States in the World War was to make "money and debts collectible" and not to make the world safe for democracy, the priest charged that the same motive actuates those who led today in the fight against monetary reform.

Congress must determine within the next 150 days, he said, whether the control of gold shall remain in the hands of private bankers or be returned to "120,000,000 American and American taxpayers."

Asserting that he believed the president had no more to offer as a national dictator, Father Coughlin said that the Chief Executive knew that "Congress and Congress alone has the right to coin money and regulate the value thereof."

Bishop Reveals He Had Almost Decided To Forego Holy Year

London.—(NCWC)—The Holy Father revealed to the Bishop of Leeds, the Most Rev. Joseph Arthur Coughlin, that he had almost decided against the celebration of the centenary of the redemption of the world, which will be celebrated in 1925, and that he had almost decided to claim a Holy Year.

The Bishop tells that the Holy Father's decision was a relief to him, as he had been making up his mind to make a private admission to Father Coughlin, who had been making up his mind to make a public admission to the world.

Therefore, the Holy Father has kindly conceded that whenever, because of human labor or other reasonable cause, an impediment may arise so that the faithful can not hold in their hands a Rosary or a Crucifix to which a blessing for spiritual indulgences is attached, the faithful may gain these indulgences in some other way, during the recitation of the Rosary or Crucifix in the hands of a person.

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Sacred Penitentiary Gives Decision On Rosary and The Way of the Cross

Vatican City.—(NCWC)—The December issue of the Acta Apostolicae Sedis carries an important decision of the Sacred Penitentiary regarding the obtaining of indulgences for recitation of the Rosary or the Way of the Cross.

Heretofore, in order to gain these indulgences, it was required that a Rosary—or in the case of the Way of the Cross recited by a person unable to go the rounds of the Stations, a Crucifix—be held in the hand. Eager to facilitate both of these salutary practices and to increase them—both because the devotion of these Rosary is most pleasing to the Mother of God and a most efficacious means of meriting her protection,