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THE CATHOLIC WORLD OVER

Father Coughlin, the nationally known radio priest of the Shrine of the Little Flower in Detroit has announced that he is accepting no invitations to speak outside of his own church in suburban Royal Oak, it is announced in an Associated Press dispatch.

There is a little town in France, Teneur, that has had the unique distinction of having had only one pastor appointed in a century by the bishop of Arras. The present pastor was appointed in 1890 and his parishioners hope that he will be with them for many years to come. His immediate predecessor had an unusually long term as pastor, 57 years. He was appointed pastor of Teneur in 1833 and remained there until his death in 1890.

That Catholics in India are alert is noted from a NCWC-Flides dispatch stating that the proposal of a law favoring the institution of birth control clinics has been withdrawn by the prime minister of the Madras Presidency. Heated discussion and opposition followed when the project was first launched, and several protest meetings called by Catholic organizations were held in different parts of the presidency.

The Japanese Foundation of the Benedictine Fathers of Beuron, Hohenzollern, from whence came the beautiful Christmas Eve broadcast, came nearer realization with the departure just recently of Dom Cyrillus Verz, O.S.B. of Beuron for Japan. He is one of the six Beuronese Fathers appointed by the Rt. Rev. Archbishop formally to inaugurate missionary activities of the Benedictine Order in the Land of the Rising Sun.

Lay leadership in Austria has risen to such heights of capability that it is no longer believed necessary for the Austrian clergy to hold public office. The N.C.W.C. correspondent in Vienna states that the decision of the Austrian Bishops ordering all priests who had received permission from their ecclesiastical superiors to sit in public representative bodies to resign their offices is being widely discussed there. It is believed that in Austria now there is a stock, increasing from year to year, of excellent Catholic intellectual men of all professions, and from these can be drawn therefore all the forces that are required for looking after the Catholic interests in public life. It is felt that these forces are now sufficient to replace the priest in public life and to allow him to return to the sacred district of his vocation.

Father Leo Ward, son of the late Wilfrid Ward, biographer of Newman, and grandson of W. G. Ward, of the Oxford Movement, gave the sermon at the ceremony at which the new church of the Sacred Heart, Yokohama, was blessed and officially opened. The new church replaces the one destroyed in the great earthquake of 1923. Archbishop Chamberlain of Tokyo, presided and most of the Diplomatic Corps of Yokohama attended the ceremony.

St. Joseph has been chosen as patron of the guild which has been formed in Glasgow and which was announced last week in a N.C.W.C. News Service dispatch. This guild embracing masters and men in the building trades is the first modern guild of the kind in Great Britain.

Charges that patients at the Wayne County Home for Mental Defectives in Michigan have been sterilized despite their objections and that 342 such operations have been performed in the Michigan Home and Training Schools have just been made before the Board of County Auditors by witnesses. Dr. Robert H. Haskell, superintendent of the county home, said 61 operations had been performed there but asserted that all were carried out on petition of the patients' families and in accord with the State Law.

When two visiting Italian submarines anchored at Cape Town, one of the most official acts of the Commander was to call on the Most Rev. Francis Hennemann, accompanied by his officers. The Bishop returned the courtesy visiting the submarines. On the following Sunday, the Bishop celebrated Mass at the docks for the Catholic members of the crews.

From Caqueta, Colombia, South America, comes word that in a region which 20 years ago was covered by virgin forest through which savages roamed, a seminary has been inaugurated by Capuchins in which young men will study for the priesthood.

ANNIVERSARY OF PACT NOTED BY PRESIDENT

Sends Letter To Cardinal Dougherty at Mass Noting 1783 Treaty of Paris

Philadelphia.—(NCWC) — President Franklin D. Roosevelt, amid the press of official duties, found time Sunday to take cognizance of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the ratification by Congress of the Treaty of Paris of 1783, the treaty which concluded the American Revolution and recognized the independence of the United States. The President's action took the form of a personal letter to His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia on the occasion of a Solemn Pontifical Mass in commemoration of the anniversary.

The President particularly commended the American Catholic Historical Society, under whose auspices the observance was arranged, for its service to America in thus calling attention to "a landmark in the history of the United States for progress and for peace among the nations." The Mass, presided over by His Eminence, was celebrated by the Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia and president of the American Catholic Historical Society. Bishop O'Hara was assisted by the Rev. Dr. John Rowan of the faculty of Overbrook Seminary as assistant priest, the Rev. Dr. James W. Gibbons, as deacon, and the Rev. Dr. Hubert Cartwright, as subdeacon.

Religious importance A sermon of special historical interest was delivered by the Rev. Dr. W. J. Lallou, professor at Overbrook Seminary. Mentioning briefly the political and social results of the Revolution, Father Lallou emphasized particularly the religious importance of the Treaty of 1783. It was one of the principal factors in the establishment of not only of political independence, said Father Lallou, but of religious independence as well. The same year that witnessed the ratification of the Treaty (1784), he recalled, saw also the establishment of an American Catholic hierarchy free from the former control of the Vicar Apostolic of London.

The Mass, held in the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, was attended by more than 2,000 persons, including the consuls in Philadelphia of European powers, representatives of the various societies of Philadelphia and of Pennsylvania, the personal

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Papal Delegate Praises Work of Holy Name Men

New York.—(NCWC)—Holy Name men throughout the country were congratulated by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, in a message published in the current issue of The Holy Name Journal.

The message of the Papal Delegate said: "It is with sincere joy that I take advantage of this opportunity to congratulate you on your good work in the dioceses and parishes of the United States. I desire particularly to express my appreciation of the force behind these good works, of that distinctive weapon of the Holy Name Society—good example.

"Your good example is more than an accomplishment of a personal duty. It is a means used by God to lead many back to the graces and mercy which they have neglected. "It is precisely this emphasis of example by the Holy Name men that inspires me to look forward with complete confidence to the part you will play in Catholic life in America, by your cooperation with your Bishops and parish priests in every good movement."

K. C. Set Age Limit Back to 21 Years For New Associate Members

Word has been received by District Deputies and Grand Knights of the Knights of Columbus in the diocese that by action of the Supreme Board of Directors at its Quarterly Meeting, held at Detroit, January 6 and 7:

"Candidates above 21 years of age may now be admitted to membership without applying for insurance, but all present insurance applicants should be so initiated." A letter from Supreme Knight, Martin H. Carmody will be received shortly by all Councils giving full information.

Leads Delegation



Rev. Edward L. Hughes, O. P. S. T. L., editor of "The Torch," and National Director of the Third Order of St. Dominic, Father Hughes will head the American delegation of Dominican Tertiaries to the World Congress of the Third Order of St. Dominic to be held in Rome, March 3 to 7, 1934. The Congress will commemorate the seventh centenary of the canonization of St. Dominic and will formulate a program of Catholic Action. The American delegation sails from New York, February 15.

ABBE LEMAITRE AWARDED 1934 MENDEL MEDAL

Villanova, Pa.—(NCWC)—Abbe Georges Lemaitre, distinguished Belgian scientist and professor of Astral Physics at the University of Louvain and visiting professor at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., has just been named the recipient of the Mendel Medal for 1934, for outstanding service to science, presented by Villanova College, here.

Abbe Lemaitre is perhaps best known to the American public as the author of the theory of the "expanding universe," which Professor Albert Einstein has styled "the most satisfactory theory yet presented." In September of last year, he came from Belgium's national Catholic university, the University of Louvain, to America's national Catholic university in Washington, to be visiting professor in the Department of Physics there. He was enthusiastically received in Washington, having previously visited the Capital City, and was greeted by outstanding scientists and members of the Government and diplomatic corps.

Since September, the recipient of the Mendel prize has offered several courses at the Catholic University, giving particular attention to his own theory. He also presented three public lectures on the campus discussing, "Time Scale," "Structure of Space," and "Cosmic Rays," all phases of his theory of the splitting atom. The originator of the atomic explosion hypothesis, which contends that in the beginning, billions of years ago, everything was concentrated in a single mass which exploded and flew in all directions, making the universe as it is known today, the Abbe believes that everything still is expanding because of the cosmic force and that it will continue to expand until it dissolves into nothingness.

China Bandits Seize Another Missionary

Rome.—(N.C.W.C.—Flides)—The capture of Father James Anselmo, C.M., of the Vicariate of Kiangsu, China, by the communist bandits, brings to 29 the total of missionaries in Kiangsu Province alone who have been victims during the last ten years. Of these 29, five were murdered. From Kiangsu, Father Anselmo's vicariate, 12 missionaries have been captured and three put to death by the Italian, French and American Vincentians while the Irish Missionaries of St. Columban were assigned a new field here in 1932.

APPROVE STERILIZATION BILL

Olympia.—(NCWC)—The Senate Bill No. 31, introduced by Senator Lewis, Democrat, of Lewis County, calling for sterilization of the "socially inadequate," is now before the Lower House of the State Legislature after having been passed by the Senate.

POPE BLESSES AMERICANS FOR MISSION ZEAL

Holy Father's Message Read At Mission Exhibition Opening In New York

New York.—(NCWC)—A message conveying the special blessing of His Holiness Pope Pius XI upon the Holy Father's Mission Exhibition was read Wednesday at a luncheon meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Addresses were delivered by His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, who presided; the Most Rev. James A. Walsh, Auxiliary Bishop of State and Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers; and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Quinn, national director of the society.

The exhibition, which opened Monday, will be held all this week. There are 32 separate exhibits, consisting chiefly of religious objects made in mission lands.

The message of the Holy Father, which was sent to Cardinal Hayes by His Eminence Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, said:

"Holy Father unites in spirit at solemn inauguration of missionary exhibition, highly appreciates work done by American Catholics, gladly bestows his special blessing upon your Eminence, committee and the entire assembly."

The message was read at the meeting by the Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, archdiocesan director of the society.

Cardinal Thanks Clergy

Cardinal Hayes expressed his appreciation to the 400 members of the clergy who attended the meeting and said their presence was an example of "a revival of interest in the mission movement" and "a real memorial to our beloved late Bishop."

"While Bishop Dunn worked in the Archdiocese of New York," Cardinal Hayes said, "he was Catholic enough, he was apostolic enough, he was so filled with the spirit of Christ, that he could not escape the burning zeal that motivated him in his work. Although he couldn't work in the field of the missions himself, he had decided that he would do something for the missions everywhere."

His Eminence urged the members of the clergy present to give the widest publicity to the mission exhibition and to "make it a Catholic demonstration of your faith."

Bishop Walsh told the meeting there was increasing need for the propagation of missionary work and, despite present economic conditions, the opportunity for furtherance of

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Austria's Bishops Urge Catholics To Support Republic

Vienna.—(NCWC)—Declaration of their "grateful appreciation of the marked Christian course" being followed by the present government of the Republic of Austria was made in a pastoral just issued by the Austrian Hierarchy. All Catholics were called upon to support the Dollfus Administration.

In their statement, the Bishops also took occasion to express anxiety concerning "religious and ecclesiastical errors" of National Socialism and to deplore the "unfortunate disunion" which has arisen between Austria and Germany.

"On rare occasions," the statement of the Hierarchy says, "has the head of the Church expressed to the head and the members of a government, in such an unreserved manner, words of full praise and recognition for their confession and their aims, as those he addressed to our present government. We Austrian Catholics feel greatly honored and full of joy, and at the same time we feel encouraged and obliged to offer never-failing fidelity with that government which the Pope himself has overwhelmed with praise. This our fidelity is dictated by our own Catholic conscience."

N. Y. ARCHDIOCESE PLANS CHARACTER CLUBS FOR PUBLIC HIGH PUPILS

New York.—(NCWC)—A new Archdiocesan plan in the interest of Catholic students of public high schools was announced by the Rev. John J. Cleary in a radio address broadcast by Station WLWL. The organization is known as the Catholic Character, Cooperation Clubs.

PIUS X CHOIR STIMULATES CHURCH MUSIC MOVEMENT

Fr. Petter Lauds Pius X Choir For Impetus Given Church Music Study

The Rev. John M. Petter, Professor of Church Music at St. Bernard's Seminary, President of the Society of St. Gregory, and one of the original sponsors of the Pius X School of Liturgical Music, at the request of the Catholic Courier, issued the following statement at the conclusion last week of the lectures and concerts of the Pius X School of Liturgical Music group given here:

"If I remember rightly, it was in the year 1917 that Bishop Hickey gave the Sisters in attendance at the annual Teachers' Convention the pleasure of witnessing for the first time a demonstration of the Ward Method of teaching music. The demonstration was conducted by Mrs. Ward in person and the personnel of her demonstration class was drawn from the Pius X School of Liturgical Music.—To those of vision great things seemed in store.

"In 1922, on the occasion of the Rochester Convention of the Society of St. Gregory, a demonstration group again came from the Pius X School. The music critics of our local papers admitted they were dumbfounded at what they saw these children do in the realms of intonation, tone-production, sight-reading, composition, etc., etc. Small wonder! The beloved Cardinal of New York, singers from the Metropolitan Opera as well as New York music critics had had the same experience.

"During the past week a third group from the Pius X School made its appearance in Rochester. This time it was a group of grown-ups. (The director had been one of the class of little girls that came to Rochester in 1917). This third delegation in a concert before the Faculty and Student Body of the Eastman School of Music, and later in the day, before a large assembly of Priests, Religious and Seminary students showed what the Pius X School had accomplished in less than two decades. Dr. Howard Hanson, Director of the Eastman School, graciously consented to tell at the concert, what had been his reaction. Only superlatives were his vocabulary in expressing his esteem for the noble art of the program numbers and their hauntingly charming rendition by the visiting choir. I don't believe there was a soul in either of the two audiences before

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which the choir sang that was not in complete sympathy with Dr. Hanson's verdict. The sheer beauty of it all was indescribable, unforgettable.

"But why all the fuss? Just some more nice music? No hardly!

"In his memorable Motu Proprio of 1903, Pope Pius X, speaking of Gregorian Chant, stated incidentally: "Special efforts are to be made to restore the use of the Gregorian Chant by the people, so that the faithful may again take a more active part in the ecclesiastical offices as was the case in ancient times. It was this paragraph that inspired Mrs. Ward to compile what is known as the Pius X School for its propagation.

"Twenty-five years after the Pius X, now gloriously reigning, came back again most insistently to the subject of congregational singing. "It is most important," he said, "that when the faithful assist at the sacred ceremonies... they should not be merely disinterested and mute spectators."

"So the people are again to sing their part of the Mass! Yes! And Rochester is fortunate in having a little army of teachers prepared to make that ideal a reality! One Community alone has over three hundred Religious who hold certificates from the Pius X School empowering them to teach in the name of that school!

"It was wise, indeed, on the part of those responsible for last week's demonstration, to give that little army new courage by showing them how much more difficult things can be accomplished for God.

"One more generation and our congregations will again heed the invitation extended to them by the Priest in the Preface and join their voices with those of the Cherubim and Seraphim in singing the hymn of God's praise: Sanctus, Sanctus, sanctus, Holy, Holy, Holy!"

"The Church wills it! God Wills it!"

Pope Will Attend Sound Picture of Holy Year Events

Vatican City.—(NCWC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XI soon will attend his first "talkie" when the sound motion picture of the Holy Year will be shown in his presence. The production will mark the first time that the most solemn and memorable ceremonies of the Holy Year have been photographed in this manner to be handed down to posterity.

When it was proposed by Comm. Augusto Ciriaci, president of Italian Catholic Action, the plan immediately won the Pope's approval. Among the scenes is that of the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's by the Holy Father. Other important Jubilee ceremonies filmed include Canonizations, Beatifications, Pontifical Masses celebrated in the presence of the Pope in the Basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Paul and St. Mary Major, the procession in the Piazza San Pietro, the ceremonies of Holy Thursday and Good Friday in the Sixtine and Pauline chapels in the Vatican, the blessings given by the Pope from the balconies of the great basilicas to the enormous throngs assembled, and scenes during the visits of all of the most important pilgrimages.

There are also many scenes about the Vatican City and at Castelgandolfo, and views of the best preserved of the catacombs. The ringing of the bells of St. Peter's and liturgical chants of the Scholae Cantorum provide the musical accompaniment for the film, which will be shown throughout the world.

Priest's \$50,000 Gift Frees Parish School Entirely From Debt

Charleston, S. C.—(NCWC)—The new St. Patrick's parochial school, this city, will be entirely freed from debt as the result of a donation of \$50,000.

Announcement of receipt of this gift was made yesterday by the Most Rev. Emmet M. Walsh, Bishop of Charleston, at a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated in St. Patrick's Church by the donor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles Dubois Wood, recently elevated to the rank of domestic prelate by the Holy Father. Monsignor Wood's gift to the Diocese is made possible, through the beneficence of his great aunt, Mrs. Armada LeVre Dubois, widow of the late Dr. Charles Dubois, of Middletown, Orange County, N. Y. The school was built a few years ago and is attended by 200 pupils.

Bishop Walsh also announced that in recognition of the benefactions received by the Diocese from the Dubois, LeVre and Wood families, the school will be known as "the Father Wood School—an enduring monument to the zeal of Monsignor Wood and his family for education in this diocese."

The munificent gift is only the latest of many made by Monsignor Wood to the Diocese of Charleston. He donated \$25,000 for the maternity ward of the new St. Francis Xavier Infirmary at Charleston, endowed a room in the infirmary in which a nonagenarian Sister of Our Lady of Mercy is spending her last years in comfort, and contributed greatly to the cost of construction of the churches and rectories at Sumter and Florence, and to the church at Georgetown. The restoration of St. Mary's Church in Charleston—an abandoned Methodist meeting-house which became the first Catholic Church in the Carolinas—was carefully executed during his pastorate.

DON BOSCO OBSERVANCE

San Francisco.—(NCWC)—The forty-sixth anniversary of the death of the Blessed Don Bosco will be observed, January 31, at the Church of St. Peter and Paul, in charge of the Salesian Fathers here, with special ceremonies.

MUSIC CRITICS LAUD HIGHLY

Laity Trained In Plain Chant Seen In Future

Plans for a special Summer School session in liturgical church music to be conducted here by faculty members of the Pius X School of Liturgical Music, next August, are being considered according to an announcement made this week by the Rev. John M. Petter, superintendent of Catholic Education in the diocese.

The proposal of a special Summer School session in the subject of plain chant underlying Gregorian Chant and polyphonic music, of Palestrina and his contemporaries, is the result of an enthusiastic response of parents, nuns, and laity to the lectures and demonstration given last week at the Academy of the Sacred Arts, Prince Street, by Father Petter.

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Merging of All Youth Groups Is Hitler's Aim

Berlin.—(NCWC)—Complete amalgamation of all the German Catholic Youth groups with the Hitler Youth organization appears a foregone conclusion from the present status of negotiations between the Holy See and the German Government concerning the application of the Concordat.

Article 31 of the Concordat provides that these Catholic youth groups which pursue exclusively religious, cultural and charitable aims shall be protected by the Government in their institutions and in their activities. The Hierarchy had been hoping since the ratification of the Concordat that this provision would make it possible to maintain the existing youth groups intact in their whole structure, but it is now found that the Government considers all youth activities which are not purely religious, cultural or charitable as best protected within the realm of the official Hitler Youth organizations and insists, therefore, that the members of the Catholic Youth groups take their full share in the activities of the Hitler Youth organizations.

This by no means means the dissolution of the existing Catholic Youth bodies, but restricts their activities in the main to the fields of religion and charity while physical exercise of all sorts and general educational guidance would be reserved for the national Hitler Youth system.

In other words, the situation will in all probability soon be identical with conditions prevailing in Italy now, where the only youth organization in existence is the official Italian Youth, the Fascist Youth. However, ample provision has already been made for the proper religious guidance of the young generation with private activity in charge. It is expected that similar provisions will eventually be made in Germany, although the doctrinal contrast existing in the system is likely to cause added difficulties.

No U. of Notre Dame Student Periodical Soliciting Is Warning

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NCWC)—The Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.M., president of the University of Notre Dame, today issued a statement warning to persons all over the country that no Notre Dame student now in school have been given names of absence in such manner as to solicit subscriptions.

Many letters have been received from O'Hara, he says, from persons who say they are solicited by persons who claim to be Notre Dame students. O'Hara said that he has no knowledge of any such persons and that he has no authority to issue such a warning.