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Second Nun Of Carmel Canonized

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Vatican City.—It would be difficult to find a soul more worthy of its place in the mystic garden of Carmel than that of Anna Maria Redi, a young girl of noble family whom the Church now venerates on her altars with the name of St. Theresa Margaret of the Holy Spirit of Jesus. The canonization ceremony was held Monday.

A singular coincidence, an evident sign of divine blessing, lies in the circumstance that His Holiness Pope Pius XI has named two Daughters of Carmel first to the honors of Blessed and then to those of Saints. Hardly a year after his elevation to the pontificate, the Holy Father declared Blessed Theresa of the Infant Jesus, the Little Flower of Lisieux around whom had already centered the admiration of the Christian world. Two years later he decreed her the honors of the saints. On June 9, 1929, Theresa Margaret Redi was beatified.

Name Illustrious

The name of Redi is illustrious in the history of Italian literature and science. St. Theresa Margaret's father was a nephew of the famous doctor and man of letters, Francesco Redi, who; author of prose and poetry much appreciated in the testimony of Christian literature, wrote very valuable books on natural history and medicine and made the famous experiments in the generation of insects which were the first scientific demonstration of the impossibility of the spontaneous generation and thus opened the path to that procedure of disinfection and asepsis through which the names of Pasteur and Lister have remained so famous.

Anna Maria Redi was born at Arezzo, July 16, 1747. At nine years of age she was placed in the school of the Convent of the Benedictines of St. Apollonia in Florence.

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Priest Who Abjured Faith Repents and Returns to Church

Washington.—(NCWC)—A priest who, three years ago, deserted his pastorate to become a member of the schismatic "Old Roman Catholic Church" and eventually an "Archbishop" in the sect, has just abjured his errors, asked forgiveness and returned to the Catholic Church.

He is Pamphile C. Depew. He has forwarded to the N.C.W.C. News Service, with the approval of his Bishop, a statement of adjuration, requesting its publication. It is as follows:

"To the Clergy and Laity of the Catholic Church:

"I wish to make public atonement and to undo the scandal which I have given by my action, in a moment of vexation, in leaving my pastorate, in the Diocese of Detroit, to become a member of the schismatic 'Old Roman Catholic Church.' I now publicly abjure my errors and, as far as it is within my power, I wish to repair the damage done to Holy Mother Church.

"Of all those to whom I have given scandal, I ask forgiveness and beg that they will pray to the Lord, my God, for me.

"It is with a contrite and humble heart that I have sought readmittance to the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church, to which I pledge my loyalty during the remaining years of my life."

Detroit.—(NCWC)—Father Pamphile C. Depew left the Diocese of Detroit suddenly three years ago to become associated with the schismatic "Old Roman Catholic Church." It is understood that, in view of his adjuration, he may now receive the Sacraments, but is still suspended as a priest.

Catholic Peace Group Will Meet April 2-3

Washington.—(NCWC)—Noted Catholic leaders—eminent educators, prelates, priests, prominent laymen and laywomen from all sections of the United States—will assemble in Washington April 2 and 3 for the eighth annual conference of the Catholic Association for International Peace. All sessions will be held at the Catholic University of America.

Current problems affecting international as well as national economic life will be considered by distinguished speakers and general discussion will follow.

LABOR BILL IS ENDORSED BY DR. HAAS

Priest - Economist Urges
Collective Bargaining;
Scores Company Unions

Washington.—(NCWC)—The Rev. Dr. Francis J. Haas, member of the National Labor Board and Labor Advisory Board, and director of the National Catholic School of Social Service, testified before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor last Thursday in support of the bill introduced by Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York designed to promote free collective bargaining between capital and labor and outlaw unfair practices.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor preceded Dr. Haas and predicted widespread industrial strife in the future if the bill were not enacted. Sociologists, economists, and experts on labor problems also testified in support of the bill. Industrial leaders and employers opposing the measure also were scheduled to be heard.

Dr. Haas cited his experience as a member of the National Labor Board and gave an outline of employer-employee relationships in recent industrial history to show the need of the proposed law. The lack of collective bargaining in the past, he said, had resulted in regularly recurring cycles of industrial over expansion and depression.

Purchasing Power Need
"This bill," he pointed out, "looks as its ultimate purpose to increase purchasing power. There is no recognized authority who does not hold that inadequate purchasing power caused the precipitous business decline from June, 1929, to June, 1933, and that increased purchasing power is essential both to recovery and permanent prosperity. With this aim of the proposed legislation, there is unanimous agreement.

"To effect increased purchasing power, the bill defines certain acts as unfair labor practices and sets up machinery to prevent or restrain them. There are, of course, persons who object, and strenuously, to the proposed machinery, but, in my opinion, this machinery is the only possible method of increasing buying power now and of maintaining it, and thereby putting the country on a lasting basis of prosperity.

"The bill should be made a law because at present workers are exercising their rights under Section 7 (a) of the National Industrial Recovery Act, and because they are exercising them, in numerous establishments they are being discharged individually, and in some plants in whole sections. The normal result is a strike. Since June, 1933, over 900,000 workers went on strike and at least nine out of every ten strikes had their origin in organization activity under Section 7 (a) of the National Recovery Act."

"In passing, may I say that my observation in different parts of the country and my experience as a member of the National Labor Board have convinced me that the almost unanimous support which

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America To Observe Its Silver Jubilee

New York.—(NCWC)—A dinner in honor of the silver jubilee of America, national weekly review published by the Society of Jesus, will be held at the Hotel Commodore April 12.

Morgan J. O'Brien is honorary chairman of the committee arranging the dinner. Thomas F. Woodlock and Justice Edward S. Dore are honorary vice-chairmen. The treasurer is Walter H. Bennett and John Gilland Brunini is executive secretary.

Item About Saint Causing Columnist's Apology Not Printed In Local Paper

(Editor's Note: The item for which Walter Winchell has just apologized did not appear in his column in the Rochester Journal, Hearst daily newspaper here, having been eliminated by the editors from the column prior to publication.)

Brooklyn.—(NCWC)—Walter Winchell, Broadway columnist for a large number of newspapers, has made public apology for a reference to St. Joan of Arc contained in one of his recent columns. At the head of one of his newspaper contributions last week, the columnist says he has sent his apologies to those who wrote for explanation of the item, and adds that "I am sincerely sorry for the pain the item caused."

Following the publication of the

Theater and Players of Famous Passion Play



Nesting in the Baarner Alps, in Southern Germany, is the village of Oberammergau, famous the world over for its presentation of the Passion Play. The Passion Play, which is repeated every 10 years, is 300 years old this year, having been first produced in 1634. Above is a picture of the famous "Passionstheater" and some of the principal characters in the production. Upper left: Miss Anni Rutz, who portrays the Blessed Virgin. Upper right: Alois Lang, who will be the "Christus" in this year's production. Lower left: Anton Lang, famous the world over for his portrayal of the "Christus" in former years, and who now gives the Prologue. Lower right: Miss Klara Mayr, who portrays Mary Magdalen. Miss Rutz and Miss Mayr are the only women characters in the play.

Million and Half Copies of Prayer For Success of Buenos Aires Eucharistic Congress, In Seven Languages, Printed

Buenos Aires.—(N. C. W. C.)—Prayers for the success of the International Eucharistic Congress, to be held here October 10 to 14, have been printed to the extent of 1,500,000 copies and in seven languages: Spanish, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Arabic. Copies of this pamphlet together with a pamphlet titled "International Eucharistic Congress," are being distributed gratuitously from the Buenos Aires headquarters of the Congress.

Papal Nuncio Says Mass In Berlin For Late King Albert

Berlin.—(NCWC)—A Pontifical Requiem Mass was said for the late King Albert of Belgium at St. Hedwig's Cathedral here by His Excellency the Most Rev. Cesare Orsenigo, Apostolic Nuncio to Berlin, in the presence of the Most Rev. Nicholas Batoni, Bishop of Berlin, Vice-Chancellor of the Holy See, and other representatives of the government also attended.

K. of C. Here Urge Wide Observance Of Good Friday

In response to a letter issued by State Deputy, William J. Armstrong of the Knights of Columbus to the grand knights of all the state councils of the order, urging the members to exert their efforts to bring about a wider observance of Good Friday, Grand Knight, Dr. Walter H. O'Neill has asked the Knights and their households to pause for three minutes silent worship of God at 2 o'clock on Good Friday and to induce their fellow citizens of whatever race, creed or color to do the same.

The movement has the approval of the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Monney, Bishop of Rochester. Details for the three minutes observance are being worked out by the Rochester Knights under the direction of the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, council chaplain.

PRAY FOR PRESIDENT

St. Louis.—(NCWC)—Special prayers for the success of President Roosevelt's program, through intercession of the Blessed Mother, were made a feature of the solemn day of a novena just concluded here in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The novena was at St. Vincent de Paul church.

Program Over Radio From Oberammergau To Reach U. S. May 13

Washington.—(NCWC)—A program originating in the world-famous "Passionstheater" at Oberammergau, Germany, where the three hundredth anniversary of the Passion Play is being observed this year, will be brought to the United States by short-wave transmission and will be broadcast over a network of the National Broadcasting Company on Sunday, May 13.

This broadcast, which will be preliminary to the opening of the Passion Play eight days later, will include a brief address by Anton Lang, who became world-famous as the "Christus" in the Passion Play and who this year is giving the Prologue, a part of the overture played by the village orchestra, singing by a choir of 600 voices, and an address by Mayor Raimund Lang of Oberammergau.

Cardinal Reaffirms Pontiff's Solicitude For Catholic Press

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Vatican City.—During the month of February which is dedicated in the United States to the Catholic Press, His Eminence Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, had occasion to reaffirm in the name of the Pope the great interest of His Holiness in the Catholic Press and to establish its task in glowing words.

In a letter addressed to the Catholic paper L'Italia di Milan on its removal to new offices, the Cardinal after having thanked the publishers in the name of the Pope for the sentiments of filial devotion expressed and stated his pleasure at its progress, wrote:

"The great work of the Catholic newspaper, induces the Holy Father as Pastor of Souls, to follow the fate of the paper with lively solicitude. Not less interest is awakened in his mind by the efficacy with which the daily Catholic press fulfills its duty. As an organ of defense, it endeavors to rectify, with the most exacting deference to the truth, the wrong opinions that might perilously disturb the minds of the public; as a vehicle of thought, it illustrates and diffuses the words of ecclesiastical magisterium and Christian culture and dutifully echoes every just idea found with good; as a stimulus to action, it awakens, encourages and directs the activity of its readers to the prompt and sincere profession of every Christian and civil virtue."

NATION-WIDE AID FOR CONVERTS IS NEW GUILD'S AIM

Centennial Program Set For Schools

Catholic Schools of Rochester have been invited to participate in the Centennial Celebration marking the centenary of Rochester as an incorporated city, according to a letter issued this week by the Rev. John M. Duffy, superintendent of Catholic education, to the school principals.

The City Celebration is to take place June 9-10, and an Exposition and Pageant will be held for four weeks, August 11 to September 8 at Edgerton Park.

Participation of the Catholic schools of Rochester will serve a two-fold purpose: it will acquaint the pupils with the historical development of Rochester, and it will bring before the people—the growth of the Church in this city during the past century, Father Duffy stated.

Local history projects, school exhibits, pantomime entertainments, and commencement exercises all featuring historical references are part of the program planned for the Catholic schools.

Church Distribution Of Monthly Missal Meets with Success

Portland, Ore.—(NCWC)—Distribution here this month of My Sunday Missal, a booklet containing the complete text of the four Sunday Masses for the month of March, has met with encouraging success. Use of this booklet was inaugurated with distribution on the first Sunday of the month at the Cathedral and all other local Catholic churches. Sermons on the use of the Missal were given in the churches.

Unlike the Missals used in Italy and in the United States which contain the Mass for only one Sunday, the Oregon booklet is a monthly edition. Besides the complete text of the Masses, the booklet gives brief explanations, not so much of the rubrics as of the integral parts of the Mass.

The Oregon booklet is five by three-and-a-half inches and contains 36 pages. It is published by the Catholic Truth Society of Oregon, a religious corporation, founded after the "Anti-Parochial School Bill" became a law in 1922. In addition to distributing many interesting pieces of free literature, inserting explanations of Catholic doctrine in the secular press at advertising rates, corresponding with many thousands of inquirers, and broad-casting from Portland and over the radio, the Catholic Truth Society in 1928 took over the publication of the Catholic Sentinel, official organ of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, which has been printed continuously since 1870.

The Rev. J. C. Hughes, pastor of St. Lawrence's parish, Portland, is president of the Catholic Truth Society.

PHILIPPINE PILGRIMAGE

Manila.—(NCWC)—With His Excellency the Most Rev. Guglielmo Plant, Apostolic Delegate to the Philippine Islands en route to Rome with a Holy Year Pilgrimage, the Very Rev. Luis Morrow, secretary, is in charge of the Delegation here.

CHRISTIAN BROTHER DIES

Chicago.—(NCWC)—Word has been received here of the death of the Superior General of the Christian Brothers, Brother Adrien, F.S.C., at the motherhouse of the Order at Lembeek-lez-Hal, Belgium.

ORGANIZATION TAKES NAME FROM ST. PAUL

Hopes To Have Units In
Every Diocese; Objectives
Are Announced

New York.—(N. C. W. C.)—Vigorous organization throughout the United States of work in aid of converts to the Catholic Church, with units in every diocese, has just been launched here. The work is being done by the organization formerly known as the National Catholic Converts League, but which, inaugurating its new, more extensive and greatly intensified program, has formally adopted a new name.

The new name of the organization is Saint Paul's Guild, in honor of the great convert Apostle of the Gentiles. The Guild is similar in its activities to the society in England that was formed at the express wish of Pope Leo XIII and which received the "Privileged Blessing" of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, who referred to it as "the most delicate and most valuable charity."

His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, (Continued on Page 3)

Denies U. S. Citizens In Russia Are Given Religious Freedom

Milwaukee.—(NCWC)—American citizens in Soviet Russia received no religious freedoms by the recent recognition treaty between that country and the United States, Dr. Matthew Spink, professor of Eastern Church History in the Chicago Theological Seminary, declares in an article on Soviet Russia's Religious Legislation in the current issue of The Living Church, weekly periodical of the Episcopal Church.

"The concessions Mr. Litvinov is willing to grant to the American citizens in Russia are no more and no less than a Soviet-styled possession—and the Christian world is of the opinion that under the present laws there exists religious persecution in the Soviet Union," Dr. Spink says, adding that American citizens have been promised no exemption from a similar persecution.

"In his communication to the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, Maxim Litvinov, President Roosevelt formulated his 'religious demands' in language which to a surprising degree anticipated what every informed person knew could have been granted by the Soviet representative without going beyond the legislation of his country," says Dr. Spink.

"The President is really asked for no concessions," he asked for and received—in the main—nothing in excess of the degree of religious freedom of conscience enjoyed at present by the citizens of the U.S.S.R. Hence, properly speaking, Litvinov granted the President no concessions in religious matters, and in several instances apparently deliberately misled him, his believing that certain degrees quoted by him were still in force, whereas a matter of fact they had been superseded by later and more unfavorable legislation."

Life of George Gipp Radio Play Subject

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NCWC)—A dramatization of the life of George Gipp, immortal Notre Dame football star, will be broadcast over radio station W.L.W., Cincinnati by Bob Newhall, sports broadcaster, March 31, at 6:30 p. m., Eastern Standard Time.

March 31 is the anniversary of the death of the late Knute Rockne, who coached the famous Notre Dame college football team to a great victory over the first Notre Dame American team in 1950.

Solemnity Marks Closing of Diamond Jubilee Year of Lourdes Apparitions

Paris.—(NCWC)—The jubilee year at Lourdes, which has marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of the apparitions, was brought to a close with great solemnity, and in the presence of many pilgrims who journeyed there despite the inclement weather. In all the sanctuaries priests were kept busy continuously distributing Holy Communion.

After Masses had been celebrated by French Bishops, Mar Theophilos, convert Bishop of Tiruvalla, offered up the Holy Sacrifice, according to

the Antiochian Rite of Malankara (Malabar) called "The Liturgy of St. James the Apostle." His Eminence Louis Cardinal Maurin, Archbishop of Lyons, pontificated at the solemn high Mass.

Other prelates who took part in the ceremonies included the Archbishop of Toulouse and Auch, the Bishops of Carcassonne, Aire-et-Dax, Langres and Tarbes-et-Lourdes, the Auxiliary Bishops of Mackenzie, Albi and Auch, and the Prefect Apostolic of Bobo-Dioulasso.