

## ST. MARY'S PARISH 100 YEARS OF EXISTENCE TO BE MARKED

### What About Sterilization?

NO. 1—STERILIZATION,  
PAST AND PRESENT  
By  
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This is the first of seven articles dealing with the question of Sterilization. There will be four others by Dr. Walsh written from the scientific point of view. The two concluding articles will be written by the Rev. Ignatius W. Cox, S.J., of Fordham University, and will deal with the question from the moral standpoint.

Sterilization—that is, the operating upon men and women in such a way as to prevent their having children has been so much talked of in recent years that it would seem as though definite scientific opinions must have been reached and formulated with regard to the subject.

What is called the sterilization of the unfit, of the mentally deficient and criminals, has been enacted into law not, as might have been expected, in the older countries—that is, in Europe but in our own country. Twenty-six States in the Union—that is a little more than half of all the States—have sterilization laws. In four of these, however—New York, New Jersey, Nevada and North Carolina—these laws have ceased to be operative.

The latest available statistics show some 10,000 individuals in this country sterilized in accordance with State laws, more than 8,500 of them in California, the one State to carry out seriously the experiment (for it is acknowledged by thoughtful physicians to be an experiment) of sterilization for eugenic, that is race betterment, purposes. Population conditions in California, where so many adults have left other parts of the country to take up their residence there, make it perhaps the least suitable region for the carrying out of such an experiment.

The idea behind sterilization is that it will prevent to a very great extent the multiplication of those who are likely to become a charge on the community either because of their incapacity to make a living for themselves would involve the necessity of their being cared for by the better mentally-endowed, who apart from this might be employed in much more useful occupations; or because by their anti-social acts they disturb society and have to be confined in prison, with even greater expense and waste of time on the part of others.

Sterilization, indeed, was proposed as a panacea for most of the ills of humanity so far as the presence of the feeble-minded and the mentally deficient, as well as the insane and the criminal, is concerned. These defects in human beings were set down as due to heredity and therefore it was announced that with the prevention of procreation on the part of the unfit, it would not be long before there would be a very striking reduction in the number of individuals who are "below standard" for the ordinary life of mankind.

When policies of this kind with regard to humanity are proposed on the basis of what are considered to be scientific grounds, there is always the feeling in the minds of many that this represents a new development of applied human knowledge, consequent upon the growth of scientific information in our midst. There is the persuasion that we in our time know so much more about human beings than was ever known before, that it can be expected that we shall find ways of improving the race that had never been thought of before.

Almost needless to say, however, this is not the first time that the im-

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### ANNOUNCING A NEW FEATURE

IN VIEW of the current widespread discussion of Sterilization, THE CATHOLIC COURIER is happy to announce the inauguration in this issue of an authoritative discussion of this topic by two prominent Catholic scholars—James J. Walsh, M.D., Ph.D., and the Rev. Ignatius W. Cox, S.J., of Fordham University.

DR. WALSH AND FATHER COX discuss sterilization from both the scientific and moral points of view.

THE FIRST article of the series—one by Dr. Walsh appears on this page of the

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### Address Congress



James J. Walsh, M.D., of New York City, noted Catholic layman, who will address the pilgrims to the 32nd International Eucharistic Congress to be held at Buenos Aires, October 10-14. Dr. Walsh has chosen for his subject: "Social and Public Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament."

### COMMUNISM IS CANADA MENACE LEADERS SAY

Montreal (NCWC)—Opening a vigorous campaign against Communism in Canada, high prelates of the Catholic Church in this country and civil officials joined in a four-day convention here to rally the forces of the country against the spread of radical doctrines threatening to upset the current order.

Among the leaders in the convention were His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec; the Most Rev. Alphonse E. Deschamps, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal; Postmaster-General Arthur Sauve, and Ernest Lapointe, Member of Parliament and former Minister of Justice.

At the convention, which was held under the auspices of l'Ecole Sociale Populaire, Cardinal Villeneuve declared that effective means of fighting Socialism and Communism lie in same doctrines and enactment of social reforms through political means. His Eminence warned that Canada is being swept by radical doctrines designed to appeal to workers in the Dominion.

The Holy Father, in a message sent to the convention from Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, bestowed his Apostolic blessing upon the deliberations.

### HOME MISSION NEEDS TOLD BY U. S. BISHOPS

Transportation Difficulties  
In Parishes of Immense  
Areas Are Cited

Chicago (NCWC)—The importance of dependable transportation to the Catholic priests in the missionary dioceses in the United States is strikingly revealed in the seventh annual report of missionary Bishops of the American Board of Catholic Missions. The Board has compiled these reports of diocesan mission problems for consideration at the annual meeting of the Board here November 21 when allotments for the coming year will be determined upon for the various missionary activities.

According to these reports the largest parish, in physical area, in the United States lies in the diocese of Cheyenne. Here, according to the report of the Most Rev. Patrick A. McGovern, is a parish comprising 9,225 square miles. It is in Lander, Wyo., and has two priests, who, as Bishop McGovern explains, "for lack of means must alternate as chief and femme de chambre." Incidentally Bishop McGovern began his report with an account of a recent Confirmation tour through two-thirds of the diocese "in which we traversed a distance of 3,000 miles, one half by rail and the other half by automobile."

Travel Difficult  
Travel in the diocese of Cheyenne is long and difficult because of the mountainous country and Bishop McGovern had to pass through Colorado, Nebraska and South Dakota to reach Newcastle, which is 250 miles from the episcopal city, as the crow flies, but which is twice that distance by land conveyance. Incidentally the imposing physical proportions are Casper, 5,322 square miles; Douglas, 8,802 square miles; Rock Springs and Green River, a total of 13,800 square miles; Kemmerer, 6,525 square miles. The Most Rev. Robert Armstrong, Bishop of Sacramento, contributes

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### Chaplain of Legion At Fidac Convention

London (NCWC)—The Rev. Robert J. White, National Chaplain of the American Legion, is here as a delegate to the world session of Fidac, an international organization of World War Veterans. Sessions are to be held September 24 to October 1st.

Father White, who is a member of the law faculty of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., will sail for home October 4.

### BELIEVE IT - - - Not

By REV. OWEN B. McGUIRE, D.D.  
BRISBANE ANTI-CHRISTIAN  
REFORMERS OPPOSE COPERNICUS  
BRISBANE KNOWS HIS AUDIENCE

I have advised you not to believe that Mr. Arthur Brisbane is indifferent as between the various denominations of Christians; that when he represents Christian Faith as "superstition," outworn and refuted by the discoveries of "science," he has always in mind Catholic Christianity. By that I do not mean that he is particularly partial to Protestantism. And it is well to understand this clearly; for Arthur Brisbane is representative of a type now quite common amongst us. Let me explain by an example.

When, before the World War, Lenin was a refugee in Paris one of his friends there was a German Catholic journalist. After the Russian Revolution, this friend went to Russia to visit him on his death-bed. They discussed the future of Communism. Later, on the death of the great Revolutionary, this friend wrote an article in the "Osservatore Romano" describing that interview. Lenin believed in the final triumph of Communism in the world generally. But, he said, it will take time; and he described the various forces that would impede its progress. Your Church, he said to the Catholic journalist, is the only religious force that will cause us any great trouble. Your clergy are an educated body. Your hierarchy especially are such. They are united and regimented. They know their own mind and are in principle immovable. And, indeed, your Church has the only social and

economic theory that can be put forward in opposition to ours, as an alternative.

Catholic Church the Enemy  
Now, what I mean to say is that the Socialist Bolsheviks of Russia and the Intellectual Bolsheviks of America have, from different points of view, that very same conception of the Catholic Church. Voila l'ennemi! To both classes of Bolsheviks it would appear a waste of time to stir up prejudice against Luther, Calvin or Melancthon. The Catholic Church is the only religious body that is in their way, the only one that may be feared to present a united front, an insuperable barrier to their advance. She is the enemy. Others simply don't count.

Copernicus, the Priest  
I have already shown you that the author of the Copernican theory was a Catholic priest, that he dedicated his great work to a Pope, that his friend, Albert Widmannstadt, while Copernicus was still alive, lectured on the theory before the Pope and Cardinals, that from the Catholic side there was no opposition manifested to it as a theory for seventy-five years after Copernicus published. Copernicus made the jubilee visit to Rome, (1500), and, according to "Rheticus" (George Joachim, a disciple of Copernicus), he then lectured in Rome on astronomy, and it was there he first conceived the

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### LEGION OF DECENCY SHOULD BE PERMANENT BODY, SAYS ARCHBISHOP McNICHOLAS

First Objective Gained, Must Turn Attention To Sustaining of Public Opinion, Episcopal Committee Head Declares In Nation-Wide Broadcast

Cincinnati (NCWC)—The Legion of Decency, which has with such conspicuous success aroused a national demand for proper pictures, should be a permanent organization, the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, declared in a prepared radio address Friday evening, broadcast over a nation-wide network.

The objectives of the permanent League, said the Archbishop, would be "to maintain an intelligent interest in the cinema, to encourage, and to elicit candid criticism, and to make the people more discriminating in their tastes."

Archbishop McNicholas, whose address was the first of a series on the Legion which will be broadcast throughout the country on successive Friday evenings, is the Chairman of the Committee of Bishops on the Motion Pictures named by the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. It was this Committee which launched the Legion of Decency.

Second Objective Stated  
In vigorous terms, the Archbishop recounted the evils which, he asserted, "practically forced the Bishops of the United States to united and aggressive action." He told of the Legion's success, declaring that millions have now signed its pledge, including all church groups.

He gave assurance, however, that the Church has always favored proper recreation and does not oppose motion pictures as such; that the Legion of Decency was not formed to make pictures, nor "to tell the producers how to make them," but to criticize them from the moral standpoint. Its first objective has been gained, he said, in the arousing of public opinion; its second is to sustain public opinion. He expressed the hope, however, that action by the motion picture industry itself would soon "be an entirely satisfactory guarantee that it is worthy of general patronage," and noted that a "reasonable time" would be needed by the industry to put its house in order.

### START DRIVE IN OHIO FOR SCHOOL AID

Cleveland (NCWC)—The message of the financial plight of the parochial schools of Ohio will be carried to every parish of this diocese in the course of the next few weeks by Catholic laymen and laywomen under the direction of the Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, and the Most Rev. James A. McFadden, Auxiliary Bishop.

This was decided at a meeting of presidents of Catholic women's groups of Greater Cleveland and of deaconesses of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Some 400 women were present and heard addresses by Bishop Schrembs and Bishop McFadden. Bishop Schrembs declared that "the fight for school relief is not ended, despite the fact that aid was refused by the last state legislature."

Bishop Schrembs told his auditors that some people claim that relief to parochial schools is unconstitutional, but at the same time see no difficulty in the State paying the salaries of chaplains in reformatories and penal institutions. "In my opinion," the Bishop added, "the government starts at the wrong end. It provides spiritual comfort when a man or woman has made a wreck of his life, and is of no further use to society. Then society puts him out of existence. Far better if the government would start at the beginning of life. Religion belongs in the school, where the lives of these young, tender souls must be molded."

### LATE BULLETINS

(NCWC News Service)

Cleveland—The Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, will sail Saturday, October 13, for his alimnia visit to Rome.

London—The health of the retired Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev. John McIntyre, now in his eightieth year, has been causing concern. He is living in a private house at Edgbaston, Birmingham suburb.

Warwick, Md.—The Field Mass to be held at St. Francis Xavier's Church at Old Bohemia, near here, this year on October 7 will commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of Maryland.

### Buried Here



REV. IGNATIUS KLINE

### TWO PASTORS OF DIOCESE DIE IN WEEK

Through Attends Final Rites For Fr. Klejan At St. Stanislaus Church

(Picture and story of the Rev. Edward J. Dwyer will be found on Page 5.)

The Rev. Edward J. Dwyer, pastor of St. James Church, Waverly, aged 56, died at the Niagara General Hospital, Waverly, Friday and the Rev. Ignatius Kline, pastor of St. John Evangelist Church, Newark Valley, age 68, died Sunday in St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.

Former parishioners, friends and clergy of the diocese of Rochester gathered at St. Stanislaus Church, Waverly, Monday morning, to attend the funeral service for the Rev. Ignatius Kline, with the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester officiating. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Archbishop Mooney, celebrant of the Requiem Mass was assisted by Assistant Priests the Rev. John Wolock, deacon, of honor, the Rev. Rev. Magr. Alexander Pitase, Buffalo, and the Rev. Magr. Francis Knappek, Buffalo, classmates of the deceased; deacons, the Rev. Peter Jankowski, and sub-deacons, the Rev. Walter Szczepanski.

The Rev. Magr. William M. Hart, V.G., master of ceremonies was

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### La Crosse Chosen For 1935 Central Verein Meeting

La Crosse, Wis. (NCWC)—The selection of La Crosse for the 1935 sessions of the Catholic Central Verein and the National Catholic Women's Union was made known today by Frank J. Dackendorf, general secretary of the former organization. Approximately 600 delegates from 28 States will attend the meetings. The State organizations of both groups will hold conventions here at the time of the national sessions, which will be in August.

### U. S. Money Kept As 'Holy Pictures' Son Sent By Mother In Home For Aged

Basel, Switzerland (NCWC)—American dollar notes were mistaken for holy pictures by Frau Crescen Atzberger, residing in a Bavarian village, according to an amusing report published by the local National League.

Frau Atzberger's son had emigrated to America many years ago. Recently the Catholic pastor called on Frau Atzberger at the home for the aged. He found the old woman not so well. Cold potatoes was her only food for dinner.

"Why do not your son in America do something for you?" asked the pastor.

"Oh, he does," was Frau Atzberger's reply. "He writes to me, and I know that he is well. That is enough for my happiness."

give him her son's address so he could write to him and point out his filial duties.

Frau Atzberger reluctantly agreed to take her son's last letter from her drawer.

"Here it is," she said. "You will find the boy's address on top. And here is one of the holy pictures he always included."

"Holy pictures? What sort of holy pictures?"

"Oh, I don't know. Those from America; you know. The boy has been sending them to me for years, and I have always kept them. Here's a whole collection of them."

The pastor could hardly trust his eyes, for he saw a pack of ten-dollar bills—the result of the son's savings for his mother, and a sizeable reserve for her old age.

Elaborate Plans Set For Religious Social Observance

### EARLY PASTORS ARE RECALLED

Parishioners Plan Dinner Oct. 1st Night In October

The 100th anniversary of the parish of St. Mary's, which was founded by Rev. Ignatius Kline, will be commemorated by a dinner on the night of October 1st. The dinner will be held at the home of Mrs. Kline, 1000 W. 10th St. The Rev. Ignatius Kline, who was born in 1834, died in 1902. He was a pioneer priest in the diocese of Rochester. The dinner will be a social affair, and the proceeds will be used for the parish fund. The Rev. Ignatius Kline was a member of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. He was also a member of the American Legion. He was a very popular priest, and his death was a great loss to the parish. The dinner will be a fitting tribute to his memory.

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