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Two Bishops To Assist At Mass In Cathedral on Mission Sunday

Archbishop Mooney, Former Apostolic Delegate In Mission Lands To Assist At Throne; Bishop Sullivan Of Patna, India, Will Preach

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Hartley, Protonotary Apostolic, Rector Emeritus of St. Bernard's Seminary will celebrate solemn high Mass, coram Episcopo, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday, November 11 beginning at 11 o'clock in a special observance of Mission Sunday.

Throughout the Diocese of Rochester, Sunday, prayers will be offered and instructions given about the mission activities of the Church in home and foreign fields. The annual mission offering will be taken on that day.

The Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, will assist at the throne at the special Mass in the Cathedral. The Most Rev. Bernard J. Sullivan, S. J., distinguished missionary Bishop of Patna, India will preach the sermon.

Assisting Msgr. Hartley in the Mass will be the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Diocesan Director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith, as deacon; and the Rev. Joseph E. Grady, Principal of Aquinas Institute, as sub-deacon. The Masters of Ceremony will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. F. Goggin, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary and the Rev. Edward Lyons of St. Andrew's Seminary.

Deacons of honor to Archbishop Mooney will be the Rev. John M. Duffy, Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools; and the Rev. William J. Mahoney, C. M., of Niagara University.

Special liturgical music will be sung under the direction of the Rev. Benedict A. Ehrmann, of St. Andrew's Seminary with students of St. Andrew's Seminary, Aquinas Institute, Nazareth College, Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School, and Academy of the Sacred Heart participating. Niagara University, Rochester Division, will have a delegation of students at the Mass.

Bishop Sullivan who will be the guest of Archbishop Mooney during his stay in Rochester, is cited in a dispatch from the N.C.W.C. Files News Service received this week. The dispatch follows:

Rome, (NCWC-Files)—The Most Rev. Bernard J. Sullivan, S. J., who as ordinary of the Diocese of Patna, India, has the unenviable title of the "earthquake bishop," was received by the Holy Father who inquired solicitously regarding the disaster of last January which practically destroyed his diocese.

Bishop Sullivan, a native of Trinidad, Colo., smiled through his newly grown beard and thanked His Holiness for his paternal interest. It is known that the news reached Rome

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A. Sharon, Formerly in Symphony Orchestra Here Joins Norbertina Order

De Pere, Wis.—(NCWC)—A successful astronomer and musician have joined the Premonstratensian Order. They are George C. Claridge of Reedsburg, Wis., and Andre Sharon of Hickory, N. Y. Both of these men were formerly instructors at St. Norbert College here.

Mr. Claridge, whose name in religion is Frater Gregory, resigned from a federal engineering position to enter the Premonstratensian novitiate at the priory in Madison, Wis. Mr. Sharon, whose religious name is Frater Gregory, was formerly a member of the Rochester, N. Y., symphony orchestra.

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What About Sterilization?

NO. 7—COMPULSORY STERILIZATION IS IMMORAL

By Rev. Ignatius W. Cox, S.J.

This is the second of a group of articles by Father Cox of Fordham University, dealing with Sterilization from the moral standpoint. It follows a series of five by Dr. James J. Walsh, written from the scientific point of view.

In a preceding article it was shown that voluntary eugenic sterilization is a mutilation, an unjustifiable invasion of God's exclusive dominion over a human faculty. It was shown likewise that such sterilization is, in intent and purpose at least, a permanent form of positive contraception. Since eugenic sterilization is wrong as a mutilation and wrong in its intent and purpose, it follows that the State has no power to impose it upon individuals, when they have done no wrong, than individuals have to mutilate themselves. States likewise have no more right to pass legislation which in intent and purpose aims at the frustration of God-given faculties, than have individuals the right to aim at in intent and purpose such a positive frustration. The great Blackstone has said: "This law of nature is binding all over the globe, in all countries, at all times; no human laws are of any validity, if contrary to this."

The State, therefore, as a moral personality is bound by the Natural Law of God in the same way that individuals are bound. That the State may command whatever it arbitrarily wishes implies the immoral doctrine of the absolute State. Mr. Justice Holmes of the Supreme Court of the United States thus delivered his famous opinion upholding the constitutionality of the Virginia Sterilization Law: "We have thus seen more than once that the public welfare may call upon the best citizens for their lives. It would be strange if it could not call upon those who already sap the strength of the State for this lesser sacrifice (namely sterilization, I. W. C.), often not felt to be such by those concerned, in order to prevent our being swamped by incompetence."

Justice Holmes is wrong. The State has no power in the name of public welfare arbitrarily to call upon citizens for their lives. It may in case of a just war, which can only be a defensive war, call upon its citizens to defend the essential rights of their country, in the same way that the individual may defend his rights from the assault of an unjust aggressor.

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WILL WORK FOR BIRTH CONTROL BAN REPEAL

Washington—(NCWC)—A national committee of doctors is being formed to work for the repeal of laws forbidding physicians to give contraceptive advice, it has been announced here. Dr. Prentiss Willson of this city, vigorous proponent of a birth control bill recently given a hearing by a Congressional committee, made the announcement. He is to be secretary-treasurer of the committee. A chairman has not yet been named, but several vice-chairmen have been announced.

The committee, it was said, will work only through the medical profession to obtain the passage by Congress of a model law which the States may adopt. The committee will remain independent of any birth control society, it was said. The committee's formation was announced by Dr. Willson at a meeting of the District of Columbia Medical Society, but it was made clear that the Society had no part in the creation of the committee.

STUDENTS CONFER ON PLANS FOR MISSION SUNDAY



Catholic Student representatives of Mission units arranging for Mission Sunday and attendance at solemn high Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral beginning at 11 o'clock, Sunday, November 11. Seated, (left to right) the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Diocesan Director, Society for Propagation of the Faith; Miss Louise M. Hall, Our Lady of Mercy High School; Miss Rosemary A. Burke, Nazareth Academy; Miss Betty Frank, Nazareth College; Miss Nancy Hartigan, Academy of the Sacred Heart; Standing, (left to right) Fred Pastorius, Nazareth College; John B. Sullivan, Aquinas Institute; Richard D. Torney, St. Andrew's Seminary; and James D. Cuffney, St. Bernard's Seminary.

SAYS MEXICO IS EMPLOYING SPY SYSTEM

Eye Witness Describes Extent of Catholic Persecution by Government

(The following is one of two articles revealing the extent of the persecution of Catholics in Mexico. The writer made a trip to the Mexican Capital a few weeks ago and had occasion to talk to the people and to the teachers in several institutions. He also was a resident of Mexico City for several years and has an extensive knowledge of the country.)

No, there is no persecution in Mexico for the tourist whose desire for a good time is amply satisfied; there is no persecution for the business man who can make easy money in the mines of industry. These gentlemen have no time to talk to the people, no time to study the social conditions of the nation, no time to get acquainted with the political confusion that reigns in the country. However, there is persecution. The Government is pursuing its program of closing churches and schools; priests and religious are subjected to vexations that become more and more intolerable.

In the Federal District, 25 churches remain open, in other words, one priest must take care of the spiritual needs of more than 50,000 Catholics. Some important towns, like Mexico, San Angel, have no priest at all. The faithful are obliged to go to towns four or five miles distant to fulfill their religious duties.

Many churches, built hundreds of years ago, are being destroyed, will be destroyed or become the meeting places of communists.

Archbishop Penalized

The Archbishop of Mexico, for having administered the Sacrament of Confirmation, was given the choice between a fine of \$500 or a term of 15 days in prison. Any

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Archbishop John Shaw Of New Orleans, Dead

New Orleans—(NCWC)—The Most Rev. John W. Shaw, Archbishop of New Orleans, died Nov. 2, following a heart attack suffered a week ago. He was in his seventy-first year.

Archbishop Shaw had recently completed a tour of coastal parishes, where he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation, and this summer made his ad limina visit to Rome, returning to observe that he saw a better spiritual life coming back to the world.

LATE BULLETINS

(NCWC News Service)

Washington—(NCWC)—Over 20,000 people have visited the home of Roger Brooke Taney, distinguished Catholic Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court in Civil War times, according to Edward S. Delaplane, writing in the National Republic, monthly magazine published here.

Monterey—(NCWC)—At the request of the Most Rev. Philip Scher, Bishop of Monterey-Fresno, and the Rev. Michael D. O'Connell, pastor of Santa Carlos Mission, the Missionary Catechists have opened their latest center at Carmel-by-the-Sea on the Monterey Peninsula.

Washington—(NCWC)—A Catholic hero of the Civil War who fought in no less than 33 battles in that sanguinary struggle, Corp. Michael Casey, 94 years of age, will be laid to rest this week following services at St. Gabriel's Church here.

New York—(NCWC)—Some 400 members of the National Catholic Federation of Nurses received Holy Communion in a body in St. Agnes' Church, here, opening the first Eastern regional conference of the Federation.

M. F. SAMMONS, FORMER EDITOR, DIES AT AGE 59

Had Noted Career As Catholic Editor, K. C. Leader, Utica City Editor

Word of death of Maurice F. Sammons, 59, until two years ago, editor and editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER, reaches this newspaper about to go to press. A detailed account of the funeral services to be held Saturday in the home, 112 Albemarle Street, and in Sacred Heart Church, will appear in next week's issue.

Mr. Sammons died after an illness extending over a period of about three years. Coming to Rochester from Utica, 13 years ago as executive secretary of the Knights of Columbus, he had an important part in the development of Columbus Civic Center Building which houses the K. of C. headquarters in Chestnut Street. He continued as secretary for seven years and acquired an interest in the Catholic

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BELIEVE IT . . . Not

By REV. OWEN B. McGUIRE, D.D.

BRISBANE ON GALILEO FURTHER DISPROVED BIBLES FOR PEOPLE IN EARLY CENTURIES SCIENTISTS WRITINGS REFUTE BRISBANE

We were speaking about the case of Galileo and its latest journalistic expositor, Mr. Arthur Brisbane. The general impression which the reader will get from Mr. Brisbane's articles on the famous case, is that as soon as Copernicus published his work on the revolution of the Heavenly Bodies, the evidence for the heliocentric system was so clear that everybody should have accepted it as proved; that, indeed, everybody did accept it except those who "believed that the earth was square and flat, with four corners and an angel at each corner"; that these people had a hatred of science because they wished to keep "the vulgar herd" in ignorance.

Their faith in God, in Heaven and Hell, might be upset if they knew "the eternal truth." Galileo heard of Copernicus and his system and immediately adopted it. "It is now accepted by everybody everywhere"; therefore, it was, or should have been, clear to everybody in the days of Galileo and Copernicus. "Every school child knows it now; therefore it should have been clear to every school child then. If you, or I, or Arthur Brisbane, had been in Italy or Poland at that time, it would most

certainly have been clear to us. But, my dear reader, don't believe it! Don't believe it possible that such people as you and I and Arthur Brisbane could have been found in Italy or Poland or any other country in the years that passed between 1503 and 1640. Such a belief shows an utter lack of what is called the historical sense. Such a belief, such a fallacy, is the root cause of most of the false history that has been written for the past three or four hundred years about the Europe of the Christian ages that preceded. We are asked to judge of our Christian forefathers of those ages according to the standards, the ideas, the knowledge, that we have in the twentieth century. No manner of judging could be more unjust; and it is the cause of the crassest errors both in history and religion. Don't believe that you can judge justly of the people of the 16th century without endeavouring to put yourself in their place.

Where Were Bibles? Let us take an example in religion which is also an example in history. The Reformers claimed that the Bible and the Bible alone was "the

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ATTEMPT TO DESTROY OF YOUNG CATHOLIC ORPHAN SCHOOL

Bishop McDevitt Issues Paragraphs of M. S. Harlow, American, Who Compelled To Assist Harlow

Harrisburg, (NCWC)—An attempt to destroy the Young Catholic Orphan School for boys in Harrisburg, Pa., is being made by Milton S. Harlow, American, who has been compelled to assist Harlow in its care to prevent their return.

U. S. BISHOPS WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON

Administrative Committee Of N. C. W. C. First of Hierarchy Meetings

The Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, plans to attend the General Meeting of the Bishops of the United States in Washington, November 11 and 12.

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Fr. Coughlin Sees Two New Political Parties in Future

Delaware—(NCWC)—Predicting the future establishment of two great new political parties by conservative men "indifferent to their old party affiliations," the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak and noted radio speaker, Sunday made an appeal to "all believers in capitalism and in democracy." He said, "These are the two systems, one of economic and the other of politics, under which I believe the majority of us prefer to live."

"It is the business of the Federal Government to complete the work which it has so ably initiated in abolishing capitalism," he declared. "It is the parallel business of the State government to begin the work which brings it to a happy conclusion, satisfying the aboves interest in democracy."

Father Coughlin said that political representatives who "sate more for the financial welfare of business in situations than they do for the common welfare of the common people" are "filling the veins of democracy with the blue blood of plutocracy." He also condemned what he termed "the silly, wasteful, unproductive government districts, such as the 'lead-right' to take you into poverty."

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