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AFFIDAVITS SHOW PRIESTS PERSECUTED

Mexican Refugee Clergy Cite Instances of Being Hunted, Jailed

El Paso (NCWC)—Specific instances of the persecution of religion in Mexico are furnished by affidavits of three priests now resident here and the contents of a letter sent to a Mexican layman by a municipal president in the State of Chihuahua forbidding religious teaching "either in the temple or in private homes."

The letter signed by Alfredo Elias, municipal president of Rosales, Chihuahua, was sent to a citizen of Rosales whose son is an official of a Catholic organization. It said.

"I take the liberty to advise you that superior authorities have communicated to this Presidency that it is prohibited to give religious or doctrinal teaching in view of the fact that it constitutes a violation of Article 3 of the General Constitution of the Republic. Religious doctrine cannot be taught either in the temple or in private homes.

"As you probably have some person in your family who is participating in such acts, I would appreciate that you take the necessary steps to refrain from doing so in order that I may not be forced to punish the infraction and assess the corresponding punishment."

Ordered to Leave Town

One of the priests, the Rev. Arturo Balderrama, has made affidavit to the persecution to which he was subjected. As pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, at Madera, Chihuahua, he was informed by the landlord of the house in which he was residing that the latter had been directed to "tell Father Balderama to leave this town as I understand there is an official committee from the Central Government of Chihuahua coming here to investigate and see if a Catholic priest is practicing his ministry." The message, Father Balderrama's affidavit says, came from the municipal president. This was about June 4, last.

The priest then went to Matachic, a mission of Madera, where, he says, he ceased practicing his ministry as it was forbidden there by law. "I had been in Matachic three or four days," he continues, "when I received a letter from the Presidente Municipal, asking me to come to his office. I answered his call immediately and he personally told me: 'I have been advised that you have been administering here and you have therefore violated the law, and I want you to leave this jurisdiction immediately.' He added 'I have strict orders from the Central Government in Chihuahua that we

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35,000 at Protest Meeting Denounce Mexico Persecution

Philadelphia (NCWC) Thirty-five thousand residents of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia occupied all available space in the great Convention Hall here today to participate in a meeting of protest against the persecution of religion in Mexico. They heard His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, and other dignitaries tell of the outrages being committed in the land south of the Rio Grande and they solemnly adopted resolutions denouncing the authors of the acts of oppression.

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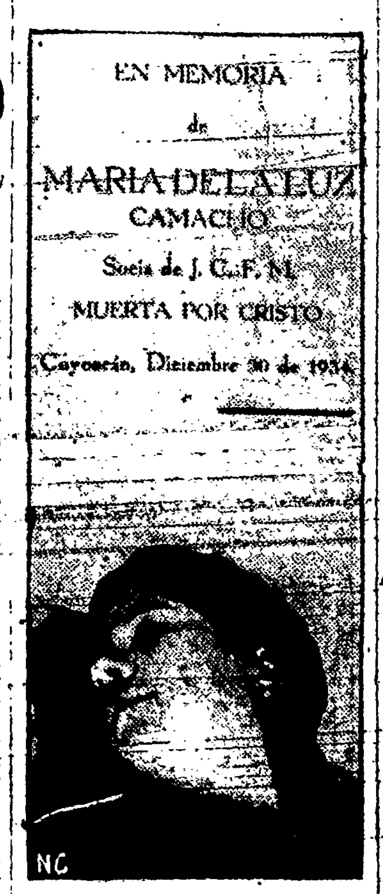

The above memorial card was recently issued in Mexico, in memory of Senorita Maria de la Luz Caracho, of the Mexican Young Catholic Women's Society, who "Died for Christ," December 30, 1934, when she and four Catholic men were killed in front of the parish church of Coyoacan by the "Red Shirts," during a blasphemous demonstration.

SECOND PLACE TIE IN H. N. PAPER DRIVE

With but two days left in the Catholic Press Month Campaign for the CATHOLIC COURIER, as this was written, St. Mary's Auburn, and St Ambrose, Rochester were struggling for second place, while Corpus Christi team, Rochester, was shown to have jumped from thirteenth place to third place

St John the Evangelist, Rochester, continued to maintain the lead and St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, stepped up from nineteenth place to fourteenth place

"The experiences of the past two weeks," commented B Edward Shlesinger, President of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union this week, "show that the Catholic people of the diocese are ready and willing to support our own diocesan newspaper when it is brought to their attention through concerted effort.

"The two parishes, St. Mary's, Auburn, and Corpus Christi, Rochester have demonstrated that it is possible to secure additional subscriptions even after the intensive campaign of last August. They are now definite contenders for first place and may yet reach that goal."

The following list of the twenty-five leaders was compiled Tuesday night, Feb. 26, and will undoubtedly show more changes next week when final returns are in

St. John Evangelist, Rochester	214
St. Mary, Auburn	208
St. Ambrose, Rochester	208
Corpus Christi, Rochester	207
St. Monica, Rochester	179
Immaculate Conception, Roch.	155
St. Alphonsus, Auburn	137
Blessed Sacrament, Rochester	129
Holy Redeemer, Rochester	128
St. Patrick's, Elmira	123
Sacred Heart, Rochester	116
St. Andrew's Rochester	112
St. Francis Xavier, Rochester	97
St. Francis, Geneva	81
St. Aloysius, Auburn	78
Holy Family, Auburn	78
Immaculate Conception, Ithaca	76
St. Mary, Elmira	74
Holy Rosary, Rochester	64
St. Michael, Rochester	60
St. Boniface, Rochester	58
Assumption, Fairport	54
Holy Cross, Ovid	50
St. Stanislaus, Rochester	40
SS. Peter and Paul, Rochester	48

U.S. Catholic Paper Is Barred by Mexico

Dubuque (NCWC) The Catholic Daily Tribune, published here, has been barred from the mails by the Government of Mexico, which is seizing and confiscating any copies sent into that country, the paper announces.

The Catholic Daily Tribune has protested this action to Secretary of State Cordell Hull in Washington, and to Senators L. J. Dickinson and Louis Murphy of Iowa, it says.

'Youth Control' Move Beaten in Massachusetts

Boston—(NCWC)—By a vote of 218 to 5, the Massachusetts House of Representatives has rejected the proposed Child Labor Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

POPE BLESSES K.C. CATHOLIC ACTION PLAN

Cardinal Pacelli Praises Knights In Message To Supreme Knight

New Haven—(NCWC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XI has bestowed his Apostolic Benediction upon the Knights of Columbus and their campaign of Catholic Action, Martin H. Carmody, Supreme Knight of the K. of C., has been advised in the following letter, just received from His Eminence Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State:

"My dear Mr. Carmody:

"I have received the letter of January eighteenth which you wrote in your character of Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus to acquaint me with the noble determination of the Order to rededicate itself in these days so fraught with social and civil unrest to the apostolate of Catholic Action which it has illustrated by such signal and inspiring successes in the past.

Wishes for Success

"Knowing as I do the splendid work in so many fields of lay cooperation with the Hierarchy and the clergy which has been and is being carried on at home and abroad, and particularly here in the Eternal City so close to the heart of the Holy Father, I could not but be deeply interested to learn that your organization is now about to launch an extensive movement in North America for the purpose of bringing many more members within the beneficient circle of its influence.

"It is my earnest hope and fervent prayer that this laudable endeavor to enroll the Catholic manhood of North America in the ranks of the Knights of Columbus may be a brilliant success so that by a greatly enlarged but carefully selected membership you may be enabled, in devoted cooperation with the Hierarchy, to address yourselves with increased personnel and adequate resources to the practical solution of those problems of social and civil life which put to such severe tests the souls of Catholics today.

"The need is great; the present challenges to Catholic Action. The noble ideals of Christian Chivalry which your Constitution sets before you, the distinguished services by which in the past you have translated these ideals into action in the cause of Church and of State, the high approbation with which the Sovereign Pontiff has followed and blessed your career of beneficence the warm eulogies of your contributions to Catholic life and to the life of your peoples which have been pronounced on so many occasions by Bishops and priests all these are so many potent reasons why the invitation you are about to issue should call forth a ready response from the elite of North America's manhood. I should like to add another reason, the magnificent example of fraternal assistance and support which you are giving by your prayers and by your campaign of publicity to your persecuted fellow Catholic of Mexico

Pope Bestows Blessing

"It is, then, with particular benevolence and as a mark of his paternal pleasure with the aims and achievements of the past as well as of his hopes for the future that the Holy Father bestows upon the Knights of Columbus and upon their efforts to increase their membership his cordial Apostolic Benediction.

"With sentiments of deep esteem and of religious devotion, I am, my dear Mr. Carmody,

"Sincerely yours in Christ
"(Signed) E. Card. Pacelli."

LATE BULLETINS

(NCWC News Service)

Washington—(NCWC)—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan, Director of the Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference, pronounced the Benediction at the dedication of the new building of the Department of Labor here, this week.

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New Rochelle, N. Y.—(NCWC)—Protests against two Senate bills seeking to liberalize present laws on birth control have been sent to Senators Wagner and Copeland by the directors of the Alumnae Association of New Rochelle College, which has a membership of 2,500 members in 25 units.

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Boston—(NCWC)—His Eminence Joseph Cardinal MacRory, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, is on the high seas enroute to Rome, where he will visit the Holy Father.

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Paris—(NCWC)—Minister of Justice Georges Pernot has issued instructions to all the chief magistrates that infraction of the laws protecting public morals must be enforced. This circular stresses particularly the matter of immoral publications.

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New York — (NCWC) — Funeral services for Mother Miriam Regina, Superior of Mt. St. Vincent College, here, in St. Patrick's Cathedral were attended by nearly 6,000 persons.

Cardinal MacRory Visits New York

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal MacRory, Primate of All Ireland, photographed with the welcoming delegation as he arrived in New York from the National Eucharistic Congress in Australia, en route to the Vatican to make his official report. Left to right: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Lavelle, representing Cardinal Hayes who is visiting the Bahamas; Cardinal MacRory, who will be 74 on March 19, and the Most Rev. Stephen J. Donahue, Auxiliary Bishop of New York. In the rear to the left is George MacDonald, prominent layman of New York. (Wide World photo.)

Control of Sale of Munitions Is Vital to Peace--Dr. Wright

Akron—(NCWC)—Agencies of peace, no matter how perfect they may be, are of little practical effect in a world in which the international trade in munitions is uncontrolled, Dr. Herbert Wright, head of the department of politics at the Catholic University of America, declared in an address delivered at a meeting of the Akron Deanery of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Dr. Wright, who is president of the Catholic Association for International Peace, spoke on "A Program of Peace."

"This munitions trade," he said, "may be controlled in two ways internationally and nationally. The first of these ways requires the cooperation of other nations, but there is no reason why each nation could not control the trade within its own borders. The proposal has been made that the Congress create a Government monopoly in the manufacture of armaments and munitions and other implements of war, but the evidence before the Nye Munitions Investigating Committee leads me to believe that this would be inadequate and inappropriate. Inadequate, because, if a Government has a monopoly in the manufacture of munitions it could not maintain a sufficiently large trained staff in normal times which would be expandable for its own needs in time of war, unless it did a considerable business outside of its own borders.

12 Producing Nations

"If it engages extensively in munitions trade with other nations, there would necessarily arise an interplay of political policies and commercial policies, each affecting the other, paving the way for imperialism and international rivalries. Inappropriate, because there are only about twelve nations producing munitions and no non-producing nation could secure munitions without the approval of a producing nation.

"On the other hand, the advantages of government monopoly without its disadvantages could be obtained by taking the profits out

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Catholic Boy Hero Is Paid Tribute by Iowa Legislature

Des Moines, Ia. (NCWC) A resolution paying tribute to the heroism of a Catholic boy has been adopted by the Iowa Legislature in joint session

The resolution expresses recognition of Clarence Steffen's bravery in rescuing Rose Marie Boyle, eight years old, from death by pulling her from railroad tracks in the path of an approaching train. Clarence is 13.

The resolution provides for sending a petition to the Award Committee of the Carnegie Institution asking that the boy receive the Carnegie Medal for bravery.

Clarence and Rose Marie attend Sacred Heart School in Oelwein. The boy was returning to school after the noon recess and chose a short cut, which brought him over a path crossing the tracks of the Great Western Railroad. Returning at the same time was Rose Marie. As the girl began to cross the tracks a train approached Clarence had paused to watch the train round the nearby curve and suddenly saw Rose Marie trip. As he watched she became transfixed with fear and in another moment he dashed down to the tracks, grasped the girl and pulled her from the tracks just a few seconds before the train roared by.

Hilaire Belloc To Give Lecture in Washington

Washington (NCWC) Hilaire Belloc, distinguished British Catholic author, will give a public address in the ballroom of the Willard Hotel, here, on Monday evening, March 4, under the auspices of the Washington Catholic Radio Hour, the Rev. Dr. John K. Cartwright, pastor of the Church of the Immacule Conception, announced today.

Mr. Belloc will speak on "The International Situation in Europe."

FR. COUGHLIN FOR TAXING MONOPOLIES

Detroit (NCWC) Speaking on the concentration of industrial power, the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak and noted radio speaker, said Sunday that "the children of the next generation will be forced to live in a state of industrial feudalism unless this monopolistic tendency is checked through a process of taxation."

"By the year 1950, unless laws are introduced in the meantime, 70 per cent of all the corporate industrial activities in the Nation will be carried on by 200 concerns," Father Coughlin predicted. "By that year they will possess half the national wealth, and by 1970 they will own all industrial activity and practically all of the national wealth."

Father Coughlin expressed the conviction that "we must tax monopolies into submission if we wish to approach sanely the problem of preserving private ownership," and proposed a graduated tax on industrial profits based upon capacity to pay. He proposed a rate of two per cent for the first $1,000,000 and three per cent for the second, and so on until at $10,000,000 corporations would find it "not profitable to operate much beyond that point." He declared that "this bubble about giant corporate efficiency" has been punctured.

Father Coughlin also proposed the extension of the corporate tax to private wealth, exempting the first $3,000 and imposing a graduated scale which would render it impossible to amass wealth in excess of $10,000,000.

Press Great Power of Our Times Holy Father Tells Journalists

By MSGR. ENRICO PUCCI
(Vatican City Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Vatican City The Press was called a great, if not the greatest, power of our times by His Holiness Pope Pius XI in a short discourse to a group of journalists whom he received in audience recently. The journalists were those who had accompanied French Minister Laval on his visits to Rome and to Vatican City.

Pope Pius XI spoke as follows:

"We are delighted to welcome cordially all and each of you and We appreciate all the importance of your visit to the old Priest, to the old Father, to the one whom all the faithful love to call the Common Father. We said importance, and not by chance, but for a very just reason, because We have before Us at this moment such a large representation of the Press, of that which is a great power, if not the greatest power of our times. Some one has said that opinion is the greatest power, but this a manifest error. The great power is the Press, since it is the press that creates opinion, interprets, circulates it, repeats it throughout the world.

"Therefore it is the Press that produces opinion and the cause is always greater than its effect. However, when one says great power, one also says great duty, a daily and formidable work that has vast and formidable responsibilities connected with it. We are convinced that these things are always present in your minds and therefore Our pleasure grows at the thought of being surely well heard and understood. In memory of this very pleasing visit to Us, to you who are the bearers, nay, the lords, the great lords of the word. We wish to repeat a phrase that our great writer, Alexander Manzoni used to point out the most vital basis of the art of words: 'Never betray the holy truth or proffer a word that applauds vice and derides virtue.'"

INTER-FAITH GROUP FORMED IN CAPITAL

Archbishop Curley Favors Religious Life Movement In Washington

Washington (NCWC) Formation of a Committee on Religious Life in the Nation's Capital, representing the leading religious forces in Washington—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—has been announced. The objective of the Committee is "to get the people in the Capital of the Nation, and particularly the 105,000 men and women in the service of the government, more directly and helpfully related to some church organization which appeals to their sympathies and is fitted to help them."

The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, has given his approval of the movement, and has designated the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward L. Buckey, pastor of St. Matthew's Church; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eugene J. Connelly, pastor of St. Peter's Church, and the Rev. Dr. John K. Cartwright, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, to serve on the Committee.

Should Understand Needs

A statement announces that, to accomplish the Committee's purpose, two things are necessary: "First. That the churches themselves should understand what the man and woman of our day, and especially those of the younger generation, need to strengthen their spiritual life, and that they should be fitted to contribute this through their preaching, pastoral work, worship and church activities, and, Second: That the churches bring their opportunities for refreshment and service to the attention of all the people in the community in such a way that each individual, especially of the thousands who have come recently to Washington, may find a church home that will satisfy their spiritual aspirations and strengthen their desire to serve their fellowmen."

The statement says that the population of the Capital is over 500,000, "but today statistics show that only about one-half of the people of the District of Columbia, as of the country as a whole, have ever joined or become members of any organized religious body, while the most reliable studies show that considerably less than 100,000 have a habit of regular church attendance." "This habit is more observed, in some churches, such as the Roman Catholic, than in others, but there is no place where personal and organized religion play the helpful part in life which they deserve," the statement adds.

"We are therefore concerned," it is further stated, "lest the religious tradition which marked the nation's founding and which has been impressed upon it by its leaders in every crisis should be weakened. In a nation like ours where entire separation between Church and State is both desirable and necessary, the state rightly looks to the churches for the maintenance of the spiritual and ethical ideals of its citizens."

Religious Prejudice In Child Labor Law Appeal Is Exposed

Augusta, Ga. An attempt to appeal to religious prejudice to make it appear that Catholics are opposing the Child Labor Amendment while Protestants are supporting it, is exposed in a letter sent to members of the Georgia Legislature by the National Committee for the Protection of Child, Family, School and Church.

Previously, members of the Legislature had received a communication from the Georgia Child Labor Committee, calling attention to the fact that five Catholics are members of the executive committee of the organization opposing the amendment. It made no mention of the fact that 26 of the members of the executive committee are non-Catholics

BISHOP WILL RECOMMEND HOLY YEAR JUBILEE FOR LENT IN LETTER SUNDAY

Annual Lenten Regulations To Suggest Holy Year Practices; First Sunday In Lent Set For Annual Negro and Indian Missions Appeal

Regulations, for the observance of Lent, starting Ash Wednesday, March 6, as issued by the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, will be read by pastors in all Churches of the Diocese, Sunday, it was announced today at the Chancery Office. Announcement was also made that the annual collection in behalf of the Negro and Indian Missions will be taken up the first Sunday in Lent in all Churches of the Diocese.

In the Bishop's annual Lenten letter, special recommendations will be made for making the Holy Year Jubilee visits during the Lenten season by attendance at evening Lenten devotions. Details will be announced in the letter to be read Sunday.

The annual appeal for the Negro and Indian Missions of the United States in view of the Collection ordered by the Third Plenary Council and signed by Cardinal Dougherty, Cardinal Hayes and Archbishop Curley follows:

"DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

"The claims of the Negro and Indian missions upon you [illegible] are founded upon our Divine Saviour's own order of salvation [illegible] order [illegible] tery of the Redemption [illegible] ops of this country in their plenary council [illegible] into terms of law one of your obligations under God's plan of Redemption [illegible] annual collection in all the churches in the United States for the furtherance of the work among the Negroes and the Indians. The Father of Christendom, who commends you this year to commemorate the Redemption with prayerful hearts and works of self-denial, also urges your continued support of these missions.

Most Do More

"By the loving sacrifice of His life, Our Divine Savior redeemed all mankind. He broke down the insurmountable barrier that man's sin had erected between God and himself. But His divine love was not content with opening to all the way to heaven. His blood consecrated the spiritual ark of salvation, the Church, which He created to be a haven of protection and a repository of new life for the redeemed. Indeed, He himself abides

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Pope Praises Exalted Place Of Priesthood

By MSGR. ENRICO PUCCI
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Vatican City. The exalted position of the Christian priesthood was praised by His Holiness Pope Pius XI in the discourse which he pronounced at the reading of the Decree in the Cause of Beatification of a humble Italian priest who died in the first half of the last century.

The priest, Dominic Lentini, was born at Luria, in the Diocese of Policastro, in Southern Italy, on November 20, 1770, and died there on February 25, 1828.

Dominic Lentini, the Decree states, "was not a man of high social condition, nor the founder of religious Orders, nor was he famous for magnificent works, nor illustrious through the publication of scientific volumes, nor furnished with any ecclesiastical dignity or benefice, but he shone only for renowned holiness in his natal village." Ordained in 1794, he passed 34 years as simple priest, solely intent on promoting that perfection of his soul and that effusion of virtue and charity in his neighbor which respond to the excellence of priestly state and constitute the sacred duty of him who is ordained priest. All those who came in contact with him venerated him.

The processes to ascertain the fame of sanctity were begun in the Curia of Policastro in 1842, but owing to a number of circumstances among which were the political changes in Italy, dragged on through long years, so that the Decree for the cause was issued by Pius X only on April 12, 1905. The processes were approved in 1926.

Thanks for Ordinary

At the solemn ceremony when the Pope listened to the reading of the Decree of the Congregation of Rites, His Holiness was thanked by the Most Rev. Francesco Cammarota, Bishop of Policastro, on behalf of his diocese and all the Catholic clergy for the exaltation of the humble figure of a priest who solely drew from his priestly character the sustenance of his sublime virtues and of the fame that today surrounds his name.

The Bishop referred to the fact that in the region of the Diocese of Policastro the Pope has recently inaugurated the Regional Seminary of Salerno, the largest in Italy, whose pupils had sent the Pope a letter in which they thanked him for the glorification of this great Servant of God and assured him that they pledge themselves to follow his example.

The Pope, responding, recalled

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Bishop R. A. Kearney Is Consecrated as Brooklyn Auxiliary

Brooklyn, N. Y. — (NCWC) Brooklyn recorded one of the most outstanding events in its history Monday, when the Most Rev. Raymond Augustine Kearney was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn at rites attended by an Archbishop and 14 Bishops, over 1,000 members of the clergy, and thousands more of the laity. The ceremonies took place in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

The youngest member of the American Hierarchy, Bishop Kearney was consecrated by the Most Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn, whom he will assist in the tasks demanded by one of the largest growing dioceses of the country. Acting as co-consecrators were the Most Rev. Moses E. Kiley, Bishop of Trenton, and the Most Rev. Stephen J. Donahue, Auxiliary Bishop of the neighboring Archdiocese of New York.

U. S. Librarian Named To Institute at Rome Takes Post on March 1

Atchison, Kans. (NCWC) — Victor A. Schaefer, head of the physics library at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a graduate of St. Benedict's College here in 1930, has been appointed to the staff of the Institut International d'Agriculture in Rome, as exchange librarian from the University of Michigan for one year.

Mr. Schaefer becomes the first American appointee of the Rockefeller Foundation grant-in-aid recently established for an exchange librarianship to be shared in by the University of Michigan. Dr. William W. Bishop, head of the Department of Library Science at the University of Michigan, who assisted in the recataloguing of the Vatican Library, recommended Mr. Schaefer for appointment to the Rome post, particularly for his classical background and library training gained at St. Benedict's here, it is said.

Mr. Schaefer enters upon his duties at Rome on March 1.

Catholic Girl's Essay Wins National Prize

San Diego—(NCWC)—Miss Winifrey Willier, 15, a junior at Our Lady of Peace Academy, has been awarded the national medal of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for presenting the best essay in a contest, the subject of which was "General Lee—A Virginia Gentleman."

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