MEXICANS LAUNCH DRIVE TO OPEN CHURCHES

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THE CAPITAL LETTER

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WASHINGTON Slowly the measures comprising the Administration's social security program are becoming effective

President Roosevelt has laid before Congress an estimate approved by the Bureau of the Budget calling for an appropriation of $195,800,000 to meet the requirements of the Social Security Board for the remainder of the current fiscal year and for the next fiscal year

Of this amount it has been estimated that $23,000,000 will be required for administrative expenses This contemplates the employment of 6,816 persons on full time of whom 2,734 will be attached to the Board offices in Washington and 4,082 in the field

The allotments for this fund will be as follows

For old-age assistance $85,000,000

For unemployment compensation administration $29,000,000

For aid to dependent children $35,000,000

For aid to the blind $8,000,000

Out of the fund, $15,800,000 will be allotted for compiling wage records and assigning account numbers to all employees subject to the old-age benefit provisions of the Act

The Board estimates that there were in 1934 236,000 persons receiving old age assistance in 25 States and 2 territories It is further estimated that of the individuals now on relief rolls, 665,000 will be qualified for old-age assistance under State plans approved by the Board

In States which have enacted or are expected to enact unemployment insurance laws conforming to Federal standards, it is anticipated that $290,000,000 will be collected in the form of payroll taxes. Ten per cent of this will be required for administrative purposes. Only the latter item, $29,000,000, appears in the proposed appropriation.

At the end of 1934 approximately 110,000 families in 43 States were receiving mothers' aid. About 333,500 mothers' aid families were on relief It is estimated therefore that 442,536 families will be entitled to aid for dependent children The total outlay will be $173,302,000 but of this amount the Federal government will pay only $35,000,000

It is estimated that there are 800,000 blind individuals in the country Probably 61,000 will be entitled to assistance in addition to 42,000 assisted under 24 State laws in 1934

The Board estimates that 26,000,000 wage earners will be registered

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Cardinal Named to Advance Cause of 'Lily of Mohawks'

Beatification process of Catherine Tekakwitha Attracts Wide Interest at Vatican as Hisorical Committee Meets To Study Girl's Life

Vatican City—His Eminence Carlo Cardinal Salotti has been appointed ponente—Cardinal Relator—of the cause for the beatification of Catherine Tekakwitha, "Lily of the Mohawks."

Cardinal Salotti thus fills an office left vacant by the death of Cardinal Sincero

Ponente is one who submits and reports on a case for a Roman congregation; or, as in this case, a cardinal appointed to take charge of a cause for beatification, known as the "Cardinal Relator."

The cause for the beatification of Catherine is attracting deep interest in Rome where the Historical Commission is at present engaged in the critical examination of documents presented by the Postulation following the Informative Process conducted in the Diocese of Albany

Wide Interest Aroused

Following the appearance in Osservatore Romano of an article concerning the cause many requests for pictures of the Indian maiden and pamphlets concerning her life have come to the Eternal City from all parts of Europe

The "Life of Catherine Tekakwitha" by Ellen Walworth has been translated into Italian, and there are many other evidences of deep and sympathetic interest in the cause

Cardinals To Give Note

When the Historical Commission has authenticated the documents now before it it will prepare a Summarium, and the cause goes to Monsignor Nanni, the Promoter of the Faith It is then that the advocate of the Postulation begins his work in replying to the objections and difficulties presented by Monsignor Nanni and having all of this prepared in one volume called the **Positio**, to be printed

In this volume is contained the Pository Letters the Process the Processo de Non-Cultu, and the opinion of the theologians concerning the heroic virtues of the Servant of God This latter feature will not be required in the cause of Catherine Tekakwitha

This **Positio** will be given to all the Cardinals of the Congregation of Rites who will meet and hear the report of the Cardinal Relator of the cause His Eminence Carlo Cardinal Salotti The Cardinals will then give their votes, and if favorable the Holy Father will then sign the decree of Introduction which will be printed and published in all the churches of Rome

Cause Advanced

Dispatches from Vatican City this week revealed the appointment of a new cardinal relator to advance the cause of Catherine Tekakwitha, The Lily of the Mohawks" for beatification

VISITS MINING AREA

Quebec (NC) His Eminence Archbishop of Quebec presided at the opening of the Lenten retreat for men and youths at Thetford-les-Mines His Eminence also visited the religious institutions in the vicinity This was his first contact with this mining community

Two Great Labor Encyclicals Point Way to Social Justice

Leo XIII Fought Against Individualism On Morality Grounds

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On May 15, in 1891 Leo XIII issued his great Encyclical on **The Condition of Labor.** The old competitive individualism was fading but still ruled the world

In the Christian tradition Pope Leo fought it He fought it in the name of economic morality. He fought it because "through it a small number of very rich men" had been able "to lay upon the teeming masses of the laboring poor a yoke little better than slavery itself"

In 1891 the United States was individualist America that year was booming in its usual preparation for a depression the panic of the nineties Wages, measured in things they bought were not to be as high for another twenty years

The trusts were booming, too In the wars of the "robber barons" laws had been faitfully passed to enforce competition. We were living the free land era of the pioneers Farmers were in poverty Inflation was almost the cure-all

The unions were growing They were being fought hard, the next year was the great Homestead strike. Cardinal Gibbons a few years before had defended unionism. Labor legislation was almost nil Soon we waged an imperialist war

Economic Dictatorship

On May 15 in 1931, Pius XI issued his **Reconstructing the Social Order.** The depression as then eighteen months old its speedy ending was freely prophesied nearly every day. A private dictatorship held by just wealth, investment control and credit control had taken the place of the old competition which Pius XI says in his give over the world had died by its own hand it its warfare against itself The new economic dictatorship had brought a world to misery

Pope Pius XI opposes the dictatorship as Leo fought individualism on grounds of morality He calls it "hard cruel and relentless in ghastly measure" Dead matter leaves the factory ennobled and transformed he says where men are corrupted and degraded"

Neither Pope merely attacks evils They tell the right things to do They tell also the ways to do what is right

At the root is this There is moral right and moral wrong in the working, owning, buying part of life because in it human beings deal with other human beings use God's gifts perform conscious, willful actions and stand before God Unless we accept that truth, there is no hope

POPE PIUS XI

Pius XI Opposes Private Dictatorship of Wealth As 'Hard, Cruel'

to do wrong Because of that essential immorality individualism forbids government to force people to do right

It also forbids the people to organize or discourage them in organizing, otherwise they might decide together the right thing to do and enforce it Individualism can never be good in God's eyes And we know that it has caused as it was fated to cause wholesale misery on earth.

The hard, cruel and relentless private economic dictatorship which has grown out of the Individualism is outlawed because it has this same spirit, made far worse by its desire for unlimited power, and because it has more strength to do wrong than the old competitors

Inspires Morality

The Encyclicals tell us the right thing and how to do it But that does not mean that they present a handbook of legislation or a course in the technique of production or merchandising, or a textbook on economics or a guide for organizers They stick to the moral law on work ownership income and prices, on organization and on government's relation to economic life

Then to this moral law we are to add our economic knowledge and technique, our civic experience our ability to work together in organization The Church teaches and inspires morality It "interferes" in business only as it "interferes" in family life and for the same reason and to the same extent The moral teachings are far-reaching

What are the main things that the Encyclicals tell us should be done?

1. **Get for every man working income enough so as to support himself and his family in decent comfort and so that his wife and the children won't have to go to work.** *(Probably half of American wage*

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Misery Followed

Here also is why Individualism is wrong For Individualism tells everyone to ignore right and wrong try to get the best of everyone not try to do right try in fact,

Prayers Offered For Persecuted Brethren's Cause

Government's Mailed Fist Smashes Down On Mexico's Catholics; Authorities Asked To Reopen Churches and Return Exiled Clergy

While Catholics of the Rochester Diocese offered special prayers for their persecuted brethren in strife-torn Mexico, fresh but unsuccessful efforts were being made this week to reopen Mexican churches which have been closed for nearly three years.

In accordance with the request of the Most Rev Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, the litany of St. Joseph was recited after the Parochial Mass in all churches this week Yesterday the Catholic world observed the feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church.

Persecutors Hold Sway

Although reports from some Mexican states indicate a partial lifting of restrictions against religious services, the church persecutors still hold sway in the city of Vera Cruz where not a church is open or a priest allowed to officiate

Several days ago sixty people were arrested by municipal authorities for praying beside the grave of the Rev Pablo Acosta, a priest who was assassinated in 1931 while teaching Catechism to children

Petitions addressed to the federal government asking that the churches be reopened have been referred to state governors who claim they cannot reopen the churches because the buildings have been designated for other uses by the federal government

1 Priest For 133,400

The Most Rev Jose Zarata exiled Bishop of the diocese of Huejutla comprising part of the states of San Luis Potosi, Vera Cruz Puebla and Hidalgo, reveals that only in the state of San Luis Potosi are priests allowed to officiate under the Hidalgo law which allows the registration of just one priest for every 50,000 inhabitants.

In the face of this law allowance only five priests were registered in the state making an average of one for every 133,400 inhabitants

Inhabitants of San Cristobal de las Cases have petitioned President Cardenas to reopen their churches and permit the return of exiled bishops and priests.

Some Churches Open

Although the churches in this state have not been designed for any other uses the state governor, when asked to reopen them, replied that the matter was not within his jurisdiction

Petitions of fathers asking that their right to educate their children according to their own choice and belief, have fallen on deaf ears.

In some instances Catholics have forcibly opened churches when the government failed to keep its promises. Some twenty-five parish churches have been opened in Sinaloa and churches in two localities have been opened in the state of Chiapas.

The only bright ray on the dark scene comes from the diocese of Chihuahua where Mass is being celebrated in churches for the first time since October 1934, under the protection of the Federal Court and cavalry.

A drive is on to force the government to change its attitude toward the Catholics.

Heads Educators

The Most Rev John B. Peterson, Bishop of Manchester, N. H., who was chosen president-general of the National Catholic Educational Association at the thirty-third annual meeting of that organization recently convened in New York City. (Photo by Ulric Bros.)

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CHILDREN TO SING AT MASS IN ELMIRA

Elmira Youthful voices of 400 Catholic school children here will be heard in a demonstration of Gregorian music at Solemn High Mass in SS Peter and Paul's Church Saturday morning May 9

This special Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 o'clock by the Rev John M Duffy superintendent Catholic Schools Diocese of Rochester assisted by priests of the Elmira deanery

The children trained by Sisters of St Joseph and Sisters of Mercy will sing Gregorian music the Ordinary and Supplementary Offertory Authority comes from St Josephs Hospital will sing the Proper

The Mass is being sponsored by the Schools as a religious project giving opportunity to the children to make [illegible] Sacred Music practical by active participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Program for the Mass

Introit (In Medio Ecclesiae) [illegible]

Kyrie Cum jubilo Gregorian

Gloria Cum jubilo Gregorian

Alleluia & Verse [illegible] tono

Credo III Gregorian

Offertory Justus ut palma florebit [illegible]

Supplementary Offertory [illegible]

Mass Gregorian

Sanctus Benedictus Agnus Dei Cum jubilo Deus Gregorian

Communion Panis angelicus Franck

Recessional (Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above)

Knights of Equity Hold Communion Breakfast Sunday

Annual Communion Breakfast of the Knights of Equity was held Sunday April 26 at Holy Family School auditorium

Principal speaker at the breakfast was Charles A Tigner who talked on topic "Catholic Social Action" Other speakers on the program were the Rev Joseph H Gehl pastor of Holy Family Church the Rev Roy Morgan spiritual director Michael H Ryan and Worthy Sir Knight Leo F Zeller

Promoters of the Sacred Heart serving the breakfast Entertainment was furnished by Edward Sweeney William Barry John Goggin Patrick Kavanaugh William Crewe William Higgins and Patrick Mackey

Tucker Named Social Justice Unit Leader

Charles T Tucker chancellor of Rochester Council Knights of Columbus was named president of the 38th Congressional District organization of the National Union for Social Justice Sunday

Election was held at Building 3 Edgerton Park with nearly 400 delegates from clubs of the Father Coughlin organization in the district attending

Named to serve with President Tucker are Vice President David V Gagner Secretary Dorothy Baldwin Treasurer James Hafey members of the executive committee John Scully attorney Edward W Norman John O'Sullivan Hazel Birmingham William Barry Helen De Vose and Patrick Doyle

Taking over the duties of his office President Tucker announced that membership in the Union is open to individuals of every race creed and political party and that the Union has no intentigh of organizing a Third Party

Delegates of the 7th District met at Eagles Hall but George Spather their leader announced it was against the national organization's policy to reveal the names of officers

'MERCEDES' WINS NATIONAL HONORS

Receiving 930 of a possible 1,000 points Mercedes, semi-annual publication of Our Lady of Mercy High School, has been awarded First place in the nation-wide contest sponsored by the National Scholastic Press Association of the University of Minnesota

This is the highest rating the publication has yet received It was special commendation for its essay on "Industrial Social and Cultural Rochester"

Editorial and feature material cover make-up proof reading and general content of the six issues were specifically mentioned as worthy of praise

The business staff was also commended for its solicitation and arrangement of advertising An article contribution had been given by Miss Gerard Otto of the CATHOLIC COURIER staff

The Mercedes has been entered in the annual contest of the Columbia and Catholic Press Associations and will appear in the international exhibit in the Vatican in Rome

Slavs Honor Priest

Cleveland The dignity of honorary canon of St Nicholas Cathedral Ljubljana Yugoslavia has been conferred upon the Rev John J Oman pastor of St Lawrence Church here by the Most Rev Gregory Rozman Archbishop of Ljubljana

Elmira Deanery

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS PRESENT MYSTERY DRAMA IN DUNN MEMORIAL HALL

Elmira A murder mystery based on the hex superstitions of Southern Pennsylvania thrilled large audiences in the Dunn Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday and Thursday April 22-23 when the "Witch's Doll" was presented by the Senior Class of the Elmira Catholic High School

Effective stage setting and realistic characterizations made the play an enjoyable event

During intermissions entertainment was supplied by three talented singers Regina Tooley Gloria Van Kuren and Rosemary Sagarese and by Jean Reed with a special tap dance

Plan Card Party

Elmira The Altar Society of St John's Church is sponsoring a card party next Friday May 8th The proceeds will be used to defray the Holy Week and Easter church expenses Mrs Samuel De Renzo is chairman of the committee

Annual Minstrel Show

Annual minstrel show of St Casimir's Holy Name Society was presented in the school auditorium Sunday and Monday evenings April 26-27

The show is under the direction of Samuel Rossi with Joseph Levandoski in charge of the music Matthew Orzechowski will be interlocutor

K. C. Supper Meeting

The Rev Cyprian Mensing O F M dean of studies at St Bonaventure College spoke at the regular monthly supper meeting of the Elmira Council Knights of Columbus held at Columbus Center Saturday April 25 at 6:30 p m

The topic of Father Mensing's talk was "Education"

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