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A NEW CHRISTMAS CONTEST FOR YOUTHS PAGE 6 THIS WEEK

AROUND CATHOLIC WORLD

N. C. W. C. News Service

SCORES XMAS CARDS

St. John, N. B. The Most Rev. P. A. Bray, Bishop of St. John, in a message to his diocese, deprecates the tendency in Christmas greetings to depart from the religious nature of the occasion, and to substitute cards of "a purely profane character, cards of dog, cat and chicken type, cheap and vulgar and as objectionable from the point of view of art and good taste as from that of Christian inspiration and culture."

DUTCH NUNS IN NORWAY

Bussum, Holland Ten Sisters of the St. Francis Xavier Congregation have left the mother house here for Norway, where they will nurse the sick in a nation that has only 4,000 Catholics out of a population of 2,725,000. This Congregation founded exclusively for nursing in Norway, has homes for the sick aged in four Norway towns It also has a novitiate at Sylling

FOUND GUILD IN CHINA

Shanghai In the interests of Catholicity in China Chinese Catholic doctors of Shanghai have founded the Chinese Guild of St Luke The inaugural meeting of the new society was held in the Catholic University of Aurora. Forty two persons were present, 26 being active members of the society seven associate members and nine guests.

BEGINS EXCAVATIONS

Jerusalem Sir William Flinders Petrie at the age of 83, has left Jerusalem to begin the third season of excavations in North Sinai on the fruitful site, where the "Grand Old Man" of Palestinian archaeology has found so much evidence of the past. On this site the remains of 12 ancient towns, one below the other were discovered by Sir William and established as ranging from the Christian era back to 1200 B C

SCENE OF WEDDING

Toronto The quaint little country church at Wexford the Church of the Precious Blood rebuilt and dedicated to the bride's mother by the bride's father, was the scene of the wedding of Miss Mary Louise O'Connor daughter of Senator Frank O'Connor to Frederic Dixon Neale The Rev Gregory Kelly of St Michael's Cathedral officiated at the ceremony It was the bride's own wish that she be married in the church

NEW BOOK ON COMMUNISM

Brooklyn, N. Y. A new book "Facts About Communism" by the Rev Dr Edward Lodge Curran is ready for distribution it was announced today by the International Catholic Truth Society of 407 Bergen S. [illegible] with Communism [illegible] velopment the philosophy of Communism Communism and [illegible] Communism and economics Communism in the United States tactics of Communism and how to fight it. A study outline and bibliography complete the text

LAVERY PLAY SCORES

Los Angeles Reviews from Vienna indicate that his one-act play "Monsignor's Hour" which takes up the further adventures of the Irish Monsignor in his play "The First Legion" has met with outstanding success in the repertory of the Theater in Der Josefstadt Emmet Lavery announces here "According to all reports from Vienna," Mr Lavery says "the play received the same ovation that was given to 'First Legion.'"

KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Basankusu, Belgium Congo Some 40 miles from Basankusu a Mill Hill missionary Father Eygenraam, was struck by lightning and killed. Father Eygenraam who was in charge of a native school at Bokakata, was looking after a wound in the leg of one of his schoolboys and went to the cupboard to fetch some medicine While he was standing near the cupboard there was a terrific crash of thunder and he fell to the floor The boy was also thrown down, but managed to get outside the house and call for help One of the native teachers entered the room shortly after with the boy, but they found that Father Eygenraam was already dead.

SPEAKS TO METHODISTS

Boston "Christ and His Church" will be the subject of an address to be given during the Christmas season in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Lynn, by William E. Kerrish, Catholic layman, of Brookline, Mass. The address will be given under the auspices of "The project in religious understanding." Mr. Kerrish has spoken on Catholic doctrines in Congregational, Unitarian and other Protestant churches.

BAN NEWS SERVICE

Amsterdam - The Kipa, well-known Catholic news service of Fribourg, Switzerland, has been banned from Germany because of its unfettered reports about the Nazi persecutions of the Church This service was the only one which still reached Catholic editors in Germany, informing them of the true facts happening within the borders of their own country.

HONOR DEAD JURIST

Montreal Prominent citizens from all parts of the province joined in final tribute here to the memory of Mr Justice Albert de Lorimier, of the Superior Court, Montreal, whose death occurred after a long illness at the age of 78 Justice de Lorimier was admitted to the Bar in 1885, and during his long professional career had been a most active worker in various Catholic charities.

125,000 In Rochester Diocese To Repledge Decency Legion Aid

Renewal Set For Sunday At Masses

Importance Added To Ceremony Because Of Papal Encyclical

Approximately 125,000 Catholics in the Rochester diocese will renew their Legion of Decency pledges at Masses Sunday morning.

The priests preaching at the various Masses will administer the pledges from the pulpit.

The complete text of the official pledge to be used for this year's renewal will be found in another column on this page.

Copies of the pledge were mailed to the pastors of the various churches during the past week under the direction of The Most Rev Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester

A National Move

In renewing the Legion of Decency pledge the Rochester Diocese is joining all other dioceses in the country which are acting under instructions issued by the Most Rev Archbishop John T McNicholas of Cincinnati Chairman of the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures

Legion of Decency pledges are renewed each year on the Sunday within the octave of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Pastors of the various churches will send to the Chancery Office the number of those renewing the pledge

Pope's Encyclical

Renewal of the pledge takes on added significance this week because of the motion picture encyclical "Vigilante Cura" issued by Pope Pius XI last June in which he calls for an extension to the entire world of the drive inaugurated by the bishops of the United States

The Legion of Decency has produced remarkable results on the motion picture industry during its brief history

Movies Improved

The moral tone of motion pictures has been raised to a higher level than ever before Concrete evidence of this is found each week in the vast number of Class A pictures which comprise the majority of those listed in the legion's bulletin

Not only has the Legion stepped up moral standards, but it likewise has brought about the filming of finer pictures This is evidenced in the increased response at the nation's boxoffice

As the Holy Father so wisely pointed out in his encyclical, the church is not opposed to motion pictures in themselves but rather that small portion of the industry which trespasses the bounds of ordinary decency

'Cloistered' Reviewed

Film of Convent Life Is A Pictorial Sermon

"Cloistered"—history's first pictorial record of life behind the convent walls—is one of the greatest sermons the motion picture ever has preached.

Previewed at the Regent Theater where it opens a week's engagement tomorrow under the auspices of the CATHOLIC COURIER, the simple yet beautiful story of the lives of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd leaves a blessed stigma on the minds of the audience

The all-seeing eye of the camera as it roves through the cloister corridors and invades the sanctity of the hidden life performs a double function.

Two Fold Purpose

To Catholics it presents an understanding picture of the all-important part played in the Church by these nuns. It answers hundreds of questions which are constantly rising in the layman's mind It provides as far as is humanly possible—the key to the sublime happiness of those who shroud their temporal life behind convent walls.

To non-Catholics "Cloistered" should prove an undisguised blessing With one brilliant sweep of the camera's lens, it scatters the illusions which centuries of misunderstanding and misinformation have piled up It answers the objections constantly raised to this type of life as satisfactorily as the most eloquent pulpit orator It gives the skeptical world of tortured unrest, an inkling of the spiritual peace which comes to one living in that part of the earth which actually is closest to heaven

Details Recorded

Aside from its spiritual and educational values "Cloistered" is a masterpiece of pictorial beauty Hundreds of details which escape the average camera have been picked up and presented on the screen for the edification of even the most cosmopolitan audience.

The solemn ceremonies of reception the silent hours of prayer the Eucharistic rendezvous with the Lord at dawn—the manual labors in the heat of the day the jovial moments of recreation the glorious tranquility of the peaceful night—the blessed happiness of time waiting for eternity these and countless other phases of the Cloistered life are caught and transfixed on the silvered screen for the wonderment of the outside world.

Fully Authentic

Every foot of film in this picture is absolutely authentic. Not a single foot of film is the result of camera posing Not a single Klieg light spoils the natural performances of these most poignant of all actresses. One wishes that more emphasis could be placed on the recreational side of the nuns' lives to dispel the illusion that smiles are barred behind convent walls.

"Cloistered" as you know was filmed in the convent of the Motherhouse of the Good Shepherd near Angers France after permission had been obtained from the Vatican Fifteen cameramen spent two and a half years making the production Most of the scenes beggar description.

Added to the pictorial beauty is the inspirational music and the explanatory remarks in English by Father Matthew Kelly

By all means see "Cloistered" You will be a better and more understanding Catholic for it

FILM CONGRESS OPENS IN ROME

ROME All who are interested in motion pictures considered from the Catholic point of view are invited by the Catholic Central Organization of Cinema (Centro Cattolico Cinematografico) to attend a meeting to be held here on December 17, 18 and 19. The meeting is open to all who, by order of competent Ecclesiastical authority are interested in the Catholic apostolate for the cinema and all managers of Catholic motion picture theaters

The principal aim of the meeting, held in the last month of the year which saw His Holiness Pope Pius XI issue his Encyclical "Vigilanti Cura, is to give the Holy Father assurance of the gratitude of Catholics for this great Encyclical, which calls the attention of the whole world to the important social and moral problems represented by the motion picture At the same time, those belonging to the Catholic motion picture movement may exchange views and promote mutual collaboration.

The forthcoming meeting was announced before the conclusion of the World Catholic Press Exposition held this year at the Vatican It was announced by the Catholic Central Organization for Cinema in collaboration with the Committee for the Press Exposition.

NEW MARQUETTE HEAD INSTALLED

MILWAUKEE, WIS. The Rev Raphael C McCarthy SJ for the last nine years head of the Psychology Department of St. Louis University, was installed this week as president of Marquette University here

Father McCarthy succeeds the Rev William M. Magee, S.J., Marquette president since 1928

The new Marquette president is a native of Marquette, Mich and attended Spalding Institute Peoria Ill. and Regis College, Denver He holds bachelor and master degrees from St. Louis University and received his Doctor of Philosophy from King's College, University of London

The retiring president, Father Magee came to Marquette in 1923 as a professor of Philosophy

The Pledge

Here is the text of the Legion of Decency renewal pledge to be administered in all churches of the diocese Sunday:

"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

"I condemn indecent and immoral motion pictures, and those which glorify crime or criminals.

"I promise to do all that I can to strengthen public opinion against the production of indecent and immoral films, and to unite with all who protest against them.

"I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life. As a member of the Legion of Decency, I pledge myself to remain away from them. I promise, further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show them as a matter of policy."

I. F. C. A. LEADER HERE ASKS SUPPORT OF BETTER FILMS

Success of the Motion Picture Bureau of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae in reviewing films in co-operation with the Legion of Decency was emphasized by Mrs George H Bradford, first vice-president of the I F C A at a dinner of the Rochester Circle at the Sagamore, last Sunday evening.

Showing of "Cloistered" the motion picture of convent life at the Regent Theater here under the auspices of the CATHOLIC COURIER was indicated as an excellent opportunity to back good motion pictures, the I F C A leader declared

She explained the work that has been done by the I F C A Motion Picture Bureau under the direction of Mrs James F Looram, Brooklyn, who is chairman

Mrs Richard C Auspitzer governor of the New York State Chapter of the Alumnae, also a guest of honor outlined the organization of the alumnae of Catholic women's colleges and high schools

Officers of the four local institutions Nazareth College, Nazareth Academy Our Lady of Mercy High School and Academy of the Sacred Heart, affiliated with the I. F. C. A. attended.

Miss J Genevieve O'Connell, Regent of the Rochester Circle was chairman

Reservations were handled by a committee headed by Miss Corine Callahan, Nazareth College, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Leo A. Callahan Trinity, Miss Adelaide Carroll, St Elizabeth's Mrs. Ormond J. Dailey Nazareth College; Miss Dorothy Hill Dunne, Nazareth College Miss Cyrila Kimmel, Marymount, Miss Hilda McNamara, Nazareth College, Miss Rosemary White, Nazareth Academy; Mrs. Frederic C. Young, New Rochelle.

MISSIONARY COMPOSER

Hong Kong Father Riganti, of Foreign Missionary Society of Milan is well known and highly esteemed in Hong Kong by all denominations as a first class musician and composer A brilliant performance in which he played several organ solos, including some of his own composition - recently brought him prominently before the public and the press was loud in its praise

Fr. Coughlin Fishing On Bermuda Holiday

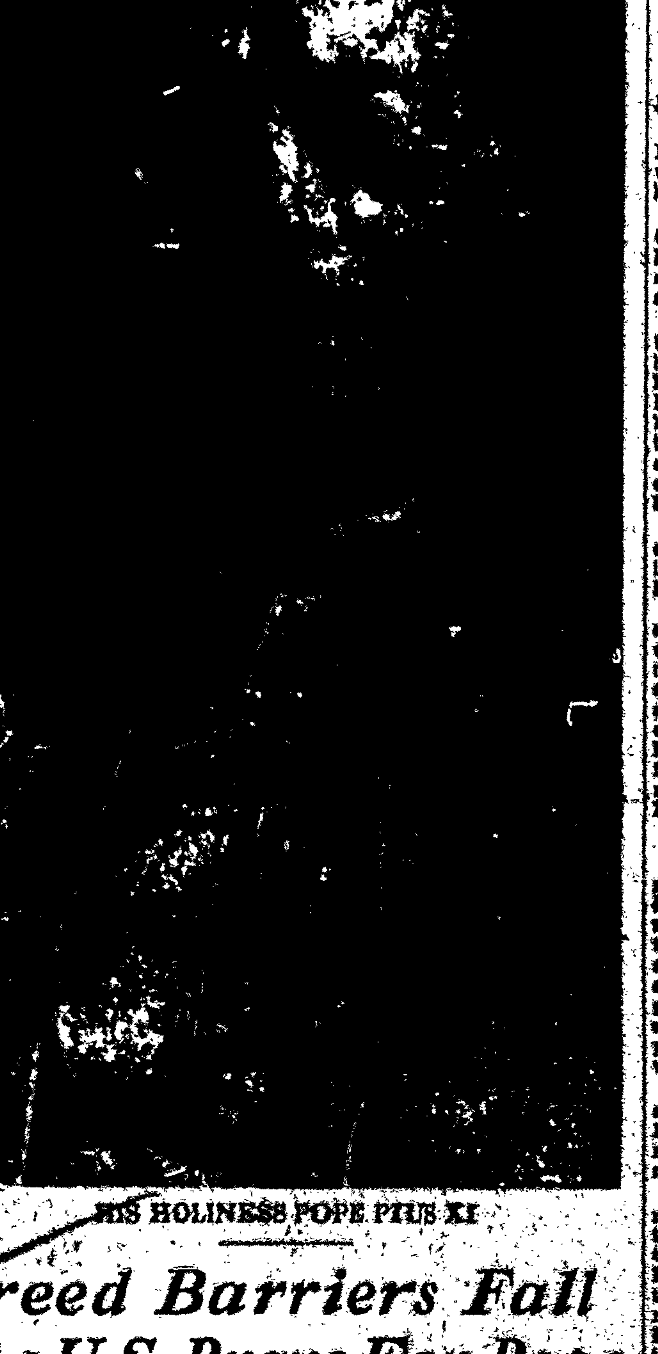
HAMILTON BERMUDA - The Rev Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower Royal Oak, Mich., is vacationing here with a party of seven.

Father Coughlin will be here a month. He is eager to do some fishing during his visit. He is at the St. George Beach and Golf Club

The Coughlin party has visited all the points of interest in Bermuda. Arrangements have been made for a series of deep-sea fishing parties 10 to 20 miles off these shores.

Stricken Pope Pius Rallies From Illness; Audiences Cancelled

His Illness Causes World Concern



HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XI

Age, Fatigue Blamed For His Collapse

Health Officer Describes General Condition Of Pontiff As Good

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Creed Barriers Fall As U.S. Prays For Pope

Throughout the length and breadth of the United States, Sunday, in thousands of churches in all dioceses prayers were said by the faithful at the direction of their pastors for the recovery of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, word of whose serious illness had just been received from Vatican City.

In many cities the Prayers for the Pope, "Deus, omnium fidelium," was recited, there being inserted the words: "Restore him to health and strength, if it be Thy holy will."

In several cities clergymen in non-Catholic churches either called upon their congregations for prayers for the recovery of the Pope or paid tributes to the Pontiff in their sermons.

CHICAGO, — Churches of all denominations in this city offered prayers for the recovery of His Holiness Pope Pius XI last Sunday. Many non-Catholic churchmen added personal tributes of esteem for His Holiness.

Rabbi Solomon Goldman of Temple Anshe Emet said: "Pope Pius is one of the greatest spiritual forces of our generation. Aside from the high dignity and sanctity of his office, as a personality he has impressed himself on our age."

Bishop Ernest Lynn Waldorf of the Methodist Episcopal church said: "Protestants as well as Catholics will unite in prayer for the Pope's recovery. We admire the really remarkable leadership of Pope Pius."

English Church Crisis Looms in Simpson Case

LONDON, (N.C.) —When the British public recovers from the surprise of the constitutional crisis occasioned by the Simpson case, it may face an equally grave crisis affecting the Church of England.

It seems evident here that the Archbishop of Canterbury would be in a quandary if he were asked to perform a marriage ceremony for the King and Mrs. Simpson, and the coronation ceremony might present difficulties, since communion is an integral part of it.

Dr. Blunt, the Anglican Bishop of Bradford, whose speech provoked the crisis said that the coronation ceremony is "one function in which the Church of England quite definitely acts as the established church of the realm."

The Archbishop of Canterbury claims spiritual headship of the Church, but the King is the lay head. The Anglical Bishop of Birmingham, Dr. Barnes, recently suggested that the coronation ceremony should be detached from the communion. Dr. Blunt answered that the only way the Church could accede to such a proposal would be if the proposal were only one item in wholesale disestablishments of the Church.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has been in close consultation with King Edward and Prime Minister Baldwin. The sentiment here is against the marriage, not because Mrs. Simpson is a commoner or an American, but because she has been twice married.

The Tablet, [illegible] is the only Catholic paper to comment. It says that it is [illegible] [illegible]

Need of Faith In Lord Affirmed By President

WASHINGTON - Washington is interpreting President Roosevelt's address to the Inter-American Peace Conference at Buenos Aires as a message to the people of the United States no less than to the delegate of the twenty republics who have joined with this country in an effort to preserve peace in the western world.

In this light, no message he has ever delivered has met with more widespread commendation. The reiteration of his faith in democratic government, buttressed by a faith in God, has won the applause of those who were assailing his policies most energetically in the recent national campaign.

From the Washington viewpoint, the President's opening address at the Buenos Aires conference was a reaffirmation of the American credo to which all the people of the United States could well subscribe.

This credo as he stated it, is:

"Finally, in expressing our faith of the Western World, let us affirm:

"That we maintain and defend the democratic form of constitutional government.

"That through it we offer hope for peace and a more abundant life to the peoples of the whole world.

"But this faith of the Western World will not be complete if we fail to affirm our faith in God. In the whole history of mankind, far back into the dim past before man knew how to record thoughts or events, the human race has been distinguished from other forms of life by the existence—the fact—of religion Periodic attempts to deny God have always come and will always come to naught."

AGAIN WE SAY

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