

U.S. Negro Missions Praised

U. S. Bishops Urged To Extend Efforts In Behalf of Colored Folk

WASHINGTON (N.C.)—The members of the Episcopate in this country are warmly praised for their work among the Negroes and they are urged to intensify this apostolate more and more, "soliciting the collaboration of their own clergy, of religious institutes and of the faithful," in a letter from the Sacred Consistorial Congregation in Rome addressed to the Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops of the United States.

By this letter, the Holy See signifies the fiftieth anniversary of the work of the Commission for the Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians. The Holy See warmly commends the Commission and praises the zeal of the priests and Sisters who are devoting themselves to the Negro missions.

Members of the Commission are organized by virtue of the acts of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore fifty years ago in order to preserve and extend the Faith among the Negroes and the Indians of this country.

It consists of His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, President of the Commission; His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York; the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore; and the Rev. Dr. J. B. Tonnelly, S. S., secretary and treasurer. The funds at the disposal of the Commission for Negro and Indian mission work are derived from the annual collection taken up for this purpose throughout the United States on the first Sunday of Lent.

The letter of the Sacred Congregation reads in part:

"To Their Eminences, the Cardinals and to Their Excellencies, the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States of America:

"This Sacred Congregation has always followed with lively interest the generous work which the Episcopate of the United States of America has long been developing among the Colored people living there. For so much good it renders thanks above all to the Lord, and at the same time gratefully remembers the Fathers of the Second and Third Baltimore Councils who, by their wise deliberations, made possible a work so full of salutary results.

"As this is the fiftieth year since the promulgation of the Third Baltimore Council which decreed the providential collection 'pro Indorum et Nigrorum missionibus,' this Sacred Congregation gladly takes the occasion of sending a word of commendation and encouragement to the members of the Hierarchy who make up the Commission for the Negroes and the Indians as well as to the Bishops and all such as have notably cooperated in this beneficent apostolate, and of earnestly recommending at the same time that they persevere with ever greater zeal in the work that is undertaken.

"Much To Be Done

"While so much good gives rise to consolation and gratitude, one cannot think without sadness of how much remains to be accomplished, and of the fact that millions of these Negroes know little or nothing of the Divine Revelation and are therefore deprived of the benefits of the faith.

"Out of about twelve millions of these people in the United States it appears that only two hundred and fifty thousand are Catholics. Now more than ever they are exposed to the dangers of unbelief and to pernicious doctrines of every sort. There is urgent need therefore, to take their condition to heart and to procure for them the light of the true teaching of Jesus Christ.

"Therefore, with the full approval of the Holy Father, who with-er with paternal solicitude the apostolate so zealously conducted for the benefit of this people, this Sacred Congregation sends to the Bishops of the United States of America a pressing recommendation that they more and more intensify this apostolate, soliciting the diligent collaboration of their own clergy, of religious institutes and of the faithful.

Sacred Heart, Five Wins in First Game

Sacred Heart basketball team won its first victory of the season over the Shamrock five in the school hall by a score of 39 to 27.

Present at the game was the team's president, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Burns and the newly appointed assistant coach, Edward Costigan.

In the Sacred Heart line-up were Leary, Feeney, Wannamaker, Fox, Nolan, McKeon, Hahn and Walker. For the Shamrocks, Schultz, Strube, Zehn, Stewart and Hardy formed the opposition. Connelly of Aquinas refereed.

Guild Installation Rites, Bridge Set

St. Elizabeth's Guild will conduct installation ceremonies and hold a bridge luncheon at the Tea Room, Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 1 p. m.

President, Mrs. John H. Gould has appointed Mrs. J. J. O'Connell, general chairman. Assisting are Mrs. Louis J. McManus, tickets; Mrs. Joseph Marcell, reservations; cards and tallies, Mrs. William J. Woerner.

Mrs. Richard FitzHarris will be installing officer. Mrs. Clarence Lofink is in charge of publicity. Reservations must be in by Saturday.

'Let Me Suffer,' Cries Dying Brother Andre



BROTHER ANDRE FUNERAL HELD

MONTREAL—The requiem Mass for Brother Andre Bessette, founder of the world-famous shrine on Mount Royal, St. Joseph's Oratory, was celebrated at St. James Cathedral with the simplicity which marked the extraordinary life of the saintly religious.

Crowds on foot, in inclement weather, followed the bier as it bore Brother Andre's body from St. Joseph's Oratory to the cathedral. After the cathedral service, the body reposed for a short time in Holy Cross College, where Brother Andre served for 40 years as porter, then was translated to a votive chapel in the Oratory there to rest until the tomb being carved from the rocky side of Mount Royal should be ready.

Guild To Arrange For Jubilee Fete

St. Aloysius Guild will meet on Thursday Jan. 21, at St. Mary's Boys' Home for election of officers and to make final arrangements for a luncheon in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Guild.

Mrs. George Weening will be hostess assisted by Mrs. Charles Ward, Mrs. John Welch, Mrs. Elizabeth Whittich, Mrs. Arthur White, Mrs. Anthony Argus, Mrs. J. H. Brady, Mrs. Bridget Barry, Miss L. Boone, Mrs. Frank Burget, Mrs. P. H. Culhane and Miss M. J. Corcoran.

Farley Urges Drive On Obscene Books

WASHINGTON—In announcing the continuation of the drive of the Postoffice Department against the sending through the mails of matter of indecent and obscene character, Postmaster-General James A. Farley, in his annual report called for the rigid enforcement of State laws forbidding the sale and display of indecent publications and pictures.

Enforcement of such State laws, he said, would do much to help rid the field of such objectionable matter, since, "undoubtedly much obscene matter is transported by facilities other than the mails."

Group at St. Anthony's Organize As Sodality

A Sodality has been organized by the young women of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Plymouth Ave. North and Lyell Avenues.

First business meeting held on Jan. 7, resulted in the election of the following officers: Prefect, Angela Farniella; Vice Prefect, Mary Uppa; Secretary, Joan Bianchi; Treasurer, Doris Mancuso; General Chairman, Mary Bruno; Reception Chairman, Josephine Ventura.

Knights of St. John Officers Installed by Staff Members

Annual installation of officers ceremonies are being conducted in the ten commanderies of the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John during January.

Colonel Fred J. Wegman has appointed various members of his staff to officiate as installing officers. The Colonel and Lieut. Col. William H. Rossenbach are planning to attend the January meetings.

During the past week the officers of three commanderies were installed. On Monday, Jan. 4 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Reg. Adj. Joseph F. Wendelgass and A. D. C. Francis J. Kohlmeier installed the officers of Commandery No. 40.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, Commandery No. 26 of St. Joseph's Church and Commandery No. 43 of St. Michael's Church conducted their ceremonies. Inspector Edmund Braun and A. D. C. Andrew Elieber were present at the former and Paymaster Raymond J. Crombach and A. D. C. Martin Wahl at the latter.

Priest Recounts Impressive Death Bed Scene at Hospital

MONTREAL—A graphic description of the death of the beloved Brother Andre has been recounted by the Very Rev. Albert Cousineau, C.S.C., superior at St. Joseph's Oratory and a deathbed witness.

Recounting the stirring scene in the small room in St. Laurent's Hospital on the night of Brother Andre's death, Father Cousineau said:

"He was given but 20 hours to live. Suddenly, about 11:30 were summoned his conferees and friends who were awaiting in sorrow the hour marked by God to recompense this holy religious. His respiration became short halting.

Three doctors were at his bedside. They did everything possible to ease him. All present prayed with deep devotion and ardent hope. There was the touching prayer 'O Christian Soul!'

"A calmness settled over that august countenance. One moment we felt God was going to spare us our beloved Brother Andre. Van hope! Quickly and more pronounced became the struggle between life and death.

It was just half an hour after midnight. This was indeed the last agony. With noble fervor, if possible, we prayed again. But he was sinking, his breath was but a thread.

Peacefulness fills Room

"I cannot describe the feeling of peacefulness and serenity which filled that humble room at St. Laurent's Hospital. It was supernatural! The joy of an elect drawing near to his reward. The magnificent mounted heavenwards thanks to God for having given us Brother Andre, thanks to God for having accorded His grace to His faithful servant and through him to us all.

"It is almost over!"

"We ween, not in despairing sorrow but with a sense of loneliness for heaven. A great effort and in quiet peacefulness death takes him. It is 50 minutes after midnight.

"Already crowds were pressing about his mortal remains.

"Guard His Last Words

"What memories the dear Brother Andre has left us! We guard his last words as precious pearls.

"The night before I asked him: 'Are you suffering dear Brother Andre?'

"Yes but I thank the good God for giving me the grace to suffer. I need it so.

"He had such a need of it for us no doubt, to assist in the completion of his work. His countenance glowed with joy as there.

"He was so feeble! Yet he asked me to the Holy Father, who he suffered very much."

"At that moment I felt he was offering his life for the suffering of Peter. Had not the same illness struck him down unexpectedly?"

"He also wanted to know what steps were being taken to carry on the work at the Oratory.

"It will succeed. You will have all that is needed to complete the temple of St. Joseph."

"What a sacrifice was his he who told me not long ago: 'I am pretty old. I am 91 but my great joy would be to enter the Basilica of St. Joseph!'

"He is deprived of that joy but it is not a mark of Divine inspiration of his work that he should leave before the end."

Nuns Keep Vigil

"During the nights, the devoted Sisters of Hope who kept a motherly vigil at his bedside, he would relate with enthusiasm all the spiritual good God had brought forth through the Oratory.

"The great Almighty is coming," he said. "Let me suffer my God, my God! He repeated during three hours in a suppliant and resigned prayer.

"His last words were sublime. 'Father,' he insisted, 'I have something to tell you. (He was visibly fatigued.) We do not think enough of death. And he added: 'Pray for my conversion!'

PRINTS PASTORAL

Mexico City—El Hombro Libre has published the complete text of the recent Joint Pastoral of the Mexican Bishops on the duties of parents in the support to the education of their children. The paper, made no comment or change in the text other than to add to the heading, "Severe instructions given to parents, teachers and priests."

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