

# Looking Back—Peering Ahead on Threshold of a New Year

## Converts Start Their Postulancy Group Becomes Catholic Religious Community Blessed By Pope

VANCOUVER, B. C. (INC)—The Mother Superior and eight Sisters comprising a former Anglican community of the Sisters of the Love of Jesus, and who have been received into the Catholic Church here in a mass conversion, have been canonically established as a Catholic religious community by the Archbishop of Vancouver, it has been disclosed.

They are now undergoing six months postulancy and on March 1, 1938 will begin their novitiate. The community was founded at Vancouver in 1922, and its rule, moderate. The 1937 Year Book of the Church of England in Canada says their object was "to know and to show the love of Jesus through the life of the evangelical counsels, in the spirit of separation, to spend and be spent a living sacrifice in the services of God and His Church." Under the heading of its work are listed café and education of children, retreats and quiet days for women held in the convent and in their homes.

The Sisters conduct at Anthony's College, a boarding school for girls and also St. Jude's Home of Rest an institution for the aged. These institutions are being continued.

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Since taking this important step in their lives they have reopened their college for girls and most of their former pupils have returned. The conversion of this community has created a profound impression on both Catholics and non-Catholics in this city.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. M. Nichol, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, has issued the following statement to the N. C. W. News Service on the authorization of the Most Rev. W. M. Duke, Archbishop of Vancouver.

"On July 13, 1937, the following Sisters of the Anglican community of the Love of Jesus made their profession of faith and were received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. John H. Keenan, S. J., Mother Mary Caecilia, Mary Ursula, Theresa Mary, Mary Angela, Mary Clare, Mary Gertrude, Dorothy Mary and Mary Eleanor. The witnesses at the ceremony were Mrs. Margaret Connolly and Margaret Lodge.

"On August 14, 1937, the Sisters received the Sacrament of Confirmation, which was conferred by the Most Rev. W. M. Duke, Archbishop of Vancouver.

"On August 23, 1937, the community of Sisters of the Love of Jesus was canonically established as a Catholic religious community by the Archbishop of Vancouver and the Sisters beginning their six months postulancy from that date. On March 1, 1938 the Sisters will begin their novitiate under Mother Mary Mildred of the Sisters of St. Ann who will be their Mistress of Novices.

"The constitutions and rule of the new community are now being prepared for the approval of the Archbishop of Vancouver and will be in effect as an institution of diocesan right according to canon law.

"Last week the Sisters received from Cardinal Pacelli a letter dated October 18 in which the Holy Father as father of his paternal solicitude for the Sisters of the community, graciously implored them the Apostolic Benediction that might call down upon them and their labors plentiful and abiding grace."

## ORDINARY SEES RISE IN RELIGION

SAN FRANCISCO—An increase of interest in religion is noted by the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, in his New Year's Message.

Saying that "there is no problem worrying our people in their personal or community lives that cannot be solved by the exercise of good will," the Archbishop declares that "everywhere in this country we note evidence of good will, especially in the increasing interest in religion." "Men, who have despaired of the schemes of those who would have built the city without God, are turning more and more to God for help," he adds.

"A most heartening sign of our increasing good will toward one another is the growing recognition of the eternal spiritual value of human personality," he declares. "Great priests, physicians, scientists and political observers are leading in the demand that more material things be subordinated to the spiritual interests of men. The spiritual character of man is more and more recognized by all men of good will to be the most perfect thing in nature, to which the economic and political order must be subordinated. On this recognition we approach the New Year with confidence that it will bring peace and happiness to mankind."

**Building New College**  
BUENOS AIRES—The interest of the Ministry of Education in private religious education was again reflected as the foundation stone of the new College of the Holy Union of the Sacred Hearts was laid by the Most Rev. Antonio Rocca, Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires.

## On Speakers' List



JOSEPH F. LAMB

## STATE K. C. HEAD TO COME HERE FOR BISHOP'S WELCOME

Among the high ranking officials of the Knights of Columbus coming for the dinner of welcome to His Excellency, Bishop Kearney on Wednesday, January 19 at Hotel Seneca will be State Deputy Joseph F. Lamb of New York.

Mr. Lamb is a prominent mechanical engineer in New York City and has had wide experience in Catholic lay activity. Besides serving in various K. of C. offices in the city and state and representing the state at national conventions he has served as a member of the Cardinal Hayes Confraternity of Christian Doctrine committee.

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He will be one of the principal speakers at the dinner, together with national and state officers of the order and high state officials. He is a personal friend of Bishop Kearney's.

John A. Doyle, past district deputy of this district, will be toastmaster.

Throughout the diocese has gone out an invitation to district and council officers as well as officers of Fourth Degree assemblies to attend the dinner and to bring prospective members of the Knights of Columbus with them.

Directing the affair is City Judge Frederick J. Mix, Master of the Fifth District, Fourth Degree, K. of C., which embraces the diocese.

**Lead Districts Here**  
The three districts of the order in this diocese are presided over by Howard L. Franklin, Newark, Bernard Matthews, Waterloo and Paul Tamura, Corning.

A representative of each district will speak a series of welcome for his section of the diocese. The honorary reception committee will include the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V. G., Rochester; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, V. G., Geneva; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. L. Lee, V. G., Elmira; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Griffin, V. G., Corning; and the Very Rev. John J. Conway, V. G., Auburn.

Heading the reception committee is Dr. Walter B. O'Neill, chairman; John J. Leo, Auburn vice-chairman.

Reservations are being made by Cyril J. Stitt, 48 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester chairman and Louis G. Hock, Rochester.

## CATHOLIC LIBRARIANS MEET AT ALA SESSION

CHICAGO—A meeting of Catholic librarians was held here for the first time in connection with a Conference of the American Library Association last Wednesday at the Palmer Hotel, when over 70 persons were present for the informal discussions at the "Catholic Librarians Round Table." The occasion was the 1937 Midwinter Conference of the A. L. A.

Topics of interest to Catholic librarians were presented for discussion. Questions concerning the Catholic Periodical Index, the Catholic Library World, and the organization of regional groups in the Catholic Library Association were presented to the meeting by the chairman, the Rev. Colman J. Farrell, O.S.A., Librarian of the Abbey Library, St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kans., and President of the Catholic Library Association. Eugene P. Willing, Librarian of St. Thomas College, Seranton, Pa., acted as Secretary.

## Bonn To Direct Choral Society

New Year activities for the Knights of Columbus Choral Society will begin Tuesday, Jan. 11, and more religious at the Civic Center to begin at 8:15 p. m.

This season the society will be under the direction of John Paul Bonn.

Mr. Bonn's father, the late Professor Eugene F. Bonn, was the first director of the society. He was followed by Professor F. C. Pohl.

The new director was organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral and has had a wide musical experience.

London The Bishop of Jaffna, Ceylon, the Most Rev. Alfred Guyonard, was taken ill here, but has now left the Esperance nursing home at St. Leonards-on-Sea.

# Catholic Courier

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AS WE enter the troubled and uncertain new year from the crowded and hectic days of 1937, the air is filled with forebodings born of conflicting news and views about the state of our great nation. There are ills enough, and complicated problems. But all is not dark. Our heritage is an inspiration, our attainments a reassurance, our future possibilities a bright challenge. To help remind us of these things the text of an inspiring advertisement is herewith reprinted by express permission.

## GOD'S COUNTRY

"Breathes there a man, with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said,  
This is my own, my native land?"

—Scott.



SURE we've taken it on the chin! Sure we've had our dust-storms, droughts and depressions! So what? The gilt frame may have been broken, but the picture remains unchanged.

If you ever feel your knees getting a little shaky, try this simple experiment . . . repeat these words . . . slowly:

Before the world, I AM AN AMERICAN! I envy no man. I fear no man. No man has anything I covet. No man can take away from me anything I have.

Mine is a nation of youth, made out of a new kind of steel, alloyed with the blood streams of many peoples . . . not too stubborn to bend, but too strong ever to be broken.

With its far-flung frontiers, mine is a land so broad, so rich in its hidden treasure, so vast in its resources that, if we had to, we could build a fence around ourselves and live forever . . . alone.

Mine is a people of common stature, uncursed by class . . . vaccinated against all isms, cults and imported crack-pot philosophies . . . noisy at a ball game, but dangerously silent in battle.

My people think! Over the roar of wheels, in thundering subways in factory and field in the depths of mines, amid the clank of tin dinner buckets, behind the drawn blinds of their thirty million homes, wherever they are even now they are thinking . . . thinking out the answers that others cannot find. And when the time comes, they speak . . . without stuttering.

I am proud of American inventive genius: if there had ever been but just these few Americans . . . Franklin, Fulton, Bell, Edison and the Wright Brothers . . . this would still be the greatest nation on earth.

But most of all I give thanks for American business brains that have found a way to pay better wages . . . to work shorter hours . . . to pay more for their raw stuff . . . and still, with the help of mass production and mass distribution, give the people what they want at prices they can pay.

So long as machinery continues to ease the strain on muscle, and Americans after a day's work aren't too tired to play . . . nothing really serious is going to happen to . . . GOD'S COUNTRY.

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## FIGURE OF PONTIFF TOWERED HOPEFULLY OVER WORLD IN 1937

Events of Great Joy in Church During Year Counterbalanced by Sorrows of Persecution Warfare, Pope's Weighty Pronouncements

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The figure of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, although confined to a bed of excruciating pain at the year's end, towered hopefully over a worried and turbulent world throughout 1937.

There were for the Catholic Church in the course of the year occasions of great joy. To a large extent these were counterbalanced by reasons for deep sadness. There were universal rejoicings over the Pope's 65th birthday, his escape from a serious illness. There was worldwide sadness over the loss of the Holy Father's health, and the death of the Holy Father, Pius XI, on June 10, 1938. There was also a deep sadness over the loss of the Holy Father's health, and the death of the Holy Father, Pius XI, on June 10, 1938.

### Map Social Science School For Adults

ALBANY, N. Y. (N. C. W. NEWS SERVICE)—The Social Science School for Adults, which was organized by the Albany Chapter of the Community of Our Lady, will begin its sessions on Monday, Jan. 11, at the Academy of the Holy Spirit, Albany. The school will be held in the evening and will be open to all who are interested in social science. The school will be held in the evening and will be open to all who are interested in social science.

The actual work which will be done during the course of the year will be of a practical nature. The school will be held in the evening and will be open to all who are interested in social science.

The Catholic World, which practices earnestly for the Holy Father's recovery, was rewarded with favorable conditions for celebration. On Jan. 1, the Holy Father celebrated his 65th birthday. The Holy Father's recovery was a source of great joy to the Catholic world.

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