

CATHOLIC POSITION ON PERSECUTION OF JEWS, CITED BY BISHOP NOLL

FORT WAYNE (N.C.)—At least a dozen times in four months His Holiness Pope Pius XI has spoken out in forceful denunciation of the persecution of the Jews, the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, declares in a statement given the Journal-Gazette here.

Asked for his own attitude towards the cruelties being practiced on Jews in Europe, Bishop Noll says it seems important to him to give instead "the official attitude of the Catholic Church on (1) the persecution of the Jews as a race, and (2) the persecution of the Jews as a religious group."

Concerning the persecution of the Jews as a race, Bishop Noll points out that the Holy Father's frequent and vigorous condemnation of these persecutions were made "at greater risk than any other ecclesiastical leader who may have spoken in a similar vein." In Italy, the Bishop says, "the risk of the severance of the friendly relations which the Church has had with the Italian Government and the people. He risked the breach of the Concordat which the Church and the Hitler Government had entered into."

Cardinal's Speeches Cited

Bishop Noll says Cardinal Faulhaber of Munich "has openly criticized and denounced the persecution of a minority group on racial or religious grounds," and that the attacks on the residences of Cardinal Faulhaber and of Cardinal Ammer of Vienna "followed speeches charging that they were friends of the Jews. His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, has made 'the most vehement attack leveled against Hitler and his policy in this country.' Bishop Noll continues. He adds that the National Council of Catholic Men, "the only organization for men sponsored directly by the National Catholic Welfare Conference," has spoken out against the persecution of Jews, and that Osservatore Romano called it "unworthy of twenty centuries of Christian civilization."

Bishop Noll draws attention, too, to the instructions sent out by the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, to the Catholic seminaries as "to arm themselves from the sciences so as 'to refute stoutly and skillfully' the 'absurd doctrine' of racism.

Concerning the persecution of the Jews as a religious group, Bishop Noll quotes the following words of Pope Pius XI to a group of Belgian pilgrims:

"Abraham is called our patriarch and our ancestor. He is not compatible with the sublime reality of this text. It is a movement which we Christians cannot share... No, it is not possible for Christians to take part in anti-Semitism. We are Semites spiritually."

Denounces All Persecutors

"In the new Code of Canon Law issued in the year 1917 all countries at different times in the different countries restricted the liberties of the Jews are completely reprobated. The Canon Law is the official Church Law," Bishop Noll says.

"It is my personal opinion," Bishop Noll continues, "that the Jew will command wider support and sympathy for his persecuted brethren in Europe if he, through his organizations and periodicals, will like millions of Christians, attack Nazism, Fascism and Communism in the same breath. Christians of whatever creed have been bitterly persecuted in Russia, and all Christian churches and institutions closed. Catholics have met the same fate in Mexico. In both cases the persecution is waged by anti-religious powers. They know how to sympathize with the Jews and would naturally like to see the Jews show equal sympathy for them. In other words let all religious groups Catholic, Protestant and Jew, join forces to denounce and overcome, if possible, persecutors of any group."

Holiday Workers Should Get Security Numbers

Many workers who have not been employed in occupations covered by the Social Security Act, will find themselves eligible to future benefits under the old-age insurance features of the act when they become employed as extra help during the Christmas holidays, it was stated today by Mr. Walter K. Mason, manager of the Rochester Field Office of the Social Security Board.

Housewives or students who take part-time work in department stores are covered by the old-age insurance features of the act, Mr. Kruess stated. Deductions should be made from all such salaries, under Treasury regulations, and the earnings of part-time employees should go toward building up wage credits and eventually count toward future benefits.

All workers taking part-time positions during the coming Christmas holidays were advised to remember the following important points:

1. It is necessary to have a social security account number.
2. The social security account number should immediately be reported to the employer.
3. It is necessary to have a social security account number if you are the only employee, and work as little as one hour a week for your employer.
4. Any employee who is in urgent need of a social security account number may secure one immediately by visiting his nearest security field office where over-the-counter service will be given to him.

Terms of The Prophet

Couching his Christmas greeting in the terms of the prophet, the Most Rev. James Whyte, Bishop of Dunedin, New Zealand, urged his people to "rejoice greatly" "to about for joy" because "your King is born, the Holy One and the Sp..."

I Believe, I Battle

The Right Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoven Editor-in-Chief, Catholic Action of the South



"I Am Proud to Be a Mud Eater"

The old story of Mary Hickey who was brought into a general hospital "a wee bit in her cups," is well known. When asked what her religious affiliation was she answered: "Presbyterian." Quizzed by the Catholic chaplain next morning, as to why she told an untruth about her religion, she replied, "Father, I was in no condition to be known as a child of Holy Mother Church."

Here is a poor woman ashamed of being known as Catholic, she walks away wrong. How many Catholics walk around today afraid to acknowledge their Catholicity, although no moral aspersion can be cast on their name. You never meet a Holy Roller, a Baptist, or a Methodist, who will deny his religious conviction. You will daily meet Protestants proudly displaying their Masonic fraternity pins. In Alabama we find settlements of mud eaters who seem to be jealous of their distinction, for they brook no intrusion or association from an outsider. What particular boast of humanitarianism, art of sciences can any of these organizations make, that their members should feel so proud of belonging to them?

All organizations in history combined cannot put forth so much honest claim to the world's gratitude and recognition as the Catholic Church alone! No other organization, secular or religious, ever produced groups of men and women who unreservedly consecrated their lives to the alleviation of human suffering and misery, like our Catholic monks and nuns. No other organization ever had as its members so many men famous in history, like the masters in music, Mozart, Liszt, Palestrina, Gounod and Verdi, great painters like Raphael, da Vinci, Fra Angelico, Michelangelo and Rubens; architects, poets and scientists; in fact, nearly all outstanding benefactors of the human race during the Christian era were Catholics.

Why, then, are so many Catholics backward in proclaiming their membership in the greatest organization that ever existed? Maybe they are heeding the injunction of Holy Writ: "set your modesty before the eyes of all men." Maybe they are overcome by their sense of humility, realizing their unworthiness in being members of such a wonderful organization. I am afraid, however, this is not so, for to be modest you must first of all be conscious of something to feel proud of.

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Adult Education Classes Begin

Registration for the winter and spring term for adult education evening classes opened Monday night, December 5, at the High School, Alexander and Pearl Sts. according to an announcement by William E. Hawley, principal. Registration will continue until January 1 when the new semester will officially start.

With the present enrollment of over 4,000 students it is expected the additional registration for this term will reach an all-time high. Students who register now may begin classes immediately and continue into the new term without paying any additional registration fee.

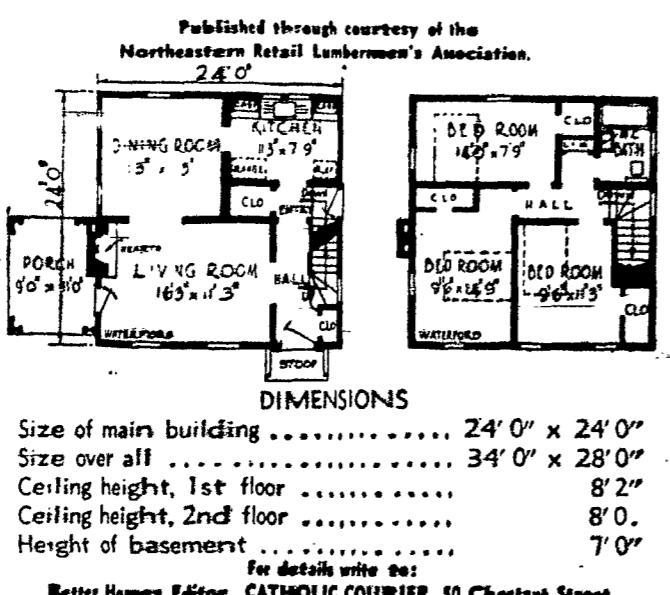
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Rochester Parish Sodalities Union Activities

Immaculate Conception Sodalists will have their December meeting in the form of a Christmas supper party on Monday the 12th. Chairman Virginia Gross promises a regular good old fashioned party with plenty of eats, a grab bag, entertainment and of course, a Christmas tree in the meantime, and forgetting that it is blessed to give, the Sodalists in addition to preparing Christmas baskets and clothing for the poor, are collecting War-torn coupons to obtain tops for the Soldiers. Each dollar is requested to bring two dollars worth of coupons. At the Immaculate, it's "Where there's a will..."

At the solemn closing of their Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception, the members of the Sodality of the Guardian Angel, honoring his Excellency, Most Rev. James E. Kearney, from the Rectory to the Church where he solemnly closed the novena services.

At Union Meeting Committee-Chief of the Speakers Bureau, Mary Helen Hayes, announced that each Sodality would in the near future, receive a magnificent Christmas tree, but she didn't say what a "Scop" project to be undertaken by the Bureau, we think, and of interest to each Sodality, but to date it remains a secret. So watch the mails. Perhaps, you can beat your bottom dollar it's good!

St. Bridget's Sodality held a delightful Silver Tea on Sunday, December 5, with the Reverend Thomas Fitzgerald as honorary Chairman. Katherine Gibney, General Chairman, was assisted by the following: Mrs. Gertrude Fitzpatrick, Rita Murphy, Rita Fleming and Josephine Lambardi. Refreshments, Dorothy Welch, Katherine Gibney, Beatrice Burke and Helen Carroll, the hostess, were there to testify to the success of the party. Patricia Dolan, Virginia Allen, Doris Director, Rosa Marion Furney, Marianna Francione and Angelina Mancini. Publicity, Rita Fleming.

At Holy Ghost Sodality, Colwater, Our Lady's Committee is replacing its system of announcing the feast days within the month at the general meetings by a date book. The sample was exhibited at the November meeting and a promise given that by December each Sodality would have her "date" with her Queen in permanent form. The recent life arrangements have set a date for the annual bowling party to be followed by cats and entertainment. Chairman Dorothy Brenner wants to know if those average bowlers will be rolled over the 200 mark of last year especially that old 100 ("Fancy if Sodalists 1935")

One silver-tongued Penny Brennan will make a return visit to the Sodality on Saturday, December 10, to address the young ladies and gentlemen of the Sodality. We remember how she "laid 'em in the snail's pace" a month ago when she called on books at their communion breakfast, and now they're clamoring for more. We're beginning to wonder whether maybe heroes are born and not made, after all. Go to it, Penny!

Are you thrust into the "back ground" in your social set, who in the conversation turns to present current book horrors. Do something about it this very day. Drop into Headquarters with a nickel and get a copy of Father Herbert Walker's pamphlet, "Books Every Catholic Should Know." From here, you make it a point to get to know them.

Sixteen Sodalists from St. Monica went on a club party at Foxder Mill Park on Sunday, December 4. It was a real "rough it" with man-sized hamburgers, over an open fire. Need we say more?

The Sodality recommends and urges daily reception of Holy Communion during Advent in preparation for our reception of the Infant Jesus. Put on your hearts on Christmas morning. This will entail sacrifice, perhaps, but let's not be miserly with our Christmas gifts for the Infant Jesus.

Red Cross Inaugurates First Aid Course

The Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross opened its course in first aid to Rochester and Monroe County veterans, Wednesday evening, Dec. 7.

The new Red Cross House, 123 Plymouth Avenue South, was open from 7 to 9 P. M. for registration and welcomed all members of Rochester and Monroe County Posts. Leadership is furnished by the WPA Adult Education Program and the American Red Cross. About 200 veterans are expected to enroll.

The American Legion in all parts of the United States are showing a great interest in the Red Cross First Aid Course and are branching up on their first aid knowledge and also learning accident prevention. These men helped win the war, and again they are coming to the front in the fight for safety and accident prevention.

Today with the ever-increasing number of deaths from accidents from every source the total is a large amount than were killed in the World War.

En The Days of Yore

Christmas carols were sung solemnly in England in the days when Eurilism was in the ascendancy and forbade their performance in public.

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