

NATIONAL NEWS

BISHOPS AT FORDHAM — K. C. MEET
CENTENARY IN OREGON

Catholic Centenary Marked At Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore. (NC) — With Sunday, January 8, 1939, when the Very Rev. Francis Norbert Blanchet offered the first Mass in what now the State of Oregon, four miles from Campement de Sable (Champoeg), this day, Tuesday, May 9, will stand out in the history of the Church in Oregon.

With His Excellency, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and 30 other Archbishops and Bishops present in the city, the ceremonies of the day began with a half-hour broadcast over Station KGW and the Coast red network of the National Broadcasting Company. On this program was a 9-minute address by the Most Rev. Edward J. Howard, Archbishop of Portland, music by the Maryland Treble Trio and the Maryland Choral Society, a dramatization of the appointment of Father Blanchet by the Archbishop of Quebec and his arrival in the Northwest on November 24, 1838.

Mass in Civic Auditorium
The most impressive ceremony of the centennial celebration was the Solemn Pontifical Mass, celebrated in the Civic Auditorium by Archbishop Cicognani in the presence of more than 1,000 persons. The auditorium was filled early by worshippers awaiting the procession of honor guards, Archbishops, Bishops, Monsignors, Abbot and priests.

Among those were His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Keane, Bishop of Rochester and former Bishop of Salt Lake, and the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey of Rochester, the Bishop-elect.

In the sanctuary with the Apostolic Delegate during the Mass were the Archbishops and Bishops grouped about the altar. Archbishop Howard preached the sermon, declaring that the centennial celebration would give us a grace that a temptation unless we commemorate the past we also make resolve for the future.

The Mass celebrated Tuesday of last week, Archbishop Howard said, was no isolated incident of mere formality but was "important with the importance of the ages, significant with the significance of the millennium."

Leaders of state and city joined with the hierarchy, clergy and laity in the evening at a banquet, paying tribute to the efforts of the priests who founded the church in the Oregon country 100 years ago.

The dinner the outstanding event of the three-day observance was attended by 700 persons.

Dinner Program
Archbishop Cicognani reviewed the history of the Church in the Oregon Country and paid tribute to the seal of the pioneers and present residents of the Province of Portland.

"One hundred years after the first appearance of the Church in the Northwest, we behold a wonderful reality we see flourishing institutions of a beneficent, charitable nature, and Catholics even citizens of every faith and rank are justly proud of them," he said.

Archbishop Howard after his tribute to the heroism of the early settlers, said: "It is for us the heirs of their heroic labors to carry on their great work to acknowledge ourselves a product of the past and to provide for the future a nobility."

Governor Sprague said Catholic history has been linked with civil history in the Northwest, and remarked: "It has been on the foundation of civil and religious liberty that this organization has flourished."

"There is as much need today as 100 years ago, perhaps more, and our spiritual guide," Mayor Carson said, "I like to think this centenary presages a new spiritual beginning for all people."

DR. THORNING ARTICLE IN CONGRESS RECORD

WASHINGTON — A warning that "the millions of traffic, loans, financial undertakings" led the United States "from neutrality in 1918 to warfare in 1917," is sounded in an article entitled "War or Peace?" written by the Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Thorning, head of the Department of Social Science, St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., and introduced into the Congressional Record this week by Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts.

"The European war, if it comes this year or next, will be a replica of the last: a war of attrition," Dr. Thorning says. "Both sides, unfortunately, will suffer terribly for every success. The game is not worth the candle. No one will win. No one will die. No one will win. The balance is even, unless we encourage the allied empires to 'defy' the dictators — except Stalin."

LAY WOMEN'S RETREAT SET AT STELLA NIGARA

The Sisters of St. Francis, Stella Niagara, New York, announce their annual Retreat for Laywomen to be held from July 14 to 20. Rev. Edwin Favier, O.S.F.C., of Providence, Rhode Island, who will conduct the retreat, is well known to those who have followed the exercises in past years.

Stella Niagara offers an ideal environment for these days of recollection, with its spacious grounds and secluded spots along the river. Reservations are now being accepted. It is recommended that this be made as early as possible in order to secure a greater choice of accommodations. Summer guests will also be welcomed from July 3 to August 1.

FRATERNITY FORMED
Lafayette, La. — A chapter of Phi Kappa Theta, National Fraternity of Catholic students in non-Catholic schools, has been installed at Southwestern Louisiana Institute.

Major Rewarded



Widely known for his encouragement of radio theater broadcasts, Major Edward Bowel (above), of New York, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the 96th annual commencement exercises of Villanova College, June 8. (NCW.C.)

Bishop To Pontificate At Knights' Convention

SARANAC LAKE, Mich. — Solemn Pontifical Mass, formally opening the Forty-fourth New York State Convention of the Knights of Columbus, will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Keane, Bishop of Rochester. The ceremony will be presided by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Francis J. Monaghan, Bishop of Ogdensburg.

The Mass will begin at 10 A. M. (11:30 A. M. in St. Bernard's Church) on Friday, May 26.

The convention, over which State Deputy Joseph F. Lamb of New York will preside and at which will be represented councils throughout the state, will extend from Thursday May 25 to Sunday, May 28.

Busy Program Planned
Matters of great importance to the membership will be taken up as well as activities in support of the Church, wherever Councils exist, on Friday, May 26.

Registration will be at Hotel Saranac on May 25 with a get-together for knights and ladies in the evening.

The church services on Friday, May 26, will be preceded by a parade from Hotel Saranac. Convention sessions will open at the Auditorium (convention hall) at 11:30 A. M. The convention hall will be held Friday evening in Convention Hall.

Entertainment for the delegates and ladies is being provided by the committee headed by Grand Knight Timothy J. O'Hara of Saranac Lake Council and Hon. Thomas P. Ward, convention chairman.

On Saturday afternoon May 27, delegates and ladies will leave Hotel Saranac for an inspection trip of the K. of C. units at Gabriels Sanatorium.

The convention banquet will be held in the main dining room of Hotel Saranac on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning, May 28, delegates will attend low Mass at St. Bernard's Church at 10:30 A. M.

Literature Campaign

lead books, nude photographs and athletic and communistic literature.

"Surely laws must be enacted, nationally and in our state and city, laws with teeth in them, to deal with those who would before our youth and lower our standards of common decency."

"Surely there is no question here of a censorship of anything approximating art or anything which the common conscience of decent men and women of all races and creeds could possibly condone."

"That is why we shall be greatly interested in any and all opposition to this legislation and in discovering the originators of such opposition."

Associated with Archbishop Cantwell on the committee which has pledged its support to the bill are Bishop W. Beaumont Severa of the Episcopal Church, Superintendent of Schools Vierling Keese, President Rufus B. Von KleinSmid of the University of Southern California, President Robert G. Sprout of the University of California, President Remon D. Bird of Occidental College, President Robert G. Millikan of the California Institute of Technology, and the Very Rev. Charles McQuaid, S.J., President of Loyola University.

BISHOP YU-PIN IS GIVEN TRACTOR BY HENRY FORD

WASHINGTON — On a visit to Detroit, the Most Rev. Paul Yu-Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nanking, who is in this country in the interest of relief work for Chinese war refugees, was presented by Henry Ford, automobile magnate, with a new tractor to be sent to China for farming purposes. Mr. Ford also presented the Bishop with a car for his personal use.

While in Detroit, Bishop Yu-Pin also visited with the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, by whom he was most cordially received. The Chinese priest addressed congregations in two Detroit churches.

15 in U. S. Hierarchy Once Connected With Fordham U.

NEW YORK (NC) — The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, who will be installed on May 23 as the sixth Archbishop of New York, is the fifteenth bishop to have been connected in some way with Fordham University, research at the university has disclosed. The new Archbishop was graduated from Fordham in 1911.

Two of the fifteen later became Cardinals. They were John Cardinal McCloskey, the first American to be given the red hat, and John Cardinal Farley. Both also were predecessors of Archbishop Spellman as Archbishops of New York.

Cardinal McCloskey was the first president of Fordham serving from 1911, when the university was founded by the Most Rev. John Hugh's, first Archbishop of New York, to 1913. Cardinal Farley was graduated from Fordham in 1897.

Fordham was originally known as St. John's College. When St. John's College was incorporated, one of its incorporators was the Rev. David W. Bacon. In 1886 he became the first Bishop of Portland, Me.

The Most Rev. Sylvester H. Rosecrans, consecrated as Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati in 1932 and

The Family Steps Out

A SHORT STORY

By Joan Hempel

"Why did the family go away and leave me alone? Don't they know I'm afraid of the dark? Of course Richard's home, but then he's never around. Always out in the garden with his poetry and stuff."

Poor little Nita would have to make the best of it. She sat down to read. It was 7:30, very late for a little nine-year-old. Gradually, the curl began to leave her hair; it stood on ends several times. Her round little figure had slumped, but once by the fireplace for a good two hours. When grandpa's clock struck, it startled Nita, and deciding for her nerves sake that she had better discard the book, she cast it aside, disappointed and yet relieved at her good sense.

"What a story!" she exclaimed. "It's the most blood-curdling book I've ever read. I'd like to finish it, but I don't dare. I'd never get to sleep. Looking at the clock she remembered her mother's orders. "Where's Richard? He must take me to my room." Nita tentatively called her big brother's name, but she realized that it was useless; he was probably under the spell of the moon again, and couldn't be disturbed. She didn't know what that meant, but she had heard Sis teasing him about it.

She'd have to go to her room alone. Nita was really frightened. Who wouldn't be, after reading such a story? With a great deal of courage (she thought) she mounted the stairs and cautiously sneaked to her room. After locking the bedroom securely, she got into bed as quickly as possible. Daddy had taught her to count sheep, which she did for a long time, until she finally dozed off.

Suddenly, later in the evening, Nita woke with a start. "What was that noise? I'm sure I heard a noise, a scraping noise. There! there it goes again and again."

"M-m-maybe so someone is coming to murder m-m-me," she stammered excitedly to herself. The book was having effect on her. Did her ears deceive her? No, someone was trying to turn the knob on her door!

"Silly, pull yourself together," she told herself sternly (she was quoting the book). "This is no time to lose your head. How could anyone come to your room? The door is fastened. After a moment's thought, 'Maybe I'd better call the police; maybe something has happened to Richard.' There it was again! Someone trying to get into her room and someone making a scraping, scratching noise on the door. Once again she was paralyzed with fear. It couldn't be Mother or Dad. They weren't coming until about 1:30. It was now only 11:45; she made out by her watch. Alice, her sister, had gone away to visit her aunt. She would not be home until the following week. Anyway they wouldn't act so 'mysterious' like. Who could it be? No one but a burglar. She was again filled with dread.

"I'm going to call the police," she said with determination. Just then the frightened girl heard an indistinct "Meow." Her face at once brightened.

"Why didn't I think of that before?" Nita opened the door to find Mitty, her little kitten, sitting on a chair next to the door. "You little mischief!" she cried laughingly. "I ought to spank you. You scared me nearly out of my wits." Mercedes Magazine of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Famous 'Via Matris' Painting Is Unveiled

CHICAGO — The "Via Matris" of seven paintings by the internationally famous artist depicting the Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin, was unveiled, solemnly blessed, and canonically erected today in Our Lady of Sorrows Church here, by the Very Rev. Patrick M. Brosnahan, O. S. M., T. L., Provincial of the Servite Fathers in the United States.

Prior to their permanent hanging in the church, the paintings, done in oil, were exhibited in New York at the famous Morgan Galleries, where they won high praise from critics.

New Abbot



The Rt. Rev. Paul M. Nahlen, O. S. B., president of Corpus Christi College, Corpus Christi, Texas, who was elected third Abbot of New Sublime Abbey, Sublime, Arkansas. Abbot Paul will be blessed at Sublime, June 20, by Bishop John Morris of Little Rock. (NCW.C. photo.)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO BE OFFERED IN MAY

ST. MENRAD, Ind. — The Knights of the Grail have issued an invitation to 3,000,000 Catholics youths in parochial and high schools, academics, colleges and seminaries, and to the clergies in 10,000 houses and convents to participate with 500 priests, clerics, Brothers and seminarians of St. Meinrad's in the annual Month-Of-Prayer for Vocations "that each of our Catholic Youth may know and follow his or her proper vocation."

CATHOLIC POPULATION OF IRELAND INCREASED 22,651 IN LAST DECADE

DUBLIN.—The religious figures in the census for 1936, issued by the Department of Industry and Commerce, indicate an increase in the Catholic population of the Twenty-six Counties of 22,651, or 0.8 per cent in the decade 1926-1936.

The total population decreased by 3,372, or 0.1 per cent in the same period. Episcopalians decreased by 13,881, or 11.7 per cent; Presbyterians by 4,202 or 13.9 per cent, and Methodists by 1,014, or 9.5 per cent. The proportion of Catholics to the total population for these reasons rose to 84.4 per cent, compared with 82.4 per cent in 1926.

It is stated that since the beginning of the century the number of Catholics has declined by only 3.8 per cent, the numbers of other religions decreasing by nearly half.

Begin Religious Film
Los Angeles.—"The Great Commandment," first of a series of religious pictures produced by the newly-organized Cathedral Films went into production last week at Solmick International Studios.

Life of John Neumann on Air
Garrison, N. Y. — The life of the Venerable John Neumann, Neumann, fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, will be the subject of the Ave Maria Radio Hour broadcast on Sunday, May 21.

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