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PARISH NEWS

Bennett Urges Strong Defense For America

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allegiance. That oath they must always hold sacred—there can be no political ties with the land of their birth as sharply and adamantly as did the Fathers of the Republic in their Declaration of Independence. There can be no hyphenated American. There is no room for Fascist, Nazi Communism. No man or woman has a right even to consider himself an American if he or she gives fully to the philosophies of nations pledged to destroy democracy as we know it in this land. We insist that all give undivided allegiance and full support to America, and America alone.

It is time for all of us, native born as well as naturalized citizens, to appreciate fully all the blessings of democracy. It is time to stop just talking about our patriotism and to prepare, if necessary, to give everything we have, yes even life itself, for the defense of our liberty and the preservation of American institutions. In recent years there has been many among us who have indicated more than a passing interest in the advancement here of foreign ideologies. Now some of these same individuals have become our most ardent flag wavers and patriots. They are shouting loudest, telling us what to do, hoping we may forget some of the things they have said and done in the past, hoping too that we may forget that the situation calls for experts now and not for a lot of misguided crackpots. They are the same people who courted the support of Un-American groups. Don't be fooled by follow-trailers who enjoyed the support and company of unscrupulous associations and individuals, in days happily now past, and now find that company unhealthy and dangerous to their ambitions. Don't be fooled by those same people who sneered at America and American institutions only a short time ago when it was considered by some to be a sign of advanced intellect to do so. They now, in panic, have become hysterically patriotic. You know the type I mean. You have heard some of their boasts. For twenty long years we, of the American Legion in this country, have been crying, like voices in the wilderness, begging America to prepare to remember our ghastly toll in blood and lives in 1917-18, as a result of our unpreparedness. And as we cried, some of these new-born super-patriots scoffed, called us war-mongers and alarmists. They brag watching. Don't trust them too far. Let us, rather, put our trust in the leaders of the American Legion in this country, who are not only patriots but also men of intelligence and integrity. As a result of our unpreparedness in 1917-18, some 22 million of Catholics and one billion 200 million of non-Catholics as well.

As an organization requiring continuity the Church cannot but be constantly preoccupied with the question of her personnel. As death removes her missionaries from the field of action, she needs replacements. This is her first and most urgent need. Who are the missionaries of tomorrow? They are the boys and girls of today intent upon their study and play. Gradually the grace of God will bear fruit in their hearts. They will honor the tradition of the Holy Eucharist, the altar and will raise up a new harvest of men. The Holy Spirit breathes where He will. He plants the germ of a missionary vocation. But it is the privilege of father and mother, of teacher and friend to nourish the seedling and bring it to maturity. Anyone of us from time to time has the privilege of fostering such a vocation.

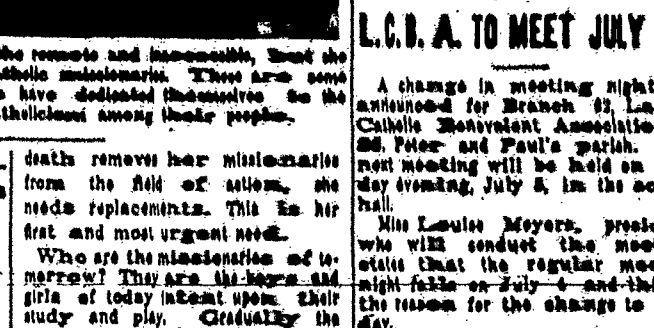
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MONGOLIA has always seemed like remote and inaccessible, but she has never been the remote and inaccessible. There are some 500,000 Catholics in Mongolia, who have dedicated themselves to the great task of spreading Catholicism among their people. The inhabitants of the earth are usually estimated to number roughly three-fifths of these—a good majority are still non-Christians. The harvest is great as is true a summary of the mission situation today as it was when first uttered by our Divine Master. It is equally true today that "the workers are few"; few ready to be gathered in. In the foreign mission work there are missionary personnel there at present comprise some 21,000 priests, 50,000 Sisters and 9,000 Brothers. They stem an impressive army, they 50,000 chosen souls. Let us convert to Catholics the number is far from sufficient for the task in hand.

There is on an average one priest for every 1000 Catholics in mission lands. However, the very character of his vocation calls for the conversion of the vast body of non-Christians that cover and it takes only a very simple calculation to reveal that with 21,000 priests available for the conversion of 1,200,000,000 heathens, the average missionary priest has a quota of 57,000 non-Christians to convert. As a general average a foreign missionary priest makes about twenty converts a year. This is not bad as compared with, for example, two converts a year by the average priest in the United States. To convert to Catholicism in his keeping at the rate of twenty a year, a missionary would have to work 2850 years! It is obvious then, that the 21,000 priests at work in mission lands, while they at first sight appear many are in fact far from sufficient to take care of the millions of non-Christians who are in need of the faith. The same may be said of missionary Sisters and Brothers. 60,000 seems a formidable army until one stops to consider that they must try to minister to the social, educational and charitable needs of 22 million Catholics and one billion 200 million of non-Christians as well.

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Thanks a million! You boys and girls have set a very high standard for the coming 8th grade. I would say they would do well if they could do half of what you have accomplished. And the other ransom—"Grade 8-1 is also coming to light with a ransom. We voted for a girl, Elizabeth Josephine. You may choose the place—"Third Grade, St. Boniface."

And now if you can stand it, here is a real big item of news. The boys and girls of St. Joseph's School in Wayland have been working very hard to send us this report and what a glorious report it is, too! The third and fifth grades would like two Chinese babies, Joseph and Maria. The fifth grade would like a little negro girl to be called Edwina Teresa. The seventh and eighth grades, also in sympathy with the negro problem, would like a little negro boy to be called William Washington. And last, but by no means least, the first grade would like to have a little Japanese girl and call her Eileen.

Barrels and barrels of thanks to you boys and girls. That certainly shows that you love the missions with all your heart, and you may be sure that these five little children are always your friends. From the look of our report: this week it certainly looks as though our little folks are the leaders in mission action. Listen to this: The children of the first and second grades are sending \$500 to buy a Chinese baby. We would like to have him named Martin. —Martin Cunningham, 1st and 2nd Grades, St. John's School, N. Y.

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Faith Stories For Little Ones

The following example shows how pleasing to God is the practice of strict abstinence, and how blessings it draws down from heaven on those who faithfully observe it.
David and His Companions
Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, having taken and plundered Jerusalem, and carried into captivity the remnants of the Jewish race, instructed his chief eunuch, Sardanapalus, to select from among the warriors, people of certain youth, distinguished alike for birth, comeliness and talent, who might abide in the king's palace and learn the language and customs of the Chaldeans.

"In the king's apartment," relates the prophet Daniel, "a daily provision of his own meat and of the wine which he drank himself, that, being nourished three years, afterwards they might stand before the king."

"The four young men of the children of Judah, Daniel, Ananias, Misael and Azarias. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not be defiled with the king's table, nor eat of the wine which he drank, and he requested the master of the eunuchs that he might not be defiled. And God gave to Daniel grace and mercy in the sight of the prince of the eunuchs. And the prince of the eunuchs said to Daniel, 'I fear you will lose the king, who hath appointed you meat, and drink wine, if he should see your face leaner than those of the other youths your equals, you shall endanger my head to the king.' And Daniel said to Malassar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Ananias, Misael and Azarias: 'Try, I beseech thee, for seven days, and let pulse be given us to eat and water to drink. And look upon our faces on the face of the children of the king's meat, and see that we shall not deal with thy servants.'"

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