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# NATIONAL NEWS

## Catholics Gain, Census Shows

**Less Protestants, Jews Increase**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—While the number of Catholics in the United States increased by more than a million and a quarter in the decade from 1929 to 1939, according to a report made public today by the Bureau of the Census, Protestants decreased by more than half a million. Members of Jewish congregations increased by more than a half a million.

One of the more noticeable things about the census of religious bodies, which is taken by the Government every ten years, is that while Protestants decreased by 500,000 and the number of churches they conduct, the number of Protestant seats increased by 40. This indication of disintegration affected particularly the larger Protestant bodies.

Among the seats listed in the census are such organizations as the Episcopal, Dutch Reformed and United Methodist churches, the Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Church of Christ, and the Church of the Nazarene. The number of seats of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, National David Spiritual Temple of Christ Church Union, and the Episcopate of the United States of America, reported 54,578,348 members in 1929, an increase of 1,331,029, a figure 78.34 below the increase in the number of Catholics alone.

**Protestant Loss**

Exclusive of Catholics and Jews, the church membership in 1939 was put at 81,251,245, or 628,855 less than in 1929, when the figure was 82,080,101. The number of adherents to Jewish congregations in 1939 was 4,841,184, as against 4,081,242 in 1929, an increase of 759,942.

Baptists were divided into 21 separated groups. The total number of Baptists was put at 22,252,287 in 1939, as against 24,030,329 in 1929, a decrease of 1,778,042.

The Methodists also divided into 21 separated groups, totaling 7,001,627 in 1939, as against 8,070,619 in 1929, a decrease of 1,068,992.

The Presbyterians numbered 2,633,663 in 1939. In 1929 the total was 2,626,284. The decrease in the decade was 2,671. They are divided into ten separated groups.

The Protestant Episcopal Church had 1,733,335 members in 1939, as against 1,809,090 in 1929, a decrease of 75,755.

**Lutheran Show Gain**

The Lutheran Church, one of the few Protestant denominations large or small to show a gain, had 2,161,000 in 1939, as against 2,065,153 in 1929, an increase of 95,847.

The Lutherans are divided into twelve separated groups.

The number of Spiritualists was cut by almost one-half. Their total in 1939 was 27,062, as compared with 1929, when they had 50,831.

The number of Christian Scientists increased from 207,088 in 1929 to 288,915 in 1939, a gain of 81,827.

The Eastern Orthodox Churches reported 356,028 members in 1939, as against 259,394 in 1929, an increase of 97,244. They are divided into eleven separated groups.

Membership in Congregational and Christian Churches dropped from 994,491 in 1929 to 974,388 in 1939, a decrease of 20,103.

Among the smaller sects the Adventists, divided into five groups, showed a gain for the decade of 192,634. By the age of the groups in the Seventh Day Adventist Denomination, which had 233,284 members in 1939, as compared with 110,938 in 1929.

The Disciples of Christ lost 181,230 members in the decade, reporting 1,196,315 in 1939, as compared with 1,387,545 in 1929.

The Evangelical and Reformed Church registered a gain, reporting 223,877 members in 1939, as against 178,804 in 1929, an increase of 45,073.

**Quakers' Total Drops**

The Friends (Quakers) lost. They had 110,422 members in 1929. In 1939 the figure had dropped to 85,691, a loss of 24,731.

The number of Mormons increased. Their total in 1939 was 774,109, as against 649,621 in 1929, a gain of 124,488.

The Salvation Army gained. Its total for 1939 was 1,008,000, as compared with 747,000 in 1929, an increase of 261,000. The Volunteers of America, however, dropped from 28,708 to 7,923 in the decade.

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## Protestant Sees War's End If Dictators Made Retreat

NEW ORLEANS.—(AP)—If dictators would attend a retreat the war would not be over, William A. Porteous, Jr., a non-Catholic lawyer of New Orleans, said on Station WWL of Loyola University of the South, relative to the retreat made under Jesuit Fathers at Massena House, Convent, La. Mr. Porteous stressed the retreat period "an opportunity to commune with God, an opportunity to learn many of the things of which I had hitherto deprived myself."

"I want to say that I recommend to every one may he be Catholic, Protestant or Jew, that he take advantage of the opportunity to attend one of the retreats," Mr. Porteous said. "He will feel inwardly better after having attended. If there is anything troubling or worrying you, don't put off until tomorrow an engagement you should keep today with God.

"Oh, how I wish the dictators of the world could have attended the retreat for only three days. They would find themselves—they would soon commune with God, and the war would be over in no time. Two had all diplomats are not required to attend a retreat. They would learn to be generous and considerate of the rights of others.

"How difficult it is to keep an appointment with some men and consider themselves important, and Jesuit Dies in California

Los Angeles The Rev. James A. Taylor, S.J., professor of Religion at Loyola University here, died here at the age of 69.

There is no true friendship save that which God creates between souls which adhere to Him—St. Augustine

## Will Aids 2 Orders, Catholic University

NEW YORK—A large share of the \$447,063 estate of the late William Scott O'Connor will go to the Maryland-New York Province of the Society of Jesus, the Passionists, and the Catholic University of America. The will provides for 38 annuities as bequests for these three beneficiaries and "surplus income" estimated at a total of \$109,000 over a period of years. The beneficiaries also will divide in shares estimated at \$46,000 each, property remaining after the termination of trusts.

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Operated in conjunction with the San Antonio Police Department, the school will offer a regular four-year academic bachelor's degree, with major in government and minor in sociology.

New courses which will be introduced at St. Mary's in order to make the degree possible include both clinical and academic courses. The technical courses are: Police Practices, Traffic Regulation, Identification Procedures, Criminal Law, Criminal Evidence, Criminal Investigation and Bureau Law. Academic courses, some of which are already being offered at St. Mary's, required for the degree are: Municipal Government, National Constitution and Government, Texas Constitution and State Government, Criminology, Sociology, Organization and Pathology, General Psychology, General Ethics and Principles of Speech.

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## Bishop Says Jubilee Mass for Nun

SCRANTON, Pa.—(AP)—Sister Estelle Elizabeth, of the Little Sisters of the Poor, observed her golden jubilee as a religious at the Mass of jubilee held in the Maloney House here.

The Most Rev. William J. Hilby, Bishop of Scranton, celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving.

## Priest, Former Policeman, Assigned to Mission Board

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The Rev. Daniel M. Gleason, C.S.C., former New York City patrolman, has been assigned to the New England mission band of his congregation.

The mission band, of which Father Gleason will be a member, makes its home at the Seminary of Our Lady of Holy Cross, North Easton, Mass.

Father Gleason, 38 years old, joined the New York Police Department as a traffic patrolman in 1925. For years he nurtured a desire to become a priest and finally in 1932 resigned from the Police Department and entered the novitiate of Holy Cross at Notre Dame.

## U. S. Vincentians Get Holy Sepulchre Honor

LOS ANGELES.—The ensigns of the military and equine Order of the Holy Sepulchre was conferred upon the Very Rev. William G. Ward, C.M., pastor of St. Vincent's Church here and the Rev. John M. Lavelle, C.M., of St. Vincent's College, Cape Girardeau, Mo., in ceremonies presided over by the Most Rev. John J. Cantwell, Archbishop of Los Angeles, last St. Vincent's Church here.

The award was made, by decree of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, acting as administrator for the Holy Sepulchre.

One of the best signs of a well-balanced mind is that of cherishing the means of a healthy outlook—St. Ignace de Loyola

## Youth Grow Own Wheat and Grapes For Use in Ancient Symbolic Rite

ST. CLOUD, Minn.—Featured by "Youth Day," to be held in conjunction with the National Catholic Rural Life Conference's convention, Sept. 20 to Oct. 2, following a parade from the Cathedral, the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., National Director of the Society, will speak. The youth will then form into special groups for the offering of such topics as "Can City Youth Save The Farm in the Soil," "How To Plan a Productive Home on the Land," "Qualities of a Future Husband and Wife on the Land," "What Does Youth Want?" "How To Become a Farmer and How To Farm."

Plans will be formulated at the Convention for the organization of a Catholic youth agrarian movement.

Some 3,000 youth from farms and towns as well as high school and college throughout the Middle West are expected to attend the event.