

NATIONAL NEWS

JESUITS' ANNIVERSARY RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

Jesuit General Lauds Alumni

Broadcast Marks 400th Year

NEW YORK — At least 50,000 former students of Jesuit colleges in the United States, Canada and Central America received Holy Communion March 23 in 300 localities to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Society of Jesus, it was estimated here Monday.

Rochester observance reported on Page 7.

In a nation-wide broadcast, the Rev. Zacheus J. Maher, S.J., American Assistant to the General of the Society of Jesus, read a cablegram from the General, the Very Rev. Wlodimir Ledochowski, who is in Rome.

"Please convey to the Jesuit Alumni my deep appreciation of the magnificent tribute they have paid the Society this morning," it read. "May the Christ in their hearts be ever in their lives and may we all meet in Christ at the Heavenly Banquet of the Host and eternally the measure of its duration."

Father Maher said the nationwide tribute was possible because of the network of Jesuit universities and colleges and thirty-eight high schools, with their enrollment of 60,000 students. This network was itself marvelous, he said, pointing out that 100 years ago there were but six Jesuit schools in the United States.

To mold men after the model of the Man-God and thus form them to serve their fellowmen, their country and their God, this is the only purpose of Jesuit education," he said.

About 1,500 attended a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and a breakfast at the Waldorf-Astoria as part of the New York participation in the event.

The Very Rev. Robert J. Gannon, S.J., President of Fordham University, spoke at the breakfast.

Pointing out that a page advertisement appeared in the New York metropolitan press during the past week advocating birth control, Father Gannon said it was an insidious and irrational attack on the United States.

For most people it is merely slandering the obvious to point out that here and elsewhere as knowledge of Birth Control has increased among the people the following signs of disintegration have increased in direct proportion: immorality, divorce, infanticide and a birth rate which falls so consistently that we can expect a nation of old guffers in thirty years," he said.

Gathered at Communion breakfasts at various points the alumni of Jesuit schools heard addresses by Gov. Herbert H. O'Connor of Maryland, William F. O'Neil of Akron, O., president of the General Tire and Rubber Company, speaking from Miami, Fla., Pierre Grabois of New Orleans, American National Commission under provisions of the Egypto-American Treaty, and Dr. A. H. Giannini, president of the California Medical Society of San Francisco, speaking over a national radio hookup. All the speakers are graduates of Jesuit schools.

The broadcast was carried by the Mutual Broadcasting System and was directed by Don Kearney, Fordham alumnus and nephew of the Most Rev. James E. Keane, Bishop of Rochester.

Heard in four numbers on the broadcast was the Fordham University Glee Club of which the Rev. Theodore T. Farley, S.J., is Moderator and Dr. Frederic Joslyn is director.

The Glee Club's program included: Ave Verum Viadona (Edizione Paalsterum) Adornata Te Asula (Sten) In Nomine Jesu J. Hane Te Deum Laudamus Gregorian VIII Century

Eight Nuns Become American Citizens

PHILADELPHIA — Eight nuns became citizens of the United States in court here last Friday. Seven of the eight are natives of Bavaria, Germany, and are nurses at the Dreading Infirmary. The eighth is a native of Ireland and is connected with the Gonzaga Home.

The nuns were among 195 men and women who became citizens on the same occasion.

Deny not some love even to that brother who has offended you.

Vicar-Delegate



Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Walsh, pastor of St. Gabriel's Church, Bronx, N. Y., who has been appointed Vicar-Delegate of the Military Ordinariate of New York, Military Vicar of the Ordinariate, Monsignor Walsh will assist Bishop John F. O'Hara, C. S. C., Military Delegate, (N.C.W.C.)

Catholic Not Liberal Nor A Reactionary Avers Msgr. Sheen

NEW YORK (N.C.W.C.) — The Catholic is neither a "liberal" nor a "reactionary," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Sheen, declared Sunday night in his address over the "Catholic Hour."

The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Bishops.

Monsignor Sheen pointed out that both reactionaries and liberals are extremists; the former wanting things to remain as they are, the latter wanting to change though he is little concerned with its direction.

Golden Mean

There is a golden mean between the reactionary and the liberal, and the word that seems to fit best is Catholic. Monsignor Sheen added: "It avoids the reactionary position which would make Johnnie always wear a green hat, and the liberal position which would give Johnnie a new hat by letting him a new hat. It admits change without sacrificing the permanent and valuable. Because a social order needs changing the Catholic no more advocates the scrapping of the existing principles of traditional morality than he advocates cutting an arm to fit a sleeve. Just as cells in a human body change about every seven years and yet man remains essentially the same person, at seventy that he was at seven, so too the Church contends one can require permanence with change without choosing permanence without change or change without permanence."

"In founding His Church Our Lord combined two elements the immutable and the mutable," Monsignor Sheen continued. "The Church would be immutable in her Truth — no other doctrine would ever be given it not even by the angels, not a single iota of it could be changed, it would be as immutable as divinity as it is tolerant as the multiplication table, as absolute as its Giver. But the truth would need to be applied to different times and different circumstances. Since it was to last, into the consummation of the world, it would need a different emphasis for the twentieth century than for the first and a different one for the twentieth than for the sixteenth. There would have to be something mutable in that immutable edifice."

"A Catholic is neither a reactionary nor a liberal," Monsignor Sheen said. "He is not a reactionary because the Catholic knows that if you leave things alone they will not leave them as they are, and he is not a liberal who wants to make progress by scrapping old principles and ideals," he argued that "unless you have a fixed point of departure and a fixed goal, you never know you are making any progress."

Thou art troubled about many things. Rest in the Lord

Rush Building Of Army Chapels

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ments as many as 15 or 20 churches will arise among the tents and the barracks. Specific allotments are as follows: Triangular Division: one per infantry regiment, one per division artillery, one for all other division units; Square Division: one per infantry regiment, one per artillery regiment, two for all other division units; Replacement and reception centers: one per 2,000 men; Stations less than 3,000, one per camp; Stations over 3,000, one per 2,000 men.

Of the 604 chapels, 545 will be for ground troops and 59 for the Air Corps. There is now one chapel for each 1,200 men; a total of 1,200 chapels, to be increased to about 1,500 by the end of June, 1941.

A feature of the chapels will be an altar that can be moved back on a track, when the chapel is used for cultural activities. Then the altar fits into a recess at the rear of the chapel.

The chapels will be used at different hours by the chaplains of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths and there will be office space for all of them. The organs will be placed on balconies.

Church Group Meetings

The new chapels also have been planned as a center where church groups and similar organizations may present welfare programs under the supervision and with the cooperation of chaplains.

"In this program," a statement issued by the War Department today said, "is reflected the Army's concern for the moral welfare and spiritual training of the trainees and its recognition of the spiritual qualities of true military character. It is part of the Army's determination to fulfill its duty to God as well as to country."

"Like the church or chapel in the home community, the Army chapel will be a focal point of influence. In camp it will provide the soldiers, their relatives, and their friends with a comforting point of orientation relating the military environment of the soldier to that of his civilian status."

Underprivileged Children Of The Public Schools

By REV. G. STUART HOGAN

(Presented here is a series of articles from the pen of Father G. Stuart Hogan, pastor of St. James Church, Trumansburg and St. Francis Solivans, Iteitaken, which appeared in The Catholic Mind. Published in prospect form by The American Press, 52 Park Place, New York 17. The first two editions were exhausted because of the demand for this timely discussion of a serious problem.)

(Concluded from Last Week)

The Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York in the report of its Special Committee on Economic and Efficient Education has this to say regarding the placing of religious instruction in the public schools: "In studying the objectives or things necessary to produce 'The Schools New York State Wants' we should keep

Pamphlets Available

Pamphlets containing the complete text of Father Hogan's timely article on "Underprivileged Children in the Public Schools" may be had by writing to the CATHOLIC MIND, 52 Park Place, New York 17. There is no charge. The third edition of these pamphlets from America Press numbers 5,000. With the first and second editions 800 copies have now been printed. Copies of the pamphlet have been sent to presidents of all colleges and universities in the United States.

clearly in mind the great purpose for which the schools were founded. As we see that it is to preserve and strengthen the State by making better able citizens.

Accordingly we place first on our list of things necessary to produce 'The Schools New York State Wants' a deep true religious understanding and viewpoint.

Our Educational System takes our youngsters from a very early age and influences them to a greater degree than anything other than their homes and their churches. As a matter of fact and with quite a considerable percentage of these youngsters, the home and church fail to do for them all that those influences might and should and the State, in its necessity to produce well-developed citizens, must not hesitate to undertake to supply to the youngsters as much as possible of what is missing in their home and church influences.

The United States cannot have or maintain a right system unless it is based on true religious principles and therefore in spite of the fact that some hesitate to include religion in our educational program we place it first.

See Dictatorship

We maintain that any government which sets up its own system of education and then says to its citizens: "You shall send your children to government schools or else," acts not in the spirit of democracy, but of dictatorship.

The worst of all twenty million people who believe that religion has a definite place in education in these United States are told when they do not choose to send their children to the public schools on the grounds that to do so would be to give their children an education which is essentially deficient and which would endanger their citizenship in a great measure through lack of proper knowledge and training.

"Yes, You shall send your children to state schools, or else... Or else you shall be forced to put up and maintain your own schools without encouragement or help from the government, or else, your children shall walk to school while the children in the State schools ride, or else you shall buy the textbooks for your children while the children in the State schools receive their's free, or else, you shall see millions of dollars lavished on the children of the State schools for gymnasiums, swimming pools, and technical equipment, while your children go without these luxuries because after you have paid your share and sometimes more than your share for the equipment of the public school you can't afford these things for the school which your own children attend.

I wish to emphasize here the fact that the so-called public schools are not so much public schools as they are state or government schools. I say this because a state school can be one of the most undemocratic institutions in a democracy and a real threat to democratic government. I am using the word state here in a broad sense as applying to government controlled schools as distinguished from schools privately managed.

A publicly controlled school can very readily with a little political maneuvering become a federally controlled school, and a federally controlled school in the hands of a dictator can be a most potent instrument for the distribution of subversive and anti-democratic philosophies. Witness the sad plight of the public schools in Mexico. Hence, the private school, together with all private enterprise is, and must remain, the real backbone of a democratic nation. It is the function of a democracy to foster private enterprise wherever it is found whether in education or business, and to consecrate it.

Religious Approval

Religious education as a course of study in high schools has been approved by the board of public education in Pittsburgh, Pa. The plan will be introduced in one school in February and extended to others at the beginning of the 1940-1941 term. It is a project proposed by Dr. Ben G. Graham, Superintendent. Pupils are free to elect religious education, the course to be provided by the particular denomination. Five per cent of the high school credits will be allowed for the course of three hours a week, including attendance at religious services for at least 75 per cent of the fifty-two weeks of the year. The pupils' records will be certified to the school principals by the church authorities. These reports will become part of the student's regular school records.

Buy Public School For Catholic Use

NASHUA, N. H. — Sale of the Mulberry Street School to the Most Rev. John R. Peterson, Bishop of Manchester, has been authorized by the Nashua Board of Aldermen. Purchase of the school, which has been unused as a public school for two years, will enable St. Aloisius parish to establish a parochial high school. Plans have already been made to remodel the building.

N. Y. Public Schools Lose 70,000 Pupils In Ty6 And One-Half Years

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NEW YORK. — The public elementary schools of New York City have lost approximately 70,000 pupils in the last two and a half years due to a dwindling school population. It is revealed in the annual report which Dr. Harold G. Cambell, Superintendent of Schools, has submitted to the Board of Education. Within a year or two the total number of children in the New York public school system will be below 1,000,000 for the first time since consolidation of this city. It is predicted.

At the same time school plants costs are steadily growing and the per capita cost of public education has been increasing constantly until it now stands at a record high.

Notes Jubilee

Cincinnati — The Rt. Rev. Msgr. R. Marcellus Wagner, director of the Cincinnati Archdiocesan Catholic Charities and former president of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, on March 18 celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.




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