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Pope Solemnly Closes 4th Centenary of Jesuits

By MGR. ENRICO PUCCI

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Solemnly closing the celebration of the fourth centennial of the founding of the Society of Jesus, Monday morning, His Holiness Pope Pius XII received those members of the Society attached to the institutions conducted by the Jesuits in Rome.

The Very Rev. Vladimir Ledochowski, General of the Society of Jesus, presented to the Holy Father a reliquary containing relics of all the Jesuit Saints and read an address stating that all members of the Society of Jesus were spiritually present at the audience and wished once more to offer their filial obedience to the Vicar of Christ on earth.

All members of the Society, Father Ledochowski said, wish to give their fullest cooperation in all the works of the apostolate today and he concluded by imploring the Apostolic Blessing on the Society and upon all persons entrusted to its care.

The Holy Father replied, thanking Father Ledochowski, who, he said, for so many years has so worthily directed the affairs of the Society, and rejoicing at the presence of so many members of the Jesuit family. The fourth centenary of the Society was, he said, properly an occasion for rejoicing, because the Society of Jesus has ever wished to be of service to the Vicar of Christ, according to the will of its founder.

"To think, feel and work with the Church and with the Vicar of Christ has ever been the pride of the Society of Jesus. His Holiness remarked. It was not his intention, he said, to speak in praise of the Society, since these are readily to be found in the four centuries of its history, which show how the Jesuits have constantly worked and suffered for the Church. St. Ignatius, his Holiness said, desired that at all times and in all places decisive actions be performed to further the aims of the Church. Accordingly, he said, Jesuit activities were developed in every field, especially among youth, to enlighten them, to bring them to the faith of Jesus, as in an apostolic demonstration in Rome in the educational rewards of the Collegio Romano.

The Pope then voiced his thanks for the religious and devoted work of the Society, and bestowed his Apostolic Blessing on the members of the Society ever greater wisdom for His greater glory.

Text Of Holy Father's Plea

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fruits of their labor in tranquil freedom will accompany and lead them with hope and confidence along the path of their earthly pilgrimage towards their Heavenly Fatherland.

Meanwhile We charge you, Our beloved son, to make these Our wishes and exhortations known to all in the manner which you may deem most opportune, and first of all to the sacred pastors, who will certainly wish to bring them to the attention of the flock entrusted to their care.

pledge of Divine Grace.

Given at Home at St. Peter's, Low Sunday, the 20th day of April, in the Year 1st, the third of Our Pontificate.
Pius PP XII.

Holy Name Union Sets Canandaigua Meeting

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Clement Murphy St. Mary's Corn-Regeneration. John W. Diering, Corpus Christi, Chairman; Michael Frederick, Holy Apostles; Joseph Mueller, Holy Redeemer; Arthur F. Ennis, Holy Rosary; Thomas Larkin, Immaculate Conception; Richard J. Toole, Our Lady of Counsel; William W. Heiler, Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Frank Attardi, St. Philip Neri; Vincenzo Quinci, Auburn; John Puffer, Coldwater; Philip Turcell, Corning; Francis Murphy, Elmira; Edward Sager, Genesee; Timothy J. Buckley, Geneva; N. C. Troy, Ithaca; Francis Reisinger, Naples; Joseph Conroy, Seneca Falls.

Made Domestic Prelate
Spokane—The Very Rev. Theophilus Pypers, Vicar General of the Diocese of Spokane and pastor of St. Ignace, has been elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor, it has been announced.

Invokes Blessings Upon Marshal Petain

VATICAN CITY.—(NC)—Responding to an impressive telegram of greeting sent from Lourdes by Marshal Henri Petain, head of the Government of France, His Holiness Pope Pius XII, through the Marshal that he invokes "a great abundance of grace and blessings" on his person and on France.

"We renew with unabated sentiments of trust in the Immaculate Virgin," Pope Pius also stated, "Our supplication for the restoration of a regime of justice, benevolence and love."

English Hierarchy Thanked for Loyalty

LONDON.—The gratitude of His Holiness Pope Pius XII to the Hierarchy of England and Wales for its expression of loyalty and the promise of support in his efforts "against the horrors of war" is conveyed in a message from His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Magliano, Papal Secretary of State, received by His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster.

In the name of the Hierarchy, Cardinal Hinsley sent a message to the Vatican stating that "the Archbishops and Bishops of England and Wales, about to assemble, express their loyal devotion to the Holy Father, praying that his efforts against the horrors of war may succeed and begging his Apostolic Blessing."

Catholic Journalism is 'Arduous, Jealous Task'

VATICAN CITY.—Catholic Journalism was called "an arduous and jealous task" by His Holiness Pope Pius XII when he sent his blessing to journalists belonging to the Pious Union of St. Francis de Sales at a study and organization meeting at Bologna.

"The Holy Father's blessing was contained in a telegram from His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Magliano, Papal Secretary of State.

"His Holiness rejoices at the opportune initiative of a brotherly meeting of Italian Catholic journalists," said the message. "He has received with paternal gratitude the renewed resolutions of persevering work faithful to the directives of the Holy See and constantly vigilant in the special needs of the grave present hour.

Cardinal Magliano's message conveyed the Apostolic Blessing to the journalists engaged in "such an arduous and jealous task."

The journalists were received by His Eminence Giovanni Cardinal Naselli Rocca, Archbishop of Bologna.

Student Order Wins
Topeka, Kan.—Speaking on "The Eucharistic Presence," Joseph Banks, a senior at Ward High School, Kansas City, Kan., won the Interdiocesan Catholic Apologetical Controversy Contest held here. He was presented with a trophy by the Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte, Bishop of Leavenworth.

New York—Sister Mary Guillema, secretary at Holy Rosary Academy, has celebrated her sixty-first anniversary as a member of the Dominican Order. For 42 years she was a teacher at St. Nicholas School.

POPE LAUDS FRANCE MISSIONARIES PLEAS

Sunda's First Native Clergy



Bishop Henry Leven, S. V. D., Vicar Apostolic of the Little Sunda Islands, pictured with Rev. Carolus Kale, S. V. D., and Rev. Gabriel Manok, S. V. D., recently ordained, the first natives of the Netherlands East Indies to be elevated to the priesthood. The American headquarters of the Society of the Divine Word are at Teahay, Ill. (N.C.W.C.)

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That appeal, however, has brought an abundant response during the intervening years. Now as we prepare to celebrate the tenth anniversary of observance of Mission Sunday of the Sick we beg every one of our readers to prepare to celebrate this banner year. If there are no sick in your immediate family you undoubtedly know some among your friends and acquaintances who are suffering from the sufferings with those of the Crucified Saviour on the Feast of Pentecost, June 1st, in order that the Kingdom of Christ may extend throughout the world.

The Devil's Playground

It is not often enough that word of mission activity reaches us from the mission territories of South America. That the following information from Reverend Father Scharf, Valdivia, Chile, is a real item of interest.

"The state of Valdivia," says Father Scharf, "is enormous and has only a very thin population. Therefore our priests and missionaries have to undertake long journeys to preach the Word of Our Lord. The population of the province (the plain and the City) is rather mixed. Most of the Chileans live in towns and in the country one finds the Aracanian Indians. The majority of the town people live in shabby and miserable huts and on the plains the dwellings are a hundred times worse.

"Some eighty years ago a fanatic community was formed called 'Friends of the Light,' an absolutely anti-religious movement using all its influence and hatred to work against the Church of Christ. Those opponents of the Church found a splendid field for their dirty work, for there was always a lack of priests in our district.

"As the rich and prosperous population is mostly anti-Catholic, it is easy to imagine that our parishes are extremely poor and even the most necessary objects are often missing."

A Fish Story

Father Carlos Verbeke, O.A.B., rector of the Mission at St. Vincent in the British West Indies, likes a swim as well as a good next one and up to the present time he has found that beach at Indian Bay just right for the purpose. However, there came a day when he ran into difficulties.

"I had given but a few strokes," he writes, "when I swam into something soft, like seaweed. The quantity was such that I thought it could not be anything else. But for prudence sake I backed out. Unfortunately it was not seaweed, however. It was what we term here a 'sea man-of-war.' Before I reached shore my body was in fire, my chest and both forearms had been badly stung. Immediately cramps set in all over my body and the agony was indescribable. Two men, working not far away understood at once by my appearance that something was wrong and came to my rescue. They drove me to Kingstown where medical aid was available. Although my condition was almost normal six hours later I found that I had lost . . . nine pounds!"

REDS SEEK TO EMBARRASS MEXICO'S STATE POLICY

MEXICO CITY.—The Mexican Communist Party is charged here with promoting Fascist and Nazi movements for the specific purpose of embarrassing the international policy of the Government.

Although the Mexican Communist Party itself is not a part of the Mexican Revolutionary party, directly it has representation in the official party through the Mexican Confederation of Workers-Senator Villalobos, president of the M. R. P., has called up on Communist elements in the C. T. M. to come out in the open and clarify their position.

Chinese Order Losses 1st Member By Death

PEIPING.—The death of Sister Paul at the Kookingting orphanage is the first that has occurred among the Chinese Religious Servants known as the Sacred Heart, Lumen Service has been informed.

This Congregation was founded in May, 1831, by the Vicar Apostolic of Siwantas at the request of a group of young women who had been conducting a hospice for the aged at Kookingting since 1806. It is directed by two Canonesses of St. Augustine, a Belgian Congregation which has two houses in other Mongolian vicariates. The Congregation of the Servants of the Sacred Heart now has 37 Sisters, six novices and four postulants. They conduct primary schools for girls, the original hospice, a dispensary and two orphanages.

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