

Pamphlet Reviews Status Of Church In Scandinavia

NEW YORK. "The Catholic Church Amidst the Vikings," a pamphlet by the Rev. Henry J. McCloud, has just been published here by the Paulist Press. It recounts the history of the Church in the Scandinavian countries—Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Greenland and Iceland—and presents briefly the status of Catholicism in these countries today, together with a complete list of the Scandinavian Saints.

"No doubt many Catholics have from time to time wondered if the Catholic Church ever existed in the Scandinavian countries," Father McCloud writes. "The reason for this pamphlet is to show that the Catholic Church did flourish in these North Countries."

The author, dedicating his work to "Saint Ansgar, Apostle of the North," pays tribute to Saint Ansgar's Scandinavian Catholic League of New York City, which provided him with much of the material utilized in the preparation of this pamphlet. Saint Ansgar's League was organized to promote the religious, social and intellectual improvement of its members and to work for the conversion of the Scandinavian people. It publishes an annual bulletin containing a digest of Catholic news from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland, and articles concerning the Church in these countries. The secretary of the league is at 2 West 45th Street, New York City. There are now 17 units established

throughout the Middle West. Father McCloud, discussing the Church in Iceland and Greenland, mentions the presence of the American troops, who are now occupying these outposts of the Western Hemisphere.

"From the fifteenth to the twentieth century Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament had not dwelled on Greenland," he writes. "But today He once more dwells on this island in the Arctic Ocean," Father McCloud says, for daily by the command of one of His priests, a Catholic chaplain of the United States Army, "God comes down upon the altar in the Army base now situated in Greenland." The Chaplain who accompanied the United States troops to Greenland became the first priest to celebrate Mass there since the fifteenth century, the author says. "Once more in the person of the Catholic American soldiers, Greenland sees Catholics again," he adds.

Of Iceland he writes: "Today we find the Church of Iceland appearing once more with a Cathedral, a Bishop and priests, Catholic churches, chapels, schools and hospitals. The Catholic population is about 400, but this does not include the large number of Catholics among the American troops who are now stationed in Iceland. The day may not be too far distant when Iceland will return to the Faith of the staunch Catholic Norsemen of old."



Very Rev. Ambrose A. Semyshin, O. S. B. M., rector of St. Nicholas Church, Chicago, and Superior of the Basilian Community there, who has been appointed Titular Bishop of Mainz and Auxiliary to the Most Rev. Constantine Boshchevsky, Bishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Diocese in the United States. Bob Kear photo. (N.C.W.C.)

FORMER MAYNOOTH HEAD IS CONSECRATED BISHOP

DUBLIN. — The Rt Rev. Msgr. John d'Alton, former President of Maynooth College, was consecrated Titular Bishop of Binda and Co-adjutor Bishop of Meath at a ceremony in the college chapel. He is the first Maynooth President so honored since the Most Rev. Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne, was elevated to the Hierarchy 30 years ago.

The Most Rev. John McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin was the consecrator. His Excellency the Most Rev. Paschal Robinson, Papal Nuncio to Ireland, and eleven other Members of the Hierarchy attended.

Auburn Squires Presented K. of C. National Trophy

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Delegates from the Squire Circles in other cities of the State were present at the ceremony and others taking part were Rev. Frederick O. Straub, Rev. Regis Ritter of Portland University, Portland, Oregon, Francis J. Cuddy, George Payne and T. Joseph Coffey. The presentation address was given by George H. Shannon, a Notre Dame graduate and attorney in the city of Auburn.

Grand Knight Shannon spoke as follows:

"The success of the Columbian Squires is due to the great efforts of Father Frederick Straub. The Squires in Father Straub have an untiring worker, a true patriotic American, and an exemplar Christian leader. There is nothing that Father Straub would not do to help the Squires, the community or our country. He is a great priest and a great fellow.

Two Phases Confined

"Today we live in a perilous and difficult era of world history when the entire earth is torn in one of the most extensive and disastrous and bloody cataclysms of all history. Most of you will be confronted with either of two phases: First those of you who are now 17 or 18 will no doubt be drawn in the grips of this embroilment as active participants in the game which is no game of mere scores but one for keeps, in which you battle for life; secondly, those of you who will have to face the aftermath of the war, its terrible moral reaction and its reconstructive period. And in whatever phase, whether actively engaged in the fighting or in the reconstructive era, you of the Columbian Squires are fortunately situated because you have been taught and a perspective of the history of the St. Aphonsus Squires has shown that you play the game according to Christian life and ideals and therefore you could not help to be successful in whatever endeavor you undertook.

"The Bible tells us, 'By their example, you shall know them.' Or as the philosophers put it: 'nature is manifested by actions.' That is the only way that we can judge a person or know his makeup is by

the example he sets or the acts performed visible to our eyes. By your examples, you have shown that you are truly leaders and devoted patriots and justly merit the award given you tonight. Members in Service.

"Yet, greater efforts will be necessary and I know that you will not be found wanting for already members of your ranks in the armed forces are now participating in air combats, in battle service with the marines, naval forces and army of these great United States. And from all reports coming back, they are fighting and facing death fearlessly and bravely.

"A good Squire has no fear of death because of his Christian virtues and principles. His ideas are based on the principle: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these other things shall come unto you.' Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI of happy memory put it more modernly in the encyclical Quadragesimo Anno. Christian morality when adequately and completely practiced, conduces of itself to temporal prosperity."

"A Squire practices his faith and by doing so he gives the greatest service to himself, to his country and to his God.

"As J. Edgar Hoover, head of the C-men said in the commencement address, this June at Notre Dame: 'True defense of a democracy comes from unity of mind, soul and body. American patriotism is inseparable from religion, is strengthened by fervent religious expressions and devotions, and Americans should be more and more religious... for the purpose of carrying through to victory in this war.'

"What layman is more qualified than Mr. Hoover on the point? For the reconstructive era, it will be difficult to predict the real effects at this time, but we do know that a great deal of the present condition is due to the failure of nations and people to obey the laws of God. God's laws are commands for our happiness not invented to make life more difficult. They are like the instructions issued with a new car. If you don't keep water in the radiator or oil in the engine, the machine finally refuses to work; and if we do not obey the laws which God has ordained for our benefit and welfare, society cannot run peacefully and smoothly. If we are right in our duty to God, everything in the world will be right to us. If we are to continue as a great nation, we must have a continued faith, not a temporary one, merely to win this war and be forgotten when it is all over as Lord Elton declares... a nation which has once lost its faith is dying... Can we expect to survive Armageddon, to be the dynamic shapers of a new world era, if we have lost the faith which molded our history in that faith lies our only hope for a sound future. And if we follow the simple words of the Author VanDyke, no doubt we will not go wrong.

Four things a man must learn to do

If he would keep his record true To think without confusion, clearly:

To love his fellowmen sincerely; To act from honest motives purely To trust in God and heaven, securely

"So you are really squires in modern dress, endeavoring to uphold the principles of Christianity and civility, becoming disciplined soldiers or civilians fighting not for a slogan, but for a free world where men serve their God in truth, honestly and love, and so may this circle continue to do the excellent job that you are now doing and to always uphold the principles of our Constitution based on righteousness and the moral law.

Nazis Seek Invalidation Of Jewish Baptisms

NEW YORK. — A campaign to force Christians to declare invalid the Baptism of persons of Jewish birth has been inaugurated by the Nazis in Czechoslovakia, according to the Czechoslovak Press Bureau here.

Quoting the German-controlled Casco Slova, the bureau said the Aryan Society in the "Protectorate" has started the action, which is said to demand also purging the Old Testament "of everything smuggled in by rabbi interpreters."

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

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"Native Clergy of the Oriental Rites"

That is the Mission Intention for the month of August. "Prepare a native clergy" is the paternal command of the Holy Father for success in mission lands. During this month pray for native vocations. Help us educate and support a native student. It costs One Hundred Dollars for each of the six seminary years.

WAR MISSION PLAN UNDER WAY

The Church, loving mother that she is, ever shares the sorrows of her persecuted children.

Because they loved God and His Church, the Armenians have suffered for centuries. Under Mohammedan rule, they were bloodily persecuted, but never would they renounce their faith. For the past thirty years they suffered the impact of the Russian Revolution, remaining loyal to God and continuing without the ministrations of priests, to practice their religion, to baptize their children.

The Sacred Oriental Congregation at Rome is now planning to send priests to these suffering and abandoned Catholics. If possible, they will be sent before the war ends. They will minister to an impoverished people. So the congregation is now appealing for a fund to provide:

1. Missionary kits— which cost seventy-five Dollars each.
2. Missionary support — Five Dollars a week's support, or Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars a year's support.
3. Catechisms — thousands will be needed. Five Dollars will buy a hundred.

Select one of these items and make your gift according to your choice. We American Catholics who have enjoyed the right to practice our Faith in unlimited freedom, will not, cannot fail, our less fortunate brothers in Christ. Send your gift today.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION

All of us will die. Why not arrange to have the Gregorian Masses offered for yourself. Some have done so. This you should do if you have no relatives or friends upon whom you can depend to pray for you after death.

PLANNING

The priests and sisters of the missions are planning reopening of schools. They wish to accept all who apply. This they cannot do because they are in need of support. You can give a Christian Education to a child for a whole year for Ten Dollars.

Send all communications to

Catholic Near East Welfare Association
 480 Lexington Ave. at 48th St. New York, N. Y.

MONSTRANCE

The monstrance, also called the ostensorium, is the sacred vessel the priest uses to hold the Blessed Sacrament at Benediction and Forty-Hour Devotions. This beautiful gift you can give to a mission chapel for an offering of Twenty-five dollars.

THE LIGHT TELLS

When we see the Sanctuary Light in a church we know the Blessed Sacrament is there. The law of the Church requires a Sanctuary Lamp. A nice one for a needy chapel in the Near East can be purchased for Seven Dollars.

MONTH OF AUGUST

July was dedicated to the Precious Blood. The month of August is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. In many of our missions the Blessed Sacrament cannot be reserved so that people might visit Our Lord. The reason is, there are no chapels in those territories.

In your gratitude to God for this gift of the Blessed Sacrament, will you make it possible for poor people to visit Our Lord? This you can do by building a chapel. A good sized, durable chapel can be built for your gift of Five Hundred Dollars.

WE ARE GRATEFUL

We are gratefully grateful to our readers who speak to their friends about our missionary association. Every new member helps and encourages us. Membership dues are but One Dollar a year.

MAIN SUPPORT

The Mass offerings we send to our missionaries are their main means of support. During the summer we receive few. Ask our missionaries to offer Mass for your intentions.

MISSION ALTAR

The missionary priest can erect a permanent altar in his mission chapel for Fifty Dollars.

CALLS ARE MANY

We receive many requests to help the missions. To repair the chapel; paint a classroom; fix a door, etc. These requests we answer from our Single's Gift Fund. Five Dollars will help this need very much.