

Cardinal Protector of Dominicans Appointed

VATICAN CITY. His Eminence Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, has been named Cardinal Protector of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic of Wisconsin, Wis. It was announced today.

FEATURES

FORTY HOURS

The Devotion of the "Forty Hours" will be held in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Friday, Sept. 25—Holy Redeemer, Rochester; Saturday, Sept. 26—Holy Apostles, Rochester; St. Mary's, Danville; Green; Oswego; Fenfield; Watkins Glen.

Rev. Dr. Owen B. McGuire

WHY DO THEY ALL HATE US?

On the front page of the CATHOLIC COURIER for Sept. 20 there appeared a news item from New York under the caption: "Promises To Stop Anti-Catholic Books." Rebuttal that dispatch there is much more than

appears on the surface. In fact, even what appears on the surface leaves a wrong impression.

The casual reader would understand from it that the Anti-Catholic books referred to had been stopped by Dr. Chancy, representing the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and that the Press Relations Committee played but a minor part in the stopping. The reverse is the fact. The Press Relations Committee had been working on the matter for over a year, and only by constant pleading and protest did they, the N. C. C. J., act finally. What is the Press Relations Committee and what is the Haldeman-Justus Publishing Company? An answer in both questions is necessary to an understanding of the whole affair.

PURPOSE OUTLINED

1. The Press Relations Committee is a body of men and women drawn from the United Catholic Organizations of New York City. Its purpose is to watch the secular press for attacks on the Catholic Church and people, for misrepresentations of the attitude and activities of Catholics here or abroad, and to have them corrected. The Committee meets twice a month in the Rooms of the Catholic Daughters. Their Director is my friend, Father Toomey, S.J., associate editor of "America."

While I was on a visit to New York a year ago, Father Toomey asked me to give a talk to the Committee on the situation in Spain and Portugal. I told them that from any country on the Continent or in any phase of Continental politics where the Catholic Church is concerned, directly or indirectly, you will not get and you need not expect the truth, and I gave them the reasons for this. Of course, it is not quite so bad in this country. We know this country. We know much of what is going on without depending for our knowledge on the daily press. And we know the class of men who make these attacks on ourselves and on our religion. Therefore, we can defend ourselves. But of the Continent we know little. The Continental News Agencies and their financial backers are almost all definitely anti-Catholic. The special correspondents, even when they are Americans, are subject over there to that influence and because of our anti-Catholic tradition in history and literature, deriving from the Reformation period, these American correspondents are too liable to take the views of their Continental confreres.

2. The publications against which the Press Relations Committee had protested are those of the Haldeman-Justus Publishing Company of Girard, Kans. The meaning of the hyphenated name is that Justus is the husband and Haldeman is the wife. Both are authors in their own name, and write, sometimes separately and others in collaboration. They have been doing a thriving business for many years. This is seen in the fact that their publications, in stock and for sale, number over 2,000 volumes, big and little. Of these their "Little Blue Books" number 1,781 price 5 cents, but occasionally offered for 2 1/2 cents each. It is seen also in the further fact that they can afford to pay for full-page advertisements in the big daily papers of the chief cities of the country.

Most of their publications are just a venomous and supercilious propaganda against all forms of religion. They are anti-God, anti-Churches, anti-Synagogue, anti-Christian especially, and most especially anti-Catholic. The paradox is that both Mr. Justus and Mrs. Haldeman Justus profess to be Jews, while in their publications and in their own writings, the religion of Israel—the Old Testament and the Talmud—are denounced and ridiculed as one of the great superstitions. Their favorite author now for several years has been the apostate priest, Joseph McCabe. This unfortunate was born in 1867 of poor Irish Catholic parents in Manchester England. At the age of 16 he entered the Franciscan Order from whom he received a free education until his ordination to the priesthood in 1890.

He left the Church in 1894 and has been writing against God, against all religion, but especially against the Catholic religion ever since. The Catholic religion is his bete noire. His own religion—if such it can be called—is Progressive Evolution. He is a prolific writer, author of over 100 books, big and little but superficial. After his apostasy, he became for a period the darling of the Ra-

450 Years of Service

By Magr. Thomas J. McDonnell. (This was written for the N.C.W.C. News Service in anticipation of the 450th anniversary of the Discovery of America by Columbus and marking four and one-half centuries of service by Catholic Missionaries.)

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There are peculiar results obtainable through transposition of the same letters or figures.

Let us take 1492 as an example. With a change of position the figures read 1422—with another change they become 1242. By this simple variety of combinations we span 450 years, the period from the discovery of the Western Hemisphere until the present time. They represent four and one-half centuries of heart-breaking effort against almost insurmountable obstacles, superb bravery, unceasing toil and sublime achievement.

This is the proud story of America since 1492, but it is also the noble saga of the accomplishments of the missionaries of the Catholic Church during that period.

As a preliminary to this 450-year survey, let us review briefly Columbus' endeavors to solicit aid for his proposed search for the Indies. Neither Portugal nor Spain gave heed to his plan. "Just another dreamer," they thought. "Another dreamer on another wild goose chase." That was the retort of the temporal rulers. But there was a different reaction on the part of the Church. Her mis-named "dark-ages" had enlightened her scholars to the possibility of the truth of Columbus' theory just as they had fired the hearts of her truly zealous sons to follow Christ's own command "to launch out into the deep" and "become fishers of men."

Therefore it was within the quiet cloisters of La Rabida that the Genoese navigator received not only sanctuary but encouragement. Finally a sympathetic hearing was arranged with Queen Isabella, whose interest was aroused by the prior of the monastery, the Dominican Father Juan Perez, and the first chapter in America's history was begun.

Selfless Missionaries
Simultaneous with discovery came mission endeavor. The white-robed Dominicans, the black-robed Benedictines, alone of the voyagers to New Spain, came to give, not to get. The treasures they sought were the priceless souls of the natives of this vast new land, they had no desire for the hidden gold of the Incas, the gems of other Indian tribes.

The missionaries faced the storms of uncharted seas with the same fortitude as the hardest sailors, they endured fatigue, tropical heat, native hostility with a bravery surpassing that of the discoverers and explorers. The journeyings of the former were sustained by Christ's own charity; they needed neither armor nor outlaws, for the rosary of Heaven's Queen swung from their girdles and the kindness of true service proved a mightier weapon than the force of Spanish arms.

Now let us pick out some of the high lights of American mission history during the past 450 years.

On the feast of the Epiphany, 1494, Don Bernardo Boyl, Irish member of the Benedictines of Montserrat, offered the first Mass as Vicar Apostolic of New Spain, at Isabella. Santo Domingo. There had been a previous settlement at La Navidad, where undoubtedly the Holy Sacrifice had been offered, but the Epiphany Mass at Isabella was the first celebrated by the newly-appointed Vicar Apostolic, with credentials from the Eternal City. Undoubtedly the altar was rough, but its very roughness was enriched with the fullness of Catholic Spain—defender of Europe's Christianity against Moorish aggression. Today, after four and one-half centuries, the ruins at Isabella are the first of America's proofs that the history of this hemisphere's greatness is written in the achievements of her missionaries.

tionalist Press, but the head of that institution has written "McCabe is an able man but it is impossible to work with him." That estimate is undoubtedly true.

The reasons are that he is bursting with intellectual pride, takes himself seriously as a great "philosopher" for whom the ages had been waiting, believes that he knows more than the whole group of the Rationalist Press, that he

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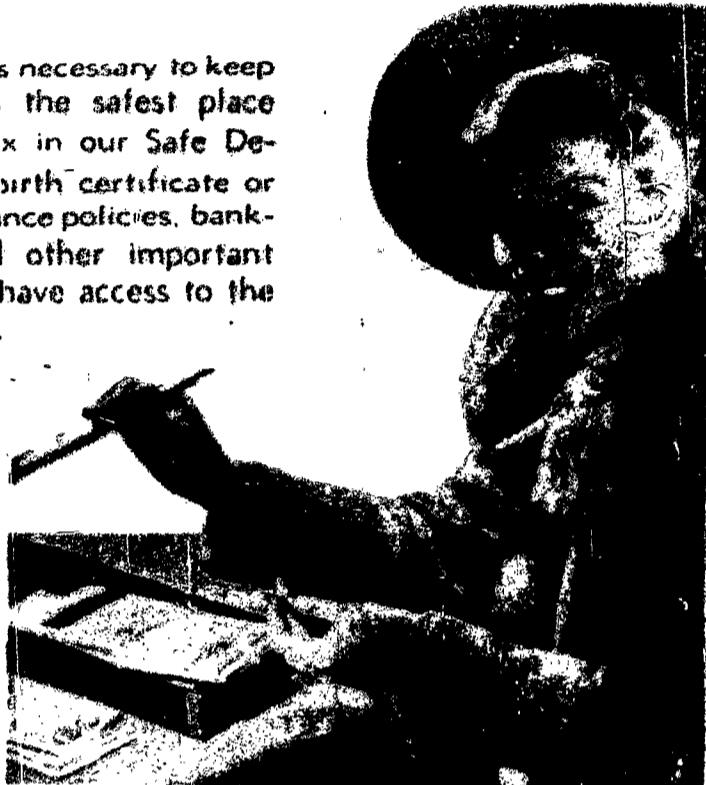
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