

AMERICAN OBLATE NAMED BISHOP OF DIOCESE IN HAITI

VATICAN CITY — The Rector of a United States seminary, the Very Rev. John Louis Collignon, O.M.I., has been named Bishop of Les Cayes, Haiti by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

This See has been vacant since November when the Most Rev. Francois Joseph Person died ten days after he succeeded as Coadjutor to Bishop Pichen, aged 74, who retired because of ill health.

The new Bishop of Les Cayes, now Rector of St. Eugene's Scholasticate at Natick, Mass., in the Archdiocese of Boston, made his first vows as an Oblate of Mary Immaculate at Hudson, N. H., on July 23, 1926. His final vows were made at Roviano, Italy, on August 2, 1929, and he received the degree of doctor in philosophy at Rome in 1930, and the licentiate in theology in 1932. His earlier education for the priesthood was received at Sacre Coeur Juniors and St. Joseph's Scholasticate in Ottawa. He was ordained at Rome in Santa Maria sopra Minerva by His Eminence Francesco Cardinal Marchetti-Saivazzini on June 22, 1931.

The parents of Bishop Collignon, Mr and Mrs. Ferdinand Collignon, reside in Pawtucket, R. I. Their son, however, was born at Suxy, Luxembourg Province, Belgium, August 15, 1904.

Catholic Guidance Given In Current Events By Verein

(Because of the profound deliberation given resolutions of the Catholic Central Verein and their timeliness they will be reproduced in this column from time to time.)

Eight-Point Post War Program

Convinced that vague statements on post-war reconstruction are of little value, delegates to the recent St. Louis convention of the Catholic Central Verein of America drafted an eight-point program relating to post-war problems. While the proposals are specific, they are none the less sufficiently flexible to permit adaptation to actual conditions obtaining when the war shall have ended. The points outlined are without exception fundamental in character.

The text of this highly important statement follows:

Many opinions have been advanced regarding post-war reconstruction—some vague and general, others, like the peace points of Pope Pius XII and the Atlantic Charter, constructive in character. We submit for the consideration of our members, of other Catholics, of serious minded men and women of all faiths, and of responsible political leaders, the following observations concerning the essentials to be observed in any satisfactory

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Nuns Stranded in Iceland



The lack of dried fruits and vegetables is the crying need of these Carmelite nuns stranded in Iceland. The war has cut off aid from Holland, their homeland, and troops have rented their partly finished monastery. The American Red Cross, upon request of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, has been able to help them some. (N.C.W.C.)

Polish Relief Supplies Sent By U. S. Hierarchy Reach Exiles In Russia

WASHINGTON—(N. C.)—Relief in the form of clothing, medical supplies and foodstuffs, for the supplying of which American Catholics have contributed many thousands of dollars, is reaching Polish refugees in Soviet Russia, the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit and Chairman of the Bishops' War Emergency and Relief Committee, has been advised in a letter just received from Bombay, India.

The letter was sent to Archbishop Mooney by the Rev. Thomas Baginsky, Vicar General of the Diocese of Katowice, Poland, and the Rev. Witold Paulina, formerly rector of the Polish Catholic Mission in France. The two Polish priests, who went to Bombay after a visit to the United States, where they conferred with members of the Hierarchy, told of the departure from the city in India of a motor caravan bearing supplies. This was one of a series of such truck expeditions which have gone out from Bombay to the Indian frontier since May.

Bring Children to India

On their return journey the trucks bring Polish refugee children. "Four hundred of these children," the letter said, "have already been placed in a camp on the sea-

shore, especially built for them by an Indian Maharajah and under the direction of a Polish chaplain. The Indian Government and the people as a whole are in sympathy with the martyred Polish nation, and the present troubles in India will not interfere with the movement. Two Maharajahs have promised housing facilities for 10,000 children either at the seashore or in the hills, and others will follow their example.

The Most Rev. Thomas Roberts, Archbishop of Bombay, has given his patronage to the relief work, the Polish priests advised Archbishop Mooney, adding: "We are going next week to visit His Excellency the Most Rev. Leo Klarkich, Apostolic Delegate to India, to ask his blessing and to implore the patronage of the Holy Father."

"On behalf of the relief work that is being done here," the letter said, "we humbly beg Your Excellency, as Chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, to be pleased to grant generous financial help toward this deserving movement."

Accompanying the letter were clippings from the Evening News of Bombay, describing the departure of the first relief truck caravan. One of the pictures showed Archbishop Roberts blessing one of the trucks.

This expedition, the article in the Evening News said, carries 60 tons of clothing, medicines and foodstuffs, the bulk of which had been purchased in India and Afghanistan. Relief supplies for the Polish refugees in Russia, the article said, are being carried free of charge by rail to the frontier of India, where they are transported in a fleet of trucks purchased by the Polish Government into Soviet territory.

Extolls Benedictine

Vatican City — On the occasion of the thousandth anniversary of St. Odo, tenth-century Abbot of Cluny, His Eminence Alfredo Ildefonso Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, has addressed a letter to the Rt. Rev. Abbot de Stotzingen, of San Assisimo's Abbey, Rome, extolling the grandeur of the life of the saintly Benedictine.

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