

### Son of Cuban Hero Studying For Priesthood

SANTIAGO, Cuba — A well known writer and attorney, Dr. Calixto Rayneri, grandson of the "General of the Independence" Calixto Garcia, is one of the 79 students for the priesthood who entered the Diocesan Seminary of San Basilio this fall.

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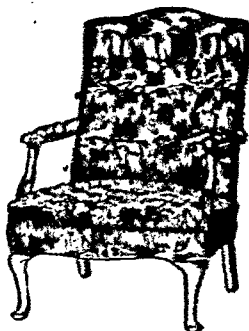
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## AT RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE SESSIONS



Participating in the 20th annual convention of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, at Peoria, are, upper left, Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, with Bishop Adolphus J. Muench, of Fargo president of the Conference. At right, Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch, of Chicago, and Bishop Joseph H. Schlarman, of Peoria. Below, a military touch was added by the presence of Chaplain Urban Baer, U. S. A., former director, and Lieut. Louise E. Goeden, W. A. A. C., both stationed at Ft. Des Moines, pictured talking with Monsignor Luigi G. Ligutti, executive secretary (R.C.W.C.)

## By His Ascension Christ Formally Opened Heaven

(By Linus Riordan)

For 40 days after His Resurrection Our Lord remained on earth to prove more fully to His Apostles, by numerous manifestations of Himself, the undeniable reality of His Resurrection and to complete the preparation of the Apostles for carrying on His mission.

When at last His task in the world was ended, He led His Apostles and disciples as far out as Bethania, about one mile distant from Jerusalem, and up Mt. Olivet, the scene of His agonizing suffering but a few short weeks before. On reaching the summit, He blessed His followers and then "was lifted up before their eyes, and clouds took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing up to heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white garments, and said to them, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up to heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have seen Him going up to heaven.' (Acts 1, 9-12).

The earthly life of Our Lord was finished. He who had humbled Himself by assuming our weak human nature, who had been born in a forlorn stable, who had lived in poverty and known the hardships of life, who had been reviled and spat upon, who had struggled up the horrible path to Golgotha, and who had hung, like a criminal, on the cross for three hours now received that exaltation spoken of by St. Paul: "He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even to death on a cross. Therefore God also has exalted Him and has bestowed upon Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2, 8-10).

Escorted by the angelic host and accompanied by the just of the Old Law, redeemed by His precious blood, Jesus, the conqueror of sin and death, entered heaven and took the throne at the right hand of God amid the acclamations of the heavenly hierarchy. As God He is the equal of the Father in all things, as man, He enjoys power and glory beyond that of all mere creatures. The Father sees "Him at His right hand in heaven." St. Paul says "above every Principality and Power and Virtue, and Domination—in short, above every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. And all things He made subject under His feet and Him He gave as head over all the Church" (Eph. 1, 20-22).

By His Ascension Christ formally unlocked the gates of heaven that had been closed to man since the sin of Adam. Enthroned in glory as man near the seat of Divinity in His eternal kingdom, He became the mediator between heaven and earth, interceding for all mankind with His Father, and the channel through which flow the graces He merited superabundantly for all humanity. It was from that throne on high that He sent the Holy Ghost to assist the Church and the Apostles.

The Ascension of Christ proved that His kingdom is not of this earth. His kingdom is not based upon material wealth and the power of the flesh, as the Jews expected, but is spiritual and eternal. Its resources and riches are spiritual also as He showed so unmistakably by placing His throne in heaven, where they are counted richer who seek the things that are God's. —The Western Catholic.

## Asks Prayers For Vocations

SEATTLE.—The Church is experiencing the general urgent need, more manpower, the Most Rev. Gerald Shaughnessy, S.M., Bishop of Seattle, said in an address delivered here in which he called for more prayers for vocations to the priesthood, now faced with the demand for chaplains for the armed forces.

"If we had twenty-five more priests, we could place them tomorrow," Bishop Shaughnessy told the members of the Seattle Serra Club.

While the Church shares a general need for more workers in her field, her problem is far more intricate than industry's, the Bishop pointed out.

"The Church," he said, "must find youths who have the Divine call to the Holy priesthood. This Divine call, or vocation, must be nurtured in youthful hearts in the bosom of the family, which is the first seminary. And then the Church must train them for twelve long years, for they are to work with the most delicate, most intricate and most vital of things, the souls of men and the souls of nations.

"The spiritual problem of finding more vocations will be solved by prayer. God will give us vocations if we pray for them."

## Elmira Weddings

O'Leary - Reagan  
Miss Katherine M. Reagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J. Reagan, 115 Demarest Place, became the bride of John W. O'Leary of Trenton, N. J., son of Mrs. Minnie O'Leary, 109 Davis St., Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1942, at 11 A. M. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The Rev. Leo G. Schwab performed the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride's maid of honor was her sister, Miss Helen M. Reagan, and Mrs. William Marx, Jr., of Corning, sister of the bridegroom, was matron of honor. Joseph P. Kennedy of Carteret, N. J., and Washington, was best man. Ushers were Edward G. O'Leary, brother of the bridegroom, Fred B. McVail, and William Marx, Jr.

A wedding breakfast for 30 guests at the Mark Twain Hotel followed the ceremony. In the afternoon a reception for 150 was given at the home of the bride's parents.

After a week's trip through the South, the couple will reside in Trenton.

Both Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary attended Elmira schools and were graduated from Rider College, Trenton, in 1941. The bridegroom is employed in the Tool Cast Dept. of Fleetwings, Bristol, Pa.

pray that their children will be blessed with vocations to the priesthood and to the Sisterhood."

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## St. Bonaventure College Activities

St. Bonaventure College, in cooperation with the United States Office of Education, is preparing to offer free courses for the education and training of war industry workers.

John L. Warden, a member of the St. Bonaventure College faculty, has been appointed as Institutional Representative and Director of the program. Harold J. Tully has been named supervisor of the courses offered by the Chemistry Department. James T. Hayes, supervisor of those offered in Production Management, and Peter H. Hoffman, supervisor of courses in Physics. Instruction in those courses will be obtained from local industries and from the College staff.

The object of the program is to provide short courses of college grade which are designed to meet the shortage of chemists, physicists, and production supervisors in the essential to the national defense. All courses will be open to men and women who are high school graduates or the equivalent and will be given in Olean, Schenectady and at St. Bonaventure College during the late afternoon and evenings. These courses will be entirely free of cost.

This program is not a part of the regular college curriculum, but is to be made up of courses designed to meet the particular needs of industry and workers. As far as possible all courses will be planned by the instructors in charge in consultation with plant executives and employees.

Some of the courses under consideration for inclusion in the program are: General Chemistry, Industrial Chemistry (general or specialized), Analytical Chemistry, Accounting, General Physics, Spectrochemical Analysis, Mechanical Drawing, Industrial Mathematics, Statistics, Personnel Management, Business Mathematics, and others. Instruction is expected to begin about Nov. 1.

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