FATHER CANNON TO ADDRESS FORDHAM ALUMNI ON MAY 23

New York — The Very Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S. J., president of Fordham University, who now is in London delivering a series of Lenten addresses, will address the Fordham Alumni Association at a Communion breakfast following a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 23.

Father Gannon's talk will be broadcast over the National Broadcasting Company network. He is expected to return to this country from England within a few weeks and his talk will then be the first address during his stay abroad.

Trappist's Jubilee

Dubuque — The Very Rev. Dom Paschal Gabrany, Mitred Abbot of Notre Dame du Lac des Trois Montagnes (Our Lady of the Lake and the Two Mountains) of the Trappist Monastery here has observed the 50th anniversary of his entry into monastic life.

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Chaplain John R. Boyle, Lieut. Comdr., U. S. N., priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, who succeeds the late Chaplain Thomas R. Kane as Catholic assistant to the officer of the Chief of the Chaplains Corps, U. S. Navy, in Washington. He has served with the Navy for the past seven years. (Bob Kear photo, N.C.W.C.)

Catholic Hour

Christians, Jews Lax In Duty Cause World Chaos—Msgr. Sheen

NEW YORK (NC) — The chaos of the world today is due "in great measure" to the failure of Christians and Jews to live up to the full responsibilities of their vocations, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University, declared here Sunday night in a radio address on the "Catholic Hour."

The title of Monsignor Sheen's address was "Jews and Christians" and was the sixteenth in a series of seventeen discourses on the general topic, "The Crisis in Christendom."

The two greatest vocations ever given to any peoples by God were bestowed upon the Jews and the Christians, Monsignor Sheen reminded. The Jews were chosen by God to be the people to bring His Revelation to man, and the Christians to establish the brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God through the merits of Christ, Monsignor Sheen said. He likened the relation between the Jews and the Christian to the relation of father and son and of roots to branches of a tree.

Synagogue Attendance

Regarding the Jews, Monsignor Sheen said, while a vast number are still devout, "the spiritual vocations of many Jews throughout the world is sad—I say spiritual condition, for that is even more serious than their political condition." Monsignor Sheen said he had been told by "very distinguished rabbis" that "only one of ten Jews attends a synagogue, either liberal or orthodox."

The "mass defection of Christians from Christ is tragic and it grieves the heart of all good Christians, who with Catholics confess Christ to be the Son of the Living God," Monsignor Sheen continued. He cited a survey made by a Northwestern University professor in and around Chicago of 100 ministers, representing 20 denominations, which revealed 45 per cent disbelieved in the inspiration of Sacred Scripture; 44 per cent disbelieved in the necessity of Baptism; 39 per cent disbelieved in the resurrection of the body; 36 per cent denied that Christ would come again to judge the living and the dead; 31 per cent denied the redemption by Christ on the Cross, and 27 per cent denied the Divinity of Christ.

"Suppose the same proportion of Americans disbelieved in the first ten amendments of the Constitution of the United States. What would be the condition of democracy?" Monsignor Sheen asked.

Asserting both Christians and Jews were failing in their vocations, Monsignor Sheen said the terrible warning of St. Matthew, "The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you" is being fulfilled before our very eyes. "And as it has," he added, "by the Nazis and the Communists."

Lack of Reverence Termed 'National Vice'

BROOKLYN — Lack of reverence in "our national vice" and children should be taught that churches are dwelling places of God and that should be reverenced the Rev. Peter M. Dunne, D.D., Chaplain of the Catholic Knights of America, told the annual diocesan meeting of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine here. In addressing the delegates, Father Dunne declared that the failure of adults to show reverence in the house of God was responsible for the lack of reverence in children. Parents should be taken to task and frequently, Father Dunne declared, the parish or a committee appointed for teaching the rubrics of the Mass by having the teaching pupils to observe.

Let me ever prevail from your parents for that which is good in the edification of both that it may abundantly grow in the knowledge of God.—Ephesians 3:18.

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