

FATHER CANNON TO ADDRESS FORTH ALUMNI ON MAY 23

NEW YORK — The Very Rev. Robert E. Cannon, S. J., president of Fordham University, who has just returned from a series of lectures in London, will address the Fordham Alumni Association at a Communion breakfast following a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 23.

Father Cannon's talk will be broadcast over the National Broadcasting Company network. He is expected to return to this country from England within a few days and his talk will deal with the problems of the world as they are seen from the Catholic point of view.

Trappist's Jubilee

Obs. — The Very Rev. Dom Prosper Guérin, M. S. O., Abbot of the Trappist Monastery of the Holy Trinity, will be the guest of honor at the 75th anniversary of the founding of the monastery at Fairport, N. Y., on May 23.

Gets High Post



Captain John R. Smith, U.S.N., is the new Chief of the Chaplain Corps, U.S.Navy, at Washington. He has served with the Navy for the past seven years. See four photos (N.C.W.C.)

Lack of Reverence Turned National Vice

PROFESSOR LACK OF REVERENCE in "our national vice" and other words should be taught that vice which is so common in our country and that should be removed, the Rev. Peter M. Sheehy, O.P.M., Chap. of the Catholic University of America, said the national observance of the Catholic University of America, during the month of May.

Let us not forget that our youth are the future of our country and that it is our duty to teach them the values of life and to instill in them the reverence which is the basis of all true religion.

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Catholic Hour

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

NEW YORK (UPI) — 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 religions, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University, declared here Monday night in a radio address on the "Catholic Hour."

"The title of Monsignor Sheen's address was 'Jews and Christians' and was the substance in a study of religious duties on the general topic, 'The Crisis in Civilization.'"

"The two greatest religions ever given to any people 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 the Revelation to man, and the Christians to establish the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God through the work of Christ. Monsignor Sheen said he blamed the relation between the Jews and the Christians to the relation of father and son and of roots to branches of a tree.

Regarding the Jews, Monsignor Sheen said, while a vast number are still devout, "the spiritual condition of many Jews throughout the world is sad—I see spiritual conditions for that in 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 Catholics, who with Catholics confess Christ to be the Son of the Living God," Monsignor Sheen said.

"He cited a survey made by a Washington University professor in and around Chicago of 700 ministers, representing 30 denominations, which revealed 42 per cent disbelieved in the inspiration of Sacred Scriptures; 44 per cent disbelieved in the necessity of baptism; 40 per cent disbelieved in the resurrection of the body; 42 per cent denied that Christ would come again to judge the living and the dead; 41 per cent denied the redemption by Christ on the Cross, and 37 per cent denied the Divinity of Christ."

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

"Asserting both Christians and Jews were falling in their responsibilities, 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 is," he added, "by the Jews and the Communists."

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