

# Church Still No Better Off In Russia, 1943 Papal Yearbook Shows

WASHINGTON (NC)—The avowed "freedom of religion" in Soviet Russia has caused no improvement with respect to the ecclesiastical administration of the Catholic Church in that country, copies of the Annuario Pontificio, or Papal Yearbook, for 1943, just received here, reveal.

## Russia's Prelates In Prison, Exile, '43 Annuario Reveals

The record as to the Apostolic Administrators to whom the Russian Dioceses were entrusted in 1926, is a series of imprisonments and exiles. As listed in the 1943 Annuario, the story reads:

**Archdiocese of Mogilev**  
Apostolic Administrator of Mogilev, the Most Rev. Holobava Skobzev, Titular Bishop of Cillio, imprisoned Aug. 10, 1937, then sent to Siberia, now exiled and domiciled at Riga.

**Apostolic Administrator of Moscow**—the Most Rev. Pio Eugene Neveu, Titular Bishop of Citra, could not be called because of his French nationality, but was not permitted to remain in Russia. He resides at Paris.

**Auxiliary Apostolic Administrator for Leningrad**—the Most Rev. Theophilus Matulonis, Titular Bishop of Matrega, was appointed in December, 1939, imprisoned from 1933 to 1938 and again from 1929 to 1935 then exiled to Lithuania.

**Bishop Matulonis on a visit to the United States in 1935** came to Rochester to preach the sermon on Sunday, Aug. 11, that year, at dedication by Archbishop Mooney of the new St. George's Church. The exiled Bishop was the guest then of the Rev. John M. Balceys, pastor of St. George's Church.

**Apostolic Administrator of Khar'kov**—the Rev. Dr. Vincent Igin, appointed in August and imprisoned in December, 1928, and an exile in Lithuania since 1933.

**Apostolic Administrator of Kazan, Samara and Simbirsk**—the Rev. Dr. Michael Jucokas, imprisoned in 1920, released some time within the last two years and residing in Lithuania.

**Diocese of Kamensk**  
The Apostolic Administrator for this Diocese, the Rev. John Swiderak, was imprisoned in January, 1930, and exiled in September, 1932. His Vicar, the Rev. Alexander Wiersbicki, was imprisoned in July, 1933, and no further information is given.

**Diocese of Minsk**  
The Most Rev. Bohuslaw Skosten, Apostolic Administrator of Mogilev, was also Apostolic Administrator of Minsk although this title was given to Bishop Lesinski until his death.

**Diocese of Tiraspol**  
The Apostolic Administrator of the Voiga, Magr. Augustine Baumrog, is "in prison for the Faith since August, 1930."

The Apostolic Administrator of the Caucasus, Magr. John Roth, is "in prison for the Faith since August, 1930."

The Vicar ad interim for Apostolic Administrators of Tiflis and Georgia is simply named, the Rev. Dr. Stephen Demurof, and no information is given.

No information is given about Magr. Carapat Dirlughian, Vicar ad interim to the Apostolic Administrator for the Armenians, Diocese of Zhitomir.

The Apostolic Administrator, Magr. Felice Skalski, and the Vice-Administrator, Magr. Casimir Naskrodek, were imprisoned July 20, 1933, and exiled in September, 1932.

**Vicariate Apostolic of Siberia**  
This Vicariate was established Dec. 1, 1923, as a dependency of the Pontifical Commission for Russia, but no Vicar was appointed at that time. The Rev. Gerard Piotrowski, O.F.M., served as Apostolic Administrator until 1929. At present the posts of Vicar Apostolic and the Apostolic Administrator for both Cisbaikalia and Transbaikalia Siberia are vacant.

Other vacancies—in addition to all these—are the Apostolic Administrator of Leningrad and the Vicariate General for the Byzantine Rite Catholics in Moscow, both of which are in the Archdiocese of Mogilev, and the Apostolic Administrators of Southern Odessa and for Armenian Catholics, both in the Diocese of Tiraspol.

Magr. Augustine Baumrog, Apostolic Administrator of the Voiga, and Magr. John Roth, Apostolic Administrator of the Caucasus, are still listed as "in prison for the Faith since August, 1930." The Rev. Dr. Stephen Demurof, Vicar ad interim for Arvidenaa, Catholics throughout Russia, who were reported in 1941 as "nothing is known" are still listed without residence or other information in the current Papal Yearbook.

The book called "The Truth Concerning Religion in Russia" which has been circulated abroad by the Soviet Government—and the truth of which has been denied in a "counter-preface" by a person intimately conversant with the religious situation in Russia—deals with relations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Russian Government and does not concern the status of the Catholic Church in Russia.

Until the time of his death, July 23, 1939, the Most Rev. Edward de Ropp was listed in the Annuario as Archbishop of Mogilev; but as a matter of fact he had been imprisoned in 1919, then exiled, and from 1928 on his address was given as Warsaw. He was the last Ordinary of a Russian See.

The Most Rev. Joseph Kessler, Bishop of Tiraspol, who was living in exile in Germany from 1924 on was transferred to the Titular See of Bosporus in 1930 and died Dec. 9, 1934. The Most Rev. Peter Mankowski, Bishop of Kamensk, found exiled at Wlodzislaw, Poland, was transferred to the Titular See of Kmo in 1926. He died on Apr. 2, 1933. The Most Rev. Ignatius Dubowski, the last Bishop to occupy the See of Lithuania, was transferred to the Titular See of Philippopolis in Arabia in 1915 and is now domiciled at Rome. He is the only former Russian Ordinary still living.

The Most Rev. Sigismund Loxinsel, who was Bishop of Minsk until 1925, was transferred to the Polish See of Pinsk remaining, however, Apostolic Administrator of Minsk, until his death on Mar. 26, 1932.

**General Is Regular Attendant At Mass In Chungking Chapel**  
CHUNGKING.—Brigadier General William Bergin, lately raised in rank from Colonel, gives a good example to the Catholic boys in Chungking, reports the Rev. Mark Tennin of the Maryknoll House here.

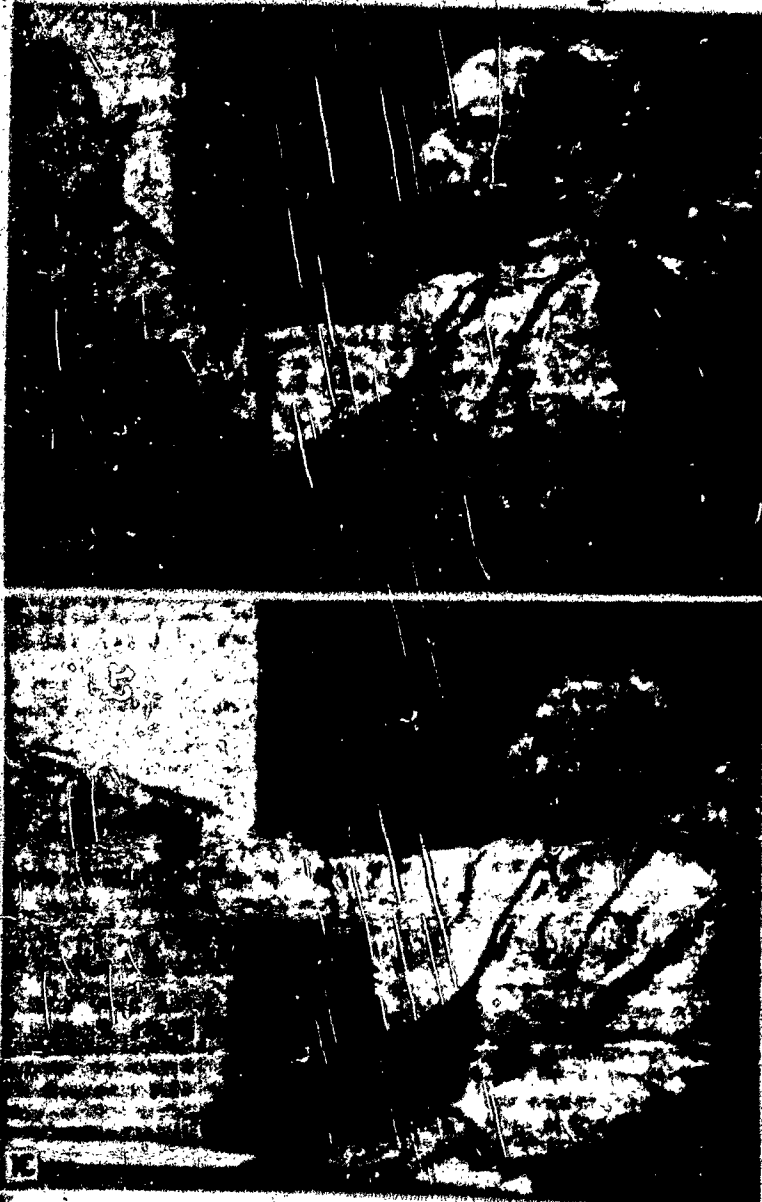
General Bergin is a regular attendant at the special Mass celebrated weekly in the Maryknoll chapel for American Officers and men. He was a member of the group of prominent American Catholics in Chungking who recently interviewed Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek.

**Cooperation Needed**  
Our own free will must co-operate with Divine Grace in the warfare we are waging. Just as the rain from Heaven does not produce the fruit alone, but must fall on good soil, so Divine Grace requires our co-operation.

It is not the oldest Latin See in Russia. It was established in 1793 but the Diocese of Zhitomir dates back in 1321.

# Pope Warns of Harm Resultant Removing Women From Homes

## The Holy Father Speaks



Two characteristic poses of His Holiness Pope Pius XII as he appears when addressing audiences. The Holy Father has resumed his public audiences, following his recent illness. (N.C.W.C.)

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Removal of woman from the home has a harmful effect on the common welfare and on the future of nations. His Holiness Pope Pius XII reminded on Saturday, when he received in audience and addressed representatives of all the Italian centers of the Feminine Youth Association of Catholic Action, including 2,000 members from the Rome district.

The modern social structure falsely assumes the practically absolute equality of woman and man, the Holy Father said. This, His Holiness added, is true as regards personality, equal dignity, honor, worth and esteem, but in the life of families and of peoples nature assigns man and woman essentially distinct fields of duties and activities.

In consequence of the present material ease and the weakening of the religious sense, the Sovereign Pontiff said, the dangers which the modern emancipation from the home has for young girls for Christian marriage and for the general welfare are emphasized. His Holiness pointed out that the general welfare is based on a wholesome, virtuous family life.

Speaking at some length, the Holy Father appealed to Catholic girls for generosity in labor and sacrifice for the church in the exceptional needs of the war and post-war times, declaring that rarely in the past has the Church been so needful of vocations dedicated to the care of souls, to Christian education, to charity, and to foreign missions.

Extolling the value for the Church's work and mission of the priesthood and religious life, Pope Pius XII said, "We would cry out to Catholic young men and women, 'Let him accept it who can, taking Christ's words in the sense of an invitation and of encouragement.'"

## Show How Possible

The lives of the Saints show us how possible and beautiful it is to follow Christ closely, even heroically.

# Scores Protestant Proselytizing As Curbing Pan-American Harmony

BOGOTA (NC)—A "Pan-American harmony" brought about through the association of "the spiritual with the material, of the soul and body of these Republics which are the Church and the State" is advocated by the Rev. Juan Alvarez S.J., Director of Revista Javeriana, in an article on "Catholicism and Good Neighborliness." Father Alvarez, however, denounces the "stupidities and incomprehensions" which proselytizing Protestants proclaim "as a part of their South American campaigns. The article, appearing in the April issue of the review, was dedicated to the approaching visit to

Bogota of Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, and invited the distinguished guest from the United States "to investigate the activities of certain North Americans in these latitudes," and to "take into account the increasing number of enemies the good neighbor policy is acquiring through these men and women preachers who come to teach us the Gospel." Citing the avowed "basic principle of the Protestant invasion as that of bringing souls to Christ," the article then calls attention to two pamphlets in circulation in Colombia, "Mountain Peaks of Friendship," released by Educational Advance in South America, the article says, announces that in

Protestant schools and colleges Christian training "now almost wholly lacking" will be afforded a country of six and a half million inhabitants. "This country is Columbia," Revista Javeriana adds. The other pamphlet, "Welding the Two Americas," is quoted as "treating of an educative advance, but not that alone: it is the effort of Christianity to apply the Gospel to South American life and to our relations with our closest neighbors in all the world."

"You, Mr. Wallace," the article continues, "will see with your own eyes how the Church represents a lasting and respected tradition in these countries. In going to visit and to pray, as you are doing in the Cathedral at Mexico, San Agustin at Bogota, El Jesus at Quito, or San Francisco at Lima, or any of the marvelous churches with which ancient Spanish piety adorned our cities, contemplate the architecture developed by that great civilizer of nations which is our mother the Catholic Church, and I am sure that you will wonder just as much at the prodigality and munificence of peoples who long ago, as now, believed that the gold nowhere should be better than in the altars of God. And upon seeing this, I am very sure that it will be impressed upon your perspicacious intelligence: What can paid pastors come to teach to these people who esteem above everything else the Catholic religion in which they were born and wish to die?"

# Fatima Apparitions Do Not Pertain To Deposit Of Revelation, Bishop States

VATICAN CITY (NC)—The apparitions of the Blessed Mother reported to have been seen at Fatima in Portugal and the messages reported to have been heard on those occasions do not pertain to the deposit of revelation, the Most Rev. Marius Beason, Bishop of Fribourg, Lausanne and Geneva in Switzerland, has reminded the people of his ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Noting that volumes relating to the apparitions at Fatima have been published in Vatican City as well as elsewhere, Bishop Beason points out that the inspiration of the Vicar General of His Holiness for Vatican City is not even remotely connected with Pontifical Infallibility. Impressive ceremonies were held in Portugal last year to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima. In an address broadcast to the closing exercises on Nov. 1, His Holiness Pope Pius XII dedicated

## 13 Australian Priests Missing or Prisoners

MELBOURNE, Australia. (NC-Radio)—Of 200 priests now doing full-time chaplain duty with the Australian Armed Forces, 13 are reported missing in action or prisoners of war. Tales of heroism of Catholic chaplains have come from Africa, Malaya and New Guinea.

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