

# News Review of the Catholic World

## Graduation Exercises Held at School for Delayed Vocations

BOSTON, Mass. — Ninety-one graduates of the School of St. Philip Neri (for Delayed Vocations) received certificates for successful completion of Latin and other cultural studies in preparation for the priesthood, at combined exercises for the Boston and Haverhill sections of the school, held at Our Lady's Hall, Haverhill, the picturesque estate purchased over two years ago for the boarding section of the school.

Continuing the objective of the school, which is to give maturer aspirants to the priesthood Latin and other subjects in accelerated courses, it is noteworthy that this year's graduating class was divided equally among diocesan and religious and missionary priesthood. In the latter group were Jesuits, Glenmary Missioners, Franciscans, Paulists, Claretians, Dominicans, Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Trappists, Montfort Fathers, Capuchins, Carthusians and Carmelites.

Candidates for twenty-two Dioceses were also graduated: Alaska, Newark, Boston, Brooklyn, Burlington, Detroit, Hartford, La Crosse, Lincoln, Manchester, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Providence, Raleigh, Reno, St. Augustine, Savannah-Albany, Seattle, Sioux Falls, Springfield in Massachusetts, Steubenville and Worcester.

Veterans of World War II number forty-nine and the average age was 25 years, including this year's class. 300 students have graduated from the school in the five years and have continued studies for the priesthood.

## Roses From America To Bloom at Fatima

NEW YORK. —(NC)—Rose cuttings from the Queen of Roses Gardens in Flushing Meadows here soon will be growing at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima as a token of affection of American Catholics for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The cuttings were presented to Jose de Thedim, sculptor of the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima, in the Casa de Portugal in Radio City by Robert J. O'Toole, president of the Catholic Film and Radio Guild. The presentation marked the end of a tour of the United States and Canada by the artist and his daughter, Maria Teresa, during which he arranged for erection of an outdoor shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at Lake Arrowhead, Calif.

Among the cuttings was that of the Rose of World Peace, which has a large pink-white petal and is of a type expected to flourish in the Portuguese climate. The parent rose bushes were grown for the 1939 New York World's Fair.

## Franciscan Sisters Named in Suit Seeking to Ban Religious Garb For Teachers in Public Schools

FLEMING, Colo. —(NC)—Two Franciscan Sisters have been included as defendant parties in a suit, first filed in 1949, which now is amended to ask that they "be restrained from teaching in their religious garb" in a public school here.

Attorneys for the nuns sought their inclusion in the suit, which hitherto had cited as sole defendants school district officials, Logan county and state school superintendents, and the county treasurer. It is expected the nuns will plead their constitutional rights to wear religious garb.

Specific basis of the original suit, which did not name the Sisters as defendants, was that teaching in public schools in religious garb was unconstitutional. In his recent order directing that the nuns be named as defendants, Judge George C. Twombly also ruled the plaintiff must prove the Sisters taught sectarian doctrines.

According to the Sisters' attorneys, the school directors and the Sisters have consistently maintained that no religious instruction is given in the school and no sectarian doctrines have been taught. Sister M. Georgetta and M.

## U. S. GIFT OF TRACTOR FOR VATICAN FARM



Commencing the visit of the U. S. delegation to the First International Rural Life Congress, in Rome, a tractor is presented to His Holiness Pope Pius XII for use on the Vatican Farm at Castelgandolfo. Pictured on that occasion are left to right: (front row) Emilio Bonaventura, Director of the Vatican Farm; Dr. Thomas H. Arsenault, of Louisiana; Mgr. George Wilkes, St. Louis; Bishop Albert R. Burrows, of Belleville, Ill., who led the 36-member U. S. delegation; Pope Pius XII; Mgr. Luigi G. Ligutti, of Des Moines, secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference; Alvin Grover, of Viroqua, Wis., on the tractor. Also present for the Congress, but not in this picture, was Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, founder of the NCRLC. (NC Photos)

## Associated Press Feature Writer Tells of Dominican Fathers' Colored Mission in Columbia

Kal Boyle, feature writer for the Associated Press, whose syndicated articles appear in The Augusta Herald and numerous other newspapers throughout the country, wrote recently of Father Anthony G. McCabe, O. F. M., pastor of St. Martin de Porres Colored Mission in Columbia, S. C. Mr. Boyle's article, which was titled "Cries of Hunger Drowned in Moles of Our Footsteps," read as follows:

"Anybody can be a saint once in his lifetime," said the Rev. Anthony G. McCabe, "but it is the habit that counts."

And then the big, rugged 42-year-old Dominican priest said another thing rather gently:

"Too many people here, only the noise of their own footsteps in this world, and cannot hear the cries of the starving."

Father McCabe, a former Army chaplain who was orphaned before he was a year old, has been haunted by those cries all his life.

He now heads the Mission of Blessed Martin De Porres, a school for poverty-stricken Negro children in Columbia, S. C. Every few months he hitch-hikes to New York

with a big smile on his face—and his big hand held out for help to keep his mission going. And he gets it, too.

"Many of the contributors are Protestant and Jewish friends," he said, and laughed. "One of my Jewish friends raised funds by making a personal appeal to a Protestant congregation."

Father McCabe lost both his father and mother in a southern Illinois coal mine explosion.

"My mother had gone down into the mine to take my father his lunch," he explained.

He lived in an Alton, Ill., orphanage until the age of seven and then was adopted by a farmer. The chance reading of a religious magazine decided him as a boy to embrace the Dominican Order, whose priests forewent all worldly possessions and take rigorous vows of chastity, poverty and obedience.

Father McCabe went to the Pacific with the 165th Regiment during the last world war. During the battle of Makin he buried 90 American dead with his own hands. He was awarded a Purple Heart after his jeep was blown up by a land mine on Saipan, and he was invalided home. The men lost in the island fighting still are close to his heart.

"If the lesson of sacrifice they taught us has not been learned," he said soberly, "it is not their fault. I pray for them every day." He has one amusing memory from those sad days. "Once his Catholic boys made him a four-foot long rosary of seashells. Some Protestant and Jewish soldiers in the regiment immediately countered by making the chaplain an eight-foot seashell rosary."

The priest took over his mission, a dilapidated old mansion in the heart of the city's Negro district, in the summer of 1947. The first thing he did was try to repair the ceiling—and part of it fell down on him. An alarmed nun ran to his aid.

"It looks like the pastor is plastered," said Father McCabe, who has the big man's love for small puns.

Today the mission school has 125 pupils, ranging from 6 to 17 years old, many of whom have to be fed and clothed as well as educated.

"At first there was considerable prejudice against us, among both Negroes and white people," said Father McCabe. "They even threw garbage in our yard."

"But the prejudice is dying out. We are there to help—not to proselytize. Faith in the mission, and less than a third are Catholics. "As long as they are poor—that

## Italian Cardinal To Visit Priests In North America

NEW YORK. —(NC)—His Eminence Archbishop Cardinal Pizzardi, Bishop of Bologna, arrived at Idlewild Airport here from Rome on a visit to the Catholic clergy in the United States, Mexico and Canada. After spending a day in the United States, the Italian Cardinal, who is secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, left by plane for Mexico City. He is expected to return to the United States later.

Cardinal Pizzardi was met at the airport by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

HIS HOLINESS Pope Pius XII has taken up residence in the Papal summer villa at Castelgandolfo in the Alban Hills South of Rome. While the Holy Father was there, there were some relief from the oppressive heat of those sections. There is no change whatever in the heavy schedule of work that fills the Pontiff's day from early hours of the morning to late at night. Audiences, too, will continue at Castelgandolfo.

CONFIRMATION has reached Vienna of a report that 40-year-old Bishop Augustin Paciu of Timisoara, Rumania, has been deported to do forced labor on the Danube River and Black Sea canal project. Also reported for forced labor on this project was the Prior of the Loba convent in Rumania.

A REPORT FROM RUMANIA states that Bishop Valerian Trian Frantiu of the Byzantine-Rite See of Oradea Mare has died in prison. He was arrested by the communist regime more than two years ago when the government suppressed the Byzantine-Rite Catholic Church in Rumania. Archbishop Alexander Cioba of Bucharest has been under arrest for more than a year.

THE FORMATION of a National Catholic Camping Association, which will include every Catholic camp in the United States, within the Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, has been announced by Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco, Episcopal Moderator of the Department.

AIR FORCE ROTC courses will be in operation at the Catholic University of America by the opening of the new school year. Basic training will be available chiefly to freshmen, while seniors and sophomores will be enrolled in an advanced course.

## Knights of Columbus Supreme Council to Convene in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH. —(NC)—The 40th annual international convention of the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held in this city from August 21 to 23. It has been announced. Headquarters for the business sessions will be the Hotel William Penn and more than 450 delegates representing the 700,000 members in the United States, Canada, Alaska, Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Panama and the Philippines are expected to attend. John F. Donley, chairman of the local committee on arrangements, announced that the convention will be opened formally with a Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Paul's Cathedral on August 21.

is their calling card. We never ask who they are, or what they are. War and peace have given Father McCabe a three-word formula which he feels will answer most of the world's problems: "Charity and tolerance."

## Episcopalian Bishop Charges American Public Education Is Failing Because of Secularism

(N. C. W. C. News Service) SAN FRANCISCO.—An Episcopalian Bishop's charge that public school education is failing in its purpose of training American youth for citizenship evoked a heated denial from Miss Corma Mowrey, president of the National Education Association, at the NEA's 59th annual convention here.

At a sepiers' service in Grace Episcopal Cathedral for convention delegates, Bishop Henry H. Shiras, Episcopalian Suffragan of California, charged: "Education must face the fact that it is failing in its fundamental and declared purpose in training for citizenship. If it sidesteps its obligations to give a proper place to God and the spiritual and moral values in its program."

"The secularism of American education means not just the omission of a consideration of religious and spiritual values from the curriculum, but amounts to a repudiation of religion in the eyes of those who are being educated," the Episcopalian Bishop declared. He said that "this is eminently unfair, just as it is unfair in the first place in any educational system to refuse to face up to a consideration of all the fact of life because so many of them are in the realm of the intangible."

In reply to the charges, by the Episcopalian Bishop, Miss Mowrey, a Clarkburg, W. Va., school

teacher, at a press conference stated: "Our schools are not godless. The products of the public schools speak pretty well for themselves in this regard."

In regard to critics of the public schools, Miss Mowrey said, in an address to the convention:

"They are certainly entitled to their honest opinions. These sincere critics of the public schools are not the source of our difficulties. It is those who untruthfully declare that the public schools are neglecting moral and spiritual values who should have the sharpest reproval and be made to produce their evidence or cease their slander."

The Episcopalian Bishop recalled a quotation from Henry Cates, widely known publisher, who expressed doubt "whether freedom can long endure unless it is nourished by Christian roots and pruned by Christian judgment."

In his condemnation of secularism in the public schools, Bishop Shiras said there is a "marked apprehension that the Constitution forbids any consideration of religion in the schools and of the spiritual and moral values that spring from it." The Bishop said as ever greater reason why public education has faltered is that "with the growth of knowledge in the field of sciences men have been gradually weaned away from dependence on God."