

Needs Administration
Of Holy See Property

VATICAN CITY—The appointment by the Holy See of a special administrator to manage the property of the Holy See is believed to be the first step toward a reorganization of the Holy See's property.

The Administration of the Property of the Holy See, a post ordinarily held by the Cardinal Secretary of State, has led certain circles here to believe that the early appointment of a successor to the late Cardinal Magliocco as Secretary of State is unlikely.

Catholic Information

Catholic Reveille

It was a shock as the door opened and the alarm clock I could hear it all if I wanted to and sleep until noon.
"Why don't you?"
"As an MP, Bill, you're supposed to attend prescribed meetings or be punished in one way or another. Every organization must meet occasionally in body if it is to achieve its purpose. The Catholic Church is a Society of 200,000,000 souls organized for the purpose of honoring God. To achieve this end it must meet periodically. Sunday Mass is the occasion for these prescribed meetings. And remember, Bill, corporate service is a fundamental requirement of the basic necessities of life in fact. It is one of them. Just as a man has determined certain friends within which we are to associate, certain functions like sleeping and eating, so too the responsibilities of our religious service obligations must be defined by the Church."
"Even so, Harry, wouldn't it be nice all around if that MUST were taken out of your religious duties?"
"Not at all, Bill, for the very simple reason that collective religious acts can be no more free choice than the paying of taxes. At Mass we render our due to God. Moreover, while it certainly would be easier to stay in bed as you suggest it it wouldn't look so good from God's angle. 'Would be sort of a blur in the picture.'
"Picture you say?"
"Exactly. You see, Bill, from the rising of the sun until its going down today, in every country of the world, in every language, in chapel, church and cathedral, a never-ending procession of Catholics, millions of them, will gather at the altar of God to pay homage to their Creator. Visualize that picture, Bill, in one enshrining frame—the whole Catholic world rising as a body before its consecrated altar in a sacrifice of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and petitions. Follow like me who miss Mass are only shadows. So, bye-bye, Bill. I've just GOT to go."—(Catholic Information Society of New York)

Honoring Mary
Honors Motherhood

By REV. RICHARD GENDREY
Does it seem queer to you to read that in ancient Rome and Greece and in some places this day, milk babies were often abandoned, because they weren't wanted to rear that woman once had a right; that she could be divorced by a non-Catholic husband? Christianity has changed that, and wherever Christian influence is available, woman is given a place of honor in society.

The first Christian following the example of Jesus, had no high regard for his mother, that they early designated her as the Queen of Heaven. We see it in the earliest specimens of Christian art, which put Mary quite as often as the new Christ.

And through the centuries, this of the glorious Renaissance art of the great Madonna paintings by Raphael, Correggio, and the others. In our own day, we dare say there is not a Catholic Church in the world without its statue or little book of honor to the Blessed Mother.

AS FARE WE DIE
You see we Catholics are only doing as we have always done. We grew up with a love for Mary, as our parents did, and their parents before them—as Jesus did Himself. We do not put faith in new fangled beliefs. If we honor our Blessed Mother, it is because we have always honored her.

Mary is an ideal of purity for our men and women alike. Our mothers, in her memory and honor, have not hesitated to welcome children into their homes, recalling the story it would have been for us. Mary had refused Gabriel's invitation, if she had declined the divine maternity because she had not money enough for her own and higher education. Her women are proud to be mothers and happy in the knowledge that by a pure and devoted marriage relationship, they are giving honor to the Mother of God.

It seems to follow, too, that where Mary is venerated, womanhood looms large. To us it's more than a coincidence. Woman becomes either a slave or a commodity. In the Orient, we have too almost a beast of burden. In Russia and to some extent in this country, we find her taking a place in the factory, and in the office, claiming equality with man. What a come-down! She can be man's equal really for man has always thought of womanhood as being much better than himself, basing his conviction on devotion to Our Lady. Doesn't it seem then that honor paid to Mary honors all womanhood?

Bishops Send N. of C. Head To Italy for Survey

WASHINGTON (NY)—Francis P. Matthews, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus and chairman of the Executive Committee, National Catholic Community Service, has gone to Europe at the direction of the Administrative Board of Bishops of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. It is announced here.

Mr. Matthews will make a survey of the general work of all United States relief agencies in Italy. He also will study proposals for extension of this work, as the situation in Italy evolves.

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WASHINGTON—An informative booklet entitled "The Church Faces the Future" has been prepared and published by the Department of Education, National Catholic Welfare Conference, in connection with American Education Week, Nov. 8 to 11.
Prepared for Catholic Schools and Adult Groups, the booklet deals with Catholic Action, Educating for the Post-war Period, The Mission, The Family, The Priest and the People, and International Relations.
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