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Terms Present Pope 'Greatest Linguist'

Paris — (NC) — Of all the Popes who have occupied the Chair of St. Peter, His Holiness Pope Pius XII is probably the greatest linguist, says an article in the Gazette de Lousanne. In fact, it adds, no one can say how many languages the Sovereign Pontiff speaks, writes or reads, because he is apt to learn another almost overnight, if occasion demands.

The article recalls how the present Pontiff, as Cardinal Facelli, learned Portuguese while traveling from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro, and made his first speech in that language before the Brazilian Parliament.

"The passion of Eugenio Facelli for languages dates from his youth," the article continues. "His fellow students at the Roman Seminary and the Pontifical University of Apeleinaris recall that even in his schooldays he always carried a Spanish-German-English grammar. What makes the study of languages easy for him is not just his intelligence but his exceptional memory."

In 1906 as Secretary of State, he addressed an assembly of Catholics from 20 nations. He began his address in Italian, then after commenting that the multiplicity of languages of his audience was one of the most evident signs of the universality of the Church, he continued to speak successively in French, Spanish, Portuguese, English and German and concluded for the benefit of those present who had not understood any of these languages—in Latin, the ceremonial language of the Church."

rites mark 140th ANNIVERSARY OF MOTHER SETON'S CONVERSION

New York — (NC) — The 140th anniversary of the conversion of Mother Seton was observed last week in St. Peter's Church, where she was baptized on March 14, 1805. Mother Seton founded the United States of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

Following the noon-day Mass, the Very Rev. Magr. Edward Roberts Moore, the rector, reviewed Mother Seton's life of service attended by several hundred New Yorkers in the parish library.

He called the conversion of the holy of Revolutionary days, whose cause for justification is now being prosecuted, "the greatest event in the history of the church in this country up to the present moment." Richard Reid, Editor of The Catholic News, another speaker, expressed hope for the speedy

Deloria Saves the Crops



Dolores Costello, 12-year-old honor student of St. Mary's School, Brynmore, Md., is pictured tending the tractor on the family's 167-acre farm. Dolores, whose father is in the Army, took over all the farm work when the head hand quit last June, and cultivated 90,000 tobacco plants, fed the hens and most of the other work. "What a girl!" writes her dad, Mr. Willard Costello. "I'm proud of you." (NCWC).

Discussion Clubs Even Catholics Fear 'All Out' Christian Living

By The Reverend George Vogt

Everyone is looking for patterns of living, blue-prints that will guide us in our daily actions. Yalta, Four Freedoms, Post-war plans flow glibly from the lips. Christ proposed a pattern of living long ago but few seem interested.

Even Catholics are afraid to go "all out" for Christian living. If they keep the minimum-God's Commandments, they think they are martyrs. Yet heroic living is not dead. Those who read Valin's book "Out of the Night" know to what extent Communists go to advance their pattern of living. The Nazis are the same. Catholic soldiers think nothing of dying for their country, but many refuse to live their religion completely. Even in the army less than half of the Catholics go to Mass, even when they have opportunity.

The Christian pattern of living is dying rapidly in Europe; Communism is taking its place. Will that happen also in America? It depends on you whether or not you follow the Christian pattern, God's pattern of living.

upon the ability of the parents and children. Certainly whose growing children are pursuing their education further than grade school, the parents ought to provide good references books on the history of the Church, on the Creed and one or two books on current answers to objections such as "Bible Begins" and "The Question Box". This is especially urgent where the children are attending public schools.

Ques. 1. A neighbor says to you: "I refuse to accept authority in religion. What would you say?"

Ans. 1. Ask the person whether he accepts authority in the field of science, medicine, art, etc. Of course, he does. That's only human nature and sense. But he'll be authority unless you come to religion also.

Ques. 2. What percentage of youth and young men in the Catholic home should be on religious topics?

Ans. 2. I should say from ten to twenty percent. This depends

on the character of the youth. Elizabeth Ann Bayly Seton, whom he characterized "as Catholic as St. Peter's Church," an American at Barclay Street and Broadway, a New Yorker, even as we are New Yorkers."

Your friend says that God got your hands with about forty-fifty, suffering, yet loving all things.

Ques. 3. How can you encourage the reading of Catholic books in the home?

Ans. 3. First have the books on hand. Read them yourself and talk about them. Be sure they are attractive and within the reading scope of the children. After the children have read the book discuss it with them and refer to the characters in the books from time to time. With young children start with words and stories.

Ques. 4. Why do Catholics keep away from the Church? Is this because they're lazy?

Ans. 4. The feelings from the Church is very large indeed. At almost every meeting where priests and Bishops discuss the spiritual welfare of the Church this question rises to the top. Why? For many reasons, but the one mentioned most are: lack of interest, lack of education, extreme poverty, families moving into "no-church" land in country or towns, and then the disease that always starts in the district called "the lack of interest in the Church."

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