

Famed Entomologist On Good Will Mission

New York.—(NC)—The Rev. Thomas Bergauer, Franciscan priest and entomologist, has arrived here from Rio de Janeiro for three months of study and research in the United States. An international authority on New World insects, Father Bergauer will visit museums and universities and will confer with fellow scientists in the field of entomology. During his stay he hopes to help in the organization of a Pan-American entomological society.

"All scientists are brothers," Father Bergauer said. "There has been a working Pan-Americanism among entomologists of North and South America for many years past. Entomologists of North and South America have not encountered any obstacles in a genuine 'Good Neighbor Policy.' All that we need now is an organization of some kind. Inter-American scientific cooperation will also promote cooperation in other fields."

Q.—DID NOT POPE write a concordat with Hitler?

A.—Yes, but Concordats are seldom written with friendly powers. They are usually written with enemy powers in order that at least some of the rights of the Church may be respected by a dictator, an anti-Catholic or an anti-Christian ruler. Concordats do not imply friendly cooperation but rather the opposite.

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Our Paschal Joy

On Easter Sunday, greatest Feast of the Church, our priests in the Near East will make their best thanksgiving to you, beloved friends of Christ's own poor, by fond and faithful remembrances in their ancient liturgies, offered at altars you have built.

OUTCASTS IN CHRIST'S LAND

He came into His own, and His own received Him not. This day in our ears all through Holy Week, and it is so true today. His own beloved homeland has fewer Christians than Moors and Jews.

Take, for example, the village of Kure, right on the borders of Palestine, in Syria. A church was built there in the days of the Apostles. Now look at it.

"The patriarchal church of St. Elias in Kure," says Archbishop Lepreche, the Holy Father's delegate in Syria, "is a sad picture. The Catholic school is worse—no teacher's desk, no benches, children squatting on the floor!"

But the Mohammedans are doing all too well, with two beautiful mosques, one of them built only five years ago, with money and labor derived from the Christians!

Born is a challenge on the Front of Our Home Nation: "Have confidence, I have overcome the world!" Will you meet this challenge and help us to raise \$600 to repair Kure's parish church and \$600 to make the school even decent? God love you.

TOO SOON!

It is never too soon to think of Mother's Day. Our beautiful gift card will tell this queen of our hearts that we are having Mass offered, or have made a gift to a Near East chapel in her name. Write for "How Can I Help?"

URGENT

A dear friend has just brought to the office enough to start the new church at Namer, Syria. She wants it called the Holy Ghost Chapel. Can you give \$120 for the furnishings? All three Catholic churches there are now in Moslem hands.

PAGAN WITNESS

When the pagan teacher of St. John Chrysostom heard that his mother, twenty years a widow, had brought her son, unaided, to the great priesthood of the priesthood, he exclaimed: "What wonders there are among the Christians!" Wonderful mothers of priestly sons! You can be the "adopted" mother of a priest, if you see him through his studies—one hundred dollars a year. THE CHRYSTOCOSTOS, our Student Support Club, do much by giving a dollar a month. Please do help. We must have Near East missionaries.

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Jesuit Missionary, Thrice Held by Japs, Aided Philippine Guerrillas

Washington.—(NC)—During three years under Japanese occupation, the Rev. James E. Murray, S.J., rector of the Atheneum College, was captured three times on Mindanao in seeking engagement in the liberation of the island after American and Filipino guerrilla forces.

Weakened by a siege of pneumonia, Father Murray was down to this country a month ago in an Army truck from Lerio. He came to Washington to find a

Catholic Information

Marriage a Divine Institution

The beginning of the year is traditionally a season of contemplation. The press is filled with statistics showing the growth of either the number of tons of candy consumed, the billions spent on cosmetics, outstanding catastrophes, highlights of the social scene.

One magazine subscription has but with HEARTLINE DEVOTED OF THE YEAR highlighted with pictures of the radiantly smiling couples posed during a brief marriage happiness. To civic and religious-minded folk these summaries are salutary testimony to the way

their compatriots live alone and think.

Regarding the growing divorce rate specifically, public opinion to the same part puts half seriously deplores those wrecked marriages. True indifference especially on the part of religious minded people explains why it becomes increasing easier for disillusioned couples to slip into an acceptance of divorce as a natural sequence to a marriage that doesn't "work out."

The voice of the Roman Catholic Church has always been raised uncompromisingly against this modern and evil convention. Many her stand was a long long way from the "dark ages" and unjust. Pius IX rendering fair judgment on the Church however, one must fully understand her attitude towards marriage as well as her motives in condoning divorce.

In what way then does a合法 marriage differ from an adulterous marriage? Obviously, at least each seems destined to each same end; each legally joining together of a man and woman each before God and the nation. But actually beneath the surface of the altar lies a deeper meaning in the Catholic notion. The Church regards marriage as a sacrament instituted by Christ Himself and possessing the properties of unity and indissolubility—a deeply religious act which not only establishes the parties "two in one flesh" but also communicates to them a divine grace or supernatural strength enabling them to live joyfully and courageously together, come what may, and to fulfill all just duties of husband and wife in a spirit of mutual and unselfish love. The Church teaches that the sacrament of marriage imparts a permanently spiritual element into the union which is something quite apart from purely human emotion with all its uncontrollable dangers if uncontrolled. The Church believes that the primary end of marriage is the establishment of a family—and no one can deny that a stable family is the most important unit to civilization.

Why does the Church forbid divorce? The reason is simple—Christ Himself forbade it. "What God hath joined let no man put asunder." (Mat. 19-6)

Knowing this the average Catholic approaches marriage with a different concept as to its sanctity and seriousness than the average non-Catholic who sub-consciously feels there is a possible "out." The Catholic contemplates marriage as one does a ride on a roller coaster—once on there's no getting off, no changing one's mind; it's simply a matter of holding on firmly until the ride is over. Or in the language of the Catholic marriage vow it is literally a question of "until death do us part." (Catholic Information Society of New York)

Says U.S. Priests, Nuns Needed in South America After War

Chicago.—(NC)—A heavy mission responsibility will fall on the United States in helping to rebuild the Church in South America after the war according to the Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Marione, rector of Holy Name Cathedral here, who has returned from a ten-week tour of South America.

The Chicago prelate, who is President of the National Catholic Liturgical Conference, said that hundreds of priests and Sisters from the United States will be needed for work in Latin-American countries. He said that most Latin-American Bishops stated there was a shortage of priests, particularly in Brazil, where Catholics comprise 80 per cent of the population.

A pint of blood can save the life of a lad who is fighting for you.

First Polish Bishop, Nazis Held, Returns

London.—(NC)—The Most Rev. Maksymilian Faliman, Bishop of Lublin, has returned to his diocese along with hundreds of displaced Poles who eventually made their way back to their homes and resumed civilian life. This year marks Father Haggerty's 25th anniversary as the first submarine arrived from Asia with Ammunition 1000 and supplies for the Guerrillas. The submarine brought 1000 tons of every harbor in Japan, and of every harbor in the Pacific Ocean was attacked by Japanese ships to the American submarine. Father Haggerty said adding that many Japanese warships resulted from this work.

With the war ending last month he gave shelter at his rectory to Col. William Dwyer, Capt. Stephen Melville and Charles McGivern, who wrote the story of the Death March from Bataan. Father Haggerty said he hoped to return to the Islands shortly.

St. Vincent Ferrer
was called the "Angel of Judgment." At the point of death, because of grief over the condition affecting the Church, he miraculously recovered and told to go forth and convert sinners. For 21 years, from the Pontificate of Antiochus to that of Eleazar he preached throughout Europe and converted thousands. He died at Vannes in Brittany in 1419.



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