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## Our New Cardinals

In the fullness of his power as Head of the Church of Christ Pope Pius XII has just created thirty-two new Cardinals. The College of Cardinals is the Senate of the Church, the group of men who are closest to the Pope, who assist him intimately in carrying on the work of the Church. They are divided into three classes, six Cardinal Bishops, fifty Cardinal Priests, thirteen Cardinal Deacons. From all parts of the world the thirty-two new Cardinals have come, their nationalities giving clear testimony to the universality of the Church. All nations look to the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops of the Church, for the truths of religion. Supreme over all is the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. Most of the Cardinals remain near to him in Rome, carrying on actively the government of the Church through the various offices and congregations and tribunals. But Cardinals who are Bishops of dioceses are permitted to remain in their dioceses, visiting Rome they must call on the Holy Father at once, and before leaving Rome must secure permission from the Pope.

Christ founded the Church, Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Orders founded the hierarchy made up of subdeacons, deacons, priests, bishops. Christ founded the papacy, with Peter as the first pope, Supreme Head of the Church. The College of Cardinals was founded by the Church, the Holy Father selecting and empowering them for the work they are to do.

The Church will be in the world till the end of time. The continuity of doctrine and structure can never fall away. Pope Pius XII in creating the new Cardinals gives to the world of this generation a guarantee of the continuity of the government of the Church, and his successors will give like pledges of that continuity.

An air of rejoicing, of jubilee, was evident in Rome in connection with the creation of the new Cardinals. That rejoicing is reached in every clime and under every sky. God is with His people, God is blessing all through the work of His Vicar on earth. Religion takes on a new increment as its gifted leaders are elevated to the highest dignity in the Church. America with its four new Cardinals shares this joy with her sister nations. History has been made during this week. To each of the new Cardinals, every Catholic would say in tones of benediction—"Ad Multos Annos!"

## Worthy to be Made Priests

The ordaining Bishop must be sure his candidates are worthy. He puts the question to the Arch-deacon who presents the candidates—"Do you know they are worthy?" Only after the required testimony has been given by the Arch-deacon will the Bishop proceed to the ordination: "I both know and I testify that they are worthy of the burden of this office."

Here we have in a word the work of the seminary, to build on the natural talents of young men a structure of learning and discipline and training that will make them worthy, fitted, for the work of the Priesthood. Prayer and meditation on God's teachings; daily Mass and daily Communion; daily exercises and devotion; all are gauged to keep the student near to Christ in body and in soul. Twelve years of training produce their result in the chosen soul. They make him worthy, worthy because of his fully trained mind, worthy because of his cultivated churchly spirit, worthy because of his likeness to Christ, of the call of his Bishop to receive Holy Orders.

It will be a happy memory in all the years to come for each contributor to St. Andrew's Seminary Building Fund, that he or she has followed in the way of devout parents and grandparents in enabling the Bishop to build up a school to furnish worthy candidates for the ministry. God does His part, Bishop and Professor contribute their fostering care, but the success of the work by God's will is made dependent on the generosity of a loyal laity.

The final report will be in tomorrow. Reports to date show the wonderful response made so far. Many blessings from above are in store for the thousands who are doing so much to help St. Andrew's prepare for the priesthood students that will be in all things worthy.

## Father Walter Sherry

... career, but a happy and successful one, was that of a beloved friend in the Priesthood, Father Walter Sherry. It was short if measured by years, but long enough to do great service to God, to do great things for souls. It was a career that carried the truth of Christ and the faith of Christ and the blessing of Christ to many an eager soul. Long months of illness, much physical pain and suffering, surely proved this priestly soul close to His Master.

Why God called him in that bereavement to his father and other relatives, the presence of a host of friends will go with Father Sherry as he answers the call of the great High Priest, who in heaven is calling.

Suum Corda By Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P.

## Hate the Church And She Flourishes

After all it's just as well that Moscow blows an intermittent blast at the Vatican. It doesn't do the Vatican any harm and it does the cause of Communism no good. Some of our Catholic writers and speakers get all hot and bothered when Pravda or Ivestia or The New Times (which used to be "War and the Working Classes") takes a whack at the Holy Father, or the Cardinals or the Church or something else that is Catholic. But why let these attacks annoy us? They are obviously regimented, co-ordinated, and anything but spontaneous.

Someone in the Kremlin must keep a calendar. Looking at it, let us say, on the 29th of January he says: "Great Scott! we haven't insulted the Pope for three weeks. We're slipping. Dilatory. Negligent. Behind schedule. What if the Top-Boss happens to check up on us? Remember the generals who were purged? Remember all the original Bolsheviks? Where are they now? Remember Trotsky, exiled, chased around the world and liquidated? By the great god Lenin we must get busy with some vituperation or we shall lose our heads. Ivan! Boris! Anybody! Call up Ivestia. Tell the editor to run a front page editorial on the 32 new Cardinals. Tell him to say that their appointment was a desperate move on the part of the arch-enemy of the people to destroy democracy. Tell him to say that the Vatican is cracking, tottering, and that 32 props or 322 props won't hold it up. Tell him to say that the papacy is doomed. Correction! Tell him to say the papacy is done for. Tell him to do it pronto for quickki or whatever is Russian for 'immediately'. Tell him to tip off the Daily Worker in London and New York. Correction! Don't tip them off. If they need to be tipped off do to them what we did to Browder."

So there appears in the controlled press of Moscow, a "spontaneous outburst" of the peoples' champion, a "ringing pronouncement" from the resolute defender of the only true democracy in the world.

That kind of thing reminds me of the wise observation of G. K. C. "The Christian religion has been proved false an inconceivable number of times." Yes, and the papacy has been destroyed three or four times in every generation since Titus. The real offense of the Pope is that he won't admit that he is dead. He and the papacy with him. The chief crime of the Catholic Church is that, like the Miasalippi, she "don't say nothing; she just keeps rollin' along."

However, you can't blame the Kremlin for trying. Lots of powerful people have tried be-

fore Moscow to dispose of the Pope and the Church. Nero and Caligula and Trajan and Diocletian. Attila, Mohammed and the Grand Caliph Omar, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, (whose blood by the way is probably in the veins of some of the Mongolian Eurasians now riding high in Moscow). And Frederick Barbarossa and Henry IV and Luther. Luther by the way was the one who said: "O Pope, I will be the death of thee!" That was in 1517. Long-range prophecy! And a long wait for fulfillment. After Luther, Napoleon. After Napoleon, Bismarck and Hitler, and (on and off) Mussolini. Since all these big shots took a crack at the papacy and the Church, why not Stalin?

To tell the truth, Stalin is more ambitious than any of the rest of them. They only assailed the Church. He is out to destroy God. Now there's something to shoot at. Of course, shooting at God is like slashing the air with a sword or stabbing a fog bank with a knife, or howling into a hurricane. When I was young I knew a man — perhaps I should say a madman — who lifted up his clenched fist towards heaven and damned God. It seemed horrible then, but nowadays they do it regularly in Moscow. God doesn't seem to mind. But the clenched fist passes for a heroic gesture.

So of all this denunciation of the Pope and the Church it's a gesture. After so many years, so many centuries, it seems a silly gesture. But the black shirts in Italy had their gesture. The brown shirts in Germany had theirs. So if it gives the Reds in Moscow some outlet for their hatred, let them go to it. At least these verbal blasts and these clenched fists in the face of heaven are less harmful than blood purges and "liquidations." If the madmen of Moscow were not damning the Pope they might be slaughtering one another, or — more likely — taking it out on the Finns, the Poles, the Lithuanians and other small defenseless peoples.

So why should we complain? Or why should we put them wise to the fact that their tactics are bad? Evidently they don't read history. Especially they don't read the history of the Church. They think the history of the Church is for Sunday schools. They don't know that it is more exciting than the history of any nation, or of all nations. But if they did read our history they would stop antagonizing us and start patronizing. We wax strong on antagonism. We deteriorate when opposition ceases. Hate us and we flourish. Pamper us and we get sick. But don't tell that to Stalin. He might change his tactics. If he grew soft with us some of our "liberal" Catholics would say, "See! we told you so: We knew that Communism would one day ally itself with Catholicism." And we would lose our "liberal." That might not be so bad for us, but it would be bad for them. We read that sometimes in the arena the wild beasts fawned upon the Christians. But that didn't change the nature of the wild beasts.

So here's hoping that Pravda and Ivestia and the rest of them keep banging away at us. (Copyright, 1946, N. C. W. C.)

## 'Red Book' Would Reveal a Story

Our State Department — with the approval of President Truman and Secretary Byrnes — has published a "Blue Book" of 100,000 pages indicting the Argentina government as "Fascist" and guilty of pro-Axis sympathies.

The American people are extremely concerned about Argentina because they know that the presence of tyranny anywhere threatens liberty everywhere.

It is to the best interest of the American people, therefore, that they be told the whole story of the Fascist menace not only as it may threaten us in Argentina but also so as may threaten us elsewhere.

It is suggested, therefore, that our State Department, presuming that it is sincerely dedicated to the preservation of democracy and liberty, will follow up its "Blue Book" with the publication of a "Red Book."

The title of a "Red Book" indicates that this publication would reveal to the American people the shocking story of Red Fascism — the tyrannous rule now being carried on by Soviet Russia not only within its own vast lands but also in large areas of Europe and Asia.

If the State Department is disturbed about Fascism in Argentina it is only logical to suppose that it must be equally concerned about Fascism in Poland, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia, all countries that were once free but now are ravaged and enslaved by the ruthless might of Moscow.

Why are there "over 100 priests" in prison in Yugoslavia, where Marshal Tito, the Moscow agent rules with an iron hand?

Why did Tito's secret police keep Archbishop Stepinac of Zagreb in prison for 17 days, attack his car with stones and even now subject his home to constant surveillance?

Why does Russia persecute and deny freedom of religion to thousands of Ruthenian Catholics? Why are Ruthenian bishops now held in Soviet prisons?

Why was Cardinal Mindszenty, the brave champion of liberty and Primate of Hungary, prevented by the Russians from attending the Why were Catholic priests in Vienna murdered before their Churches when they tried to protect defenseless women from lustful Russian soldiers?

Why has Dr. Chudoba, distinguished Catholic editor of Czechoslovakia been arrested in that

opening consistory this week in Rome? country where Mr. Benes takes his orders from Moscow?

Why are leading Polish patriots continually being found murdered? Why are the brave Polish soldiers in Italy and England fearful of returning to their own country?

Why is there no freedom from Jews, no freedom of press, no freedom of speech, no freedom of religion in that part of Europe now living under the banner of the hammer and the sickle?

These are the important questions which might be answered in the suggested "Red Book."

Such a "Red Book" certainly would be just as revealing to the American people as the State Department's current "Blue Book."

How about it Mr. Byrnes?

## Men From Every Town

It was a very quiet crowd that heard Jesus speak the parable of the Sower and the Seed. Men from every town, from every direction, were resorting to Him. And Jesus had a message for these men. He could see their goodness of heart, their yearning for religious teaching, their interest in Him because of His words and His works. He saw coming them many who would hear the Word and give it up on the devil's suggestion. He saw those who in time of temptation would give up their faith, forgetting the joy with which they first received it. He saw those who would allow the cares and trials of life to stop all development of religious thinking from the words they have heard. But best of all He saw those who eagerly received the word, who would hold it fast, who would bring forth fruit in patience. Christ's heart went with all of those who heard Him. He was taking to heart their salvation. His grace was at hand to help them. He would be with them all through their life. Earnestly He addressed them. It struck many of the parable He chose to point out the danger to faith. To His Apostles He gave an explanation of the parable; they were to know the Kingdom of God, the way were to bear it only in patience. A bad heart was to make sense of them, unworthy of further divine teaching. Seeking, they were not to see, hearing they were not to understand.

Men from every town came to Christ, men from every town returned from Christ. Christ's blessing was not all of them, yet only part of them took it away with them. Yet all could have taken home with them the same grace, the same blessing. A right heart, a good heart, a right heart on the word they had heard, a spirit of patience, were the conditions for bringing forth fruit, the conditions for keeping their membership in the Kingdom of God.

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